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3 **Granada Hills North Neighborhood Council**
4 **Board Meeting Minutes**
5 June 25, 2007
6 Van Gogh School Auditorium
7 17160 Van Gogh Street, Granada Hills, CA
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9 **Call to Order:** 7:07 p.m., **Roll Call:** Present: Dale Alloway, Pat Casparian, Jonalyn Cooper, Mary
10 Ellen Crosby, Michael Deering, Sue DeVandry, Michael Greenwald, Wayde Hunter, Skip Leifer,
11 William Lillenberg, Leon Marzillier, Robert Olander, Natasha Vetlugin, Joe Vitti, Anne Ziliak, Kathy
12 Wagenbach; Quorum was established. Absent: Robert Campbell, Scott Fisher, Sid Gold, Matt
13 Hughes, Joshua Jordahl, Scott Manatt

14 NOTE: Sue DeVandry left before all business was concluded
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16 **Chair Comments:** Leon Marzillier reiterated the need for respect and to hear equitably from
17 stakeholders.
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19 **Special Speaker from Mayor's Office:** Tessa Charnofsky, West Valley Director of the Mayor's
20 Office highlighted the need to conserve water in light of the drought and the desire to plant one
21 million trees in Los Angeles. She noted that the Mayor is requesting that we all reduce our water
22 consumption by 10% due to the drought. Then, she described the "Million Tree Initiative," the
23 City's plan to plant one million trees in Los Angeles. Trees can be adopted and the City will help
24 educate us regarding how to grow and care for the trees; hundreds of trees of different types are
25 available. Trees cool the environment, increase property values, help conserve water because
26 they catch runoff, and look beautiful. Tree planting on private property, including private schools,
27 is being encouraged. Also, grass can be removed and replaced with drought-tolerant plants, and
28 concrete surfaces swept instead of watered. There is no water bill concession for planting trees.
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30 **Motion** to approve minutes of May 30, 2007 Board Meeting passed (15 for; 0 against; 1 abstain)
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32 **Motion** to approve minutes of June 16, 2007 Board Development Meeting minutes. Passed (14
33 for; 1 against; 1 abstain)
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35 **Public Comments on non-agenda items:** Robert Ricketts, Stakeholder: Traffic and safety
36 services are being affected by the City's and County's limited resources for emergency
37 preparedness and safety. He distributed copies of a letter that he wrote to the GHNNC Board.
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39 Mary Edwards, Stakeholder: It's important to forgive and be gentle with one another.
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41 Althea Gaffney, Stakeholder: the Girl Scouts are working to plant more trees. Ms. Gaffney, Gold
42 Award candidate, is part of that effort and can be reached at altheagaffney@hotmail.com, 818-
43 867-5709.
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45 **NC System Orientation and Brown Act Presentation** – Amelia D. Herrera Robles
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47 **Committee Reports:**

48 **PLUM** - Anne Ziliak

49 **Motion:** That the GHNNC approve funding \$150.00 per person plus parking fees, for two
50 GHNNC PLUM Committee members and up to three additional GHNNC Board Members to
51 attend the Los Angeles Business Council (LABC) Sustainability Summit: Capitalizing on Green
52 Business: Incentives, Opportunities and Solutions. The UCLA Institute for the Environment,
53 Wednesday, July 18, 2007 Passed unanimously (15 for; 0 against)
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57 **Motion:** That the GHNNC reiterate the GHNNC Board position in writing and/or at a public
58 hearing regarding the expansion of Providence Holy Cross Hospital, indicating that the Expanded
59 Initial Study: Released May 24, 2007 :ENV-2005-0042-MND / CPC 2005-0041 (CU)(ZAA) has not
60 addressed the traffic, parking and safety issues. If not resolved that the GHNNC must continue to
61 support a full EIR. Passed on roll call: (IN FAVOR: Pat Casparian, Jonalyn Cooper, Mary Ellen
62 Crosby, Michael Deering, Michael Greenwald, Wayde Hunter, Leon Marzillier, Robert Olander,
63 Natasha Vetlugin, Joe Vitti, Anne Ziliak, Kathy Wagenbach. AGAINST: Dale Alloway, William
64 Lillenberg. ABSTENTION: Skip Leifer)
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66 **Outreach** – Sue DeVandry

67 **Motion:** That the GHNNC spend up to \$2500 on the October 6, 2007 Granada Hills Street Faire
68 organized by the Chamber of Commerce for outreach. Motion Defeated (4 in favor; 5 against; 4
69 abstentions)
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71 **Motion Amended:** That the GHNNC spend up to \$700 on the October 6, 2007 Granada Hills
72 Street Faire organized by the Chamber of Commerce for outreach. Motion Approved (13 in favor;
73 1 against)
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75 **Parks and Beautification** - Mary Ellen Crosby

76 **Public Safety** - Michael Greenwald
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78 Peter Chung, former Board member, thanked the NC for welcoming and supporting him.
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81 Meeting adjourned at 9:32 p.m.
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83 **Submitted by Skip Leifer, Recording Officer**