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**Granada Hills North Neighborhood Council**  
**Monthly Board Meeting Minutes**  
**October 27, 2008**  
**Van Gogh School Auditorium**  
**17160 Van Gogh Street**

**1. Call to Order by Anne Ziliak, Pledge of Allegiance, Chair Comments.**

**Roll Call:** Pat Casparian, Mary Ellen Crosby, Michael Deering, Sue DeVandry, Neysa Frechette, Rafael Garcia, Sid Gold, Michael Greenwald, Wayde Hunter, Skip Leifer, William Lillenberg, Scott Manatt, Ray Pollok, Eric Rosenberg, Jan Subar, Joe Vitti, Kathy Wagenbach, Anne Ziliak. Quorum established with 19 board members.

**Absent:** Jonalyn Cooper, Mak Jalili, Leon Marzillier, Natasha Vetlugin, & Mil Tossoun.

**Late:** Joshua Jordahl late. Sid Gold left early.

**2. Approval of September 22, 2008 Board Meeting minutes as the motion to approve the revised minutes carried unanimously.**

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

Bill Hopkins spoke about conservation measures by LA Department of Water & Power. ([www.DWP.com](http://www.DWP.com) has more info on water restrictions).

Carole Lutness, a Democratic nominee for Assembly 38th Assembly District, introduced herself and spoke about her platform.

DONE rep. Amanda Herrera-Robles announced Tarzana NC's Town Hall meeting on Thursday, Oct. 30 with the Board of Neighborhood Commissioners. They will discuss the issue of financial disclosure for NCs board members.

Becky Bendikson stood up and requested information on which board members were giving committee reports. She also asked for paperwork on their reports.

John Bwarie, from Councilmember Smith's office, announced the Public Safety Appreciation picnic on Sunday, Nov. 2 from 1 – 4 p.m. He thanked GHNNC for taking the lead on emergency preparedness, especially Robert Rickets for his work on preparing the community for the Great American ShakeOut on Nov. 16th, 2008.

**4. Treasurer's report** – Scott Manatt said there have been some problems with GHSNC getting some of GHNNC's bills and vice versa. He hopes to have it sorted out by the next meeting.

**5. Motion (Vitti/Leifer) moved, "That GHNNC approve the signing of a lease for use of an 800 square foot office located at 11139 Woodley for the total monthly rent of \$1203.95." (Manatt) amended the motion to say, "That GHNNC approve the signing of a lease for use of an 800 square foot office located at 11139 Woodley for the total monthly rent of \$1203.95 contingent upon the board reviewing and accepting the terms**

49 **of the lease.”** (Greenwald) then amended the motion to, **“That GHNNC**  
50 **approve the city negotiating a lease for the use of and approval of a 800**  
51 **square foot office located at 11139 Woodley for the total monthly rent of**  
52 **\$1203.95 contingent upon a review and approval of the lease by GHNNC**  
53 **board members.”** Bendikson asked for a roll call vote. **The motion carried:**  
54 **16-0-1 with Frechette recused and Lillenberg abstaining.**

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56 During discussion, Mike pointed out that the rent amounted to 27% of the  
57 GHNNC budget. Pat Casparian stated that the total would be \$13,356 and  
58 that \$21,000 was originally budgeted for this purpose. The office will provide a  
59 site for all Committee meetings and for storage of all records. Additionally, it is  
60 next to the high school in a commercially zoned location. Joe Vitti  
61 orchestrated the lease with Rickey Gelb, the owner of the commercial  
62 property.

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64 **6. Vacant Board Seat: (Leifer/Ziliak) moved, “That GHNNC declare the**  
65 **District 2 seat vacant for loss of stakeholder eligibility and for the**  
66 **nominating committee to advertise, outreach and interview all interested**  
67 **applicants for this seat with a board recommendation within two**  
68 **months, as per Article 7.3 of the GHNNC bylaws.”** Skip noted that  
69 repeated attempts to contact Mak Jalili were to no avail at which point it was  
70 stated that he could no longer serve in the capacity of District 2  
71 representative. **The motion carried: 16-0-2.**

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73 **7. Special Mailing: (Hunter/Rosenberg) moved, “That the GHNNC send**  
74 **a special mailing to those residents in the northern end of the GHNNC**  
75 **boundary advising them to report any dust or odor complaints to the Air**  
76 **Quality Mangement District (AQMD) at: 1-800 CUT-SMOG.”**

77 During discussion, board member Raphael Garcia said he would ask his  
78 employer, BFI, to put an article about this in their newsletter to send to  
79 residents in the surrounding area. Wayde suggested including all Granada  
80 Hills North residents. **(Leifer/Viti) moved that the motion be tabled until**  
81 **the next board meeting.** (No official vote taken) **(Hunter/Casparian)**  
82 **restated a new motion “That GHNNC ask the AQMD Air Quality**  
83 **Management District to send a notice to all GHNNC residents and if they**  
84 **refuse to do so, that the GHNNC send a special mailing or newsletter to**  
85 **all residents within the GHNNC boundaries advising residents to report**  
86 **any dust or odor complaints to the AQMD at: 1-800 CUT-SMOG.”** The  
87 **motion carried: 16-1-1.**

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89 **8. Report on Mayor’s Community Budget Day and Citywide Congress of**  
90 **Neighborhood Councils, Oct. 11, 2008.** Pat Casparian talked about the  
91 success of this event and asked the board to complete the city’s Community  
92 Budget Survey 2009 – 2010. before Dec. 15th. The survey may be connected  
93 via the GHNNC website

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95 **9. Committee Reports** and possible action items.

96 PLUM:

97 **“That the GHNNC oppose allowing reduced lot sizes and street**  
98 **frontages of 12130 Nugent Drive, a 71,857 sq. Ft. Site into five lots within**  
99 **a RE-15-1-H-Zone (Env. 2008-0570) as it will allow five lots that do not**  
100 **comply with the existing zone of RE-15.”**

101 Kim Thompson explained the reasons PLUM opposes this development,  
102 which conflicts with the Community Plan. **The motion carried: 15-0-3.**

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104 **“That the GHNNC board write a letter recommending approval of the**  
105 **request to modify the size of two lots on Knoll Hill as long as the**  
106 **existing RE-20-1-O-K is maintained for each lot. The motion carried: 16-**  
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109 **“That the GHNNC oppose the ZA-2008-3910: 12000 Blucher Ave:**  
110 **Installation of a 60’ Monopine cellular communications facility with 15-**  
111 **panel antenna and associated equipment, as it does not met the GHNNC**  
112 **Minimum Requirements for Cellular Sites disguised as pine trees.” The**  
113 **motion carried: 17-0-1.**

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115 **“That the GHNNC board allocate up to \$300 for two GHNNC PLUM**  
116 **Committee members to attend the second annual Sustainability Summit**  
117 **on Nov. 14 at the Getty.”** After Joe Viti expressed interest in attending, the  
118 motion was amended by (Greenwald) **“That the GHNNC board allocate up**  
119 **to \$450 for three persons to attend the second annual Sustainability**  
120 **Summit onn Nov. 14 at the Getty.”** Their report will go into the newsletter  
121 and on the GHNNC website. **The amended motion carried: 18-0-0.**

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123 *Parks & Beautification* – Mary Ellen Crosby reported that trees are being  
124 trimmed at Bee Canyon Park and diseased trees are being removed. She  
125 noted that a few trees burned in the recent fire, which came up to the edge  
126 of the park near Neon Way and Sesnon Boulevard. She also  
127 acknowledged the efforts she and Wayde had made with mapping the  
128 parks and distributing those maps to the fire and police just two days  
129 before the fire occurred. She said it was the only maps they had that were  
130 detailed and up to date. Picnic areas have been renumbered at O’Melveny  
131 Park. And she reported that a local woman, Martha Somerville, has been  
132 diagnosed with West Nile Virus and is very ill. She cautioned all people  
133 walking in Bee Canyon Park, near the stagnant water, to wear long  
134 sleeves and insect repellent, as this is where the victim frequently walked.  
135 Finally, Mary Ellen asked for input on whether trees being replaced in the  
136 parks might benefit from a variety of species to be less subject to  
137 scourges by insects or disease.

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139 *Public Safety* – Michael Greenwald moved, **“That the Public Safety**  
140 **Committee requests up to \$1,000 for promotion, outreach and**  
141 **promotional materials for the North Valley Disaster Preparedness**  
142 **Event to be held Nov. 16, 2008.”** The motion carried unanimously.

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Michael credited Robert Ricketts for spearheading the event which includes NCs in Northridge, North Hills, Granada Hills and possibly Porter Ranch along with many emergency personnel. North Valley Disaster Preparedness Event takes place on Nov. 16th from 2 – 5 p.m. at the new Fire Station 87 at 10124 Balboa, just south of Devonshire. Michael said there will be demonstrations on what to do in different emergency situations as well as preparing your home for an earthquake and taking care of pets in an emergency. He asked everyone to let their neighbors know about this emergency drill. At 10 a.m. on November 13th, the community is encouraged to join millions of Southern Californians in the ShakeOut Drill, the largest earthquake preparedness activity in U.S. history!

*Outreach* – Sue DeVandry said they are looking for a stake bed truck for the GH Holiday Parade on Sunday, Dec. 7<sup>th</sup>. The theme will be favorite holiday movies. New board members will be getting their pictures taken for the GHNNC website. Name plates for our board meetings and business cards have been ordered for new board members. Sue thanked everyone who helped with the Street Fair despite the rain.

**10. Board Member Comment** on non-agenda items

Pat Casparian asked what measures to take regarding the incidence of West Nile Virus. Mary Ellen said she felt it was either The Dept. of Sanitation or Streams who need to deal with it.

William Lillenberg reported that in the process of fighting the fires, the fire department removed the Gas Company's fence at O'Melveny Park, but that they had been replaced.

Wayde Hunter suggested more focus should be given to emergency preparedness in our area with the dangerous issue of chlorine being used by the DWP in lieu of the "promised use" of ozone.

Joe Vitti spoke about the neighborhood council elections in 2010 and how they will be taking place every two years across the city. He attended the LANNC meeting where Rita Robertson, the chair of the Transportaiton Committee, agreed to set up an MOU process with neighborhood councils – a new step forward in accountability and transparency.

11. The meeting adjourned at: 8:59 p.m.

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