

GRANADA HILLS NORTH NEIGHBORHOOD COUNCIL

Minutes of the July 28, 2003 Regular Meeting
Van Gogh Street School
17160 Van Gogh Street, Granada Hills, California

1. The meeting was called to order by Chairperson Becky Bendikson at 7:08 P.M.
2. Statement was read re Board of Education position of neither approving nor disapproving what is said at the meeting.

Donna Zero, Recording Officer, took Directors Roll Call.

Present: Wayne Aller, Theresa Anderssen, Becky Bendikson, Greg Chaussee, Mary Ellen Crosby, ~~David Dean~~, Rick Driscoll, Mary Edwards, Ginger Fong, Sid Gold, Michael Greenwald, Wayde Hunter, Sheva Kafai, Scott Manatt, Cherie Mann, Dave Parikh, Ben Pedrick, Bob Ricketts, Kim Thompson, Susan Tipton, Joe Vitti, and Donna Zero.

Absent: Patrick Casparian, David Dean and Frank Kiesler

3. Minutes from the June 30, 2003 regular meeting were read and approved with a correction to item #5 – codes were handed out. Minutes were also approved from the June 26, 2003 special meeting.
4. Speaker Ron Cooper of Cooper Development/Homeland Development made a presentation on the proposed housing project to be located at 12051 Shoshone Avenue. Grading work has already started. ~~and~~ **Mr. Cooper reports that** a traffic study has been done, and ~~it~~ **that additional traffic generated by the project will be** mitigated by traffic fees or deemed not needed.
5. Committees: Joe Vitti, Greg Chaussee and Becky Bendikson represented GHNNC at the City budget meeting last week on July 26, 2003. Scott Burritt, Department of Neighborhood Empowerment Project Coordinator, stated that the City is looking at a budget for July 1, 2004 that is formulated with input from the neighborhood councils. There will be a survey (minimum of 200 stakeholder responses) for each neighborhood council to distribute to its stakeholders. There are two regional representatives from the valley (out of a total of 7 for the City) who will meet with the Mayor on the budget. Deadline is September 15 to select two people to the Regional Budget Panel. Sid Gold made a motion *“to support the motion made by Greig Smith on the allocation of public works money.”* (Attachment B). Motion seconded and passed.

Sid Gold motioned that *“the GHNNC form an ad hoc Budget Committee to be a liaison with the north valley councils to establish priorities for the 2004 City of LA Budget”*. Motion seconded

and passed. Committee members are Becky Bendikson, Kim Thompson, Greg Chaussee, Theresa Anderssen and Sid Gold.

New Business:

6. Correspondence Officer Theresa Anderssen provided a description of official correspondence. Most dealt with issues that affect the entire City, i.e., news racks, billboards on freeways, cell towers, alarm response times, budget issues and the development of a blue ribbon committee to work on LAPD policies. (Attachment C)

7. Treasurer Susan Tipton provided a financial update. (Attachment D). She stated that all paperwork was submitted to DONE and we should have our money next week.

8. Committee Reports:

a) Communications Committee: Report presented by Committee Chairperson Greg Chaussee (Attachment E) was accepted into the minutes. Greg was voted in as Chairperson of the Committee, due to the resignation of David Hood. Alex Chapman, stakeholder, has offered to be our webmaster, free of charge. Greg motioned *"That GHNNC retain APlus as our webserver, accept financial responsibility for the website and accept Alex Chapman as webmaster"* (Attachment E). Motion seconded and passed.

b) Ethic Committee: Committee Chairperson Ben Pedrick presented minutes from their July 28, 2003 meeting. There were two corrections David Hood (not Hunter) and Cherie Mann was present. Minutes accepted (Attachment F).

c) Policy and Rules Committee: Committee Chairperson Sid Gold. Wayde Hunter made a motion *"to table discussion of the resolution from the Policy and Rules Committee meeting on June 24, 2003."* Motion seconded and passed. Discussion turned to the 7-25-03 special meeting that dealt with the duties and scope of the Executive Committee. Sid Gold made two motions. The first was *"to accept Part I, the duties and functions of the Executive Committee"* and the second was *"to accept Part II that described the composition of the Committee."* Both motions were seconded and passed.

9. Mary Edwards presented a proposal on the acquisition of parkland by the Santa Monica Mountains Conservancy. She motioned *"that GHNNC write a letter in support of the acquisition to the Conservancy and Mike Antonovich."* Sid Gold motioned that *"the issue be referred to the Land Use Committee to get further information."* Motion was seconded, but did not pass. Mary's motion was seconded and passed.

10. Wayde Hunter reported on the Sunshine Canyon Permit hearing which was held on July 24, 2003. The Regional Water Quality Board is requesting more studies before a permit will be granted.
11. Citywide Alliance Resolution: Tabled until the next meeting.
12. DONE and Ethics Commission request for method of contacting board members. Each member will specify how they wish to be contacted, i.e., GHNNC postal box address, personal e-mail address, personal address, fax, etc.
13. Support for the Woodland Hills Neighborhood Council's resolution on location of cell towers: Referred to Land Use and Planning Committee.
14. Next meeting will be held at Van Gogh Street School on August 25, 2003 at 7:00 P.M.
15. Comments from Board members:
Becky Bendikson has been elected as the representative from the North Valley Federation of Neighborhood Councils to represent the north valley neighborhood councils at the North Valley Service Cabinet meetings.

Mary Ellen Crosby stated that the playground has been closed to vandalism of the mats under the apparatus and when repaired the site must meet the new safety codes. Motion made by Joe Vitti "to write letters to Greig Smith, Mayor Hahn and Recreation and Parks about the problem. Letter to be written by the Executive Committee" Motion seconded and passed.

Student Representative Sheva Kafai announced her resignation from the Board effective immediately as she is leaving the area to attend college.

16. Public Comments: The person who filled out a speaker card left before comments were requested.
17. Meeting adjourned at 9:24 P.M..

Donna Zero
Recording Officer

Approved as corrected at August 25, 2003 regular meeting by Board

MOTION

It is a well-known fact that no one understands the needs of a community better than the stakeholders who live in that particular community. Neighborhood Councils are becoming the cornerstone of local governance, and they must be given a voice with real authority, real control, and real decision-making power.

As such, Neighborhood Councils should make recommendations to the City regarding where allotted City funds should be spent in their neighborhoods. Neighborhood Councils should also be able to prioritize the needs of their community and be allowed to determine which streets should be paved, which trees should be trimmed, and which sidewalks should be improved. This can be accomplished by giving power to Neighborhood Councils and giving them control over quality of life issues in their respective community.

I THEREFORE MOVE that funds for public works projects (street services, street trees, streets resurfacing, etc.), be allocated based on the population size of a Neighborhood Council area, with approximately ninety (90) percent of such funds being provided for public works projects identified by a certified Neighborhood Council and ten (10) being reserved for public works projects identified by a Council Office.

I FURTHER MOVE that the City Council authorize all certified Neighborhood Councils to develop an appropriate plan, and advise the Board of Public Works and City Council on proposed public works projects that should be funded and constructed within a Neighborhood Council area.

I FURTHER MOVE that the City Council request the Director of Public Works - Public Works Accounting and Financial Data Management, to develop the appropriate plan to effectuate the allocation of all funds for public works projects based on the population size of a Neighborhood Council area, with a report back to Public Works Committee and City Council within 120 days.

I FURTHER MOVE that if a certified Neighborhood Council area has not yet been established in a Council District, all decisions regarding the funding of public works projects shall be made by the Councilmember of the respective District.

PRESENTED BY _____

Greig Smith
Councilmember, 12th District

SECONDED BY _____

ATTACHMENT "B"

Communications Report

(A)
information about

Large Retail Store Impact
Special Meeting
Board of Neighborhood Commissioners July 22
Council Agendas

9760
Open House for Metro 1 year in San Fernando Valley
Police Blue Ribbon Committee
Service Sector

News racks
Greenway Billboards
Alarm Response
Wireless Communication
Urban Village - concept of
Budget - Mayor July 1/26

Com. II
communications to Board members regarding committee work
Com. meeting 7/26 and the meetings of 7/26 and 7/30
(special) (regular)

ATTACHMENT "C"

Granada Hills North Neighborhood Council
July 28, 2003

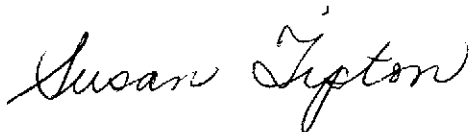
Treasurer Report

Once we received the minutes from our Board meeting June 26, 2003, all the completed paperwork necessary to obtain our funding was submitted by Scott Burritt to the ~~City Controller~~ *DONE Dept of Neighborhood Empowerment* Office on Monday July 21, 2003.

Processing should take two to three weeks, so we hope to have our funding by the end of next week.

At present, our treasury has \$23.02 cash.

Respectfully submitted,



Susan Tipton, Treasurer

Communications Committee Members: (Chairperson Vacant), Theresa Anderssen (Vice Chairperson), Scott Manatt, Donna Zero, Greg Chaussee, (chairperson) Mary Anna Kienholz, Wayde Hunter, David Bendikson, Becky Bendikson (ex-officio)

The following agenda was posted today by myself as of 4:45 P.M. at the required sites, plus Knollwood Pharmacy and the glass case near Hair Encounter:

GRANADA HILLS NORTH NEIGHBORHOOD COUNCIL
COMMUNICATIONS COMMITTEE
MEETING AGENDA
Wednesday, July 16, 2003 ? 7:00 PM
Van Gogh Elementary School
17160 Van Gogh Street
Granada Hills, California 91344

Greg Chaussee

The public is requested to fill out a "Speaker Card" to address the Committee on any item of the agenda prior to the Committee taking action on an item. Comments from the public on Agenda items will be heard only when the respective item is being considered. Comments from the public on other matters not appearing on the Agenda that are within the Committee's subject matter jurisdiction will be heard during the Public Comment period. Public comment is limited to 2 minutes per speaker, unless waived by the presiding chairperson of the Committee. Agenda is posted for public review at Albertson's 16201 San Fernando Mission Boulevard, former site of Granada Hills Community Service Center (LAPD Devonshire Division) located at 16263 San Fernando Mission Boulevard, HOWS Market located at 11900 Balboa Boulevard, Knollwood Country Club located at 12024 Balboa Boulevard, Granada Hills Branch Library located at 10640 Petit Avenue and Odyssey Restaurant located at 15600 Odyssey Drive. As a covered entity under Title II of the Americans with Disabilities Act, the City of Los Angeles does not discriminate on the basis of disability and upon request, will provide reasonable accommodation to ensure equal access to its programs, services, and activities. Sign language interpreters, assistive listening devices, or other auxiliary aids and/or services may be provided upon request. To ensure availability of services, please make your request at least 3 business days (72 hours) prior to the meeting you wish to attend by contacting the Neighborhood Council Project Coordinator at (818) 756-9858 or e-mail to sburritt@mailbox.lacity.org

*7/22 - meeting
for _____ Committee*

1. Call to Order and Pledge of Allegiance.
2. Statement re Board of Education not sponsoring the meeting and is neither approving nor disapproving what is to be said at the meeting and Roll Call.
3. Nomination and election of new Chairperson of Communications Committee. *Greg Chaussee*
4. Acceptance of minutes from the June 25, 2003 meeting. — *deferred to later in meeting*
5. Discussion of and possible adoption of Committee reports on the following matters:
 - a) Change of locations for posting public notices to stakeholders;
 - b) New web service provider;
 - c) Website function and display structure;

d) Best methods (including mechanics of updating and format) required for submission of items for inclusion on website; and

e) Board member who will keep possession of stakeholder registration information. - Greg C. Back up to Sid & Betty

6. Discussion on scheduling future Communications Committee meetings.

7. Committee Member Comment - Comments from Committee members on subject matters within the Committee's jurisdiction.

8. Public Comments - Comments from the public on non-agenda items within the committee's subject matter jurisdiction. Public comments are limited to two minutes per speaker.

9. Future Agenda Items and Other Calendar Events:

~ July 15, 2003, 6:30 P.M. Ethics Committee meeting

Location: Van Gogh Elementary School

~ July 16, 2003, 7:00 P.M. Communications Committee meeting

Location: Van Gogh Elementary School

~ July 22, 2003, 6:00 P.M. Policy and Rules Committee meeting

-TENTATIVE SCHEDULE

Location: Van Gogh Elementary School

~ July 24, 2003, 9:00 A.M. Sunshine Canyon Landfill Waste

Discharge Permit

Requirements Hearing

Location: MWD, 700 N. Alameda Street, Board Room, Los Angeles

~ July 28, 2003, 7:00 P.M., GHNNC Regular meeting

Location: Van Gogh Elementary School

~ August 5, 2003, 6:00 P.M. Policy and Rules Committee meeting

Location: Van Gogh Elementary School

2ND Wed of Month - Aug 13 7PM.

9. Adjournment.

PROCESS FOR RECONSIDERATION: Within ten days of a Council Board decision, any Stakeholder may request, in writing, a reconsideration of a Board decision. In order to be considered, the request must state the Stakeholder's name, address and contact phone number, and the title and date of the Board's resolution or motion. It must also specify the exact reason(s) for their objection to the decision and include any documentation available to support the Stakeholders' position for the objection. The Stakeholder must also sign a declaration stating that all information provided, including any accompanying statements or documents are true, correct, and complete, to the best of his/her knowledge and belief. If such a reconsideration does not interfere with the timely forwarding of that decision to any legislative or governmental body or agency, the Council shall agendaize the item for possible reconsideration at their next meeting. If a Director wishes to change his or her vote, the Board will reconsider the issue.

TO: Becky Bendikson
DATE: July 28, 2003
FROM: Ben Pedrick

GRANADA HILLS NORTH NEIGHBORHOOD COUNCIL
ETHICS COMMITTEE MEETING
Tuesday, July 15, 2003 – 6:30 P.M.
Van Gogh Street School, 17160 Van Gogh Street, Granada Hills, CA 01344

The Ethics Committee meeting was called to order by the chair, Ben Pedrick with a pledge to the flag and roll call of members.

Committee members present: Ben Pedrick, Becky Bendikson, Mary Anna Kienholz, Kim Thompson and Sid Gold. Rick Driscoll was on vacation. No Stakeholders or others were present.

Minutes of the Ethics Committee meeting of June 17, 2003, that were accepted by the Board at the June 30, 2003, were reviewed. The Board approved our recommendation that all members take the Ethics Course given by DONE. Discussion of the security of Stakeholder Forms did not get on the floor for discussion by the Board due to the lengthy debate on Ethics Training.

Ethics Training, now named "Financial Disclosure Training" is to be given Wed. July 23, 2003, 6:30 – 8:30 PM at Van Nuys City Hall, 6262 Van Nuys Blvd., Van Nuys, CA. Becky will send out E-Mail to Board members advising them of the training date.*

The security of Shareholder Form information was discussed. As David ^{Hood} Hunter has resigned from the Board, it was felt that he should return the disc with all the information. Mary Anna will contact him. It was discussed that the City Attorney should be consulted in regards to how much of the information on the Shareholder Form is public information. Ben brought up the problem that those registering in the special interest categories should not have the identity of their organization revealed for the reason that this might lead to targeting for marketing or other non-neighborhood council purposes. Religious organizations, homeowners associations, youth groups, etc. could object very strenuously and advise their memberships to withdraw from future council participation as Stakeholders. The committee will explore this further.

The appointment of a Grievance Committee was discussed and the Ethics Committee's part in appointment and participation. As a grievance could come in many forms the subject will be discussed further at our next meeting and recommendations made to the Board.

The next meeting of the committee to be determined as needed. Adjourned.



ATTACHMENT "F"

*** REPORT ON FINANCIAL DISCLOSURE TRAINING (ETHICS)**

Board members attending the Financial Disclosure Training were Mary Ellen Crosby, Scott Manatt, Ben Pedrick & Shareholder – Ethics Committee Member Mary Anna Kienholz. We were informed that State Law requires every “city employee” to complete Form 700, a public disclosure document. The Department of Neighborhood Empowerment (DONE) will have its special form for members of neighborhood councils. The exact format has yet to be decided upon by the Los Angeles City Council but when adopted we will be required to submit them annually. It was suggested that we interface with the City Council on the matter. It is more important now that every member of the Board take this course and become knowledgeable with the rules. This is not a “moral issue” but a technical legal matter.

Brown Act training will be given in September. Dates & locations to be announced.