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Granada Hills North Neighborhood Council Board Meeting Minutes

Monday, April 29, 2013

Bethlehem Lutheran Church, 12227 Balboa Blvd., Granada Hills, CA

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1. Call to Order, Roll Call, Pledge of Allegiance, Welcome/Introductions/Calendar – GHNNC President.

President Edward Headington called the Meeting to order at 6:31 p.m. Roll Call was taken. Board Members present: Mike Chibidakis, Edward Headington, Bill Hopkins, Wayde Hunter, Ralph Kroy, William Lillenberg, Scott Manatt, Cherie Mann, Ray Pollok, Robert Ryder, Kim Thompson, Shannon West and Donna Zero. Sue DeVandry, Sid Gold and Steven Steinberg arrived later. Board Members absent: Patti Costa, Kevin Kilroy, Jan Subar and Anne Ziliak. Five Board Seats were vacant. Also attending: 31 Stakeholders and Guests. Thirteen of the 20 Board Members were present at the Roll Call. The GHNNC quorum (the minimum number of Board Members needing to be present to take binding votes on Agendized Items) is 13, so the Board could take such votes.

2. Comments from CD 12, Senior Lead Officers, Elected Official Reps, Government Agencies.

Bill Larson, L.A. City Deputy Attorney, (213.978.8100; William.Larson@LACity.org; http://www.atty.LACity.org/our_office/CriminalDivision/CNAP/index.htm), reported that four homes on Haskell Ave. on the west side of Rinaldi St. that are owned by one homeowner are “the center of the car break-ins” recently in the area. It’s been verified that people living there are using meth and other illegal drugs. He’s working to ensure that those residents are evicted; City Building and Safety will inspect the homes. Also, the “castle house” has a rotating group of tenants, so the owner cannot be cited for boarding house violations.

Board Members Steven Steinberg and Sue DeVandry arrived at this time.

Mr. Headington introduced Meeting site host Lisa Chow of the Bethlehem Lutheran Church Outreach Team, who welcomed everyone.

[The following was addressed after Item #4.] Megan Cottier, District Director for L.A. City District 12 Councilman Mitch Englander (818-882-1212; Megan.Cottier@LACity.org), said she later will report on City Budget and Finance Committee actions regarding the Mayor's proposed Fiscal Year 2013-2014 Budget. The City Council is considering the Councilman's Motion to consolidate the Building and Safety Dept. with the Planning Dept. He also proposed to merge ATSAC and LAPD cameras for improved security. The June 1st and 2nd Valley Family Festival will have a carnival, food and family activities. Anna Vidal, L.A. City Planning Dept. Valley NCs Liaison (818-374-5043; Anna.Vidal@LACity.org; <http://CityPlanning.LACity.org>), announced North Valley Area Planning Commission Hearings about the Granada Hills / Knollwood Community Plan on May 16th and at City Hall on May 23rd.

3. Minutes Approval.

Mr. Headington recommended and it was agreed to TABLE approval of the April 1, 2013 General Board Meeting Minutes.

4. Public Comment.

John Whitaker (JWhitaker@PasaPorPasa.org; 213-426-0165) of the "Coalition to Ban Alcohol Advertising" distributed copies of a draft letter to "support prohibiting alcohol advertising on L.A. City public property."

Board Member Sid Gold arrived at this time.

Mr. Whitaker is the President and Clinical Director of Pasa Por Pasa, a drug and alcohol rehabilitation program. He said that, for problem sober living homes, you can call PHIL (Problem Home Information Line) at (213) 426-0165. They are working to not allow alcohol advertising on bus benches. Several Stakeholders encouraged supporting the program.

David Diamond of the El Oro Way Elementary School PTA announced their May 18th 11:00-4:00 fundraiser with food and entertainment. All are invited. Ms. Thompson explained that at this time the GHNNC cannot vote to fund the event because it was not on the Agenda. She and Ms. Chow offered to link the event with the GHNNC and Church websites. Ms. Chow offered to help recruit volunteers.

5. Committee Reports and/or possible action items.

a) President's Report – Edward Headington

[This Agenda Item was addressed after Item #7.] There was discussion of when to have the next General Board Meeting since May 27th is Memorial Day. It was agreed and Mr. Headington announced that the Meeting will be Tuesday, May 28, 2013 at 6:30 p.m. here at Bethlehem Lutheran Church, 12227 Balboa Blvd., Granada Hills.

b) Public Safety – Ray Pollok

Mr. Pollok reported that Mayerling St. trees were trimmed. The Committee will next discuss Zelzah Park.

Emergency Preparedness Subcommittee – Bill Hopkins

Mr. Hopkins reported that the Subcommittee meets first Tuesdays at 7:00 p.m. On May 7th government coordination and sprouting to grow your own food within three to five days will be discussed.

c) PLUM -- Anne Ziliak

Mr. Hunter reported for Ms. Ziliak that an application for a beer and wine sales license was made for the 76 gas station at 17000 Rinaldi St. He described subdivision projects planned at 17760 Mayerling St. and 11756 Lerdo Ave. Also, approximately eight SoCalGas “Digital Collection Units” will be installed on light standards in the GHNNC area to receive gas readings via radio communications.

d) Executive Committee – Kim Thompson. Motion: That GHNNC appoints a new GHNNC Secretary.

Ms. Thompson reported that the “Neighborhood Council Plan Reform Review Initiative” group of various NC Board Members is evaluating what works well and what doesn’t; recommendations may become City Charter revisions. They discussed an improved Stakeholder definition and recommend that the definition be limited to “live, work or own property” in the NC boundaries. BONC (the L.A. Board of Neighborhood Commissioners) requested NCs input about “Factual Basis Stakeholder” Board Seats.

i. Motion (1): [see the below Motion].

MOTION (by the Committee): *The Granada Hills North Neighborhood Council supports the NC Reform Working Group in their determination of Factual Basis Stakeholder through the following Resolution:*

Resolved, the L.A. Board of Neighborhood Commissioners recommends that sections of the City's Administrative Code which touch upon Neighborhood Council stakeholders be amended as follows:

(1) remove the requirement that Neighborhood Councils provide governing board positions for factual basis stakeholders;

(2) allow each Neighborhood Council to determine the number, if any, of governing board seats that will be allocated to factual basis stakeholders;

(3) remove the current definition of factual basis stakeholder; and

(4) allow each Neighborhood Council to adopt its own definition of factual basis stakeholder.

MOTION PASSED unanimously by a hand vote of all 16 Board Members present.

Ms. Thompson described other Neighborhood Council issues being discussed. BONC next will consider feedback at their May 20th meeting.

- ii. Motion (2): That GHNNC support Councilmember Mitch Englander re: Mural Ordinance changes. (Kim Thompson/Bill Hopkins)
Ms. Cottier described the Councilmember's Motion to "allow for murals" with certain specifications to avoid the murals having unauthorized advertising. Mr. Larson described controversial "murals" already installed. There was extensive discussion about what the proposed Ordinance does and does not include. It is focused on residential properties and would allow murals on school properties.

MOTION (by the Committee): *The Granada Hills North Neighborhood Council requests that the L.A. City Planning Dept. conduct an extensive outreach about the current proposed mural Ordinance, including that Neighborhood Councils have more than just an advisory role. Further resolved that the proposed Ordinance would only apply to single-family residences or duplexes and exclude all other residential and non-residential properties.*

DISCUSSION: Mr. Gold recommended that the City Council postpone voting on this to allow for more feedback time.

AMENDED MOTION (by Mr. Gold, seconded by Mr. Steinberg, accepted by the Committee): *The Granada Hills North Neighborhood Council requests that the L.A. City Planning Dept. conduct an extensive outreach about the current proposed mural Ordinance to educate Neighborhood Councils and that the City not consider the proposed Ordinance for final action until such outreach is accomplished.*

MOTION to CALL FOR THE QUESTION (by Mr. Lillenberg); there were no objections

AMENDED MOTION PASSED by a hand vote; two abstained.

- iii. Motion (3): That GHNNC financially contribute \$1,000 to GH Veterans Park maintenance. (Ray Pollok)
[This Agenda Item was addressed after Item #5. e. ii.] Ms. Thompson described the Motion. Ms. DeVandry requested for the Board to wait to consider this until after the Financial Officer report.

MOTION (by the Committee): *The Granada Hills North Neighborhood Council TABLES Item #5. d) iii. until after the Item #5. g. Financial Officer report.*

MOTION PASSED by a voice vote; one abstained.

[This Agenda Item was returned to after Item #6.] Mr. Pollok explained the Veterans Park history and purpose. He is completing a Neighborhood Purposes Grant application for Veterans Park maintenance.

FUNDING MOTION (by the Committee): *The Granada Hills North Neighborhood Council will fund a Neighborhood Purposes Grant in the amount of \$1,000 to the Granada Hills Rotary Foundation to help maintain the Granada Hills Veterans Park.*

DISCUSSION: There was discussion about the relationship of the Rotary Club and the Rotary Foundation and their relation to the Veterans Park.

MOTION PASSED by a hand vote with 13 in favor; two abstained.

e) Citywide Issues – Sid Gold

i. Motion (1): [see the below Motion].

Mr. Gold described the issue and need and that 16% of our water bill funds the GBAQD effort. Mr. Hunter spoke in support.

MOTION (by the Committee): *The Granada Hills North Neighborhood Council will write a letter to the Great Basin Air Quality District (GBAQD) notifying the GBAQD that the GHNNC is in support of the lawsuit lodged by the City of L.A. against the GBAQD regarding the ongoing payment for abatement of dust in the Owens Valley.*

MOTION PASSED by a hand vote; one abstained.

ii. Motion (2): [see the below Motion].

[*This Agenda Item was addressed after Item #5. d. ii.*] Mr. Gold described the proposed Ordinance and need, saying it's "basically a property tax . . . around \$3,000 over 10 years would be added to your property expenses." The Committee opposed it. There was extensive discussion of the merits of the proposed Ordinance. Ms. Cottier explained the need and that the proposal will "not be on the ballot until next year at the earliest."

MOTION (by the Committee): *The Granada Hills North Neighborhood Council opposes the concept of the proposed street repair bond being financed by property owners within the City of Los Angeles.*

MOTION PASSED by a hand vote; two opposed.

iii. Motion (3): [see the below Motion].

Mr. Gold described the need.

MOTION (by the Committee): *The Granada Hills North Neighborhood Council will write a letter to L.A. City Council President Herb Wesson requiring that a member be added to the 20/20 commission -- and that that representative be selected from a Neighborhood Council.*

MOTION PASSED unanimously by a voice vote of all 16 Board Members present.

- iv. Motion (4): [see the below Motion].
Mr. Gold described the issue.

MOTION (by the Committee): *The Granada Hills North Neighborhood Council will write a letter to the L.A. City Council supporting Judge Terry Green's decision to turn off electronic billboards installed illegally — and that these billboards also be removed.*

MOTION PASSED by a voice vote; one opposed.

- v. Motion (5): [see the below Motion].
Mr. Gold described the Motion.

MOTION (by the Committee): *The Granada Hills North Neighborhood Council calls for a non-voting member, selected from Neighborhood Councils, to be appointed to all L.A. City Commissions and Committees.*

DISCUSSION: Some Board Members believed it to be impractical to include a Neighborhood Council Board Member on all City Commissions and Committees. Mr. Gold, Mr. Hopkins and Ms. Mann described the usefulness of having an NC Board Member on each Committee. Stakeholder Glenn Bailey encouraged urging the next Mayor to do that.

MOTION PASSED by a voice vote; one opposed.

- vi. Motion (6): [see the below Motion].
Ms. DeVandry requested and it was agreed to TABLE Item #5. e. vi. until after the Item #5. g. Financial Officer report. [*This Agenda Item was returned to after Item #6.*]

FUNDING MOTION (by the Committee): *The Granada Hills North Neighborhood Council will financially contribute to the Neighborhood Councils Congress (in September 2013) \$200.*

DISCUSSION: Mr. Gold explained the Motion.

AMENDMENT to the MOTION (by Mr. Gold, seconded by Mr. Hopkins, accepted by the Committee): *The Granada Hills North Neighborhood Council amends its Item #5. e. vi. Motion from \$200 to \$500.*

AMENDMENT to the MOTION PASSED by a hand vote with 10 in favor; three opposed; three abstained.

AMENDED MOTION PASSED by a hand vote with 12 in favor; two opposed; one abstained.

Ms. DeVandry recused herself from voting and left the room because her son is the GHNNC Webmaster.

FUNDING MOTION (by Ms. Zero, seconded by Mr. Steinberg): *The Granada Hills North Neighborhood Council allocates \$2,640 for a Demand Warrant for a year of GHNNC website maintenance.*

MOTION PASSED by a hand vote with 12 in favor; one opposed; two abstained; Ms. DeVandry recused.

Ms. DeVandry returned to the room.

FUNDING MOTION (by Mr. Gold, seconded by Mr. Steinberg): *The Granada Hills North Neighborhood Council allocates \$500 for a Demand Warrant for the West Valley Alliance for graffiti removal, pending acceptance of the funding by the Alliance.*

DISCUSSION: There was discussion of whether the Alliance wanted the funding.

MOTION PASSED by a hand vote with 12 in favor; four opposed.

f) Treasurer Report -- Mike Chibidakis

Mr. Chibidakis distributed and reviewed the updated GHNNC "Treasurer's Monthly Cash Flow Report – March 2013" and recent funding allocations. The March balance was \$28,176.84. The GHNNC is waiting for DONE [the L.A. Dept. of Neighborhood Empowerment] to reactivate the Purchase Card. [The March Treasurer's Cash Flow Report was approved at the April 1, 2013 General Board Meeting.] Mr. Chibidakis reviewed the April Treasurer's Report. The balance was \$27,725.54.

FUNDING MOTION (by Mr. Chibidakis, seconded by Ms. West): *The Granada Hills North Neighborhood Council approves its Treasurer's Monthly Cash Flow Report – April 2013.*

MOTION PASSED unanimously by a voice vote of all 16 Board Members present.

g) Financial Officer Report -- Sue DeVandry

Ms. DeVandry distributed and reviewed the latest GHNNC "FY13 – Budget vs. Expenses – 3rd Quarter" report, which included third quarter [January through March 2013] expenditures and the GHNNC FY13 3rd Quarter Budget and Purchase Card Reconciliations.

FUNDING MOTION (by Ms. DeVandry, seconded by Ms. West): *The Granada Hills North Neighborhood Council approves its Fiscal Year 2012-2013 third quarter Reconciliation Report.*

MOTION PASSED unanimously by a voice vote of all 16 Board Members present.

Ms. DeVandry distributed and reviewed the current GHNNC Budget as of 4/21/13. There was brief discussion on how the remaining funds should be spent. Ms. DeVandry explained that not all expenditures have been accounted for and

therefore it would be premature to continue to allocate funds. She requested that this funding Item be Tabled and discussed at a budget meeting to be held later this month. It was agreed to TABLE further discussion of this.

h) Outreach – Rob Ryder

[*This Agenda Item was addressed after Item #5. f.*] Mr. Ryder described this Sunday's Citrus Sunday event which brings unused fruits to food banks. Ms. DeVandry described the July 13th GHNNC Summer Social at St. Euphrasia Church [11766 Shoshone Ave., Granada Hills 91344; 818-360-4611; <http://www.STEuphrasia.org>]. The theme will be "Fiesta Party"; volunteers are needed. Set up will be all day the day before, July 12th. Ms. West will research a mariachi band. Monthly newsletters are posted on the website [www.ghnnc.org] and can be printed. Stakeholders can sign up on the website to receive them. Annual newsletters are being organized for mailing to Stakeholders. Mr. Kroy described the effort to install "steel storage" containers with emergency preparedness equipment in them on faith-based organization properties.

6. Discuss budget/funding priorities for rest of the fiscal year.

[*The following was discussed before Item #'s 5. d) iii. and 5. e) vi.*] Ms. DeVandry described that available funding is \$6,191.00. The following funding amounts were discussed to be allocated: \$200 for the Saturday, September 28, 2013 annual Neighborhood Councils Congress; \$2,640 for a year of GHNNC website maintenance; \$500 to the West Valley Alliance for graffiti removal; and \$1,000 for a Veterans Park maintenance Neighborhood Purposes Grant. This would be a potential funding allocation of \$4,340. Remaining would be \$1,051.82 in funds to allocate. Mr. Hopkins recommended Tabling this Item and convening a Special Board Meeting to discuss it.

7. Emergency Preparedness Item of the Month.

[*This Agenda Item was addressed after Item #2.*] Mr. Hopkins described and distributed antiseptic "Wound Wipes" and that free emergency preparedness information is available at each Meeting.

8. Board Comment on non-agenda items.

[*This Agenda Item was addressed after Item #5. e.*] Mr. Gold announced that openings are available on the Citywide Issues Committee. Mr. Hunter requested notice if food will not be provided at the General Board Meetings, since food has traditionally been provided and some people need to know. Mr. Hopkins announced the May 11th U.S. Postal Service Food Drive. Mr. Headington thanked Ms. Chow for getting this meeting location.

9. Adjournment.

Mr. Headington declared the Meeting **ADJOURNED** at 9:45 p.m.

Minutes written by DL.