

Granada Hills North Neighborhood Council
Minutes of the December 29, 2003 Meeting
Van Gogh Street School
17160 Van Gogh Street, Granada Hills, CA 91344

1. The meeting was called to order by Chairperson Becky Bendikson at 7:05 PM. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.
2. Board of Education statement was made by Becky Bendikson and the Board of Directors. Roll call was made by Donna Zero. See attached roster.
3. There was no public opinion on non-agenda items.
4. Theresa Anderssen reported that the minutes from the August 25, 2003 meeting will be available at the next meeting. Motion was made by Wayde Hunter to postpone the acceptance of the November 12, 2003 regular meeting until the January 23, 2004 meeting, and accept the November 12, 2003 special minutes. Motion was seconded and passed.

NEW BUSINESS

5. Glenn Singley, Director of Water Engineering & Technical Services, DWP gave a Power-Point presentation on the upcoming 18% water rate increase. He stated that the increase is due to costs associated with new safety regulations, security, and maintenance. Members questioned the use of helicopters as part of this increase. Glenn stated that he would meet with the GHNNC Safety Committee on January 6, 2003.
6. Judi Levin from the Northridge West Neighborhood Council made a presentation of the Safety and Emergency Information Day on January 10, 2004 at 19500 Plummer Street.
7. Mary Edwards, on behalf of the North Valley Coalition, presented Francis and Robyn Navickus with the Environmental Citizens of the Year Award.
8. Correspondence Officer Theresa Anderssen said she would email to all Board members, the summary of official correspondence for December 2003.
9. Susan Tipton did not have a detailed report available but reported a balance as of 12/9/03 of \$ 9,135.67 in the account and \$ 314 in cash.

10. Committee Reports:

- a) Communications/Outreach- Greg Chaussee reported that the web site is becoming "idiot proof" due to the efforts of Dave Bendikson and Alex Chapman. Channel 35 now is allowing access from neighborhood council. His Committee recommended that GHNNC put out a monthly newsletter to our stakeholders. Summaries of Committee reports are needed.
- b) Planning and Land Use-Report was submitted from the 12/8/03 meeting by Kim Thompson. A Committee motion was made and seconded that "*GHNNC send a letter to the City Planning and Zoning Departments heads requesting notice of all zoning and planning applications for projects within the GHNNC boundaries*". Motion passed.
- c) Policy & Rules- Chairperson Sid Gold stated that the suggestion by a Board member to look into reducing the size of the Board was discussed. Decision was made to keep the

current number of members. Motion was made by the Committee and seconded stating that " *The absence of a director from a regular meeting versus a regularly scheduled meeting does not count against the member for resignation purposes.* Motion seconded and passed. A second motion was made by the Committee and seconded stating that " *The attendance record of each director be appended to the minutes of each regularly scheduled board meeting.*" Motion passed.

Discussion took place about making it a policy to not link to any for profit organization on the GHNNC web site. Motion was made by Greg Chaussee to table all discussion until the next regular board meeting. Topic is referred back to the Policy & Rules Committee.

d) Public Safety Committee- Mike Greenwald submitted a summary of the meeting held on December 1, 2003. Motion was made by Mike Greenwald (summary item 4b) to "*contact Councilmember Greig Smith to try to work with the County Assessor for the two properties at the corner of Highwater and Shoshone (east portion of the property) to complete that part of Shoshone without any negative financial effect on the property owners to donate land to make Shoshone a full street.*" Motion was seconded but did not pass.

e) Executive Committee- Becky Bendikson submitted a summary of the meeting that was held on November 19, 2003. Motion was made by the Committee (item 5a) "*that Neighborhood Council Board members attending Board-sanctioned activities requiring use of private automobile (meetings and hearings) be reimbursed at the rate of 32.5 cents per round trip mile from their residence and also be reimbursed for parking*". Motion seconded and passed.

Motion was also made by the Committee (item 5b) "*that GHNNC purchase a Martin Yale Auto Folder that folds up to 7,500 sheets per hour, accommodates weights from 16-28 lb. bond, from sizes 3-1/2"x5" to 8-3/4"x14, four standard folds at a price up to \$700.*" Motion was seconded and passed.

Motion was made by the Committee that "*a 24-hour notice be given in advance of requested time for voting records of Board members for a specific meeting or agenda item number and the request should be made to the Recording Officer during business hours.*" Motion seconded and passed.

11. Comments from Board members

a) Mary Ellen Crosby- stated that the bulletin boards have arrived and that we are waiting for the Parks Dept. to install them.

b) Becky Bendikson- we have parking passes for City Hall for Board members attending meetings. Becky had once again been elected to represent the North Valley Federation of Neighborhood Councils for another six months. The DONE web site has missing names and misspellings for our Neighborhood Council. Scott will look into how this can be corrected.

c) Sid Gold- stated that the Council should preference local vendors and union labor.

d) Wayde Hunter- met with the Northridge West Neighborhood Council (in formation) on

December 18, 2003. There will be a traffic summit on February 17, 2004 at 6:45 PM at Nobel Middle School.

e) Joe Vitti- Laura Chick will speak at the next Valley Vote meeting on Monday, January 19, 2004, at 7PM at Galpin Ford.

Meeting adjourned at 9:55PM

Minutes submitted by

Donna Zero, Recording Officer

Approved at March 1, 2004 special meeting by Board

