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Granada Hills North Neighborhood Council Board Meeting Minutes Approved 9-30-2013

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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.

Vice-President Kim Thompson called the Meeting to order at 6:44 p.m. Roll Call was taken by the Secretary. Fourteen of the 21 Board Members were present at the Roll Call: Mike Chibidakis, Sue DeVandry, Bill Hopkins, Wayde Hunter, Rahim Kazi, Ralph Kroy, William Lillenberg, Scott Manatt, Ray Pollok, Robert Ryder, Jan Subar, Kim Thompson, Donna Zero and Anne Ziliak. Sid Gold and Steven Steinberg arrived later. Board Members absent: Patti Costa, Edward Headington, Kevin Kilroy, Cherie Mann and Shannon West. 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. Twenty-one of the 25 Board Seats were filled. Four Board Seats were vacant (District Two, District Three, Environmental, and Resident Associations). Also attending: 16 Stakeholders and Guests. The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Stakeholder Richard Fisk.

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

Megan Cottier, District Director for L.A. City District 12 Councilman Mitch Englander (818-882-1212; Megan.Cottier@LACity.org; www.CD12.org), reported that the Councilman's "Mid-Term Review" is available.

Board Member Sid Gold arrived at this time.

Councilman Englander thanked the GHNNC "for a good partnership." He explained his support for the Feed-in Tariff: this is the hottest area of the City with the most opportunity to utilize the Tariff for "long-term benefits." The Sunshine Canyon Community Amenities Trust Fund money "must be spent within this area," in around a five-mile radius.

Board Member Steven Steinberg arrived at this time.

The Councilman “will vote against” the next proposed DWP rate increase request. Two hundred utilities and contractors cut into City streets every day; “they’re supposed to contact Contract Administration” and “tag the street” indicating who did the work. Ninety percent of the time they’re not permitted to do the work that day. “There will be a full fine structure.”

Bill Larsen, L.A. City Deputy Attorney, Nuisance Abatement Division (213.393.5561; 213.978.8100; William.Larsen@LACity.org; http://www.atty.LACity.org/our_office/CriminalDivision/CNAP/index.htm), reported that, after 18 months of work, the Millennium House at Rinaldi and Darby was shut down; the owner moved his operation out of the area. Mr. Larsen said to expect some former residents to break into the home.

3. Minutes Approval.

[*This Agenda Item was addressed after Item #4.*] It was noted that the June 24, 2013 Minutes were already approved at the July 29th meeting.

The following corrections to the July 29, 2013 General Board Meeting Minutes were requested: page three, Item #6. b): “See Item #5 above” should read “The Meeting was cancelled”; and page four, Item #6. g): “He said to “expect water rates to go up significantly in October”” should read “He indicated that the LADWP expects water rates to go up significantly in October . . .”

MOTION (by Mr. Hopkins, seconded by Ms. Zero): *The Granada Hills North Neighborhood Council approves the Minutes of its July 29, 2013 General Board Meeting as corrected.*

MOTION PASSED by a hand vote with 11 in favor; five abstained.

Mr. Hunter clarified that Board Members who were not at the Meeting can still vote to approve the Minutes.

4. Public Comment on non-agenda items.

Stakeholder Maria Fisk encouraged to support and gave updates on the City’s proposed Mural Ordinance and Community Care Facilities Ordinance (CCFO). [*The following was made after Item #6. d).*] Stakeholder Rosemary Jenkins announced that LAANE (L.A. Alliance for a New Economy) is sponsoring an event October 5th at Pacoima City Hall. [*This Agenda Item was continued after Item #6. e).*] Rich Capadia, a real estate developer and solar advocate, supports the FiT 100 program [see Item #6. e)]. Ms. Jenkins and Mr. Hopkins explained the FiT 100 and Net Metering programs.

5. Emergency Preparedness Item of the Month.

[*This Agenda Item was addressed after Item #3.*] Mr. Hopkins announced that free safety goggles “to protect your eyesight” and emergency preparedness guides are available.

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

a) Vice-President – Kim Thompson

Ms. Thompson indicated that there was no report.

b) PLUM -- Wayde Hunter – Motion (see below).

[*This Agenda Item was addressed after Item #4.*] Mr. Hunter reported that the Committee did not meet in July. The Committee has elected Ms. Subar and Stakeholder Agnes Lewis as Co-Chairs; Mr. Hunter is the Committee Vice-Chair. Mr. Hunter will be the Acting Chair until November, Ms. Subar and Ms. Lewis will take over then. He reported that BFI/Republic presented at the latest Sunshine Canyon Landfill – Community Advisory Committee (www.SCL-CAC.org) Meeting on their proposed sewer line to be installed on San Fernando Rd. and noted that Anthony Bertrand is no longer the BFI/Republic General Manager. The PLUM Committee met with City Councilman Mitch Englander (www.CD12.org) and others about community issues.

MOTION (by the Committee): *The Granada Hills North Neighborhood Council will send a letter supporting SB 804 which redefines some definitions relating to conversion technology.*

DISCUSSION: Mr. Hunter distributed copies of a draft letter.

MOTION PASSED unanimously by a hand vote.

c) Public Safety -- Ray Pollok – Motion (1): Motion to notify the Mayor of the great work done by City Employees Nazario Saucedo, Selwyn Hollins, and Ron Lorenzen and for their wonderful attitudes in helping the Granada Hills North Neighborhood Council and our stakeholders receive the best city services possible with the priority on Public Safety, in spite of the current tight budget situation. Motion (2): Approval to print up certificates commending the above three city employees for their outstanding service and award them at our September board meeting if they can attend. Ms. Thompson reminded that the Motions are unnecessary because no Board Members object to either idea. Mr. Pollok distributed copies of a draft letter and will ask President Headington to sign it and authorize presenting plaques. There was discussion to combine the above two Motions with the below Item #6. e) Motion, as follows:

MOTION (by Mr. Gold, seconded by Mr. Kroy): *The Granada Hills North Neighborhood Council (GHNNC) will notify the Mayor of the great work done by City Employees Nazario Saucedo, Selwyn Hollins, and Ron Lorenzen and for their wonderful attitudes in helping the Granada Hills North Neighborhood Council and our stakeholders receive the best city services possible with the priority on Public Safety, in spite of the current tight budget situation; the GHNNC approves presenting award plaques commending the above three city employees for their outstanding service to award them at the GHNNC's September board meeting if they can attend; and the GHNNC supports the retention of Ron Nichols as GM of DWP and Nazario Saucedo as Director of the Department of Street Services and Gracie Liu as GM of Empowerment LA.*

MOTION PASSED by a hand vote; one abstained.

Emergency Preparedness Subcommittee – Bill Hopkins
[*This Agenda Item was addressed after Item #7.*] Mr. Hopkins reminded about the Disaster Preparedness Fair October 5th, 10:00 – 2:00 at Fire Station 87 and to have an out-of-state contact in case of a disaster. There will be a CERT (Community Emergency Response Team; CERT@LACity.org) class on six Wednesday evenings starting October 16th for three hours each taught by the L.A. City Fire Dept.

d) Executive Committee – (Carry Over from July) – Motions: (see below).

Mr. Hopkins explained the ad program: placement time lengths would vary and the ads would be saved for future placements.

FUNDING MOTION (by the Committee): *The Granada Hills North Neighborhood Council will purchase 10 bus bench advertisements at \$35 each, not to exceed \$350.*

FUNDING MOTION PASSED unanimously by a hand vote of all 16 Board Members present (Chibidakis, DeVandry, Gold, Hopkins, Hunter, Kazi, Kroy, Lillenberg, Manatt, Pollok, Ryder, Steinberg, Subar, Thompson, Zero and Ziliak).

FUNDING MOTION (by the Committee): *The Granada Hills North Neighborhood Council supports the Disaster Preparedness Fair on October 5, 2013 in an amount not to exceed \$500.*

DISCUSSION: Mr. Hopkins explained that the funding would be “to support the Fair.” There was discussion of from which Budget category the funds would be allocated.

AMENDMENT to the FUNDING MOTION (by the Committee): *The Granada Hills North Neighborhood Council adds the phrase “from the Community Improvements section of the Budget.”*

DISCUSSION: Mr. Manatt was concerned that, because the GHNNC considers its current Budget a “placeholder” Budget, the funding should not be designated as being allocated from a particular section of the Budget until the Board specifies and re-approves its Budget at its September Board Meeting.

MOTION to CALL FOR THE QUESTION (by Ms. Thompson); there were no objections.

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

AMENDED FUNDING MOTION PASSED by a hand vote with 13 in favor ; two opposed; one abstained.

e) 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 Nazario Saucedo as Director of the Department of Street Services and Gracie Liu as GM of Empowerment LA.

[*This Agenda Item was addressed after Item #4.*] Mr. Gold recommended and it was agreed to TABLE above Motions (1) and (2). Motion #(3) was included in the above Item #6. c) Motion. Mr. Gold reported that the Committee “passed a number of recommendations.” The Committee opposes the Hollywood Millennium project and also recommends opposing the City allowing murals on single-family dwellings; Mr. Gold requested to Agendize this for the September Board Meeting.

f) Treasurer Report – Motion: (see below).

[*This Agenda Item was addressed after Item #6. b)*] Mr. Chibidakis distributed and reviewed the “(GHNNC) Treasurer’s Monthly Cash Flow Report – August 2013” and an updated expenditures list.

FUNDING MOTION (by the Committee): *The Granada Hills North Neighborhood Council approves the GHNNC Treasurer’s Monthly Cash Flow Report – August 2013 and its Monthly Spending Report*

FUNDING MOTION PASSED unanimously by a hand vote of all 16 Board Members present (Chibidakis, DeVandry, Gold, Hopkins, Hunter, Kazi, Kroy, Lillenberg, Manatt, Pollok, Ryder, Steinberg, Subar, Thompson, Zero and Ziliak).

7. Board Comment on non-agenda items.

Mr. Hunter suggested designating an “alternate vehicle” to use the GHNNC City Hall parking pass; Mr. Chibidakis volunteered to list his as the alternate vehicle. Ms. Thompson reminded that City Councilmembers and the Mayor’s Office can also arrange free City Hall parking. [*This Agenda Item was continued after Item #6. c)*] Mr. Chibidakis reminded that all Board Members must complete the DONE [L.A. Dept. of Neighborhood Empowerment] Funding Training by September 1st or they will not be able to vote on any funding Motions. Ms. Ziliak relayed that the GHNNC Office complex manager indicated that Stater Brothers and Pep Boys may move into the old Albertson’s and Big Lots stores at San Fernando Mission and Woodley.

8. Adjournment.

MOTION (by Mr. Gold, seconded by Mr. Chibidakis): *The Granada Hills North Neighborhood Council ADJOURNS this Meeting.*

MOTION PASSED with none opposed.

The Meeting was ADJOURNED at 8:59 p.m.

Minutes written by DL.