

**Granada Hills North Neighborhood Council Board Meeting**  
**Monday, August 28, 2006**  
**Van Gogh School Auditorium**  
**17160 Van Gogh Street, Granada Hills, CA**

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6 1. **Call to Order** at 7:20 p.m. by GHNNC President Kim Thompson p.m. and Pledge of Allegiance  
7 and **Roll Call:** Wayne Aller, Becky Bendickson, Yvonne Chu, Mary Ellen Crosby, Sue DeVandry,  
8 Sid Gold, Wayde Hunter, Scott Manatt, Leon Marzillier, Alex Palazzo, Dev Parikh, Ben Pedrick,  
9 Robert Ricketts, Kim Thompson, Joe Vitti, Anne Ziliak and Pat Casparian. Mike Greenwald  
10 arrived late. 18 Board Members.  
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- 12 3. **Chair made welcome announcements.**  
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  - 15 • Mary Edwards requested that board members bring canned and packaged food to the
  - 16 next meeting for distribution to the homeless.
  - 17 • Donna Zero announced that she is now teaching at Cal State University, Northridge on
  - 18 Monday nights and that is why she resigned from the GHNNC. She thanked the Board for
  - 19 a great experience.
  - 20 • Richard Fisk from Granada Hills South NC made announcements about upcoming
  - 21 meetings. He announced that he is also the GHSNC rep for the Aliso Canyon Park
  - 22 Committee.
  - 23 • Lisa Palmer from Van Nuys North NC introduced herself and invited the Board to join
  - 24 them at their monthly meetings at the Marvin Braude Bldg.
  - 25 • Jeff Jacobberger from Mid City NC urged the Board to oppose
  - 26 Prop R., which pertains to term limits for the L.A. City Council. He explained how this
  - 27 measure got on the ballot and announced that there will be an informational hearing on it
  - 28 at City Hall on August 31st.
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- 30 5. **Approval of July 31 Board Meeting Minutes.** Leon added “Sesnon Street” to the minutes under  
31 the Safety Report. Anne Ziliak made a small change to the section under her report. The  
32 amended minutes were then approved unanimously.  
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- 34 6. **Announcements from John Bwarie, CD 12** - Councilmember Smith’s office. John announced  
35 that the traffic signal at Sesnon and Balboa is now being installed. The “Movies in the Park”  
36 program will get underway with a free family film (“Dreamer”) on Sept. 9<sup>th</sup> at Mason Park in  
37 Chatsworth. Then on Oct. 22, “Ghostbusters” will be shown at Granada Hills Rec. Center. A  
38 community clean up will be held in Northridge on Oct. 8<sup>th</sup>. The Community Beautification Grants  
39 deadline is in October. The new Personal City Services Program allows residents of L.A. to  
40 purchase crews of city workers for legitimate work projects. The City Council is on recess this  
41 week and next week, returning after the Labor Day holiday.  
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- 43 7. **Website Design Presentation:** Aaron De Vandry.  
44 (Board Member Sue DeVandry left the room during discussion and the motion on this presentation  
45 due to a conflict of interest).  
46 Aaron showed the Board an overview of the new GHNNC website.  
47 Features include Board Members’ photos that link to the Board’s e-mail addresses, a calendar of  
48 upcoming events, access to Board Meeting agendas, minutes, meeting locations, and a schedule  
49 of events; a photo gallery taken at GHNNC events, a comprehensive listing of public services and  
50 government, state, and local agencies; links to local hiking trails, schools, religious institutions,  
51 and many other vital functions and services for the community.  
52 **Motion** (Greenwald/Aller) to immediately put the new design up on the GHNNC website. Passed  
53 16-0-1.  
54 **Motion** (Greenwald/Aller) that all communication regarding changes to the website be brought to  
55 the Communications Committee for their approval. The committee will then present approved  
56 changes to the Board. Passed 15-0-2.

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58 **BREAK: 10 minutes.**  
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60 **8. Committee Reports:**

61 • *Executive Committee:*

62 **Motion** Chair Kim Thompson asked that the Executive Committee's recommendation, to remove  
63 Paragraph 3.a. from the March 27, 2006 minutes, be adopted. Passed 15-0-3.

64 Kim asked that the Board select a date (from three possible dates) to hold a Board retreat at the  
65 Odyssey Restaurant to discuss future board goals and strategies. Those dates are: Saturdays,  
66 October 14, 21 or 28.

67 She asked that the Board get back to her asap so she can reserve the location.  
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69 *Discussion:* Mary Edwards said she felt the Board should choose a less expensive location for  
70 their retreat. Kim told her that the location has to be within Granada Hills North limits. Kim stated  
71 that stakeholders would also be welcome to attend the meeting. Wayne Hunter said he disagreed  
72 with making it open to stakeholders; that it is not a "retreat" if the stakeholders are invited to  
73 attend. Kim said that the executive committee would speak with DONE about this and get  
74 clarification on whether they can close it off to stakeholders.  
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- 76 • *Finance Committee:* Patrick Casparian reported on his Committee's meeting to plan the finances  
77 for the new GHNNC budget. The budget of \$50,000 includes: \$10,000 for operations, \$20,000 for  
78 community improvement, and \$20,000 for outreach.

79 **Motion**, that GHNNC accept the Finance Committee's recommendation to negotiate a one year  
80 contract with Mission Hills Self Storage providing 14 months of service for 12 month's of  
81 payments of \$852 for the year at a savings of \$142. Passed unanimously.  
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- 83 • *Ad Hoc Nominating Committee:* Michael Greenwald presented his Committee's four motions:

84 **Motion**, to present Peter Chung to the Board as the Committee's recommendation for GHNNC  
85 representative for District One and that Mr. Chung be allowed to address the Board with a few  
86 comments before a vote of its members is taken. Board candidate Peter Chung, who represents  
87 BFI at Sunshine Canyon Landfill. Peter introduced himself to the Board and spoke about his  
88 values and goals. Approved unanimously.

89 **Motion**, to allow Ad Hoc Nominating Committee members to verify a candidate's status for Board  
90 vacancies as a Stakeholder and Candidate by completing, after verification, the forms in the box  
91 at the bottom: "(For Official Use Only)." Passed 18-0-1.

92 **Motion**, to present a budget request for the Committee not to exceed \$500 for the GHNNC July  
93 1, 2006 - July 1, 2007 Budget Year for office supplies, photocopying and miscellaneous operating  
94 expenses. Passed unanimously.

95 **Motion**, that the next newsletter (or post card mailing) contain info provided by the Ad Hoc  
96 Nominating Committee detailing open positions on the Board and soliciting candidates for the  
97 open positions. Suggested deadline for mailing is September 15, 2006. Passed 19-0-1  
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- 99 • *PLUM* – Anne Ziliak presented four motions:

100 **Motion**, to approve nine single family detached condominium units (APCNV-2006-1557-ZC, TT-  
101 65286) at 15810 San Fernando Mission Blvd. with conditions. (See Attachment "A"). Passed 18-  
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103 **Motion**, to oppose a variance for 17250 Bronte Place (ENV-2006-5185-CE, ZA-2006-5184).

104 Anne said the reason for this was that the property owner had already completed construction  
105 and the second story was an intrusion to surrounding neighbors. Passed 15-1-2. Anne will write a  
106 letter documenting the Board's stand to City Zoning authorities.

107 **Motion**, to oppose 17900 Ridgeway Road: a division of a property approximately 7 acres, in the  
108 footnote 12 area of the community plan, into 13 half-acre lots. (2005-3201-ZC). Passed 18-0-1.

109 **Motion**, that \$5,000 be budgeted for the PLUM committee for printing, education, parking, the  
110 code updates, and other operational costs for the 2006-2007 Budget. Passed 14-1-4. Discussion  
111 on this item included mention that any educational seminar Committee members want to attend,  
112 needs to be approved by the Board before financing of those programs may be made.

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- *Policy and Rules* – Mary Anna Kienholz presented her Committee’s motion:  
**Motion**, that \$500.00 be budgeted for the Policy and Rules committee for printing and other operational costs and submit this amount to the Financial Officers to be included in the 2006-2007 Budget. Passed unanimously.

Kim then announced that a Special Meeting would be held a half-hour before the regular board meeting next month.

- *The Finance Committee* presented two motions:  
**Motion**, to approve the Budget presented by the finance committee. Passed unanimously.

**Motion**, to approve the budget for Outreach in the amount of: \$10,100. Passed 17-0-2.

- *Outreach and Publicity* – Sue DeVandry asked the Board for input on the Self Assessment surveys she circulated last month at the regular Board Meeting. Since she did not receive input at the meeting, she asked the Board to respond to her by e-mail.

- *Public Safety* – Mike Greenwald: No report.

- *Parks and Beautification* - Mary Ellen Crosby presented the committee’s motions:  
**Motion**, that GHNNC appoint Anne Ziliak as primary and Mary Ellen Crosby as an alternate to serve as members of the Citizen’s Advisory Committee on Aliso Canyon Park. Passed 17-0-2.  
**Motion**, that \$500.00 be budgeted for the Parks and Beautification Committee for photocopying, office supplies and miscellaneous operating expenses. Passed 17-0-2.

- *Elections* – Ben Pedrick. Board members were reminded that they must submit their names to Ben if they want to run for re-election next March.

Due to the lateness of the hour, the agenda was moved to:

9. Discussion and possible Board vote on Measure R – City Council Term Limits and Ethics Reform  
**Motion**(Gold/Vitti), that the GHNNC go on record as opposing Measure R since Neighborhood Councils were not afforded an opportunity to give their input into the measure. Passed 12-0-7.

Meeting adjourned: 9:37 p.m.

**Next Board Meeting – September 25, 2006 7 PM Van Gogh Auditorium, with speaker Councilman Greig Smith.**

Minutes prepared by Pat Kramer, Apple One.