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**Granada Hills North NC Board Meeting
at Saint Euphrasia School Auditorium,
11766 Shoshone Ave., Granada Hills, 91344
Date Change Monday July 10, 2017 at 6:30 PM**

GRANADA HILLS NORTH NEIGHBORHOOD COUNCIL

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AGENDA WITH MINUTES

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

Roll Call [Quorum Achieved (11 present/11 required)]

- (1) Present: Michael Greenwald, Ray Pollok, Brian Allen, Kyle Ellis, Bill Hopkins, Wayde Hunter, Oscar Jimenez, Joe Vitti, Rahim Kazi, Alfredo Castillo, Amanda Nall.
- (2) Absent: Ralph Kroy, Skylar Rose, Rob Sherman, Jan Subar, Sid Gold, Dave Parikh, Andres Topete

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

CD12 Comments (Jessie Strobel)

- (1) Council is currently on recess.
- (2) CM Bonin helicopter's maintenance plan caused half of the City's helicopters to be out of commission during Memorial Day, however, there should be a new helicopter added to the fleet in July.
- (3) CM Englander to support AB 1393 to enhance penalties for street racing, by permitting Police to impound cars for 30 days and issue fixit tickets within 30 days; CM Englander is generally supportive of enhanced penalties for racing, and has supported the funding and installation of rumble strips along Canoga/Topanga (the pilot program was along Plumber). Rumble Strips get in the way of street racing in a manner similar to speed humps. Board: some complaints from the community regarding the noise of rumble strips and the possibility of the strips causing loss of control – Response is that strips will not cause the cars to lose control, but just will cause there to be 'shakiness' in driving.
- (4) National Night Out first Tuesday of August, the purpose it to increase community and police interactions. There will be a movie night on August 01, starting at 6:00pm in the Northridge Recreational Center – the movie will be "Lego Batman."
- (5) Nichole Bernson is officially the Chief of Staff for CM Englander.

DONE Comments

- (1) DONE needs the request form for the rent from GHNNC – Board: Brian Allen responds by stating that the Board cannot vote to approve a lease agreement without the document. [See item F.1. of the May 02, 2017, GHNNC Board Minutes].
- (2) DONE made changes to GHNNC's Bylaws after the approval of those Bylaws by BONC, notes that the DONE had to remove a provision regarding funding requirements for GHNNC elections – Board comments that the Bylaws did not require that a candidate spend money, but rather prohibited spending over \$75. Another change decreased the total number of Board seats, thus lowering quorum requirements, meaning that GHNNC should maintain vigilance in holding committee meetings in order to avoid a quorum.
- (3) There will be training regarding the 2020 Census on July 15; the training is open to all stakeholders at the Marvin Braude Building in Van Nuys.
- (4) There will be a Planning 101 training on August 28 at Pacoima City Hall 6-9pm.
- (5) Requests that GHNNC please read the monthly profiles.
- (6) Notes that GHNNC budget is due as soon as possible or else the new funding requirements will limits GHNNC to \$330 per month for spending; the Budget package is due in September.
- (7) Board asks question regarding the redevelopment of the property on Woodley Ave. and SFM, as the GHNNC office will be razed during construction; requests that DONE investigate whether a temporary office, such as a trailer, is available from the City – DONE notes that Jeff Gross should be contacted, but asserts that DONE will investigate and report back.

- C. Public Comment on non-agenda items (limited to two minutes).

Public Comments

- (1) Regarding certain web-links, public comments that links to certain Hiking Trails are either not working, removed, or replaced with a list of parks in the area or with a real estate website; wants links to individual parks or trails, as appropriate – Board notes that Michael Greenwald will inquire with the webmaster. Additionally, states that there is a tunnel under Rinaldi used by hikers that fills with water – CD12 answers that the tunnel was not designed to be a pedestrian path and the runoff water is designed to be there.
- (2) Glenn Bailey comments that he is happy that this meeting is on Monday because BONC meets on First Tuesdays. Notes that Congress of NCs will be on September 09, 2017, registration is expected to start on August 01, all stakeholders in Los Angeles are invited to attend, and recommends attendance particularly to new NC members. Finally, comments that the NC sustainability alliance is requesting that GHNNC joins the sustainability alliance by designating somebody to be a voting member and otherwise welcome to attend – next event is the energy forum on Saturday July 15.
- (3) Ricardo Mendez comments that he is running for office.
- (4) David Hernandez comments that he is running for Lieutenant Governor of California as a Republican. Is opposed to SB 231, wants to work with neighborhoods, served on 3 NCs in

the SFV, was part of Valley Vote, only active Republican running for the office – Board asks if he has a website – the website should be online next week, otherwise has a social media presence.

D. Emergency Preparedness Item of the Month.

EP Chair Comments (Bill Hopkins)

- (1) Cold Compress is the item of the month.
- (2) Additionally mentions tips on what to do during a power outage.

E. **[PASSED]** Motion to approve the June 6, 2017 Board meeting minutes.

Vote [Yes – 11; No – 0]

F. Motions, possible motions and discussion items for Board Meeting:

G. Executive Committee.

1. **[PASSED]** Motion in opposition to the City of Los Angeles' proposed "Cannabis Commission Creation and Organization Ordinance." Where, because of the future regulation by the State of California a Cannabis Department will quickly become superfluous, GHNNC suggests either that the City (1) appoints a coordinator between City Departments on the issue of cannabis, and/or (2) enact a sunset provision within the proposed legislation such that, upon substantive regulation by the State, the Cannabis Department wraps-up operations and leaves regulation and enforcement in the hands of the State of California.

Public Comment

- (1) Maria Fisk comments that there have been problems with medical marijuana in the form of Chatsworth Cannabis dispensaries; particularly notes that there was criminal and gang activity; requests that GHNNC and the City should look into a carve-out district for Granada Hills.

Board Comment

- (1) Kyle Ellis describes the reasons behind the motion as being the inefficiency of the City establishing a permanent department for cannabis when the State of California is moving to set up a complete system of regulation at the state level through the transformation of the Medical Marijuana state agency into an agency that regulates the medical and recreational uses of marijuana.

Vote [Yes – 8; No – 0; Abstain – 3 (Amanda Nall, Joe Vitti, Alfredo Castillo)]

2. **[PASSED]** Motion in support of changing the City of Los Angeles' proposed "Requirements for Commercial Cannabis Activity" to (1) redefine "Proper Notice" to include a 800 foot radius rather than a 500 foot radius so that it is harmonized with the proposed "Commercial Cannabis Location Restriction Ordinance"; and (2) Require that any public hearing on a proposed commercial cannabis site be set 90 days after notice is provided to the relevant Neighborhood Council(s). (See attachment #1)

Vote [Yes – 9; No – 0; Abstain – 2 (Joe Vitti, Oscar Jimenez)]

3. **[PASSED]** Motion to authorize Kyle Ellis to post Community Impact Statements.

Board Comment

- (1) Michael Greenwald mentions that GHNNC rarely posts its community impact statements; Bill Hopkins mentions that any community impact statement must refer to an item on the City Council's agenda

Vote [Yes – 11; No – 0]

4. **[TABLED]** Motion to oppose Senate Bill 231.

Recusal [Kyle Ellis recuses and leaves the room]

Public Comment

- (1) Glenn Bailey comments that Quorum is lost upon recusal, as the recusal lowers the total number of voting Board members to 10, one below the number required for quorum.

Board Comment

- (1) Board agrees with public comment and the motion is tabled.

H. Treasurer Report; Brian Allen.

Treasurer Comment (Brian Allen)

1. **[PASSED]** Motion to approve June Report.

Board Comment

- (1) Bill Hopkins asks about last 3 entries on page 3 – Brian Allen comments that the entries represent a reversed bank statement, which was reversed because the City Clerk issued a check and then reversed that check on its own initiative, Brian Allen also notes that the funds are represented as deposited on page 2, additionally there is a \$15 charge for stop payment reflected on the same check
- (2) Brian Allen then comments that the \$13,000 reflected on the document represents the actual amount in the account that was taken out or allocated by the City, as to a few roll-over items amounting approximately \$6k, those funds will be returned as additional funds from that amount due upon approvals from the City.

Vote [Yes – 11; No – 0]

2. **[PASSED]** Motion to approve the 2017 to 2018 Budget (See attachment #2).

Public Comment

- (1) Glenn Bailey asks whether there is anything allocated to BA or Congress of NCs - Brian Allen responds by stating that it is possible that the allocations will account for it, but Board should plan better for regular allocations in future months and years.

- (2) Public asks what an NPG is – Board responds by stating that is a mechanism through which NCs can give money to 503 organizations, for the benefit of the NC's community.
- (3) Public Comments that the EmpowerLA budget package includes a monthly spreadsheet, and Ops/Outreach categories are consolidated there, suggests that the budget should be broken down over the next 12 months – Michael Greenwald and Brian Allen mention that the 12 month breakdown exists with the Treasurer, but that the one-page summary is being used for passage of the 2017-2018 Budget.

Board Comment

- (1) Kyle Ellis mentions no money is allocated to an Annual Retreat, even though there is a category for it listed – Brian Allen comments that the Board may make such an allocation upon planning a retreat.
- (2) Brian Allen comments that rent may be changing because there is no lease agreement currently approved by the Board, and that most of the numbers in the budget are taken from previous years' actual allocation.
- (3) Oscar Jimenez asks what the basis is for the Emergency Preparedness Promotion category's \$5k – Brian Allen responds that the basis is the previous year's allocations.
- (4) Michael Greenwald thanks Brian Allen for making the budget.
- (5) Alfredo Castillo asks why no money is allocated for NC elections – Brian Allen notes that no money is allocated because there is no election this year and there is a current belief among NCs that there will be no election in 2018 due to the changes in the City and County voting procedures.

Vote [Yes – 11; No – 0]

3. Budget Advocate report and possible appointment of another representative as a Budget Representative.

Public Comment

- (1) Glenn Bailey thanks Brian Allen for his efforts as a BA; Notes that there are only 5-6 reps from the SFV when there could be 16 or more, and that more representation from the SFV would be welcome by the Bas.

Board Comment

- (1) Brian Allen notes that there is a need for 1 more BA representative from GHNNC, and believes that there will be significant chance for participation and influence in the City budget this year; the first BA retreat is scheduled for Saturday July 15; BAs were challenged this year by the City to find ways to cut City costs; Notes that there are three BAs from region 2, and that there are additional meetings to try to get people up to speed.
- (2) Alfredo Castillo asks when the BA meetings are – Brian Allen responds that they are held on the 1st Monday and 2nd Sunday of each month, the meetings are either at DONE office Downtown on Mondays or on the West Side on Sundays; The two BA meetings do not include meetings with the heads of City Departments, which occur during regular business hours.

4. Demonstration of the new Neighborhood Council Funding portal.

Board Comment

- (1) The new funding portal for NCs is going to be changing the way that funding occurs as there will no longer a separate bank account for each NC but rather an allocation method from a single city-wide account. [**Brian Allen performs a demonstration of the new budget portal**].
- (2) Bill Hopkins asks whether there be paper-checks issued; Brian Allen does not know, but states that it does not appear the "warrants" will be used.
- (3) Bill Hopkins asks whether everything will be accessible to the public – Brian Allen says they will be so available.
- (4) Bill Hopkins asks why some of the budget categories have been joined together in a single category, and notes that this appears to result in a loss of detail for accounting of spending – Brian Allen explains that the accounting methodology used in the budget portal is pursuant to the City Charter, and NCs will need to maintain all the detail in their own accounting.
- (5) Alfredo Castillo requests information regarding the coverage of 'Outreach' expenses – Brian Allen confirms that 'Operational' and 'Outreach' expenses have been rolled together as 'General' expenses.
- (6) Alfredo Castillo requests information regarding process of payments from NCs – Brian Allen says the process for the Board is identical, but for the Treasurer the form documents used will be different and the specific information given to the City Clerk will be different.
- (7) Michael Greenwald thanks Brian Allen for the work put in on NC meeting, BA meetings, and all other meetings.

Public Comment

- (1) Glenn Bailey comments that there will be paper checks issued from the accounts by Union Bank.
- (2) Maria Fisk asks whether the new system will increase or reduce the speed of issuing checks – Brian Allen states that the new system should be faster.

I. Outreach and Publicity Committee Report; Amanda Nall.
Outreach Chair Comments (Amanda Nall)

- (1) The Committee did not have a quorum last meeting and so requests that committee members attend the next meeting on Tuesday, July 18, at 5pm at the GHNNC office; Notes that this will probably be the last meeting with Amanda Nall as Chair.
- (2) Michael Greenwald asks whether Amanda Nall will be at the August Board meeting – Amanda Nall responds that she will be present – Michael Greenwald thanks her.
- (3) Michael Greenwald asks regarding next years' shredding event [budget is already allocated for the event on September 23] – Brian Allen states that the Outreach event requires an approval by DONE and/or the City Clerk, notes that the process is unclear right now as NCs are now regarding any events that GHNNC puts on – Bill Hopkins and Brian Allen discuss the requirements for requiring insurance for a NC backed event versus a NC hosted event – DONE mentions that it will consult with risk management as to the questions posed.
- (4) Michael Greenwald states that it has been problematic getting monetary requests in ahead of the end of the fiscal year, and that Board members should request allocations months in advance of the June deadlines, specifies April 30 as the deadline for spending.

J. Policy and Rules Committee; Ralph Kroy.

Policy and Rules Chair Comment (Ralph Kroy is not present)

1. Update on By-Laws.

Board Comment

- (1) Michael Greenwald mentions that the bylaws were approved.

K. Planning and Land Use Management Committee Report; Agnes Lewis and Kyle Ellis.

PLUM Chair Comment (Kyle Ellis)

- (1) Kyle Ellis reports that at the last PLUM meeting a community member made a presentation regarding a possible development at Knollwood Plaza, where the lot owner of the SE Corner Lot wants to put in a preschool and/or daycare center – Michael Greenwald mentions that there are 4 different owners in the plaza.

1. **[PASSED]** Motion to accept the SF Mission & Woodley project without objection.

Board Comment

- (1) Kyle Ellis mentions that this motion was proposed in committee due to the pre-existing Board opposition to development of the site, and was intended to clear GHNNC's recorded opposition to the prior design so that such could not be applied to the new design.
- (2) Brian Allen mentioned that community member Jim Summers may be taking action in opposition to the development, up to and including filing an appeal.

Vote [Yes – 11; No – 0]

2. **[PASSED]** Motion to modify the previously supported "Neighborhood Council Notification Proposal for Developments," approved on April 04, 2017, to add the text as attached to this motion. (See attachment #3).

Board Comment

- (1) Kyle Ellis describes the purposes of the amendment, and notes that the new language is informed by certain community impact elements in CEQA, and similar community impact considerations in the Los Angeles City and County development requirements/best practices, notes that the language is intended to allow NCs to comment on community impact elements in a clear manner.
- (2) Bill Hopkins asks whether this idea would require developments to go through design review – Maria Fisk says that only a specific plan with design review in it would cause a design review to be required for developments.

Vote [Yes – 10; No – 0; Abstain – 1 (Joe Vitti)]

L. Citywide Committee Report; Sid Gold.

Citywide Chair Comment

- (1) Sid Gold is not present to give a report.

M. Public Safety, Report; Ray Pollok.

Public Safety Chair Comment (Ray Pollok)

- (1) Reminds Board and community that the next Committee meeting is July 11, at 2pm, in the GHNNC office.
- (2) Brian Allen requests an update on homeless in the community – Ray Pollok states that the homelessness issue is on the agenda for the next meeting.
- (3) Bill Hopkins notes that there is a 'blitz' to patch potholes and that City needs information from the community; Bill Hopkins needs such information by no later than Wednesday July 12, but notes that another way to report potholes is through 311; Notes that the 'blitz' is limited only to minor potholes.

N. Emergency Preparedness Report; Bill Hopkins.

EP Chair Comment (Bill Hopkins)

- (1) States that the last meeting was well attended and that the next meeting is about what to do during a power outage, which will be presented by Dave Brown.

O. Committee Comment on Non-Agenda Items.

Board Comment

- (1) Bill reminds Board that the Valley Disaster Preparedness Fair is scheduled for October 07, but notes that they still do not have a venue.
- (2) Wayde Hunter states that SCLCA is next meeting on Thursday, July 13, at 3pm, in the Knollwood Country Club; Also comments that a homeless person broke into the local Methodist Church by breaking window.

- (3) Michael Greenwald comments that that City's 'Vision Zero' plan will be closing lanes on Louise Avenue between Chatsworth Street and Devonshire Street – Oscar Jimenez mentions that residents in CD7 have problems with traffic and cars going through neighborhood streets in order to avoid traffic, and believes that the City is purposefully trying to make traffic bad in an effort to encourage public transportation – Bill Hopkins asks whether there will be bicycle lanes included on Louise Avenue – Brian Allen mentions that bicycle lanes are usually put in to Vision Zero projects, and comments that there needs to be something done on a collaborative basis between all NCs – Michael Greenwald states that the City does not care about the economy, as decreasing the flow of traffic has detrimental economic effects – Kyle Ellis comments that the current public transportation infrastructure is based on the idea that commuters are only going to and from Downtown, and that it does not appear that the City has paid any attention to the need for public transportation infrastructure to be placed throughout the City, and that the City should be improving public transportation prior to or at the same time as cutting lanes.

Public Comment

- (1) Glenn Bailey states that the City's 'Vision Zero' plan has been implemented in Northridge East, that there have not been significant issues, and that it has increased safety around schools.
- (2) Maria Fisk comments that GHNNC is one of the better NCs in the City for putting in time and work on City issues.

P. Adjournment

Adjourned [8:29 P.M.]

Abbreviation Guide

BA	Budget Advocates	BONC	Board of Neighborhood Commissioners
CD	Los Angeles City Council District	CERT	Community Emergency Response Team
CM	Los Angeles City Council Member	DONE	Department of Neighborhood Empowerment
EVOC	Emergency Vehicle Training Unit	GHNNC	Granada Hills North Neighborhood Council
NC	Neighborhood Council	NPG	Neighborhood Purpose Grant
PLUM	Planning and Land Use Management Committee	SCL	Sunshine Canyon Landfill
SCLCA	Sunshine Canyon Landfill Community Advisory Committee	SFM	San Fernando Mission Boulevard