



**North Hills Comm Association  
Board Meeting Minutes  
Claremont Club and Spa, Berkeley Room  
September 16, 2024**

**Board Member Attendance:** Fred Booker, Miki Chan, David Kessler, Nancy Mueller, Anna Sarukhsov, Elizabeth Stage

**Board Members Excused:** Donna Karch, Brian McCrodan,

**Guest Attendance:** Jared Savas

**1. Call to order:** David called the meeting to order at 4:01 P.M.

**2. Review and Adoption of Agenda:** The Agenda was approved by consensus.

**3. Review and Approval of Draft Minutes of August 19, 2024 minutes:** Elizabeth made a motion to approve the minutes as written. Second by Miki. Motion carried unanimously.

**4. Announcements**

**a. Board member announcements:** David reported that Donna can no longer attend Monday afternoon meetings. There was a discussion of alternate days of the week. Thursdays seemed to fit most schedules. Brian said he would try to make those meetings. Nancy will inquire with the hotel re this new meeting date.

David said we now need a first Vice-chair. Miki, as public safety chair is automatically second Vice-chair. Elizabeth moved Fred to become the first Vice-chair. Miki seconded. The Board unanimously voted that Fred become first Vice-chair.

**5. Treasurer's Report:** Donna, *in absentia*. Donna emailed the board two treasurer reports. One explained the cost of Constant Contact. The report reiterated that there are some funds for public safety meetings. Miki has been emailing Angela Moore, to no avail. The Board had previously voted to grant Miki a \$200 budget for refreshments. The second treasurer's report shows the checking account balance to be \$4,991.65. There is a total of \$14,407.40 in the savings account for a total of \$19,399.18 funds available for NHCA as of 9/15/2024.

**6. Committee Reports:**

**a. Garden:** Fred reported:

1. P. Garcia Vasques and team cleared weeds, grasses, and debris from underneath the Gateway Pavilion and on the north side of the street.
2. NHCA had two successful volunteer days in August.
3. Fred signed up with the Native Plant Resource Team and received responses for design help, fund-raising, and weeding.
4. Fred met with the Board of Hiller 1 and they will meet next month to vote on donating \$1,000 to the NCHA for work on the gardens.
5. The Garden committee will meet Wednesday, September 18<sup>th</sup> at 9:30 a.m., with Allyson Greenlon, coordinator of the Alameda County Master Gardeners at Gateway.
6. Nancy has recruited 10+ Chevon volunteers to weed and mulch at Gateway on Wednesday, September 26<sup>th</sup>, from 9:00 a.m. -12:00 noon. Fred will borrow wheelbarrows from Adopt-a-Spot and will contact Peter Rudy for quality mulch to put down in the gardens.
7. Fred would like to purchase wildflower seeds to plant on the north garden. Budget of \$400-500. Elizabeth moved and Anna seconded. Unanimous yes.

- b. Communications.** David will draft a letter of support for the owners of the Claremont Club and Spa to support the passage of Measure MM. He will encourage them to donate as well. David will also write a brief, 2-page newsletter supporting passage of Measure MM, and attend the Public Safety Town Hall on September 26<sup>th</sup>. The newsletter will be sent to all NHCA members who subscribe to Announcements and OpenForum.
- c. Advocacy.** Nancy asked about the status of the Old Tunnel Road landslide repair which was supposed to start at the end of summer. Tracy Roseboom, President of the Pinewood Homeowners Association shared an email with the Board on the status of the repair which is still listed as active with the City of Oakland. David will write to her to ask whether any work had actually been done to repair Tunnel Road.
- d. Public Safety.** Miki is organizing a town hall at the Montclair Presbyterian Church at 5701 Thornhill on Thursday September 26<sup>th</sup>, starting at 7:00 p.m. Elizabeth will be the featured speaker, talking about Measure MM, [www.MakeOaklandWildFireSafe.org](http://www.MakeOaklandWildFireSafe.org)
- e. Measure MM.** Elizabeth is getting doorhangers made and there will be a campaign to distribute them in the Very High Fire Hazard Zone, with approximately 25,000 households and businesses. David plans to send an Open Forum message asking volunteers who wish to help distribute the door hangers supporting Measure MM to write to him with their address. We can then assign streets to individuals and thus make sure that every part of our area is covered. Board members are of course encouraged to participate in the distribution.

- f. Hip Hop meets Gospel Concert.** Jared Savas (Guest), Janani's aide, passed out flyers for the concert she is sponsoring: Hip Hop meets Gospel, which will be held on Friday, October 11<sup>th</sup> at the former Holy Names University Campus, 3500 Mountain Blvd. It is a free, family-friendly concert. Doors open at 5:45. The show begins at 6:30pm.

The next NHCA Board meeting will be October 17, 2024, 4:00 p.m.

**Adjournment:** As there was no further business, David adjourned the Meeting at 5:50 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

S/ Nancy Mueller and Donna Karch  
Co-secretaries