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Granada Hills North Neighborhood Council Board Meeting Minutes – Approved 8/26/13

Monday, July 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 6:43 p.m. The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Ray Pollok. Roll Call was taken by the Secretary. Twenty-two of the 25 Board Seats were filled. Three Board Seats were vacant: District Two, Environmental, Resident Associations and At-Large). Eleven of the 22 Board Members were present at the Roll Call, which is not a quorum: Mike Chibidakis, Edward Headington, Bill Hopkins, William Lillenberg, Scott Manatt, Cherie Mann, Ray Pollok, Jan Subar, Kim Thompson, Donna Zero and Anne Ziliak. Ralph Kroy and Steven Steinberg arrived later. Board Members absent: Patti Costa, Sue DeVandry, Sid Gold, Wayde Hunter, Rahim Kazi, Kevin Kilroy, Robert Ryder and Shannon West. The GHNNC quorum (the minimum number of Committee Members needing to be present to take binding votes on Agendized Items) is 13, so at this time the Board could only have discussions without making any Motions or taking any binding votes. Also attending: 12 Stakeholders and Guests.

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

[This Agenda Item was addressed after Item #6. g.] Megan Cottier, District Director for L.A. City District 12 Councilman Mitch Englander (818-882-1212; Megan.Cottier@LACity.org), reported that Los Angeles has a new Mayor, new City Attorney, new City Controller and half the City Council is new. City Councilman Mitch Englander was voted City Council President Pro Tem. The proposed mural Ordinance is being worked on by the City Planning Committee. NCs are encouraged

to submit Community Impact Statements. The Councilman's Council File 13-0866 asks the City Dept. of Transportation to review their street striping policy.

Board Member Ralph Kroy arrived at this time, making a quorum of 13 Board Members. Now the Board could take binding votes on Agendized Items.

Ms. Cottier continued that August 6th is the annual National Night Out with free activities and food. 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 the City Attorney "will enforce the City initiative" regarding marijuana dispensaries; some will be grandfathered in and some forced out of business. Also, a boarding house on Algiers St. is generating crime; a stipulation was signed and boarders were supposed to move out by August 1st. The owner of a boarding house at Haskell and Rinaldi owns four boarding houses. Stolen cars and drugs have been reported there; the other three are in compliance. Mr. Larsen will continue verifying the residents in the Haskell and Rinaldi house where 10 were living; now seven are there. Boarding houses that have more than six residents without the owner having a Zoning Variance are being pursued.

3. Minutes Approval.

MOTION (by Mr. Steinberg, seconded by Ms. Mann): *The Granada Hills North Neighborhood Council approves the Minutes of its June 24, 2013 General Board Meeting as written.*

MOTION PASSED by a voice vote; Ms. Subar and Ms. Thompson abstained.

4. Public Comment on non-agenda items.

Stakeholder Jesse Cruz, who is interested in becoming a Board Member, introduced himself and described his community interests, background and goals. Mr. Headington reminded that the Outreach Committee Chair and Planning and Land Use Management Committee Chair positions are open. Stakeholder Maria Fisk reported on and encouraged giving the City input about the ReCodeLA effort to simplify the City's Planning Codes, and the Draft Housing Element that is being updated. Lisa Chow of Bethlehem Lutheran Church offered volunteers for a September 8th community event.

5. Emergency Preparedness Item of the Month.

Mr. Hopkins demonstrated and reported that free particulate masks are available.

6. Committee Reports, Motions and/or Possible Action Items.

a) President's Report – Edward Headington: Board Training, Attendance, Newsletter, Budget Meeting.

Mr. Headington reported that there will be a Board Training, probably in late October. He reminded Board Members of attendance rules: three consecutive

missed Meetings can lead to a removal vote. He circulated an attendance sheet. Mr. Headington thanked Mr. Hopkins for his Newsletter work. The GHNNC may not have an August Board Meeting. The Budget will be discussed at the September Meeting. A Board Members' Financial Training will be held August 15th at 7:30 p.m. at the Office. Mr. Hopkins said there will be an area NCs Training Saturday, August 17th in Panorama City.

Board Member Steven Steinberg arrived at this time, making 12 Board Members present, one short of the GHNNC quorum of thirteen.

Ms. Thompson reported that the Neighborhood Councils Plan Review Reform Initiative Committee will have its final meeting make recommendations to BONC [the L.A. Board of Neighborhood Commissioners]. She noted that "a lot of things are online" and encouraged completing the survey.

b) Public Safety -- Ray Pollok

Mr. Hopkins reported that the Committee discussed recurring issues.

Emergency Preparedness Subcommittee – Bill Hopkins

This month's meeting was cancelled

- c) Executive Committee – Motion (1): That GHNNC purchase 10 bus bench advertisements at \$35 each, not to exceed \$350; Motion (2): That GHNNC support the Disaster Preparedness Fair on October 5th in the amount of \$500. [This Agenda Item was addressed after Item #3.] Mr. Hopkins described a new City program making bus bench ads available at low cost to Neighborhood Councils "on an availability basis."

Board Member Kim Thompson had to leave at this time, making 12 Board Members present, one short of the GHNNC quorum of thirteen.

Mr. Headington said that, due to the lack of a quorum, all Motions for which a vote was Agendized are Tabled until the next Board Meeting.

- d) Citywide Issues – Sid Gold – Motion (1): That GHNNC support the Independent Rate Payer Advocate in his opposition to the FiT 100 contract as proposed by the DWP Board of Commissioners and affirmed by the Los Angeles City Council; Motion (2): That GHNNC ask for the LA City Council to rescind its decision and put all negotiations regarding the FiT 100 on hold until the ratepayer advocate may evaluate the contract; Motion (3): That GHNNC support the retention of Ron Nichols as GM of DWP and Nosaro Saucedo as Director of the Department of Street Services and Gracie Liu as GM of Empowerment LA. Mr. Hopkins reported that Stakeholder Karen Savitt was added to the Citywide Issues Committee. He described the Independent Rate Payer Advocate's opposition to the FiT 100 contract as proposed by the DWP Board of

Commissioners and affirmed by the Los Angeles City Council. No Motions were made.

e) Treasurer Report -- Mike Chibidakis

Mr. Headington had indicated that, due to the lack of a quorum, all Motions for which a vote was Agendized are Tabled until the next Board Meeting.

f) Secretary – Donna Zero

Ms. Zero reported that the Executive Committee decided that, when a Board Meeting has a guest speaker, the Minutes will only contain a short summary of it, including contact information. Ms. Subar and Mr. Hopkins said “we should be taking notes” on presentations. Mr. Hopkins added that the Minutes “need to keep enough information on Motions” for absent Board Members and others. There was discussion of what to include in the Minutes. Ms. Zero explained that the final draft Minutes were sent to all Board Members two weeks ago.

g) Recycled Water Advisory Group – Bill Hopkins

Mr. Hopkins reported that the Group recommends increasing the use of recycled water. There was discussion of future local water needs, including for the Hidden Creek development by Porter Ranch. DWP said to “expect water rates to go up significantly in October” and that desalinization is considered to be very expensive.

7. Board Comment on non-agenda items.

Mr. Manatt reported that the owner of a property at the north end of Shoshone Ave. may want to subdivide the lot; Mr. Manatt would like the PLUM Committee to follow this. Ms. Ziliak described the property history and issues. Mr. Steinberg reported that BFI/Republic Services is phone surveying residents about the Sunshine Canyon Landfill. Rinaldi Adult School begins again on August 13th. He may propose an LGBT event. Mr. Hopkins announced a Disaster Preparedness Fair on Saturday, October 5th, 10:00 – 2:00 at Fire Station 87; setup help is needed Friday, October 4th in the afternoon. He reminded to have an out-of-state contact in case of emergency. The Knollwood Pharmacy will be moving in August to San Fernando Mission Road. Mr. Headington thanked Summer Social Festival volunteers and reminded about the Congress of Neighborhood Councils Saturday, September 28, 2013.

8. Adjournment.

Mr. Headington **ADJOURNED** the Meeting without objection at 8:35 p.m.

Minutes written by DL.