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**Granada Hills North Neighborhood Council
Van Gogh Elementary School, Granada Hills
Monthly Board Meeting
Monday, Sept. 22, 2008**

1. Call to Order at 6:45 p.m. by GHNNC Chair Leon Marzillier.

Roll Call: Pat Casparian, Jonalyn Cooper, Mary Ellen Crosby, Michael Deering, Sue DeVandry, Sid Gold, Michael Greenwald, Wayde Hunter, Skip Leifer, Scott Manatt, Leon Marzillier, Natasha Vetlugin, Joe Vitti, and Anne Ziliak. Quorum established with 14 board members. Absent: William Lillenberg (excused), Kathy Wagenbach, Joshua Jordahl, Mil Tossoun, and Mak Jalili. Pledge of Allegiance and chair Comments.

2. Approval of August 25, 2008 Board Meeting minutes. (Greenwald/Leifer) moved to approve the minutes of August 25, 2008. The motion carried with two abstentions: 12-0-2.

3. Public Comment on non-agenda items:

- Mary Edwards spoke about hunger being a major issue for many people in the S.F. Valley. She reminded the Board that the Water Board meets on Oct. 2nd and this meeting is extremely important as it involves extending the life of the landfill. She said that BFI had reneged on a commitment to replant the area with native vegetation. She believes the landfill's life should not be extended to the time frame requested. She asked the GHNNC to take action on this.
- Hilda Delgado spoke about her organization's opposition to Proposition 7. She gave information on the Proposition which she said would force small business out of the market due to a competition elimination provision and that would raise taxes.
- Jerry Askew, GHSNC board member, spoke about CD12's Area Cleanup event the following weekend which includes a section on illegal signage removal. He showed board members the safety vests his NC uses when taking down signs.
- DONE Rep. Amelia Herrera Robles invited the board and stakeholders to attend the Mayor's Budget Day on Saturday, Oct. 11. The morning seminar will provide stakeholders with an overview of how the budget is prepared and allocated. Then in the afternoon, different NCs throughout the city will be attending the Congress of Neighborhoods. The City Attorney and other officials will be on hand to respond to issues of concern. She asked that the board register in advance.

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- Police Officer Jamie Brien gave an update on crime in the area: Crime in the area is going down but there are still a lot of residential and motor vehicle burglaries. They occur primarily during daytime hours on weekdays when people are at work. She suggested that those people who are home during the day be the eyes and ears for their neighbors. She talked about the issue of cars parking on front lawns. LAPD is now citing people for this and asked for addresses/locations so she can follow up. Police are also looking into offroad vehicles driving in the hills in fire areas. She said this is a fire hazard and a team of police will be addressing this with the kids who are out there. On the recent fatal train crash in Chatsworth, she spoke about how the entire Devonshire division responded. There is a need for blood donations. Call the Red Cross or: 877-ask-lapd. A new officer has been assigned to cover Dario's shift so he will probably be giving the report next month.
- Stakeholder Bill Hopkins encouraged the board to attend the solar homes tour Oct. 4th and 5th.

4. Election of Board members to fill vacancies Leon announced that there are six vacancies to be filled on the GHNNC board. The Nominating Committee reported that five candidates had been carefully interviewed and found qualified for five of the positions before the meeting. In addition to their written qualifications, each candidate was given one minute to speak of their qualifications and plans for the GHNNC. Each responded to questions when asked. A suggestion was made and adopted that we should vote for the District Three position last. The board then voted for the following candidates for the five board seats in the order below. Following each person's election they were asked to join the board for the remaining elections.

District One: Rafael M. Garcia was elected the new District One board member. He represents Sunshine Canyon Landfill as their Community Relations and PR manager. He was approved by a vote of: 14-0-0.

Student Rep: Neysa Frechette was elected the new student rep board member. Neysa is a student at John F. Kennedy High School and is passionate about giving students a voice in their community. She is also interested in beautification and tree planting as well as elimination of graffiti. Neysa ran against Northridge Academy student Steven Ramirez for the board seat. Steven is a volunteer at Valley Presbyterian Hospital with Dr. John King. Neysa received 10 votes while Steven received 4. One abstained

Neighborhood Organization : Jan Subar was elected the new Neighborhood Organization member. She is a GHNNC resident and a longtime community activist with Neighborhood Watch. She was approved with a vote of: 15-0-1

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Resident Association: Eric Rosenberg was elected the new Resident Association board member. He is a member of Aliso Homeowners Association. The board approved him by a vote of: 16-0-1.

District Three: Ray Pollok was elected the new District Three board member. He is the former employee of Northrop Grumman, now retired. The other two candidates were Mary Anna Kienholz, former Policy and Rules chair and member of GHNNC Steering Committee and Ralph Kroy, former Outreach chair and GHNNC Steering Committee member.

Mary Anna Kienholz requested a roll call vote. In the first round Pat Casparian, Jonalyn Cooper, Michael Deering, Raphael Garcia, Michael Greenwald, Skip Leifer, Scott Manatt, Leon Marzillier, Jan Subar voted for Ray Pollok. (9 votes) Mary Ellen Crosby, Sue De Vandry, Sid Gold, Wayde Hunter and Natasha Vetlugin voted for Mary Anna Kienholz. (5 votes) Neysa Frechette, Eric Rosenberg, Joe Vitti and Anne Ziliak voted for Ralph Kroy. (4 votes) No candidate received a clear majority. In the second round Pat Casparian, Jonalyn Cooper, Michael Deering, Raphael Garcia, Michael Greenwald, Skip Leifer, Scott Manatt, Leon Marzillier, Eric Rosenberg, Jan Subar and Anne Ziliak voted for Ray Pollok. (11 votes) Mary Ellen Crosby, Sue DeVandry, Sid Gold, Wayde Hunter and Natasha Vetlugin voted for Mary Anna Kienholz. (5 votes) Neysa Frechette and Joe Vitti abstained

5. Treasurer's Report: Scott Manatt requested that any board members presenting motions that involve payment should tape the necessary paperwork to their funding request including the minutes which approve the funding item and invoices. To date, he has not received the necessary paperwork he requested for community projects that want funding.

6. Appointment of representatives to the Mayor's Budget Committee.

GHNNC Chair Leon Marzillier and Finance Officer Pat Casparian will represent GHNNC at the Mayor's Budget Day (as well as Kim Thompson and Joe Vitti in an unofficial capacity). (Greenwald) moved that Leon and Pat be appointed as GHNNC's official reps. The motion carried unanimously.

7. Consideration of a grievance filed against GHNNC. Mary Anna Kienholz was asked by Leon if the grievance required discussion. She stated that if the Board would comply with the Bylaws in the future that the outreach and finding and electing members to fill the vacant seats was all that could be done at this time and for now she was satisfied..

8. CD12 Service Cabinet report – Robert Ricketts stated that CD12's major push is focused on Emergency Preparedness. Most of the meeting he attended was spent on preparedness issues. Other issues discussed included shopping carts and how store owners want to proceed with them. Councilmember Greig Smith is making his newsletter available to

142 neighborhood councils with announcements or articles. There is a plan to
143 convert the old fire station on Balboa Boulevard into a permanent disposal
144 sites for hazardous materials.

145 Mike Greenwald stated that it is very important for stakeholders to attend the
146 upcoming Disaster preparedness Event which will focus on the fact that the
147 community sits at the end of the Santa Susanna fault.

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149 **9. Letter of Support: (Ziliak) moved, "That GHNNC write a letter of**
150 **support for a Beautification Grant from the city to help beautify the**
151 **Rinaldi site of Kennedy Adult School.** This will benefit the community (on
152 the street sides on Andasol and Kalisher, especially across from the homes
153 on Andasol south of Rinaldi). Granada Hills South Neighborhood Council
154 Board Member Julie Carson spoke about the need for this letter. **The motion**
155 **carried: 17-0-2.**

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157 **10. Letter of Support: (Hunter/Greenwald) moved, "That GHNNC write**
158 **letters to the City Council, Planning Department, and the LEA**
159 **expressing its opposition to the City of Los Angeles permitting and/or**
160 **failing to stop or issue citations to BFI to prevent them from exceeding**
161 **the 5,500 tons per day of trash limit."** New boardmember Rafael Garcia
162 explained that BFI is appealing the citation from the County because of a
163 permit they obtained from the State. He said this was a complex issue. **The**
164 **motion carried: 16-0-2.** Rafael Garcia recused himself.

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166 **11. Report on Citywide Alliance of Neighborhood Councils.** Leon
167 reported on this event drew over 55 people and that GHNNC had, by far, that
168 largest turnout of board members. Sid stated that Scott's Treasurer's report
169 was the best one presented.

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171 **12. Committee Reports and possible action items:**

172 **PLUM: (Ziliak) moved, "That the GHNNC support the decision of the**
173 **Historic Preservation Overlay Zone (HPOZ) representative regarding**
174 **whether to allow the pending Hardship Exemption for 17048 Lisette**
175 **Street."** **The motion carried: 14-1-3.** (One person was on a break.)

176 Anne explained that the homeowner on Lisette Street had put stucco on the
177 exterior of his home with full knowledge that it was pending historic overlay
178 zone status. Since then, the homeowner had been asked by Code
179 Enforcement to remove the stucco. Whether that should apply to the entire
180 structure or just the front of the house is now the issue pending the hardship
181 exemption.

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183 **PLUM: (Ziliak) moved, "That the GHNNC approve or disapprove the**
184 **application (ENV-2000-3947:ZA-88-1448) by DCOR to drill 12 (twelve)**
185 **additional wells at the buffer zone to oil district #77 entrance on 14737**
186 **San Fernando Road."** (Wayde Hunter and Patrick Casparian recused
187 themselves from discussion and voting as they are on the board of Patriot
188 Oil. Later, Rafael Garcia also recused himself due to a conflict with BFI).

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Anne explained that the area where they are requesting drilling rights is on the buffer zone to Sunshine Canyon Landfill. Kim Thompson, who attended PLUM meetings with the original Patriot Oil company reps said that an agreement had been reached to limit the oil wells to 22. This request for an additional 12 would bring that number up to 34.

Mike Finch, Vice President of DCOR, the oil company that purchased this property, said that he was unaware of the agreement (Conditional Use Permit) limiting the number of oil wells. He said he had never received any paperwork on this. Kim said that she had the CUP in writing to show the agreement had been made.

(Greenwald/Vetlugin) moved, “That GHNNC go on record as supporting the enforcement of the existing CUP as written in 2002 and not allow 12 additional wells.” The motion carried: 10-2-4 (with 3 recusals).

Julie Carson, came late and made a brief statement regarding the letter of support for a Beautification Grant – a request the Board had already passed. **See 9, above**

Outreach – Sue DeVandry asked for board support for the Street Fair in two weeks.

13. Meeting adjourned at 9:15 p.m.

Next meeting: Monday Oct 27, 2008

- Minutes prepared by Pat Kramer, Apple One –
Amended by Skip Leifer