

# GRANADA HILLS NORTH NEIGHBORHOOD COUNCIL

## POLICY & RULES COMMITTEE

### APPROVED MINUTES

For the meeting held FRIDAY, APRIL 22, 2009 @ 3:00 pm

GHNNC Offices

11139 Woodley Ave

Granada Hills, CA 91344

1. Meeting called to order by Chairperson Eric Rosenberg at **3:36pm**.  
**Committee members present:** Eric Rosenberg, Leon Marzillier, Mary Ellen Crosby  
**Committee members absent:** Scott Manatt  
**Stakeholders present:** Sue DeVandry and Anne Ziliak

2. **Motion** by Crosby/Rosenberg to approve the April 17, 2009 minutes **passed** unanimously.

3. The Committee **approved** the following with no changes: **Articles 1, 2, 4, 8, 9, 11, and 13.**

The Committee approved **Article 3** after changing "south along the western edge of Aliso Canyon" to "south along Aliso Canyon".

The Committee approved **Article 5** after defining "the Neighborhood" as being the area "within the GHNNC boundaries" and capitalizing "neighborhood" everywhere it appears in this Article.

The Committee approved **Article 6** after changing "67%" to "two-thirds (2/3)" and after making some minor changes to Section 6.3's initial paragraph.

The Committee approved **Article 7** on the condition that the Board agrees on April 27 with the choices made. The argument against "staggered 4-year terms" was that, due to the neutral method of selecting the 12 seats up for election in 2012, and the 12 seats up for election in 2014, that the practical result is Geographic seats would mostly be elected in 2012, and Special Interest seats would mostly be elected in 2014, and so on every two years. Since we currently elect the entire Board every two years, it may be prudent to just continue doing that. However, the argument against keeping it "all seats every two years" was that, if a passionate (or disgruntled, or opportunistic) group of Stakeholders organized effectively, the entire Board could turn over in any given election, thereby losing all institutional knowledge and preventing any continuity.

The Committee approved **Article 10** after changing the "Emergency Meeting" requirements to incorporate the more lenient standards stated in the Brown Act § 54956.5, mainly because of the GHNNC's experience with the Sesnon fires (which became a crisis in less than 24-hours).

The Committee approved **Article 12** after adding "that concerns the entire Board, not individual Directors," after "matters of procedure or law" in Section 12.2(a), and deleting "ad hoc" from Sections 12.2(c) and (d).

The Committee approved **Article 15** after changing the Article's title to "Changes to These Bylaws," changing "67%" to "two-thirds (2/3)" in each instance, and deleting "/or" from "and/or".

The Committee tabled consideration of **Article 14** pending advice from DONE and the City Attorney.

4. Review of the **Bylaws Adjustment Application** was tabled.
5. **Motion** by Rosenberg/Crosby: "We recommend to the GHNNC Board that it schedule a Special Meeting for the purpose of having Stakeholders vote on whether to adopt this committee's proposal to amend and restate the GHNNC Bylaws; and, if such proposal passes, that the Board complete and submit to DONE the City's "Bylaws Adjustment Application" form." The motion **passed** unanimously.
6. Discussion of the **Standing Rules** was tabled.
7. During the **Public Comment** period, no one asked to speak.
8. During the **Committee Member Comment** period, no one asked to speak.
9. **New Business:** Due to time constraints, all present agreed to hold another meeting on 4/29/2009.
10. Motion for **Adjournment** was made by Rosenberg/Crosby at **6:21pm** and **passed** unanimously.