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Granada Hills North Neighborhood Council Board Meeting Minutes – Approved 3-31-2-14

Monday, February 24, 2014

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

GHNNC Board (and all other) Meeting Minutes are a summary, not an exact, verbatim, word-for-word transcript of what was said at a Meeting. The only two exceptions are the Motions shown in italics and quotes shown with quotation marks (“ ”) at the beginning and ending of a word or words. The Minutes are not, nor were they ever meant to be, a comprehensive record of what was said about an issue or project.

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

President Michael Greenwald called the Meeting to order at 6:32 p.m. The Pledge of Allegiance was led by a Boy Scout. Roll Call was taken by the Secretary. Fifteen of the 20 Board Members were present at the Roll Call: Mike Chibidakis, Darien Fontes, Michael Greenwald, Bill Hopkins, Wayde Hunter, Ralph Kroy, Zack Lara, William Lillenberg, Scott Manatt, Robert Ryder, Karen Savitt, Vanessa Silver, Jan Subar, Jim Summers and Donna Zero. Sid Gold, Edward Headington arrived later. Board Members absent: Rahim Kazi, and Ray Pollok. The GHNNC quorum (the minimum number of Board Members needing to be present to take binding votes on Agendized Items) is 13 (see <http://empowerla.org/wp-content/uploads/2012/06/GranadaHillsNorthNC-Bylaws.pdf>), so the Board could take such votes. Twenty of the 25 Board Seats were filled. Five Board Seats were vacant (Factual Basis, Environmental, District 2 (MWD/DWP/Odyssey), District 3, and Resident Associations). Also attending: 17 Stakeholders and Guests. Mr. Greenwald welcomed people, reminded and distributed copies of the Code of Civility and encouraged inviting more Stakeholders to these meetings.

Board Member Sid Gold arrived at this time.

Stakeholder William Kuzmin requested that Stakeholders in the GHNNC database be e-mailed the meeting Agendas.

Board Member Ed Headington arrived at this time.

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

[This Agenda Item was addressed after Item #5 Financial Officer report.] 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 about the group home on Zelzah “right across the street from the park” that “a couple of weeks ago . . . three people . . . got arrested . . . [a] criminal case is pending against those individuals . . . there’s an extra patrol request with the LAPD.”

Megan Cottier, District Director for L.A. City District 12 Councilman Mitch Englander (818-882-1212; Megan.Cottier@LACity.org), reported that 200 people cleaned up Aliso Canyon. Knollwood stoplight signal “construction is expected to start in April.” She reminded that we’re in a drought; Sesnon and Balboa trees are dead but “we can have them replaced.” Councilman Englander proposed “Save Our Streets LA” to study sidewalk maintenance costs. Ms. Cottier will report on DWP issues and projects.

3. Public Comment on non-agenda items.

There were no public comments at this time.

4. Minutes Approval.

MOTION (by Mr. Hopkins, seconded by Ms. Zero): *The Granada Hills North Neighborhood Council approves the Minutes of its November 25, 2013 Special Board Meeting as written.*

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

MOTION (by Mr. Headington, seconded by Ms. Zero): *The Granada Hills North Neighborhood Council approves the Minutes of its January 27, 2014 Board Meeting as written.*

MOTION PASSED by a hand vote with 15 in favor; two abstained.

MOTION (by Ms. Zero, seconded by Mr. Headington): *The Granada Hills North Neighborhood Council approves the Minutes of its December 30, 2013 meeting notes as written.*

DISCUSSION: This meeting did not have a quorum, so there are notes, not Minutes.

MOTION PASSED by a hand vote with 12 in favor; five abstained.

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

Mr. Greenwald requested and Ms. Subar agreed to Chair an ad hoc Nominating Committee.

MOTION (by Mr. Hopkins, seconded by Mr. Kroy): *The Granada Hills North Neighborhood Council will form an ad hoc Nominating Committee with Board Member Jan Subar as the Chair.*

MOTION PASSED by a hand vote with 14 in favor; three abstained.

President – Michael Greenwald

. Board Vacancies

Mr. Greenwald noted this.

. Committee Structures.

Mr. Greenwald encouraged Committees to meet early each month, Motions to be concise and draft letters ready for the Secretary to review. He encouraged Board Members to contact him about which two Committees on which they want to serve, their 2014 goals, to submit website content and with City speaker ideas.

Financial Officer – Michael Chibidakis

FUNDING MOTION (by Ms. Silver, seconded by Ms. Silver): *The Granada Hills North Neighborhood Council allocates up to \$70.00 for Mayor's Prayer Breakfast.*

FUNDING MOTION PASSED unanimously by a roll call vote of the 13 eligible voters present with all 13 in favor ("Yes" or "Aye") (Chibidakis, Gold, Greenwald, Headington, Hopkins, Hunter, Kroy, Lillenber, Manatt, Silver, Subar, Summers and Zero).

FUNDING MOTION (by Ms. Silver, seconded by Ms. Silver): *The Granada Hills North Neighborhood Council allocation of up to \$70.00 for the Mayor's Prayer Breakfast will be funded from its Miscellaneous budget.*

FUNDING MOTION PASSED unanimously by a roll call vote of the 13 eligible voters present with all 13 in favor ("Yes" or "Aye") (Chibidakis, Gold, Greenwald, Headington, Hopkins, Hunter, Kroy, Lillenber, Manatt, Silver, Subar, Summers and Zero).

FUNDING MOTION (by Ms. Silver, seconded by Ms. Silver): *The Granada Hills North Neighborhood Council reallocates in its Budget \$305.18 from line 9 and \$194.82 from line 28 to line 21 for a total of \$500.00 to fund Emergency Preparedness Promo Items.*

FUNDING MOTION PASSED unanimously by a roll call vote of the 13 eligible voters present with all 13 in favor ("Yes" or "Aye") (Chibidakis, Gold, Greenwald, Headington, Hopkins, Hunter, Kroy, Lillenber, Manatt, Silver, Subar, Summers and Zero).

Mr. Greenwald reported that DONE wants Neighborhood Council office leases to run from July 1st – June 30th, the same as the Fiscal Year.

Executive Committee – Aliso Canyon Clean-up, Citrus Sunday May 18th

Mr. Greenwald noted the above. He announced that the Church requested that this and next month's Meeting be the last at the Church.

Treasurer – Vanessa Silver

Copies were distributed of the Monthly Expenditure Report for January 2014, the GHNNC annual budget and “January 2014: Budget vs. Expenses.”

FUNDING MOTION (by Ms. Subar, seconded by Ms. Silver): *The Granada Hills North Neighborhood Council approves the GHNNC Treasurer’s Monthly Expenditure Report – November 13, 2013.*

FUNDING MOTION PASSED by a roll call vote of the 13 eligible voters present with nine in favor (“Yes” or “Aye”) (Chibidakis, Gold, Headington, Hunter, Kroy, Lillenberg, Manatt, Subar and Zero); four abstained (Greenwald, Hopkins, Silver and Summers).

FUNDING MOTION (by the Committee): *The Granada Hills North Neighborhood Council approves the GHNNC Treasurer’s Monthly Expenditure Report – December 13, 2013.*

FUNDING MOTION PASSED unanimously by a roll call vote of the 13 eligible voters present with all 13 in favor (“Yes” or “Aye”) (Chibidakis, Gold, Greenwald, Headington, Hopkins, Hunter, Kroy, Lillenberg, Manatt, Silver, Subar, Summers and Zero).

. Motion: approve payment of an outstanding invoice dated April 30, 2013 for business cards for the 2012-2013 Board
See the below Motion and discussion.

FUNDING MOTION (by the Committee): *The Granada Hills North Neighborhood Council approves the GHNNC Treasurer’s Monthly Expenditure Report – January 13, 2014.*

DISCUSSION: Mr. Chibidakis reported that “no invoice was presented to the GHNNC until . . . January 2, 2014.” Melvin Canas, Project Coordinator, L.A. Dept. of Neighborhood Empowerment (DONE) (213-978-1551; Melvin.Canas@LACity.org; www.EmpowerLA.org), counseled that the GHNNC “can submit a Demand Warrant to” DONE; “contact Funding . . . we will do a department transfer automatically.” Mr. Chibidakis indicated that the funding would come from the Budget “Miscellaneous General” category.

FUNDING MOTION PASSED by a roll call vote of the 13 eligible voters present with 12 in favor (“Yes” or “Aye”) (Chibidakis, Gold, Greenwald, Headington, Hunter, Kroy, Lillenberg, Manatt, Silver, Subar, Summers and Zero); Mr. Hopkins opposed.

Citywide Committee – Sid Gold

Mr. Gold reported that the Committee met and recommends three Resolutions. Mr. Greenwald and Mr. Gold explained the role of the Committee.

MOTION (by the Committee): *The Granada Hills North Neighborhood Council resolves that, for the conservation of water to be effective, the inclusion of the City Planning Department (report on effect of development on water use) and Department of Sanitation (including recycling of waste water) be included in water conservation plans. Matters of cost effectiveness and impact on rates are to be considered. Report should be forthcoming in six months.*

MOTION PASSED by a hand vote with 15 in favor; two abstained.

Mr. Gold indicated that the GHNNC would write the letter and that “NC’s are advisory” to the City.

MOTION (by the Committee): *The Granada Hills North Neighborhood Council requests that Neighborhood Councils be involved in the review and selection process of all mayoral appointments.*

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

Mr. Gold explained the below issue. Mr. Hunter, Ms. Zero, Mr. Summers and Mr. Greenwald support the training.

MOTION (by the Committee): *The Granada Hills North Neighborhood Council opposes Council File 11-1017-S regarding the mandatory inclusion of sexual harassment training.*

DISCUSSION: Mr. Larsen confirmed that City employees have to take this training.

MOTION FAILED by a hand vote with three in favor; 11 opposed; three abstained.

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Mr. Hunter, Committee Vice-Chair, distributed copies of their February 17th Meeting Minutes and discussed the horse property at Mayerling and Lerdo; they await a city ruling about it. The Committee also discussed noise complaints about the North Valley Military Academy; Stakeholder William Kuzmin’s request for support “on the matter of the Residential Floor Overlay”; and more. The Committee will next meet March 17th. The Committee will next discuss the proposed City Plan for Healthy Living.

MOTION (by Mr. Hunter, seconded by Mr. Lillenber): *The Granada Hills North Neighborhood Council refers the matter of Mr. William Kuzmin's request, as made earlier, back to the Granada Hills South Neighborhood Council.*

DISCUSSION: Mr. Kuzmin indicated that his concern is within the Granada Hills-Knollwood Community Plan and believed that maps distributed by the City changed between meetings. Stakeholder Maria Fisk said this has been an issue since 2000, that petitions have been signed and that “almost every home in the area” has been included in City research.

MOTION PASSED by a hand vote with ten in favor; two opposed; five abstained.

Public Safety -- Ray Pollok; Emergency Preparedness Item of the Month – Bill Hopkins

Mr. Hopkins distributed copies of a street repair request form submitted to the City Bureau of Street Services and “eyeglass repair kits.” Also, literature, “Help/OK” signs and “reflective snap bands” are available for free to meeting attendees.

6. Outreach Discussion – Jim Summers

Mr. Summers reported that volunteer poll workers are needed for the March 1st Porter Ranch and Granada Hills South Neighborhood Councils Elections. The Committee will meet within two weeks and discuss outreach ideas; all are invited and volunteers are needed. The Committee will work on the website. He distributed copies of a “GHNNC Outreach Plan Outline” and a “GHNNC Board Survey” and encouraged Board Members and Stakeholders to complete the Survey. Citrus Sunday May 18th volunteers are needed.

7. New Board Training

Mr. Greenwald requested Board Members to sign the Code of Civility and return it to him. Next month’s [March 31st] Board Meeting will meet from 6:30-7:00 p.m.; Board Training will be from 7:00 until completed.

8. Board Comment on non-agenda items.

Mr. Kroy alerted that a sexual predator is in the area. Ms. Zero distributed copies of the Board Roster and asked Board Members to contact her if they have any revisions. Mr. Hopkins encouraged everyone to bring one canned food item to meetings for distribution to a local food pantry. Mr. Canas offered help.

9. Adjournment.

MOTION to ADJOURN (by Mr. Hopkins, seconded by Mr. Kroy): *The Granada Hills North Neighborhood Council ADJOURNS this Meeting.*

MOTION PASSED without any objection.

Mr. Greenwald declared the Meeting **ADJOURNED** at 8:45 p.m.

Minutes written by DL.