

GRANADA HILLS NORTH NEIGHBORHOOD COUNCIL
Minutes of the April 28, 2003 Regular Meeting
Van Gogh Elementary School, 17160 Van Gogh Street, Granada Hills, CA

1) The meeting was called to order at 7:00 P.M. by Chairperson Becky Bendikson. Welcome was extended to Julie Korenstein, Candidate for City Council District 12.

Director's Roll Call was taken by Ginger Fong, acting in the absence of Recording Officer Donna Zero.

Present: Wayne Aller, Theresa Anderssen, Patrick Casparian, Greg Chaussee, Mary Ellen Crosby, Rick Driscoll, Mary Edwards, Ginger Fong, Sid Gold, Michael Greenwald, David Hood, Wayde Hunter, Sheva Kafai, Frank Kiesler, Scott Manatt, Dave Parikh, Ben Pedrick, Bob Ricketts, Kim Thompson, Joe Vitti and Becky Bendikson

Absent: Cherie Mann, Susan Tipton and Donna Zero

2) Ginger Fong read Minutes of the March 31, 2003 Regular Meeting and April 4, 2003 Special Meeting. Corrections were made to the March 31 Minutes as follows: The spelling of Ben Pedrick's name was corrected on page 2 and the reference to a 401 Permit was corrected with a footnote that the correct number is 404 on the Army Corps of Engineers matter on page 3. The April 4, 2003 Minutes were corrected to reflect the absence of Sheva Kafai. Both Minutes were accepted as corrected.

3) Correspondence Officer Theresa Anderssen read a brief summary of GHNNC official correspondence (sent and received).

4) Scott Burnitt, Department of Neighborhood Empowerment Project Coordinator, made a presentation on the Brown Act, followed by questions and answers from Board members.

5) Standing Committees specified in the GHNNC Bylaws were designated as follows:

Communications Committee: Members designated by Bylaws include Scott Manatt, David Hood, Donna Zero, Theresa Anderssen and Greg Chaussee. Volunteer members include Mary Anna Kienholz, Mike Greenwald, Wayde Hunter and David Bendikson. Ex-officio member is Becky Bendikson.

Election Committee: Member designated by Bylaws is Sid Gold.

Ethics Committee: Member designated by Bylaws is Kim Thompson. Volunteer members include Ben Pedrick, Sid Gold, Rick Driscoll and Mary Anna Kienholz. Ex-officio member is Becky Bendikson.

Financial Committee: Members designated by Bylaws include Patrick Casparian and Susan Tipton. Volunteer members include Dave Parikh, Sid Gold and Karen Chaussee. Ex-officio member is Becky Bendikson.

Outreach and Publicity Committee: Members designated by Bylaws include Greg Chaussee and David Hood. Volunteer members include Dave Parikh and Ralph Kroy. Ex-officio member is Becky Bendikson.

Parks and Beautification Committee: Members designated by Bylaws include Mary Ellen Crosby and Cherie Mann. Volunteers members include Frank Kiesler and Ginger Fong. Ex-officio member is Becky Bendikson.

Research Committee: Member designated by Bylaws is Kim Thompson. Volunteer members include Theresa Anderssen, David Hood and Wayne Aller. Ex-officio member is Becky Bendikson.

Special Events Committee: Members designated by Bylaws include David Hood and Greg Chaussee. Volunteer member is Mary Ellen Crosby. Ex-officio member is Becky Bendikson.

Motion was made by Sid Gold, seconded and approved to "*form a standing Land Use and Planning Committee*." Volunteer members include Mary Edwards and Kim Thompson. Motion was made by Sid Gold, seconded and approved "*to designate Kim Thompson as the Chairperson of this Committee*" Ex-officio member is Becky Bendikson.

Motion was made by Wayne Aller, seconded and approved to "*form a standing Public Safety Committee (including LAPD, LAFD and Paramedics)*." Volunteer members include Mary Edwards and Kim Thompson. Ex-officio member is Becky Bendikson.

6) Sid Gold made a motion "*to table discussion or adding committees at this time.*" The motion was seconded and passed.

7) One speaker card was presented for public comment on Agenda Item No. 5a). The Chairperson called upon the speaker to discuss a response to Hillcrest attorney Hal Long's letter.

8) Sid Gold made a motion re Agenda Item No. 5a) "*for the letter to be written at the discretion of the Chairperson ~~President (Chairperson)~~ and Correspondence Officer ~~Secretary (Officer)~~ to draft a letter to state the Council's position on the April 4 meeting regarding Hillcrest.*" The motion was seconded and after discussion was passed.

9) Sid Gold amended his motion re Agenda Item No. 5a) *"to establish an ad hoc committee to respond to the letter by Mr. Hal Long, attorney for Hillcrest."* The motion was seconded and after discussion passed. Members of the Ad Hoc Committee include Susan Tipton, Bob Ricketts, Sid Gold, Kim Thompson, Theresa Anderssen and Ex-officio member Becky Bendikson

10) Comment was made by Board members for the need to continue the meeting after 9:00 P.M.

11) Vice Chairperson Kim Thompson temporarily assumed the Chair position during Board comment. Mary Edwards made a motion *"to have a special meeting to discuss the BFI permit on Sunshine Canyon."* The motion was seconded. Chairperson Becky Bendikson resumed the Chair position and after discussion the motion was passed to have such a special meeting on Sunday, May 4, 2003, at 3:00 P.M., at the ADA compliant residence address located at 17246 Van Gogh Street, Granada Hills.

12) Vice Chairperson Kim Thompson made a presentation on the Ethics Committee report to the Los Angeles City Council.

13) Chairperson Becky Bendikson made a motion that due to the Monday, May 26 holiday, *"the next meeting be held on Tuesday, May 27, 2003, 7:00 P.M. at Van Gogh Elementary School."* The motion was seconded and passed.

14) The meeting adjourned at 9:30 P.M.

Ginger Fong
Acting Recording Officer

Correction to these minutes made at May 27, 2003 meeting and approved as corrected by the Board.