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**Granada Hills North Neighborhood Council  
Board Meeting Minutes  
December 17, 2007  
Knollwood United Methodist Church  
12121 Balboa Blvd. Granada Hills, CA 91344**

1. **Call to Order: 6:35** 13 members. Quorum established. Pledge of Allegiance.  
Roll call: Leon Marzillier, Wayde Hunter, Anne Ziliak, William Lillenberg, Scott Manatt, Natasha Vetlugin, Joe Vitti, Dale Alloway, Pat Casparian, Jonalyn Cooper, Michael Deering, Sue De Vandry, Scott Fisher, Michael Greenwald, Kathy Wagenbach, Sid Gold, Mary Ellen Crosby and Joshua Jordahl. Excused absence: Skip Leifer.

**Chair Comments:** Leon Marzillier noted that at the last Executive Committee meeting, board members decided to hold off on sending a letter he wrote which condemned Council member Greig Smith for his vote (and the City Council's approval) of a zoning variance for the Meyerling proposed development against the wishes of the GHNNC. Leon read the letter which he had written. The board thought the letter was well written and urged him to send it to the Council office, rather than wait possible contact from the Council member on his response to the GHNNC motion. It was noted that the Council member's rep, John Bwarie, had already informed the Council member that the GHNNC had approved writing this letter to him and yet, had not responded one way or the other. There was extensive discussion over whether to send the letter or to hold off and allow the Council man to speak about it to the board. It was noted that the letter had to be sent since it the motion called for that action.

In his discussion with Greig Smith's rep, Leon was told that Blucher Ave. Is a privately owned street and therefore, the GHNNC cannot ask for signage or improvements, as discussed last month by the Safety Committee. The Board questioned whether this is true about Blucher and why the Councilman might be opposed to making improvements to that street, which is considered an eyesore.

2. **Approval of October and November minutes. (Manatt/Gold) moved to approve the minutes for October 29, 2007 with one correction in the word "Meyerling." The motion carried unanimously. (Deering/Crosby) moved to approve the minutes for November 26, 2007. The motion carried unanimously.**

3. **Public Comment on non-agenda items:**

Ralph Kroy spoke in favor of Leon's letter to Council member Smith. He then spoke on behalf of Mary Edwards, who wasn't able to make it to the meeting, saying this is a critical time to make donations to the homeless. Any clothing donations can be taken to a local church or other facility that provides for the needy.

4. **Treasurer's report** – Scott Manatt said GHNNC spending is still below what it should be; the Council has only spent about 50% of its budget at the rate of about \$2,000 per month. At the Exec. Comm. meeting, it was suggested that community organizations be asked to put into writing any requests they have for funding in 2008 and to bring them to a board meeting. (See Item #6). Currently, the bank balance is at around \$24,000.

5. **PLUM Motion** (Ziliak/Casparian) moved, **"That the GHNNC support a code amendment**

**That requires the addition of a recycling component when new trash bins are designed for the City. (Reference:CPC-2007-5645: ENV-2007-5646-CE)."** Anne said this is in regards to the Zero Waste Plan the City is aiming for and that there is a lack of recycling bins at parks and other public areas. **The motion carried unanimously.**

6. **Exec Comm Motion:** (Manatt) moved on behalf of the Executive Committee, **"That**

54 **GHNNC make a request for proposals from members of GHNNC and stakeholders for**  
55 **spending GHNNC’s allocation from the City in 2008.”** Pat Casparian made a friendly  
56 amendment that specific requests for spending be submitted in writing to the appropriate  
57 committee chair. **The friendly amendment passed, unanimously.** The board then passed  
58 the motion, unanimously. Pat pointed out that it should be taken into consideration that there  
59 are certain restrictions on funding when it comes to spending money for schools.

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61 **7. Committee Reports and possible action items:**

62 **PLUM** – On behalf of PLUM, (Ziliak) moved, “That the GHNNC Board approve funding  
63 \$350 per person (total \$700) plus parking fees, for at least two PLUM Committee members to  
64 attend the January 25<sup>th</sup>, 2008 annual Land Use Law and Planning Conference: Updates,  
65 Trends, and Assessments, a UCLA extension Public Policy Program at the Millennium  
66 Biltmore Hotel in Los Angeles from 7:45AM to 5PM.

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68 *Friendly Amendment #1:* (DeVandry/Deering) moved that the funding should cover at least  
69 three people. Discussion then friendly amendment withdrawn.

70 *Friendly Amendment #2:* (Crosby/DeVandry) made a friendly amendment to finance up to six  
71 people. More discussion, then amendment withdrawn.

72 *Friendly Amendment #3:* (Greenwald/Hunter) made a friendly amendment to take out the  
73 total, add parking and mileage for no more than four people. **“That the GHNNC Board**  
74 **approve funding for no more than four people plus parking and mileage for the**  
75 **January 25<sup>th</sup>, 2008 annual Land Use Law and Planning Conference: Updates, Trends,**  
76 **and Assessments, a UCLA extension Public Policy Program at the Millennium Biltmore**  
77 **Hotel in Los Angeles from 7:45AM to 5PM.”** The friendly amendment carried 16-0-1.  
78 **The vote was unanimous for the entire motion.**

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80 Anne gave a report on her committee’s actions since the last meeting including an  
81 encounter with a hostile developer. This item will be scheduled for the next PLUM committee.  
82 Anne also mentioned setting up a meeting with Hillcrest School about setting up a  
83 community meeting to discuss some changes they want to make.

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85 **Public Safety** – On behalf of the Public Safety Committee (Greenwald) moved, **“That**  
86 **GHNNC follow up on our recommendation to form an (Ad Hoc) Reverse 911 Committee**  
87 **and ask the Committee to get input from the ‘Auxiliary Communications Service’ which**  
88 **works with the LAFD.”** The motion carried unanimously.

89 Robert Ricketts spoke about wanting to get help from a communications group to expand  
90 community disaster preparedness plan.

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92 On behalf of Public Safety, (Greenwald) moved, **“That GHNNC ask the Outreach**  
93 **Committee to work with GHSNC and any other interested organizations to sponsor a**  
94 **major Earthquake Preparedness Seminar featuring Mark Benthien and LAFD, with**  
95 **substantial outreach including, but not limited to, mailers, phone blasts, e-mail, and**  
96 **appropriate websites.”** Mike said they would also like to see CD12 and any other major  
97 media outlets involved. After discussion, Mike changed the word ‘earthquake’ to  
98 ‘disaster preparedness event.’

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100 (DeVandry) then made friendly amendment to delete the words ‘ask the Outreach  
101 Committee.’ The friendly amendment was accepted. The motion carried unanimously. Public  
102 Safety will call Mayor Villaraigosa to see whether he can schedule an appearance. at the  
103 event.

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105 Mike gave an update on the work to get a traffic light on Knollwood. There are more delays  
106 as different city agencies conflict over where to put the light and how to change the curbing.

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108 *Outreach* – Sue DeVandry reported on the success of the recent Holiday Parade. She  
109 thanked everyone who participated by riding on the float. Photos of this are now up on the  
110 website. There was discussion about getting a better spot in next year’s parade.

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112 *Communications* – Sue gave a report on behalf of Aaron DeVandry. They are working on a  
113 newsletter for GHNNC and need Committee chairs to write articles by Dec. 21.

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115 *Parks & Beautification* – Mary Ellen Crosby reported on the Holiday party and meeting for her  
116 committee. She is getting fifty oak trees for Bee Canyon Park on Feb. 16<sup>th</sup> and in conjunction  
117 with this event, there will be a free tree giveaway held by Tree People. People who want a  
118 tree will need to attend a tree care workshop on that day.

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120 *PLUM: Anne reported that a representative is needed to provide a tour of the community for*  
121 *the Neighborhood Councils who are participating in the Service Cabinet in February. Kim*  
122 *Thompson was named as the rep for this.*

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124 *Ad Hoc Office* – Leon said the Ad Hoc Office Committee is still looking for an appropriate site  
125 for an office for GHNNC.

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127 **8. Board Member Comment on non-agenda items**

128 Mike asked the Exec. Committee to re-agendize the need for office space at their next  
129 meeting in January.

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131 Pat asked about budget requests from the community.

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133 Next GHNNC meeting: Jan. 28<sup>th</sup>.

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135 **9. Meeting Adjourned 9:15 p.m.**

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137 Minutes by Pat Kramer, Apple One, modified by Skip Leifer, Recording Officer