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**Granada Hills North Neighborhood Council**  
**Monthly Board Meeting Minutes**  
**March 30, 2009**  
**Van Gogh School Auditorium**  
17160 Van Gogh Street

1. Call to Order at 6:42 p.m. by Leon Marzillier, GHNNC President.  
Roll Call: Mary Ellen Crosby, Raphael Garcia, Michael Deering, Sue DeVandry, Joe Vitti, Anne Ziliak, Eric Rosenberg, Scott Manatt, Ray Pollok, Mike Greenwald, Neysa Frechette, William Lillenberg, Sid Gold, Jan Subar with Wayde Hunter and Joshua Jordahl arriving after roll call. Absent: Skip Leifer, Mil Tossoun, Natasha Vetlugin and Pat Casparian. Pledge of Allegiance and Chair Comments.
2. Good Neighbor Award: Van Gogh Elementary School Principal Gale Gunderson was awarded with the monthly 'Good Neighbor Award.'
3. Approval of February 23, 2009 Board Meeting minutes:  
**(Greenwald/Rosenberg) moved that the minutes be approved. The motion carried unanimously.**
4. Public Comment on non-agenda items:
  - Bob Ricketts talked about plans for the next So. Cal Great American Shakeout on Thursday, October 15<sup>th</sup>. Details will be forthcoming in the next few weeks.
  - Bill Hopkins announced the League of Women Voters presentation at Platt Library on Thur., April 16 at 9:30 a.m. This event will be information and free to acquaint stakeholders with upcoming issues on the Special Election Ballot. There will be a DPW event focused on water conservation at Tillman Water Reclamation Plant on Woodley Ave. April 23 at 9:00 a.m... Bill also talked about the DPW's distribution of two, free light bulbs, which he said is being funded by the recent rate increase.
  - Sally MacDowell spoke on behalf of Therapeutic Living Centers for the Blind.
  - Greg Reynar, Fire Chief of Battalion 15, reminded the board about Citrus Sunday, which is sponsored by the Fire department to help restock the Food Pantry.
  - Brian Frechette, stakeholder (and father of Neysa) made a complaint about Pacific Yellow Cab, which he said is an unlicensed cab company working out of a home at 16241 Midwood Drive, Granada Hills.
5. Treasurer's report – Scott Manatt commented on his Interim Report which shows that GHNNC has spent about \$25,000 in the first quarter of 2009, leaving about \$100,000. He spoke about the board retreat saying that several new members did not attend and this could work against their effectiveness on the

47 board. He also noted that the GHNNC has now moved all of its supplies out of  
48 the self storage facility and into the new office.

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50 6. Salute to Recreation – Jay Bolton representing Senior Services Business  
51 Council for the North Valley Regional Chamber of Commerce asked GHNNC to  
52 consider funding \$750.00 toward the Council’s Senior Dance at Northridge Park,  
53 May 30 at 5:30 p.m. The funding request will be considered at the April meeting.

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55 **7. Executive Committee Motion: (Marzillier) moved, “That GHNNC accept**  
56 **the Resignations of board members Jonalyn Cooper and Kathy**  
57 **Wagenbach.” The motion carried 16-0-1.**

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59 **8. Executive Committee Motion: (Marzillier) moved, “That GHNNC donate**  
60 **\$5,000 to the Granada Hills Veterans Park Project being conducted by the GH**  
61 **Rotary Club. The funds to be dispersed by the GHNNC treasurer to either the**  
62 **suppliers, contractors or maintainers of the park in compliance with all L.A. City**  
63 **Rules and Regulations as they apply to NCs. The treasurer, Scott Manatt, will**  
64 **work directly with Dr. Carl Melnik, the Granada Hills Veterans Park Project**  
65 **Director on dispersing the funds.”**

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67 **(Rosenberg/Vitti) made a friendly amendment changing the language to:**  
68 **“That GHNNC purchase \$5,000 worth of materials for the Granada Hills**  
69 **Veterans Park Project being conducted by the GH Rotary Club. The funds to be**  
70 **dispersed by the GHNNC treasurer to either the suppliers, contractors or**  
71 **maintainers of the park in compliance with all L.A. City Rules and Regulations as**  
72 **they apply to NCs. The treasurer, Scott Manatt, will work directly with Dr. Carl**  
73 **Melnik, the Granada Hills Veterans Park Project Director on dispersing the**  
74 **funds.” The motion to amend carried: 14-0-2 with one recusal. (Pollok) The**  
75 **changed motion carried: 15-0-1 with 1 recusal. (Pollok)**

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77 Dr. Carl Melnik, representing the Veterans Park, spoke about the need for  
78 funding from the community which includes funding disbursements from several  
79 other community groups. Bricks for the building are available for \$125 a piece or  
80 \$300 for three. He expects the project to break ground in two months. Attorney  
81 Weitkemp addressed the board’s concerns about the city owning the land.

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83 **9. Executive Committee Motion: (Marzillier) moved, “That the May meeting is**  
84 **May 25th which is Memorial Day, so it is proposed that the May meeting be**  
85 **rescheduled for June 1 and the June meeting be held on June 29. Also, that**  
86 **the April GHNNC meeting be held at the new office (11139 Woodley**  
87 **Avenue, Granada Hills) and that the May and June meetings be moved to**  
88 **Kennedy High School.” The motion carried 13-0-3.**

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90 The board discussed the reason for moving the April meeting – there is a  
91 book fair being held at Van Gogh that evening, April 27<sup>th</sup>. They also discussed  
92 whether holding two meetings in one calendar month would violate the

93 bylaws. It was decided that it would not. Neysa is looking into arrangements  
94 to hold the May and June meetings at Kennedy High School on Gothic Ave.  
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96 10. Committee Reports and possible action items:

97 *PLUM* – Anne Ziliak moved, “That GHNNC authorize expenses not to  
98 exceed \$800.00 per person (registration, transportation, food and  
99 lodging) for two, GHNNC PLUM Committee members (Wayde and  
100 Ralph Kroy) to participate in the two - day California Biomass  
101 Collaborative on May 12 and 13, 2009 at the California Environmental  
102 Protection Building in Sacramento. The motion carried: 10—0-7.  
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104 Anne reported that Rafael Garcia attended the Land Use meeting and  
105 spoke about efforts underway by BFI, the operators at Sunshine Canyon  
106 Landfill, to identify odor complaints. They have started a Neighborhood  
107 Odor Patrol which walks the areas where complaints have been registered  
108 to identify the causes. Rafael confirmed that BFI has aggressively been  
109 monitoring trash collection day complaints to see if that and the heat are  
110 the problem. Anne also spoke about two cases Land Use is discussing:  
111 An adult day care proposed for Woodley and Rinaldi and a boarding  
112 school for teenagers at the Jewish Community Center property.  
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114 *Ad Hoc Office* – Anne thanked Sue DeVandry for helping move office  
115 furniture to accommodate the March board retreat. Sue also assembled  
116 shelving units at the new office at 11139 Woodley Avenue, Granada Hills.  
117 Anne assembled a water dispenser which is now providing hot and cold  
118 water. She is investigating bids for signage by local vendors.  
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120 *Outreach* – (DeVandry) moved, “That GHNNC support Van Gogh Street  
121 School’s Wild West Days on June 6, 2009 at O’Melveny Park in the  
122 amount of \$500.00 for two moon bouncers, generators and two people to  
123 monitor the bouncers for liability.”  
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125 (Greenwald) made a friendly amendment changing the motion to:  
126 “That GHNNC support Van Gogh Street School’s Wild West Days on  
127 June 6, 2009 at O’Melveny Park in the amount of \$500.00 for two  
128 moon bouncers, generators and two people to monitor the  
129 bouncers.” The amended motion carried: 16-0-1.  
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131 Outreach will promote this event on the GHNNC website. She spoke  
132 about the flyer for Citrus Sunday which will include the GHNNC logo. The  
133 annual Egg Hunt takes place on April 4th at O’Melveny Park. She asked  
134 the board to show up to set up and help run this event from 9 a.m. to  
135 noon. Sue is decorating the new GHNNC office by framing certificates to  
136 hang on the walls. She requested the board provide her with any they  
137 have. She requested articles for the GHNNC newsletter and shared future  
138 outreach ideas for a possible block party, community picnic, and movie

139 night. She also asked the board to help distribute flyers for their events to  
140 the schools and service groups.

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142 Gale Gunderson thanked the board for supporting the school's Wild West  
143 Days and noted that they will receive considerably less funding than Title  
144 1 schools in the area. As a result of cuts in funding, they have had to close  
145 their cafeteria and staff is being stretched thin. She predicts cuts in staffing  
146 next year unless the school can raise funds to pay their employees.

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148 *Parks & Beautification* – Mary Ellen Crosby reported that the wildflowers  
149 are now coming up at Bee Canyon Park by Balboa. This is the result of  
150 three years of planting seeds. She talked about the Egg Hunt and how  
151 much the children appreciate this event. She noted that she was asked to  
152 appear on TV to help promote the Parks but chose not to do so. For any  
153 complaints taking place at local parks, stakeholders should contact  
154 General Services at: 213 978-4670. They are now in charge of patrolling  
155 the parks.

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157 *Policy and Rules* – Eric Rosenberg reported that they held a meeting on  
158 March 20 to discuss the bylaws that need to be changed. They will be  
159 meeting twice in April: April 3<sup>rd</sup> and April 17<sup>th</sup> to try to make the June 1<sup>st</sup>  
160 deadline set by the city to finalize GHNNC's bylaws. There was discussion  
161 about quorum requirements for his committee and which articles need to  
162 be changed. Several board members noted that Eric is doing a great job  
163 as the chair of this committee.

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165 *Public Safety* – Michael Greenwald reported that his committee is  
166 requesting, along with the Councilmember's office, that the city redo their  
167 speed survey which proposes increases on Balboa to 50 mph. He also  
168 asked the board to go online to: [www.stimuluswatch.org/project/view/9891](http://www.stimuluswatch.org/project/view/9891)  
169 and click 'yes' on the Knollwood traffic signal issue. He also noted that he  
170 has asked the Council Office to adjust the signal at Sesnon and Balboa,  
171 which has reverted back to its previous setting.

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173 *Nominations* – Michael asked for nominations for District 2. Ralph Kroy  
174 and Agnes Lewis are interested in the District 3 board seat.

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176 *Citywide Issues Committee* – Sid Gold noted that his committee held a  
177 meeting but since they did not have a quorum, they will need to bring their  
178 recommendations back to the board at a future meeting. Their  
179 recommendations include:

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- 181 • Recommending that GHNNC support a resolution that the City  
182 Council reconsider the use of Form 54 being used as the method of  
183 reporting disclosure of any possible conflicts of interest for  
184 Neighborhood Council members.
- 185 • Recommending that GHNNC consider supporting a resolution that  
would call for a permanent moratorium, citywide, on all new

186 billboards, super graphics and Digital billboards and to notify all  
187 parties of GHNNC's action.  
188 • Recommending that GHNNC consider supporting a resolution  
189 requesting that in the City budget process all possible attempts  
190 should be made to keep the present NC's yearly allocation in place.  
191 Sid attended a meeting for noise abatement at Burbank-Glendale Airport.  
192 He updated the board on Measure B, which was defeated in the March  
193 election. (Sue DeVandry suggested Sid write an article on Measure B for  
194 the newsletter). He noted that there were voter irregularities in many NCs  
195 throughout the city in the recent election and suggested that anyone with  
196 information about voting irregularities should contact him if they occurred  
197 in the GHNNC area. He also mentioned that the City Ethics Committee is  
198 discussing the issue of whether City Managers should be involved in  
199 elections where people who appoint them are being elected.  
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201 11. Board Member Comment on non-agenda items

202 Joe Vitti attended the March 14th meeting at DWP. The main topics included:  
203 water use by the city and a strategic ten year plan. He noted that 2008, water  
204 use was lower than that of 1990 as a result of conservation efforts.  
205 Conservation is a major issue right now. There will be some measures taking  
206 affect in the future (including limits on watering lawns) due to lower levels of  
207 snowfall in the Sierras this year, low levels at the reservoirs, environmental  
208 issues with the snow pack, and pumping issues with the Bay Delta area. This  
209 means more water has to be purchased from MWD which tends to be pricier.  
210 There may also be some enforcement issues being phased in.

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212 12. Meeting Adjourned: 9:10 p.m.

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Minutes by Pat Kramer, Apple One  
- Formatted by Skip Leifer, Recording Officer