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**Granada Hills North Neighborhood Council
Citywide Issues Committee
Thursday, October 22 2009**

7:00 PM.

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Meeting

All agenda items are subject to discussion and possible committee action

1. Call to Order: Meeting called to order at 7:15 PM
2. Roll Call: Present: Rafael Garcia, Sid Gold
Absent: Ralph Kroy
A quorum was met
3. Public comment on non agenda items: There was no public comment
4. Billboard Update: Sid Gold reported that at the Congress of NC's the City Attorney reported that he is actively involved in keeping the ban in place and that he recently won a case that prevented a billboard from going ahead. He says that he will enforce the ICO regarding billboards.
5. Consideration of Bicyclists Bill of rights. There is citywide imitative to have the Council enact an ordinance that supports the bicyclists Bill of Rights. The Citywide Committee will follow the progress of the ordinance and will make a recommendation at the next committee meeting. A link to the cyclists bill of rights is provided.
<http://www.bikewriterscollective.com>
6. DWP oversight and ombudsman
There has been discussion to have oversight of the DWP and recently Greig Smith introduced a motion to set up an inspector general position to oversee the DWP. The committee supported and recommend the following motion:

Resolved that GHNNC supports the concept of an Inspector General to oversee the DWP and further resolved that GHNNC inform city council that all neighborhood councils should be invited in the process of forming the ordinance and selecting the inspector general.

7. Fees for filing zoning appeals

There was discussion about the city Councils plan to increase the fees charged to appeal Zoning decisions. Toady the city council put the ordinance on hold.

The Committee recommends the following motion:

Resolved that all NC's be invited to be involved in the process of evaluating any fee increase for filing appeals regarding zoning changes.

8. Marijuana dispensaries; The courts have ruled the ICO regarding marijuana dispensaries was invalid and the city has introduced an ordinance which the committee reviewed. The committee noted that NC's were to be involved in the process. The committee recommends the following motion:

Resolved that GHNNC supports the development of a marijuana dispensary ordinance and that all NC's should be invited to participate in the process of developing the ordinance.

9. Update from City wide Congress and Trautanich comments. Sid gold reported on comments made by the City Attorney at the Congress.

10. Update on Valley Alliance; They will be sponsoring a debate between the candidates for the second council district. on the second Thursday in November at 6:30 PM, Sherman Oaks Hospital.

11. City Council 50% possible ballot imitative has been propose to cut city council persons salary by 50%. The committee will follow and report back to GHNNC.

12. Board member comments on non-agenda items; Question about what happened with our recommendation to ask to ask the City's Ethics committee to investigate political appointees getting involved in elections of city officials.

13. Adjournment at 8:15 PM

Submitted

Sid Gold, Citywide Issues Chair