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Citywide Issues Committee Meeting
Tuesday, December 14, 20010
7:30PM
GHNNC Office, 11139 Woodley Ave.
Granada Hills, 91344

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All agenda items are subject to discussion and possible committee action

MINUTES

1. **Call to Order:** The meeting was called to order at 7:30 PM
2. **Roll call:** Present Carl Buettner, Rafael Garcia, Sid Gold, Kim Thompson, Absent Ralph Kroy, ,Joe Vitti
3. **Public comment:** There was no public comment
4. **Possible March Ballot Proposals:** Sid gold reported that City Council (CC) had placed 11 ballot initiatives on the March 2011, election. Text of all the proposed initiatives were sent to al GHNNC members for review. Action tabled until next Citywide Committee meeting.
5. **Discussion regarding DWP Integrated Resources Plan (IRP);** Sid Gold reported that that DWP had issued a 300 page plus report. This report was reviewed at the NC, DWP oversight Committee. The committee believed that the report was poorly written and difficult for the general public to understand. The oversight committee commended then activity of the DWP to produce the report, however expressed that it was too flawed to accept.. LANNC concurred at its December meeting.

The following resolution is recommended: **Resolved that the DWP retract the offered IRP**

Further resolved that the DWP work with appropriate consultants that will prepare an acceptable and understandable IRP

6. **Ordinance regarding the number of animals in a home:** Sid Gold reported the Councilman Rosendahl had introduced an ordinance to increase the number of animals per household to five cats and five dogs.

There is support for based on the need for new homes and shelters for animals.

Opposition is concerned that this is cover to allow breeders to expand in residential areas.

Kim Thompson said that the ordinance file was sent to Planning for further information.

The Citywide committee invites comments from GHNNC stakeholders on this ordinance

Action tabled to future meeting

7. Discussion on increase in fees for community gardens: Sid gold reported that community gardens that are used throughout the city as a source of food for the utilizers The new City budget is proposing a significant increase in the fee to maintain these plots. These are not commercial ventures and it is reported that most of the farmers are at the poverty level in income.

LANNC suggested that NC's oppose the increase in fees.

The following resolution is recommended for action by GHNNC:

GHNNC oppose the propose fee increase on community farms and supports the present fee level to be maintained and

Further resolved that this recommendation be sent to all City Council members and the Mayor

8. **Proper notice of meetings for NCs and possible recommendations for action;**

Sid Gold suggested that all NC's be part of the notification process of all City Council meetings, City Board Meetings and all City Commission Meeting. Sid discussed that al NC's have to post their meetings in a variety of venues. The city and its entities are posting requirements are less stringent. At the last GHNNC board meeting it was reported that the actions of the Parks' Commission were not properly posted. Committee member were not sure if the city was capable of alerting all NC's with agendas.

The committee did not arrive at a consensus and no action was taken.

9. Discussion of Sunset ordinance: Sid Gold discussed the concept of a sunset ordinance. Sunset ordinance is a method for bodies to review their past activities, based on a specific timetable the City Council would review actions taken and evaluate if the action /s remain pertinent and if pertinent to reaffirm and if not to remove. No action taken
10. City Attorney (CA) recommendation of definition of stakeholder; Sid Gold reported that at the VANC meeting the CA is working on a uniform definition of Stakeholder to include, works, owns or lives. The draft proposal will be discussed by Neighborhood and Education Committee in the future.

No action taken

11. **Discussion regarding NC liaison with City Attorney's office;** Sid Gold reported that the CA would like all NC'S to appoint representatives to work with attorneys within the CA department on neighborhood problems.

The committee recommends that the GJHNNC appoint representatives to work with the CA office.

12. **Parking passes for NC's at City meetings:** Sid Gold reported that at LANNCC meeting a number of NC representatives reported that the City was allowing NC representatives to use their parking passes as they were out of date. This action has made it difficult for NC's to participate in City activity. Others said that they were told that the City needed the spaces for unused city vehicles. Kim Thompson reported that the Mayor's office was not aware of this action. Sid gold reported that the Field Representative from Paul Kevorkian's office was not aware of the change and that he would contact Mr. Krekorian

The following resolution is recommended;

GHNNC asks the City to maintain the present level of parking passes issued to NC's and

Resolved that this resolution be sent to the Mayor, all City Council Members and all appropriate Department Managers

13. **Security and parking at DWP meetings:** Sid Gold reported that DWP had withdrawn parking at its facility. This has made it difficult for NC reps to attend DWP board meetings. The DWP has said there are security issues that limit the use of the parking. LANNC representatives that the DWP should allow neighborhood participation at their meetings,

The following resolution is recommended for action: **GHNNC request that DWP allow NC representatives to have free access to parking at DWP facilities to attend to attend DWP meetings**

14. City attorney Presentation to VANC and Budget concerns for department: Sid Gold reported that CA addressed VANC and reported the various activities of his office. The CA has restricted the use of outside counsel, developed an Intern program and cut employees as a way to address budgetary problems.
15. Update regarding Group homes ordinance; Tabled to next meeting
16. Update regarding parked advertising trailers; Sid Gold reported ordinance is being prepared and finalized will be discussed at future meeting
17. Comments by committee members: None
18. Adjournment at 9PM

Submitted

Sid Gold

GHNNC, City Information Officer