

GHNNC Outreach Meeting Minutes Tuesday, August 14, 2012

The GHNNC Outreach and Publicity Committee was called to order by Bill Hopkins acting as meeting chair on Tuesday, August 14, 2012 at 4:05pm. In attendance: Sue DeVandry, Bill Hopkins, Ralph Kroy, Cherie Mann, Jan Subar, Leon Marzillier.

Committee members: Sue DeVandry, Edward Headington, Bill Hopkins, Ralph Kroy, Agnes Lewis, Lydia Plescia, Jan Subar. No chair.

Discussion:

Thanks to Cherie for serving as scribe.

1. The committee is looking for a permanent chair. Bill Hopkins will be acting meeting chair next outreach meeting which will be September 11, 2012, 4:00.

Old Business:

1. Committee Luau Report: A very successful evening for the 500 attendees.

The total GHNNC outlay was \$1,256.73, from the \$1,582.00 allocated for the event. Patriot Oil Community Benefit Trust Fund, as administered by the North Valley Coalition, paid \$4,000 for meal service, \$1,000 for desserts, and \$896.28 for miscellaneous items.

It was noted that there were long lines for registration and waiting for food. Dancers were excellent, food delicious and the Emergency Preparedness Kit drawing prize went to a young boy and his very happy family.

2. Outreach for Board Member Selection Process: Candidates may sign up online probably between August 28, 2012 and no later than September 29, 2012. The Filing Period is 60 days. Rob Ryder expressed an interest in being a candidate. Leon will contact him.

Northridge South NC is doing a Selection for board members earlier than ours and perhaps we may audit their process to later facilitate ours.

Website www.northvalleyelections.org lists the NCs holding selections/elections on September 8, including information on candidate filing and a good resource for the selection/election process. Sue stated that Aaron will help us do ours.

New Business:

1. Discussion regarding general outreach to our stakeholders. There is a large Korean community that enjoys O'Melveny Park. Ralph Kroy said he would research and possibly approach the Korean faith based community in Granada Hills.

2. Advertising by website. Should we do it? Newsletter, Website, Edward?
3. The Election button on DONE's website for GHNNC "elections" does not work. Leon will contact our IEA, Jose Sandoval, about the link.
4. CERT Class: Subject to Fire Dept. schedule confirmation, GHNNC, in partner with NVC, will hold a CERT 1 class starting Wednesday, October 17, 6:30pm - 9:00pm for seven weeks at the Knollwood Country Club Fairway Room (same as CAC and yoga meetings). CERT Packs will be offered to those completing the course.
5. Saturday, October 6, is the 5th Annual Disaster Preparedness Fair at Fire Station 87, 10124 Balboa Blvd, 11:00am to 3:00pm. Lots of vendors, displays, valuable information food, and starter Family EP kits to the first 400 families. Need people to staff the GHNNC outreach booth.
6. Tuesday, August 28, 2012, Summer Walk in the Park. The joint meeting of the GHNNC Beautification Committee and Friends of O'Melveny Park will gather at 6:00pm in the parking lot and walk the path to the meeting in the picnic table area. Bring water and bug repellent. Meeting ends at dusk (7:27pm) when the park closes for the enjoyment of the wildlife.
7. The corner GHNNC planted at Balboa Bl. and Sesnon St. is very dry and unattractive, and in need of Theodore Payne type of native plants. Patti Costa has offered plants and maybe even some help to dig, revitalize and plant the plants. Thanks, Patti!
8. Zelzah Park needs a few fences fixed. Cherie Mann will call 311 to remove the graffiti.
9. Sue DeVandry commended that Bill Hopkins' Emergency Preparedness meeting was really great. There was a big attendance. LADWP talked about electrical safety and demonstrated with the electric diorama (mock up that includes energized (12,000 volts) transmission lines, model house, downed wires on vehicle, charged metal fence, etc.). Also noted that LADWP website has been overhauled and one can now easily see city-wide power outages, etc.
10. Also mentioned upcoming events that require GHNNC participation, including the Annual Disaster Preparedness Fair (Oct. 6) and Citrus Sunday (Sep. 23).

Meeting was adjourned at 5:00pm.