

GRANADA HILLS NORTH NEIGHBORHOOD COUNCIL
Minutes of the May 27, 2003 Regular Meeting
Van Gogh Street School
17160 Van Gogh Street, Granada Hills, California

1) The meeting was called to order by Chairperson Becky Bendikson.

Donna Zero, Recording Officer, took director's Roll Call

Present: Wayne Aller, Theresa Anderssen, Becky Bendikson, Patrick Casparian, Greg Chaussee, Mary Ellen Crosby, David Dean, Rick Driscoll, Mary Edwards, Ginger Fong, Sid Gold, Michael Greenwald, Wayde Hunter, Sheva Kafai, Scott Manatt, Dave Parikh, Kim Thompson, Susan Tipton, Joe Vitti, ~~and~~ Donna Zero and Cherie Mann

Absent: David Hood, Frank Kiesler, ~~Cherie Mann~~, Ben Pedrick and Bob Ricketts

2) Minutes of the April 28, 2003 meeting were read. Corrections to the minutes were made as follows:

#8 Replace with bracketed words. The minutes of the May 4, 2003 special meeting were accepted as stated. Motion "*to accept the minutes as corrected*" made by Sid Gold, seconded and passed.

Note: Minutes were available prior to the meeting via e-mail on May 26 and in a notebook. Once approved they are put on the website.

Agenda Items:

3a) Formation of Additional Committees

A motion was made by Sid Gold "*to form a Policy and Rules Committee*". Seconded and passed 11 to 3. Chairperson Sid Gold. Members: Scott Manatt, Dave Parikh, Theresa Anderssen and Becky Bendikson (ex-officio).

A motion was made by Mary Edwards "*to form an Executive Committee*." Motion "*to table*". Vote to table motion seconded and passed..

Ginger Fong motioned "*to table all committee motions until the end of the meeting*." Motion seconded and passed.

3b) Ad Hoc EIDC Committee Report from Chairperson Sid Gold -- Waiting on the City Council Meeting decision.

3c) PLUM Hearing and National Community Roundtable Project Vote Smart - no report.

4) Correspondence Officer Theresa Anderssen read a brief summary of the GHNNC official correspondence (sent and received).

5) Treasurer Susan Tipton provided a financial report. There were no questions and the report will be placed in the file.

6a) Ad Hoc Committee Chairperson Susan Tipton reported on the response letter to the Hillcrest attorney addressing procedures of the council. A letter was written to the attorney and a separate letter to those who were "cc:" on his letter to us. The letters were approved with the following changes: add Con Howe to the list of "cc". Add a period after circumstances, delete "and", add "in-fact", remove the word "additional".

6b) Status of the Landfill- Wayde Hunter reported that BFI received their expansion permit from the Waste Management Board. One recourse is to ask the city to withdraw their permit for revision. The environmental committee never reviewed additions to the permit. Next Thursday, the Community Advisory Committee will meet at the landfill. Few studies have been done about landfills and health effects. He proposed possible grant writing to conduct a proper study.

6c) Bus Route 236 - In Oct 2002 the MTA proposed to extend Route 236 and end it at Rinaldi. Now the bus service is being extended to Foothill into Sylmar. To do this curb cuts are needed on Balboa to accommodate handicapped riders. The new route will begin on June 29, 2003. Motion was made by Wayde Hunter "to support curb cuts as proposed by the MTA to bring bus service north of Rinaldi and support the necessary infrastructures." Motion was seconded and passed. Wayde Hunter and Becky Bendikson will write a letter to Mayor Hahn and Councilman Berson about our decision.

6d) District Two -- David Dean, a plant engineer at the Jensen Filtration Plant offered to act as the District Two Representative. There are no others running for that position. Chairperson Becky Bendikson "nominated David Dean for District Two Representative" by motion which was seconded and passed.

6e) Sid Gold made a motion to "appear at the certification hearing for the neighborhood council currently identified as Granada Hills Neighborhood Council and express our opposition to their use of that name and use other means to ask them not to use that name prior to their certification hearing." The motion was seconded and passed.

6f) Wayde Hunter made a presentation on the method now used for location of cell towers.

6g) Website costs are currently being paid by Joan Maggs (\$10 per month). Once the budget is in place, the committee will try and reimburse her.

6h) Granada Hills Street Fair will be held on June 7. Sid Gold motioned "to have the council represented at the fair with a table with information." Motion seconded and passed. The Special Events Committee will coordinate the event with other Board members.

Speakers:

There were three public speaker comment cards submitted and the speakers were called upon to speak.

Meeting Adjourned at 9:15 PM

Next regular meeting will be held at Van Gogh Street School on June 30 at 7PM.

Donna Zero
Recording Officer

Approved as corrected at June 30, 2003 regular meeting by Board.