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Citywide Issues Committee (CWIC) Meeting

Tuesday, January 18, 2011

7:00 PM

GHNNC Office, 11139 Woodley Ave.
Granada Hills, 91344

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All agenda items are subject to discussion and possible committee action

MINUTES

1. **Call to Order:** The meeting was called to order at 7 PM
2. **Roll call:** In attendance: Carl Buettner, Rafael Garcia, Sid Gold, Bill Hopkins, Ralph Kroy, Agnes Lewis. Absent: Edward Heddington, Joe Vitti
3. **Minutes of December Meeting** As the resolutions passed at December meeting were not discussed at the January 08, 2011 GHNNC Board meeting the CWIC reviewed them and considered that all should go forth for acceptance except for Item 7 regarding community farms. This item has been put on hold by city council (CC)
4. **Public comment;** No members of public in attendance
5. **City sidewalk ordinance;** The committee reviewed the draft ordinance proposed by City Attorney (CA) regarding sidewalk repairs report R10-0429, and 0429 regarding section 62.194 of the Los Angeles Municipal Code. The ordinance as presently written would make homeowners responsible for repair of adjacent curbs, driveways and sidewalks within 90 days of notice, repair to be done by a list of approved contractors and if repair not completed within the time period the city would do the needed repairs and assess the property owner a 40 % administration fee.

The committee learned that many NCs and VANC have opposed this resolution as written. The previous ordinance regarding repair had been withdrawn as it was to be done at point of sale and realtors strongly opposed.

CWIC recommends the following resolution regarding repair

Resolved that draft report regarding Municipal code 62.194 as written be amended as follows:

Property owners be allowed to pick any licensed contractor of their choice to do repairs, that property owners be given six months to complete repairs, any permits fees regarding the repairs including tree removal be waived by the city and further

Resolved that this amendment be sent to all CC members, Mayor and City Attorney

Passed 6-0

6. **March Ballot Initiatives**; The committee discussed the ballot initiatives for the March election and recommend that GHNNC support the following:

Fire and police pension for new hires amendment

Department of Water and Power office of Public Accountability

Department of Water and power to present a timely budget to LACC

Other amendments to be discussed at next CWIC meeting

7. **Discussion regarding DWP Issues**, New Manger, green energy, rates, transfer fee; Discussed that a new GM appointed Ron Nichols. No action taken,
8. **Ordinance regarding the number of animals in a home.** The ordinance would allow then expansion of the number of animals from three to five dogs and cats. Opposition has mainly to do with breeders skirting the law. Supporters see the need for more homes for rescued animals. Written testimony supporting ordinance was received by the committee.

Resolved that GHNNC recommends the following amendment to the proposed increase of animals draft ordinance 10-0982 proposed by councilmen Rosendahl and Koretz be amended by addition as follows:

That any dog or cat accepted into a property, above the present number allowed per property, would have to be spayed and or neutered prior to being allowed into the proposed property.

Resolved that this amendment be sent to all CC members, Mayor and City Attorney

Passed 6-0

9. LANNC proposal for task force regarding NC election process; As many NC's were unhappy with the way the City Clerk handled the last election, NC reps at LANNC proposed that NC get involve dearly in planning the next NC elections.

Resolved that NC's though LANCC form a task force to work with appropriate city officials and departments in exploring methods of conducting elections and report back to LANCC and the NC's any proposals prior to their implementation

Passed 5-1

10. NC Citywide Congress update; Sid Gold informed the committee that there has been a request to have a Citywide Congress of NC's and that a committee has been formed to plan the event. **No Action**
11. Discussion of Sunset ordinance; **Tabled for future discussion**
12. VANC 8th Anniversary party, March 10, 2011: Sid Gold reported that VANC is having its eighth anniversary and is inviting NCs to attend and participate. No action
13. Parking passes for NC's at City meetings; Although one permit has been given to all NC's, the committee believed that this was inadequate and that the resolution from the December meeting should be adopted as written.
14. Football Stadium in Los Angeles; Discussion about the possibility of a new stadium for football to be built in downtown Los Angeles. Committee expressed concern that city money would go into supporting this endeavor. CWIC recommends the following:

GHNNC resolves That no city support in the form of new taxes, use of taxpayer money, new fees, seizing of property for eminent domain, bond or financial

underwriting or any other method that would imply the uncompensated use of Los Angeles City resources go toward the building of any private sport venue within the City of Los Angeles

Resolved that this amendment be sent to all CC members, Mayor and City Attorney

Passed 6-0

15. Update on LANCC, VANC, BONC Discussed previously

16. Comments by committee members **None**

17. Adjournment 8:30 PM

Submitted

Sid Gold

GHNNC, City Information Officer