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Citywide Issues Committee Meeting Tuesday, October `19, 2010 7:00PM GHNNC Office, 11139 Woodley Ave. Granada Hills, 91344

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All agenda items are subject to discussion and possible committee action

- 1. Call to Order: Meeting called to order at 7:00 PM
- 2. Roll call: Present: Sid Gold, Rafael Garcia, Bill Hopkins, Ralph Kroy Not Present: Robert Ricketts, Joe Vitti. Also present two stakeholders Mr. and Mrs. Jake Schulman
- 3. Public comment: Ms Schulman expressed concern regarding lack of tending of grassy areas alongside sidewalks. Discussion ensued re lack of city resources to tend to street maintenance. They were referred to GHNNC website and to attend Parks and beautification committee meeting for further follow up.
- 4. Discussion on VANC proposal to redesign DONE: Sid gold presented draft of VANC proposal for reorganization of DONE. Suggesting to redeploy DONE two employees to serve each of the nine regions. Also Board of Directors to be developed for each region to offer support to the DONE staff. Focus of NC's has changed from startup to using their structure to effect improvement in respective neighborhoods. Financial auditing to be developed later on. VANC intends to move forward with proposal. Sid Gold will report back on progress. Copy of proposal will be given to secretary.
- 5. Discussion regarding VANC forum on planning at CBS, November 11, 2010, Including update on funding; Sid Gold reported that the planning session will be at CBS November 111 at CBS. Open to all Board members and Stakeholder committee members. Reservations will need to be made so that attendees will be

allowed on the CBS lot. Final details will be sent out by VANC. A copy of proposed forum's agenda will be given to the secretary.

- 6. Discussion regarding City planning guidelines re zoning changes; Planning department plans to streamline permit process. Argument that t it will be cost cutting. Concern expressed that NC's not consulted before proposal brought forward. Still in committee. GHNNC PLUM Committee following as well.
- 7. Discussion of GHNNC working with other NC's in setting up a LA District 12 candidates' forum

Discussion that Northridge West sent out an EMAIL inviting some NC's to set up a candidates forum for October 20, 2010.

Sid gold noted six people have filed for the councilman position.

Motion:

Resolved that GHNNC Citywide Issues committee meet with other NC's in the 12th District in order to set up debate or debates so that all prospective candidates running for the Council seat in the 12th District have an opportunity to be evaluated by voters of the District.

Ralph Kroy made motion; second Rafael Garcia passed 4 to 0

8. Discussion on mayors Budget day Sid Gold reported on his impression of the Mayor's budget day. He said that t\Mayor Villaraigosa, City Attorney Trutaunich, Controller Gruel, Councilman Parks and CAO Santana spoke to attendees. The focus in most of the presentations was on core services and how revenues will be distributed. Also to protect bond status a sinking fund will be established and protected. Also pensions and medical benefits for employees will be reviewed.

Presently over 300 million budget shortfall projected for 2011.

At district meetings that followed the main presentation, budget representatives were selected. A questionnaire was evaluated to identify what areas of the city's services have the highest priority.

A second meeting for budget reps will be held sometime next year.

9. Update on proposition R funding of transit projects; Sid Gold noted that GHNNC Board passed resolution supporting Mayor's 30/10 plan at the August Meeting. On October 16 the Federal DOT announced a loan of over 500 million to begin extension of the Crenshaw line. 10. Update on LANCC, VANC, BONC; Sid Gold reported that BONC is still evaluating all the NC's bylaws and that a forum will be held in the near future to have all NC's participate in the process

At VANC meeting October 14, 2010 Jill Barad reported that David Honda CEO of San Fernando Valley Fair was looking for support from NC's to have the State continue to keep in place the 2 million plus dollars set aside for the San Fernando Valley Fair.. The State says that it will take away the money if the SFV fair does not find a permanent home

Motion:

GHNNC write a letter of support to David Honda stating that the funds set aside for the establishment of a SFV fair not be withdrawn and that the SFV Fair committee be allowed to find a permanent home in the SFV.

Motion:

Ralph Kroy moved. Second Rafael Garcia passed 4 to 0

- 11. Update regarding Group homes ordinance; still in committee as ordinance is being written.
- 12. Update regarding parked advertising trailers; Bill entered by Robert Blumenfield, Assembly 40th district regarding unhitched trailers was passed and signed by governor. The city has now the legal authority to regulate unhitched trailers
- 13. Comments by committee members None
- 14. Adjournment; 8:30 PM

Submitted

Sid Gold

GHNNC, City Information Officer