

**GRANADA HILLS NORTH NEIGHBORHOOD COUNCIL**  
**Minutes of the November 12, 2003 Regular Meeting**  
Van Gogh Street School  
17160 Van Gogh Street, Granada Hills, California

The meeting was called to order at by Chairperson Becky Bendikson at 7:10PM.

Motion was made by Donna Zero to use the Roll Call from the earlier meeting. Also to skip the Pledge of Allegiance and Board Disclaimer since both were done at the earlier meeting which was held 1/2 hour before. Motion seconded and passed.

Donna Zero, Recording Officer at the special meeting, took director's Roll Call. Absent members in Italics.

**Members:** Wayne Aller, *Theresa Anderssen*, Becky Bendikson, Patrick Casparian, Greg Chaussee, Mary Ellen Crosby, *David Dean*, Rick Driscoll, Mary Edwards, *Ginger Fong*, *Sid Gold*, Michael Greenwald, Wayne Hunter, Frank Kiesler, Scott Manatt, *Cherie Mann*, *Dave Parikh*, Ben Pedrick, Bob Ricketts, Kim Thompson, *Susan Tipton*, Joe Vitti, and Donna Zero

#### Agenda Items

4. Minutes of the September 29, 2003 regular meeting and October 6, 2003 special meeting were accepted. (Attachments B, and C)
5. Patrick Casparian stated that at the last meeting, \$500 was allotted for a bus to transport community members to the MWD hearing. Due to a larger than expected turnout, a seconded bus was needed. He made a motion for an additional \$350 payable to Sims Charter for the second bus. Motion seconded and passed.
6. Theresa Anderssen, Correspondence Officer, was not in attendance and there was no report.
7. Financial Officer Patrick Casparian (In the absence of Treasurer Susan Tipton) provided the financial report. (Attachment D)
8. Bill Bender, vice president of the North Valley Jewish Community Center made a presentation on current and future activities at the center. The property is now under the ownership of Mr. Saffrin who is allowing the center to operate. A needs assessment is being done to find out how the center can serve the community.
9. Committee Reports:
  - a) Planning and Land Use- Chairperson Kim Thompson presented their recommendations from their 10/27/03 meeting. (Attachment E).
    - Item #1-** Motion by Kim Thompson on behalf of the committee for "GHNNC to oppose billboards along freeways". Motion seconded and passed.
    - Item #2-** Motion by Kim Thompson on behalf of the committee stating that "That GHNNC adopt the following recommendations:
      - (1) GHNNC appoint a liaison to such AQMD Citizens Committee.
      - (2) That for impacted areas, the District establish Citizens Committees, made up of residents who live within a proscribed area, which would be contacted when the application for a new or expanded facility is first received. This would involve those residents who would be most affected by a project at the early stages of the review process, before permits are issued, and while the environmental assessments are taking place.
      - (3) That the Committee be provided with the location of any toxic hot spots within the proscribed area, a record of violations issued by the District to facilities within that area, and which facilities are under the reporting requirements of Proposition 65.

- (4) That reasonable request for additional information from the District be provided, without charge.
- (5) That the District set an expedited timetable for the removal, or conversion of all diesel trucks and fleet vehicles to those that operate using clean technology, or acceptable energy source.
- (6) That a pilot program be funded to study and find ways of converting to on-site equipment and vehicles from diesel operation to clean powers.
- (7) That permanent monitoring stations be established at impacted schools, throughout the City, to monitor emissions of PM 10s and VOC's and that if these should rise above a proscribed level, the school principal would be immediately be informed and an inspector would be immediately dispatched to ascertain the source.
- (8) That penalties be levied when variances are granted that result in continued emissions. That the fund received be used to fund the above programs."

Motion seconded and passed. Appointment of such representative was tabled.

**Item #3-** Due to timing, this is no longer an issue.

**Item #4-** Motion by Mary Ellen Crosby to accept Item #4 which states "GHNNC supports the CLEAN proposed amendment of 9/9/03 to Citywide Newsrack Ordinance LAMC Sec. 42.00(f) and send notice to the Public Works and City Council members. Motion seconded and passed.

**Item #5-** Motion by Kim Thompson on behalf of the committee for "GHNNC to send a follow-up letter to MWD on the outstanding issues from the August 23, 2003, meeting at which MWD made a presentation and ask the to work with GHNNC on their resolution, follow-up on landscaping which will include additional screening on the north end and Balboa fence would be ready in two months. Also inquire about the helicopter flights/landings at MWD site." Motion seconded and passed.

**Item #6-** Motion made by Mike Greenwald to approve the GHNNC purchase of necessary code books up to \$200 and allow \$100 for updates. Motion seconded and passed.

**Item #7-** Tabled until the next meeting

**Item #8 -** Due to timing, this is no longer an issue.

- b) Tabled until the next meeting.
  - c) Tabled until the next meeting.
  - d) Donna Zero reported that the Ad Hoc Granada Hills Charter High School committee had not met since she just received the information on the GHHS charter. She stated that GHHS had until January 2004 to submit their proposal. It was decided that the council needed more information before they decided to support the charter.
10. Report by Scott Manatt re: AB 1160. This ordinance would take away the authority from local cities and communities to regulate additional units up to 1200 sq. feet on R-1 property. Guest speaker, April Fraiser, who has a background in law and government) went on to explain that the State would take over the regulation of these buildings. A motion was made by Mary Edwards to establish an ad hoc committee to look into the issue. Motion was seconded but did not pass. It was decided that the issue would go to the Planning and Land Use Committee. April Fraiser agreed to join that group.
  11. Motion was made by Mike Greenwald to appoint Mary Ann Kienholz to be the GHNNC representative to the Neighborhood Council Elections Procedure Working Group. Motion was seconded and passed.
  12. Wayde Hunter was appointed to the Environmental Affairs Commission the morning of the meeting.
  13. Motion was made by Mary Edwards to having a standing By-Laws committee. She then withdrew the motion.

14. Comments from Board Members –

Donna Zero announced that at the next meeting there would be a representative from BFI and Environ to report on the results of the air testing that was done on the Van Gogh campus last year. The committee agreed that the next meeting should start at 6PM to allow adequate time for the presentation and for questions from the stakeholders.

Meeting adjourned at 9:10 PM. The next regular meeting will be held on 11/24/03 at Van Gogh.

Donna Zero  
Recording Officer

Approved at March 1, 2004 special meeting by Board.

Granada Hills North Neighborhood Council

October 27, 2003

Treasurer Report

As of October 20, 2003, we have a total of \$ 10,451.18.

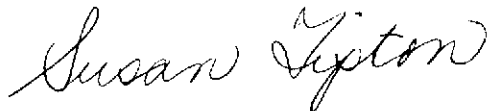
The breakdown by account:

Cash:	\$756.31
Debit card account:	\$4100.77
Funds held by City:	\$5692.95

We have requested a check for \$577.05 made out to Great Lakes Specialty Products, 206 Enterprise Road, Delafield, Wisconsin 53018 for the Kiosk for Bee Canyon Park. That check should be issued to us by the end of this week.

Attached are the detailed expenses paid for the period from August 1, 2003 through October 20, 2003

Respectfully submitted,



Susan Tipton

Treasurer

**ATTACHMENT "D"**

GRANADA HILLS NORTH NEIGHBORHOOD COUNCIL  
PLANNING AND LAND USE COMMITTEE

Motions to be presented to GHNNC Board  
at October 27, 2003 Regular Meeting

1. Committee Chairperson Kim Thompson will advise the Committee and Board when the issue of the placement of unsightly billboards along freeways goes to the City Council PLUM Committee, at which time, if the Board approves of this motion, it will be submitted to that Committee.

*“GHNNC to oppose billboards along freeways.”*

2. AQMD will form Citizens Committees and, in connection therewith, GHNNC will advise AQMD of its motion to have input on behalf of the GHNNC community, if approved by the Board:

*“That GHNNC adopt the following recommendations:*

*(1) GHNNC appoint a liaison to such AQMD Citizens Committee.*

*(2) That for impacted areas, the District establish Citizens Committees, made up of residents who live within a proscribed area, which would be contacted when the application for a new or expanded facility is first received. This would involve those residents who would be most affected by a project at the early stages of the review process, before permits are issued, and while the environmental assessments are taking place.*

*(3) That the Committee be provided with the location*

*of any toxic hot spots within the proscribed area, a record of violations issued by the District to facilities within that area, and which facilities are under the reporting requirements of Proposition 65.*

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*(7) That permanent monitoring stations be established at impacted schools, throughout the City, to monitor emissions of PM 10s and VOC's and that if these should rise above a proscribed level, the school principal would immediately be informed and an inspector would be immediately dispatched to ascertain the source.*

*(8) That penalties be levied when variances are granted that result in continued emissions. That the funds received be used to fund the above programs."*

3. Prior to the Planning and Land Use Committee being informed of the currently scheduled November 4 meeting with Emily Gabel-Luddy, the Committee passed a motion seeking response to our concerns and questions re the 12051 Shoshone Avenue project as follows:

*“To send a follow-up letter to Emily Gabel-Luddy, copy to City Attorney Rocky Delgadillo, requesting a response to our letter and any other follow-up deemed necessary by the Executive Committee.”*

4. If the Board approves, advise Public Works and City Councilmembers of its position as follows:

*“GHNNC adopt the CLEAN proposed amendment of 9/9/03 to Citywide Newsrack Ordinance LAMC Sec. 42.00(f) and send notice to the Public Works and City Councilmembers.”*

5. With reference to the presentation made by MWD at the GHNNC Board meeting on August 25, 2003, where certain representations were made, request answers to questions as follows:

*“GHNNC to send a follow-up letter to MWD on the outstanding issues from the August 25, 2003, meeting at which MWD made a presentation and ask them to work with GHNNC on their resolution, ask them to give a date certain when the crane will be removed, follow-up on landscaping which will include additional screening on the north end and Balboa fence line, which Mary Edwards was advised on September 29, 2003, would be ready in two months. Also inquire about the helicopter flights/landings at MWD site.”*

6. To assist the GHNNC and its Planning and Land Use Committee, purchase books to guide us through the process of evaluating compliance of projects (estimated original cost \$200, if City Building and Safety will not provide free of charge):

*“GHNNC purchase the LA City Zoning Code Books and subscribe to its update subscription.”*

7. To provide co-location system for wireless telecommunication facilities in the GHNNC community, motion recommended by the Committee. The motion, if passed by the Board, will be sent to Councilmember Greig Smith and all wireless telecommunication providers (list of which will be requested of the Councilmember’s office staff):

*“WHEREAS, the demand for Wireless Telecommunication Facilities (“WTF”) in the Granada Hills North Community increases proportionally to demand, as well as the number of service providers in the areas;*

*WHEREAS, the increasing demand for these WTF places a stress upon the Granada Hills North Community’s ability to tolerate the physical intrusion of an ever-increasing number of said towers;*

*WHEREAS, very few service providers co-locate antennas on said facilities despite apparent opportunities to do so;*



*WHEREAS, co-location appears to be a means of reducing the total number of WTF necessary while allowing operators the ability to provide the service demanded by the community; and*

*WHEREAS, a master-planning document for the location of all existing, proposed and future WTF has never been provided to the Granada Hills North Neighborhood Council;*

*NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Granada Hills North Neighborhood Council, through its Planning and Land Use Committee, request the major cellular service providers currently utilizing and expecting to seek additional WTF in the Granada Hills North community to provide a map identifying all current antenna locations within the Granada Hills North community. Said map should include an index identifying the type of antenna at each location. Said map should be inclusive of all service providers with towers in the Granada Hills North community;*

*BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that said service providers meet to determine a WTF master plan for the Granada Hills North community. Said master plan will include locations that are and will be necessary to meet the current and future needs (through the year 2013) for WTF. Said plan will maximize co-location of antennas and will include relocation of existing infrastructure to meet this goal.*

*BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the service providers report back to the Planning and Land Use Committee no later than November 15, 2003, with said master plan;*

*BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, the cellular service industry is encouraged to work with the Planning and Land Use Committee on this matter; and*

*BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Granada Hills North Neighborhood Council will not support a WTF until such time as an appropriate master plan has been provided, reviewed and voted upon by the Granada Hills North Neighborhood Council.”*

8. To maximize the number of GHNNC stakeholders being advised of the November 6 Regional Water Quality Board hearing re Sunshine Canyon Landfill permit:

*“Use the Walking Man service to distribute by hand the minimum number of flyers they require for distribution in one area.”*

Minimum number they will distribute is 10,000. Charge for such service is \$57.50 per 1,000 flyers, plus \$10 affidavit fee -- \$585.00.

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**17160 Van Gogh Street, Granada Hills, California**

The meeting was called to order by Chairperson Becky Bendikson at 6:35PM.

Director's Roll Call was taken by Donna Zero, Recording Officer. Absent members in italics.

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Pledge of Allegiance was said and the Board of Education disclaimer was stated.

3. There was no public comment on non-agenda items.

1. Discussion on proposed amendment took place among the board members. Mr. Bendikson, stakeholder, read a statement opposing the amendment. Policy and Rules Committee Vice Chairperson Greg Chaussee made a presentation on the committee's recommendation to amend the first paragraph of Article 11 as follows:

"The Board will seek to achieve consensus. For an item to be approved, it must receive a majority vote of those Board members present at a regularly constituted Board meeting, or correctly-noticed special meeting. ~~All votes of the Board will be verbal and the vote of each Director recorded.~~ *All votes of the Board and Committee members may be by a show of hands with the understanding that any person in attendance at the meeting may request a verbal, by roll call vote.* The Board cannot vote by secret ballot. No vote or other official action may be taken in the absence of a quorum, as defined in Article 5.5. No proxy voting will be allowed. No Board member under the age of 18 will vote on issues or contracts on which he or she is prohibited from voting under applicable law. If there is a tie, the motion may be carried over to the next regular or specially convened meeting for resolution. Rick Driscoll made a motion, which was seconded and approved to add *"The vote of each member to be recorded"*.

Motion to take effect after approval by DONE.

Special meeting adjourned at 7:05 PM

Donna Zero, Recording Officer

Approved at December 29, 2003 regular meeting by Board.