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**Granada Hills North NC Board Meeting
at Saint Euphrasia School Auditorium,
11766 Shoshone Ave., Granada Hills, 91344
Tuesday August 1, 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 (15 present/11 required)]
- (1) Present: Michael Greenwald, Ray Pollok, Brian Allen, Kyle Ellis, Bill Hopkins, Wayde Hunter, Oscar Jimenez, Joe Vitti, Rahim Kazi, Amanda Nall, Skylar Rose, Sid Gold, Rob Sherman, Dave Parikh, Andres Topete.
 - (2) Absent: Ralph Kroy, Alfredo Castillo, Jan Subar.
- B. Comments from CD 12, LAPD Senior Lead Officers, Elected Official Reps, Government Agencies
DONE Comments
- (1) BONC will be honoring GHNNC in Thursday for 15 years as a NC.
 - (2) Nothing from the City Council on NC Elections; DONE requests that GHNNC begin to prepare for elections in 2018.
 - (3) Requests that inventory is taken ASAP, reach out to Cory; Brian Allen states that he will be the point person for inventory, DONE will send an email.
 - (4) Planning 101 in the Valley will be August 28th at 6pm in Pacoima City Hall.
 - (5) Joe Vitti asks regarding SB 231, DONE will send information to the Board on how to deal with state measures; Sid Gold comments that the jurisdiction is not exclusive to the City, it is advisory to the City, and NCs should be able to comment on anything; Wayde Hunter asks whether DONE or the City has given this information to all NCs – DONE says that Board should contact City Attorney's Office
- C. Public Comment on non-agenda items (limited to two minutes)
Public Comments
- (1) Barbara comments on the need for the community to foster animals.
 - (2) Kuzman states that he is happy that GHNNC is starting on time; comments that he hopes that GHNNC will have packets of information together with everything being available online prior to the meeting.
 - (3) Idea on behalf of a non-profit offering gardening workshops, this month is herb gardening.
- D. Emergency Preparedness Item of the Month
EP Chair Comments (Bill Hopkins)
- (1) Item of the month is sterile dressing for wounds.
 - (2) Can of the month request, urges use of recycling bins in the room.
- E. **[PASSED]** Motion to approve the July 10, 2017 Board meeting minutes
Rob Sherman moves, Oscar Jimenez Seconds
Vote [Yes - 12; No - 0; Abstention - 3 (Bill Hopkins, Skylar Rose, Sid Gold)]
- F. Executive Committee.
1. **[PASSED]** Motion to approve the 2017-2018 lease for the GHNNC office at 11139 Woodley Ave.
Public Comment
 - (1) Kuzman mentions that there is a mention of an Ex. A that is not attached, and is concerned (item 12.2.3).
Board Comment
 - (1) Michael Greenwald mentions that although GHNNC lease has been negotiated, needs to be ratified by the Board before the City can finalize.

- (2) Bill Hopkins mentions that the PO Box is incorrect; Michael Greenwald will amend the lease prior to signing.

Vote [Yes - 14; No - 0; Abstention 1 (Skylar Rose)]

2. **[PASSED AS AMENDED]** Review and motion to approve the 2017-2018 Outreach, Strategic Plan and Self-Assessment as part of the annual Budget submission.

Board Comment

- (1) Bill Hopkins comments that there are several items that are checked 'no' that should be 'yes'; questions regarding 'newsletters' and 'virtual phone/fax.' Brian Allen states that he will modify and change.
- (2) Bill Hopkins comments that there are budget items on the strategic plan, Brian Allen states that "The Big Score" items are averaged.
- (3) Wayde Hunter asks regarding neighborhood improvements budgeted versus spent; Brian Allen confirms that the items are correct.
- (4) Oscar Jimenez asks regarding the number of stakeholder in the database 27k versus 25k; Brian Allen states that the difference is a typo.

[PASSED] Motion to Amend Motion

- (1) Michael Greenwald Moves; Oscar Jimenez Seconds.
- (2) Amend the motion to change the "Newsletter" "Street Presence" and "Branded" items from 'No' to 'Yes'.
- (3) **Vote** [Yes - 15; No - 0; Abstention - 0]

Amended Motion

Review and motion to approve the 2017-2018 Outreach, Strategic Plan and Self-Assessment as part of the annual Budget submission, contingent upon changing the "Newsletter" "Street Presence" and "Branded" items from 'No' to 'Yes'.

Vote [Yes - 15; No - 0; Abstention - 0]

3. **[PASSED]** Motion to accept the resignation of Amanda Nall.

Board Comment

- (1) Michael Greenwald comments that Amanda Nall has done an amazing job as outreach.
- (2) Wayde Hunter asks whether there is a recognition thing; Michael Greenwald states that there will be something by the end of the year.
- (3) Resignation is effective at the end of the meeting.

Vote [Yes - 13; No - 0; Abstention - 2 (Bill Hopkins, Amanda Nall)]

4. Request for volunteers for the Disaster Fair and the GH Street Faire.

Board Comment

- (1) Michael Greenwald comments that Bill Hopkins and Brian Allen need volunteers for Oct. 07.
- (2) Bill Hopkins comments that it will be possible to do both.

G. Treasurer Report.

1. **[TABLED]** Motion to approve July Report.

Board Comment

- (1) Michael Greenwald comments that Brian Allen does a lot of extra work on behalf of GHNNC, and that Brian Allen intends to take over outreach.
- (2) Brian Allen, is not a July report available for this Board meeting as the City does not have the reports ready. It is likely the reports will always be late because GHNNC meets so early in the month.

2. Follow up on outstanding items.

Board Comment

- (1) No comments.

3. Budget Advocate Report.

Public Comment

- (1) Glenn states that if you see or hear anything regarding the City budget, please reach out the BAs in order to better manage the City's fiscal situation.

Board Comment

- (1) Need more people to work with the BAs
- (2) BA workshop will be at the NC Congress, Sept. 09, (Brian Allen may be a presenter) invites all to attend. Is concerned that many of the City's NCs do not know what they need to know regarding their budget responsibilities.
- (3) Sid Gold comments that the new budgets for NCs, concerns about federal funding, and the 2028 Olympics are concerns for the upcoming year; Brian Allen states that the BAs have been advocating on the issue of lost federal funds, also mentions that the City is considering setting up a 'Los Angeles Public Bank.'

H. Policy and Rules Committee:

1. Set date for next meeting.

Board Comment

- (1) Off the agenda, otherwise requests that board pass comments along to Ralph Kroy.

I. Planning and Land Use, Report.

PLUM Chair Comment (Kyle Ellis)

- (1) Commented that Street Vending was discussed but tabled at the July Meeting, invites other to attend the August Meeting.

1. **[PASSED AS AMENDED]** Motion regarding Accessory Dwelling Units: California state law (Government Code Section 65852.2, subsequently amended by AB 229 and SB 1069) allows for municipalities to draft and adopt their own local Accessory Dwelling Unit Ordinances. In response to State law, the City of Los Angeles is in the process of drafting an ordinance that complies with State standards. According to Item No. 19-A, August 31, 2016, one of the provisions of the motion, "Direct the Department of City Planning to initial a new code amendment and possible amendment to the Housing Element to conduct a comprehensive, open, and transparent review process of, and propose revisions to Sections 12.24.W.43 and 12.24.W.44 of the Los Angeles Municipal Code with regard to second dwelling units to provide ministerial standards that alleviate barriers to their construction as required by the City's General Plan Housing Element while taking into account the unique characteristics of each geographic area of the city that may result in certain limitations and prohibitions, in compliance with Government Code 65852.2"

Considering the above directive, GHNNC recommends that the Department of City Planning sponsors citywide public forums in order to provide public input before any changes are made to the City's current adopted Accessory Dwelling Unit/Second Unit standards.

Board Comment

- (1) Kyle mentions that the purpose of the motion is to request that the City host forums.
- (2) Sid Gold asks whether it is on the City Council Agenda; Kyle does not think it is.

[PASSED] Motion to Amend Motion

- (1) Michael Greenwald moves to amend, Wayde Hunter seconds.
- (2) Amendment would change the language to provide for GHNNC submitting a CIS upon the issue becoming agendaized by the City Council.
- (3) **Vote** [Yes 14; No 0; Abstention 1 (Skylar)]

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Considering the above directive, GHNNC recommends that the Department of City Planning sponsors citywide public forums in order to provide public input before any changes are made to the City's current adopted Accessory Dwelling Unit/Second Unit standards. Further, GHNNC will submit this motion as its Community Impact Statement upon the issue becoming agendaized by the City Council.

Vote [Yes - 15; No - 0; Abstention - 0]

2. **[TABLED]** Motion to have GHNNC oppose SB 231.

Recusal [Kyle Ellis leaves the room]

Public Comment

- (1) Comments that the issue of SB 231 does not appear to be properly before GHNNC because the purpose of NCs is to comment on City issues, not State issues.
- (2) The motion itself does not provide enough information about the purpose of the action within the context of the NC system.

Board Comment

- (1) Will table the motion until a review of the appropriate form can be conducted.

Vote [Yes - 12; No - 1 (Bill Hopkins); Abstention - 1 (Dave Parikh); Recusal - 1 (Kyle Ellis)]

3. **[PASSED]** Motion to request that CD12 appoint an advisory committee as specified in the Sunshine Canyon Landfill Amenities Fund, chosen from a pool of candidates recommended by GHNNC.

Board Comment

- (1) Kyle Ellis explains that the purpose of the motion is to try to get CD12 to spend the money on projects.
- (2) Michael Greenwald comments that there is no need to notify CD12 until after GHNNC identifies candidates.
- (3) Bill Hopkins requests that we send a letter now and then identify the candidates later, Sid Gold agrees; Michael Greenwald comments that we should wait until we have candidates.
- (4) Kyle Ellis will draft a letter, and either he or Michael Greenwald will send to Councilmember Englander.

Vote [Yes - 14; No - 0; Abstention - 1 (Rob Sherman)]

J. Outreach and Publicity Committee Report.

Outreach Chair Comment (Amanda Nall)

- (1) Next shred event? September 23rd.

K. Citywide Committee Report; Sid Gold.

Citywide Chair Comment (Sid Gold)

- (1) Nothing prepared, comments on water rates.

L. Public Safety, Report. Ray Pollok.

1. **[PASSED]** That the LA DOT investigate installing traffic signals at Hayvenhurst Avenue and Woodley Avenue 118 Freeway off-ramps, due to numerous reported traffic accidents/collisions and near misses.

At a minimum install "NO STOPPING ANYTIME" signs on the east side of Havenhurst Avenue (from the west bound 118 Freeway off-ramp), from the southside of the off-ramp, to underneath the overpass on its south side. At Woodley Avenue off-ramp (from east bound 118 Frwy off-ramp) install "NO STOPPING ANYTIME" signs on the west side of Woodley Avenue, from the north side of the off-ramp, to underneath the overpass to its north side.

Public Comment

- (1) Kuzman states that NCs do not have authority to comment on out of jurisdiction issues, but that of services only. Agrees with putting in a signal, and then if failure to move to signs, and recommends sending request to CD12.
- (2) Glenn uses the on-ramp off-ramp regularly, and comments on the speed of cars coming off the freeway and the difficulty to see because of the stopped cars. Mentions that stop signs may be a good stop-gap measure.

- (3) Karen comments that she knows people injured or deceased due to the low visibility at the off-ramp.
- (4) Gary states that it should be a step process where GHNNC request stop signs right now.

Board Comment

- (1) Ray Pollok explains motion, stating that it is difficult to make turns on Woodley and Havenhurst to and from the 118 Freeway due to large vehicles parked under the 118 underpass, and requests that traffic signs or signals be put in place, but expects that no parking under the underpass is the most the community can expect from the City.
- (2) Confusion over the use of use of 'North' twice regarding Woodley stating that it is technically correct as the motion describes the area from the 'north' of the off-ramp to the 'north' of the underpass.
- (3) Sid Gold mentions that the motion should just be regarding nothing but signals; Bill Hopkins comments that there tend to be many problems with the costs for signals, but the signs can be put up overnight.
- (4) Michael Greenwald speaks in favor of the motion, mentioning that it took 30 years to get a light at Knollwood Plaza; Sid Gold states that the role of this NC is to advocate for the ultimate desired outcome for the community and should not limit itself to incremental changes.
- (5) Kyle Ellis speaks in favor of the motion mentioning that the motion, if implemented by the City, will immediately improve the safety of the sites and begin the process of putting in traffic lights, which is the most that the City would do.
- (6) Wayde Hunter comments that the SCL amenities fund would be useful for this type of project.
- (7) Skylar Rose comments that there will be additional traffic generated from the Harridge development and asks whether Harridge should be responsible for traffic improvements at Woodley and Havenhurst; Kyle Ellis states that Harridge always stated that traffic control at those locations were solely the responsibility of the Department of Transportation.

Vote [Yes - 12; No - 2 (Skylar Rose, Dave Parikh); Abstention - 1 (Sid Gold)]

M. Emergency Preparedness Report. Bill Hopkins.

EP Chair Comment (Bill Hopkins)

- (1) Bill Hopkins states that the last meeting was regarding power outages.

N. Board member Comment on Non-Agenda Items

Public Comment

- (1) David Meza from SoCal Gas updates regarding that the State has approved the reopening of the Alyso Canyon site and how necessary it is for the winter. Mentions that a home exploded in Woodland Hills regarding the '811' service to have utilities come and inspect and mark lines for digging to avoid construction accidents while digging. Bill Hopkins comments on the need for gas for electricity production, and EP fair will have information about utilities. Kyle Ellis asks regarding apartment examinations for gas leaks, SoCal has a monitoring system and a survey system of walking around with sparks, and a 5-7 year inspection for integrity. Michael Greenwald states that SoCal gas does not set the gas prices, and the gas prices are set by CPUC; Bill Hopkins states that the rates are passed on recommendations from the providers; Meza comments on the existance of ratepayers groups as well. Ray Pollok comments that there may be some waste.
- (2) Beth thanks Board, and thanks Agnes Lewis about fixing the Bridal path for horses.

Board Comment

- (1) Several car accidents around St. Euphrasia's; maybe some sort of speed control would be useful, possibly a stop sign, requests Public Safety look at the issue.
- (2) Amanda Nall comments on the poor condition of Zelzah north of Rinaldi; Michael Greenwald comments that it is a private road, and the homeowners are responsible for the condition.
- (3) Bill Hopkins comments that the Granada Hills Street Fair and Disaster Prep Fair are both on October 07, and hopes that there will be many attendees for both events.
- (4) Sid Gold requests about the committee that handles SoCal issues; it is Citywide.

- (5) Kyle Ellis comments that he will be absent for the October meeting, as he will be out of the country, and requests for a volunteer to take minutes – Rob Sherman will do so.
- (6) Michael Greenwald comments that there will be a workshop on a sidewalk repair program, on the 14th at the senior center in Panorama City.

O. Adjournment

Adjourned [8:11 P.M.]

Abbreviation Guide

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