

Granada Hills North Neighborhood Council Board Minutes

Monday October 30, 2006

Van Gogh School Auditorium

17160 Van Gogh Street, Granada Hills, CA

Call to Order at 7:06 p.m. by GHNNC Chairperson Kim Thompson.

Roll Call: Wayne Aller, Becky Bendikson, Pat Casparian, Peter Chung, Mary Ellen Crosby, Sue De Vandry, Sid Gold, Michael Greenwald, Wayde Hunter, Scott Manatt, Leon Marzillier, Ben Pedrick, Robert Ricketts, Kim Thompson, Joe Vitti, Anne Ziliak. Quorum established. Dave Parikh arrived late.

Chair Comments: Kim announced that DONE's Neighborhood Council Conflict of Interest training is mandatory and there is one coming up. Mary Anna Kienholz has resigned as chair of the Policy and Rules Committee. Kim asked for a volunteer to take on that position. They don't have to be a Board Member to serve as chair of this committee. Correspondence received included an invitation by Council member Alex Padilla to an upcoming event, an invitation for the public to support a charity Karate tournament, an invitation to attend a Mayor's day of service in Watts for a community clean up, Nov. 27, an upcoming Community Plan Update meeting on Nov. 27, and a request for someone to write monthly articles on GHNNC events.

Approval of Minutes of September 25, 2006 Special and Regular Board meetings.

Motion (Bendikson/Crosby) that approval of the minutes be deferred for both meetings. After discussion, Mary Ellen Crosby withdrew her second. Both sets of minutes were approved as presented. 14-0-2.

Public Comment on Non Agenda Items

- Amelia Herrera-Robles, DONE rep., announced a Treasurer's Training on Nov. 1 which is open to the public. Two City Attorney Roundtables on bylaws are scheduled. The first is Nov. 15 at the Marvin Braudy Center. The Mayor's Budget Survey is still available online. She urged stakeholders to fill it out and have a voice in how the City budget's their monies. There is a DONE Conflict of Interest training on Dec. 1. Board members have until Dec. 31st to complete it. The course is also available online.
- Michael Tau of Congressman Sherman's office spoke about transportation bills passed by the legislature, announcing that monies will be available for street resurfacing in area communities.
- Bob Erio, Community Integration Services, asked the Board for help with a senior stakeholder who needs assistance with cleaning up debris in his yard. The stakeholder has been cited for violations and must comply. Anne Ziliak said she would investigate the violations. Amelia suggested a program, provided by the City, called the City Handiworker Program. For info, call Council District 12 or "311."
- Bob Ogg, stakeholder on Shoshone, spoke about concerns with a local housing tract that has fallen into bankruptcy. Anne Ziliak said that PLUM is aware of the situation. The owner has been cited.
- Mary Edwards asked the Board and stakeholders to donate food donations to the food pantries by bringing it to the next Board meeting. She will make sure it gets to the needy.
- Raymond Yu announced the upcoming Hollywood Xmas parade.
- Edward O'Hickey, a student from Ken Nagayama Karate charity tournament, asked the public to support an event on Sat. Nov.4 at Granada Hills HS. Proceeds go to the LAPD Jeopardy Program.
- Mary Anna Kienholz alerted the Board to a problem with a bad, foul, rotting garbage or rotten egg smell emanating from the sewer system. She was told by Larry Israel of AQMD that it was probably the runoff from the Sunshine Canyon Landfill into the sewer system. it comes from the landfill creating runoff into the sewer system. She suggested anyone who has complaints about this alert AQMD at: 1-800-CutSmog.
- Richard Fisk from Old Granada Hills Resident's group gave an update about Hospital High. He said the school design is complete and 150 new parking spots have been added for students. Demolition is out for bid and the EIR will be out in mid November.

Board Comment on Non-Agenda Items

- Sid Gold talked about visiting a high-tech waste facility in Israel, which employs alternative methods. He said he was impressed with the firm and would like to recommend the City consider them for the RENEW L.A. City recycling program.
- Becky Bendikson announced an event with author Jim Hier, author of a book about Old GH history.
- Anne Ziliak announced groundbreaking of the new fire station on Foothill on November 1, at 9:30 a.m. Anne's request for office space for PLUM was referred to the Executive Committee.
- Joe Vitti announced a public hearing for the NC Review Commission, November 21st.
- Peter Chung, responding to complaints about BFI and foul odors, said the odor is from sewer discharge and that appropriate adjustments have been made.

Presentation: Ralph Kroy of L.A. Astronomical Society asked the Board to recommend his group's usage after-hours of O'Melveny Park for astronomical viewing. He proposed setting up telescopes on the meadow and running electrical cords about 100' from the power source. **Motion**(Bendikson/Aller), to support this

project into the next phase so it can be developed. Kim noted that Rec & Parks has turned this proposal down. Failed 7-3-6, since the number of aye votes was less than 50% of the Board members present.

Presentation: Request for Support/Sponsorship for Senior Outreach Event on November 18, 2006 -Patricia Herrera, Director of Development, Community Integration Services, Inc. requested that the Board fund \$2,400 for the purchase of chairs for the non profit's outreach events for seniors. **Motion**(Gold/Vitti) to refer their request to the Executive Committee for further discussion. Passed unanimously. Amelia, from DONE, said she would investigate whether funding could be designated to a non-profit.

Motion for Reconsideration of September 25, 2006 Special Meeting. Mary Anna Kienholz submitted a request to reconsider the amendment of Article 6. Kim explained that a Special Meeting needs to be scheduled for this item. **Motion**(Pedrick/Crosby) to reconsider the Bylaw changes passed at the September 25 special meeting. This motion was declared valid, since the mover and seconder had both voted on the prevailing side on September 25. Passed 12-2-3. The Board was reminded that stakeholders are allowed to vote on this bylaw change.

Committee Reports:

- Treasurer – Scott Manatt: presented the Board with his Treasurer's report. He said about half of the appropriations available from the past four years still remain. On the subject of gas reimbursements, although he had worked out an agreement for reimbursement to Board Members for all business, he will not begin gasoline reimbursements at this time – pending timely results of a reported subsequent meeting between DONE and the Controller's Office in which he believes that a 'mileage' plan was discussed. (The current requirement is that receipts must match expenditures). He also suggested taking an inventory as some items the GHNNC owns are missing. He also said that there may be a hidden auditorium rent liability of \$3,000.
- Ad Hoc Nominating – Mike Greenwald:
The Committee recommended that Ann Wells, a candidate for District 3 and the Neighborhood Organization, Glenn, be considered for this open Board seat. **Motion**(Gold/Bendikson) to appoint Ann Wells to the District 3 seat. Passed unanimously.
- PLUM – Anne Ziliak: 17981 Mayerling Street: APCNV-2005-8713-ZC-ZAA
The Committee recommended a **Motion** that the GHNNC write a letter to the North Area Planning Commission requesting a denial of this project because it does not comply with the Granada Hills-Knollwood Community Plan requirement of the Footnote 12 provision and the Hillside Development provision that stipulates one acre minimum. And that the GHNNC also recommend denial of the request to allow the applicant to build within ten feet, in lieu of the minimum of thirty-five feet, of an equine keeping area. Passed 15-0-0. Anne said that they had told the property owner they were not in compliance with the Community Plan, but the property owner moved forward anyway.
- Public Safety Committee – Mike Greenwald
The Committee recommended three **motions**:
 1. That GHNNC approve posting and enforcement of the City of L.A. Regulation for parking oversized vehicles (e.g. motor homes over 22') on City streets. Passed 12-2-3.
 2. That GHNNC request CD12 to work with the appropriate City agencies to post and enforce "No Parking" signs between 11 p.m. & 5 a.m. on the entire length of Sesnon, west of Balboa to Aliso Canyon. Passed 14-1-2.
 3. To approve the installation of "No Right Turn" restrictions from 6:00 a.m. to 9:00 a.m. from S/B Balboa Blvd. to W/B Sesnon. This would be effective once the new signals are activated. Passed: 11-3-3.
- Outreach: Sue De Vandry announced a community picnic on Nov. 18

Updates: Anne Ziliak announced that focus groups for the New Community Plan are taking place through December 2006. The Dept. of City Planning is scheduling them to seek the public's input on updating the Granada Hills – Knollwood Community Plan. The City uses this info in making decisions about developing goals, objectives, and policies. More information about time and place will be available soon.

Next Board Meeting – November 27, 2006, with a possible special meeting at 6:30 p.m.

Meeting Adjourned: 9:35 p.m.

Minutes prepared by Pat Kramer, Apple One, November 1, 2006