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## GRANADA HILLS NORTH NEIGHBORHOOD COUNCIL

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### Granada Hills North Neighborhood Council Board Meeting Minutes – Approved 10-28-2013

Monday, September 30, 2013

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

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#### **1. Call to Order, Roll Call, Pledge of Allegiance.**

President Edward Headington called the Meeting to order at 6:41 p.m. The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Board Member Ray Pollok. Roll Call was taken by the Minutes Writer. Sixteen of the 21 Board Members were present at the Roll Call: Mike Chibidakis, Patti Costa, Sue DeVandry, Sid Gold, Edward Headington, Wayde Hunter, Rahim Kazi, Kevin Kilroy, Ralph Kroy, William Lillenberg, Scott Manatt, Cherie Mann, Ray Pollok, Jan Subar, Kim Thompson and Anne Ziliak. Steven Steinberg and Donna Zero arrived later. Board Members absent: Bill Hopkins, Robert Ryder 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: 34 Stakeholders and Guests.

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

Melvin Canas, Project Coordinator, L.A. Dept. of Neighborhood Empowerment (DONE) (213-978-1551; [Melvin.Canas@LACity.org](mailto:Melvin.Canas@LACity.org); [www.EmpowerLA.org](http://www.EmpowerLA.org)), thanked the Board for completing its Budget packet. There will be a regional Treasurers Roundtable. He encouraged signing up for their newsletter [see [www.EmpowerLA.org](http://www.EmpowerLA.org), bottom of the home page] and reminded to assign two Budget Representatives; Budget Day is October 26<sup>th</sup>.

Megan Cottier, District Director for L.A. City District 12 Councilman Mitch Englander (818-882-1212; [Megan.Cottier@LACity.org](mailto:Megan.Cottier@LACity.org); [www.CD12.org](http://www.CD12.org)), described recent proposed legislation such as for on-uniform cameras that “can reduce the risks that cities face as well as reduce the risks to officers.” Councilman Englander asked the Police “to report back on hit-and-run” accidents that “will be tracked on Compstat”; some may be deliberate. Stakeholder Phil was concerned about Balboa traffic and

suggested installing left-turn lanes along Balboa Blvd.; Ms. Cottier will follow-up with the LADOT.

*Board Member Donna Zero arrived at this time.*

**3. Minutes Approval.**

Mr. Headington noted that on page four, Item #6. d) the blank lines for voters' names will be completed.

**MOTION** (by Ms. Mann, seconded by Mr. Gold): *The Granada Hills North Neighborhood Council approves the Minutes of its August 26, 2013 General Board Meeting pending the completion by the Secretary of the blank lines on page four, Item #6. d).*

**MOTION PASSED** by a voice vote with no objections.

**4. Public Comment on non-agenda items.**

Pamela Franklin, President, Friends of the Granada Hills Library, and Pam Rhodes, Senior Librarian and Branch Manager, explained that the Library is now "a community resource center." The Granada Hills Library is "the 15<sup>th</sup> busiest" of the 72 Branch Libraries in the City. They're "promoting literacy" and serve all populations and demographics about many subjects, including healthcare. Mr. Headington offered to link the Library to the GHNNC website.

Stakeholder William Kuzmin believed that the City has not outreached enough about planned Floor Area Ratio reductions. Ms. Ziliak replied that "it continues to be on the PLUM Agenda." Ms. Mann reported that "there are now cameras in" O'Melveny Park and vandalism is down. Ms. Cottier reported that the City "recently secured funding for a maintenance person" for the Aliso Canyon Park underpass and that Google maps are incorrect in showing a bicycle trail there. Glenn Bailey, Chair, City of Los Angeles Bicycle Advisory Committee, clarified that bicycles are not allowed on dirt paths but are allowed on paved paths. He encouraged attending the VANC (Valley Alliance of Neighborhood Councils) second Thursday nights meetings at Sherman Oaks Hospital. Mayor Eric Garcetti will speak November 14<sup>th</sup> after 5:30 p.m. at CBS Studios in Studio City.

**5. Emergency Preparedness Item of the Month.**

Mr. Pollok for Mr. Hopkins encouraged attending the annual Disaster Preparedness Fair October 2<sup>nd</sup> at Fire Station 87 on Balboa Blvd. Free surgical tape is available from the GHNNC.

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

a. President's Report – Edward Headington

Mr. Headington will start sending regular e-mails to Stakeholders about local issues. He announced that the Youth and Student Group Representatives Board Seats are available and will be Agendized for the next Board Meeting. Ms. DeVandry, Ms. Mann, Ms. Thompson and Ms. Zero volunteered to help at the Disaster Preparedness Fair. Mr. Kroy announced an October 16<sup>th</sup> faith-based luncheon at the GHNNC Office "with religious leaders."

Executive Committee Report – [see the below Motions].

**MOTION** (by the Executive Committee): *The Granada Hills North Neighborhood Council approves the Strategic Plan as updated and submitted to DONE [the L.A. Dept. of Neighborhood Empowerment].*

**MOTION PASSED** by a voice vote without any objections.

**MOTION** (by the Executive Committee): *The Granada Hills North Neighborhood Council will hold its election in March 2014 in conjunction with the Region 2 elections conducted by DONE and the LA City Clerk.*

**DISCUSSION:** Mr. Headington described the options.

**MOTION PASSED** by a voice vote without any objections; Ms. Ziliak abstained.

Glenn Bailey, who also works with DONE (213-978-1551; Glenn@EmpowerLA.org), advised that the GHNNC will need to complete an “Election Procedures Stipulation Worksheet” that asks the polling place location, hours, allowed voting age, whether voters’ self-affirmation or documentation will be required, and whether vote-by-mail will be allowed. Anyone, including candidates, can be on the GHNNC Election Committee, except that candidates cannot serve on election day. Volunteer poll workers are needed. Mr. Canas said that the GHNNC may want to increase election outreach funding. Ms. Subar, Ms. Thompson and Ms. Zero volunteered to be on the Election Committee.

**MOTION** (by the Executive Committee): *The Granada Hills North Neighborhood Council approves Board Member Sue DeVandry as the secondary signer.*

**MOTION PASSED** by a voice vote without any objections.

**FUNDING MOTION** (by the Executive Committee): *The Granada Hills North Neighborhood Council approves the readjusted budget for this Fiscal Year, replacing the budget voted on last June.*

*Board Member Steven Steinberg arrived at this time.*

**DISCUSSION:** Mr. Headington and Ms. DeVandry reminded that a placeholder Budget previously was distributed to all Board Members. Ms. Thompson expressed support for funding the West Valley Alliance. Mr. Headington said “everyone got cuts here.”

**FUNDING MOTION PASSED** by a roll call vote of the 11 Board Members present who were eligible to vote, with nine in favor (Chibidakis, DeVandry, Headington, Kroy, Hunter, Pollok, Steinberg, Subar and Zero); Ms. Ziliak opposed; Ms. Thompson abstained.

**MOTION** (by the Executive Committee): *The Granada Hills North Neighborhood Council approves Becky Van Sickle as the new District 1 Representative (Sunshine Canyon Landfill).*

**DISCUSSION:** The Board thanked Patti Costa for her service. Ms. Van Sickle described her background.

**MOTION PASSED** by a voice vote without any objections. Ms. Van Sickle was Seated with the Board.

b. Citywide Issues – Sid Gold

Mr. Gold reported that the Committee did not meet due to the lack of a quorum. He described the Hollywood Millennium project, which the Committee opposes.

**MOTION** (by the Committee): *The Granada Hills North Neighborhood Council opposes the building of the Millennium Project.*

**MOTION PASSED** by a voice vote; two abstained.

**CONSENT MOTION** (by the Committee): *The Granada Hills North Neighborhood Council recommends that (1) the City develop a process for increased transparency when surplus property is offered for disposition; (2) the process include but not be limited to General Services, City Administrative Officer, City Controller and City Attorney; (3) notice of disposition to include but not be limited to the early notification system, Neighborhood Councils, City website, posted on the property, and other means of publication; and (4) the process for disposition be open to proposal by all interested parties.*

**MOTION PASSED** by a voice vote; one abstained.

**MOTION** (by the Committee): *The Granada Hills North Neighborhood Council supports that a letter be written to City Council President Herb Wesson and to City Councilmember Mitch Englander requesting that positions adopted by NC's be presented to City Committees and City Council, and be considered as coming from a City entity; and that NC be allotted five minutes for comment on the agenda item.*

**DISCUSSION:** Mr. Gold noted that LANCC (the L.A. Neighborhood Councils Coalition) supports the Motion. Mr. Bailey noted that VANC also supports it.

**MOTION PASSED** by a voice vote with no objections.

Mr. Headington requested that a draft be sent to him before distribution.

c. PLUM -- Wayde Hunter

Mr. Hunter distributed copies of and reviewed the "Report Joint Meeting of the [PLUM] Committee and the Board" of September 16, 2013, and distributed copies of a draft letter from the GHNNC to the North Valley Area Planning Commission

“to oppose the [approval of] Case No. ZA 2012-2563-ZV-1A” at 16325 Silver Oaks Dr. “and to support the Appeal of the Appellant . . .”

**MOTION** (by the Committee): *The Granada Hills North Neighborhood Council will write a letter in opposition to the Zoning Administrator’s approval of Zoning Variance Case No: ZA 2012-2563 (ZV), and to support the Appeal of the Legends of Cascades Community Association, Variance Case No: ZA 2012-2563-ZV-1A.*

**DISCUSSION:** Mr. Hunter said the GHNNC “already took a position opposing the ZA decision to approve the project.” He described traffic and land use issues and impacts on the community, and read some of the draft letter.

**MOTION PASSED** by a voice vote with no objections.

Mr. Hunter distributed copies of a draft letter from the GHNNC to David Szymanski, Supt., Santa Monica Mountains National Recreation Area, “to support the transfer of the Santa Susana Field Laboratory site to the National Park Service.”

**MOTION** (by the Committee): *The Granada Hills North Neighborhood Council will write a letter in support of the National Parks Services stepping forward to be the eventual administrator of the Santa Susana Field Laboratory land of approximately 450 acres currently owned by the federal government, and administered by NASA in the Simi Hills.*

**DISCUSSION:** Stakeholder John Luker described issues and the concern of many that the site should first be cleaned up before the land is transferred; they think it’ll take until 2020, not 2017, for the cleanup. He said that Bill Bowling [of the Aerospace Contamination Museum of Education] has declined to discuss this with him, or with Bob Dager and Tom Nachtrab of the Santa Susana Mountain Park Association.

**AMENDMENT to the MOTION:** (by Mr. Gold): *to add the words “pending cleanup acceptable to the Parks Department” to the Motion.*

**AMENDMENT to the MOTION FAILED** for lack of a second.

**MOTION PASSED** by a voice vote with 12 in favor; two opposed; four abstained.

**MOTION** (by the Committee): *The Granada Hills North Neighborhood Council will write a letter to support the concept of the relocation of Pep Boys from their current business location at the corner of Balboa and San Fernando Mission to the Woodley and San Fernando Mission—subject to all applicable prior conditions of the existing ZCUP 122A28, including new conditions to ensure that the parking of all material from persons illegally serving their vehicles, and that service doors not be opened while pneumatic air is being used.*

**DISCUSSION:** Mr. Hunter tried to get feedback from DONE and the City Attorney about conflict of interest guidelines but did not get a reply. He distributed copies

of and read a draft letter from the GHNNC to City Councilman Mitchell Englander “to support the concept of the relocation of Pep Boys . . .” Ms. Ziliak relayed that property owner Ricky Gelb said that he will not allow vehicle servicing in the parking lot. Mr. Lillenberg explained that projects with this many conditions usually are rejected by the City.

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

**MOTION PASSED** by a voice vote; two opposed.

*Board Member Anne Ziliak had to leave at this time.*

- d. Public Safety -- Ray Pollok -- Motion: That GHNNC support the upcoming CERT class in the amount of \$500.

Mr. Pollok reported that “this Item is no longer needed” because the funding is already in the GHNNC Budget.

Emergency Preparedness Subcommittee – Bill Hopkins

Mr. Hopkins was not present and there was no report.

- e. Treasurer

Mr. Chibidakis distributed, explained and reviewed copies of the new DONE-required “Monthly Expenditure Report” for August 2013.

**FUNDING MOTION** (by the Committee): *The Granada Hills North Neighborhood Council approves the GHNNC Treasurer’s Monthly Expenditure Report for August 2013.*

**FUNDING MOTION PASSED** unanimously by a roll call vote of the ten Board Members present who were eligible to vote (Chibidakis, DeVandry, Headington, Kroy, Hunter, Pollok, Steinberg, Subar, Thompson and Zero).

**7. Board Comment on non-agenda items.**

Ms. Zero announced a Board Members training October 26<sup>th</sup> at 9:00 a.m. at the Office; Mr. Headington added that “roles, responsibilities and expectations” will be discussed. Ms. Thompson offered to meet Board Members at the Office to facilitate their completing the DONE Funding Training.

**8. Adjournment.**

Mr. Headington **ADJOURNED** the Meeting without objection at 9:28 p.m.

Minutes written by DL.