

GRANADA HILLS NORTH NEIGHBORHOOD COUNCIL

Minutes of the January 26, 2004 Regular Meeting
Van Gogh Street School
17160 Van Gogh Street, Granada Hills, California

1. The meeting was called to order by Chairperson Becky Bendikson at 7:05 P.M. Pledge of Allegiance was recited.
2. Statement was read re Board of Education position of neither approving nor disapproving what is said at the meeting.

Donna Zero, Recording Officer, took Directors Roll Call.

Present: Wayne Aller, Theresa Anderssen, Becky Bendikson, Greg Chaussee, Mary Ellen Crosby, David Dean, Rick Driscoll, Mary Edwards, Ginger Fong, Michael Greenwald, Frank Kiesler, Scott Manatt, Cherie Mann (late), Dave Parikh (late), Ben Pedrick, Bob Ricketts, Kim Thompson, Susan Tipton, Joe Vitti, and Donna Zero.

Absent: Sid Gold and Wayde Hunter

3. Public comment on non-agenda items (total combined time allowed for comment is 15 min.). A local student made the comment "I want my park back."
4. Minutes from the August 25, 2003, November 12, 2003 and December 29, 2003 regular meetings were deferred to the next meeting.

NEW BUSINESS:

5. Presentations by:

a) Patti Friedman, Senior Deputy to Los Angeles County Supervisor Michael Antonovich; deferred her presentation until after Greig Smith spoke. She presented on behalf of Mike Antonovich, a certificate of appreciation to Becky Bendikson.

b) Los Angeles City Councilperson Greig Smith presented an official "City of Los Angeles Certificate of Recognition for certification as a Neighborhood Council" to the GHNNC. Councilmember Smith then presented a congratulatory plaque to Becky Bendikson for being awarded the "2003 Gil Benjamin Citizen of the Year Award" in appreciation of her commitment and leadership.

He also stated that his office was sponsoring a class called Planning I on how things are planned from concept to implementation and how our voice can be heard at the specific stages.

On Feb. 21, 2004 from 9:00 A.M. to Noon at the Granada Pavilion, there will be a class "Budget 101" explaining how the City budget works and where money is spent. He also commented on the CLEAN Report which will limit new racks and on fines for illegal street signs,

and an ordinance to be drafted requiring markets to pick up their shopping carts.

He also stated that he would put \$25,000 towards repairs to the Bee Canyon Playground.

c) Chatsworth Neighborhood Council Board Member Robert Dager and Chatsworth Women's Club President Laurie Dager made a presentation re Santa Susana Pass State Historical Park. Since the dedication of the park in 1998, there have been no improvements. They are asking our support in the form of a letter and/or petitions. Issue referred to Planning and Land Use Committee for consideration.

d) April Manatt Frazier, Local Government Consultant, SAER Group gave out a power-point presentation explaining the Governor's proposed budget cuts and the implications on local governments.

e) Todd Lindgren, North Valley Area Director for Mayor Hahn's Office spoke about the City budget process, including the Mayor's priorities: 1) public safety, 2) improve delivery of services, and 3) create jobs and economic development.

f) Greg Chaussee and Patrick Casparian, GHNNC's representatives to the Regional Budget Panel, re Budget Priorities of North Valley Region for the City's 2004-2005 Budget gave a report. Greg Chaussee motioned *"for GHNNC to participate in the North Valley Regional Budget Committee meetings by appointing representatives with a one year term limit beginning 3/31/04. This will not be an ad hoc committee and will not be under the auspices of the City."* Motion seconded and passed.

Motion made by Mike Greenwald *"to nominate Greg Chaussee and Patrick Casparian as representatives to the North Valley Regional Budget Committee."* Motion seconded and passed.

6. Discussion of and possible formation of Ad Hoc Committee to evaluate proposed water rate increases by LADWP. Motion made by Wayne Aller *"to form an ad hoc committee to evaluate proposed water rate increases."* Motion seconded and passed. Committee members are Joe Vitti (Chairman by appointment of the Board Chairperson), Michael Greenwald, Greg Chaussee, Bob Ricketts and Kim Thompson.

7. Correspondence Officer Theresa Anderssen provided description of official correspondence for January, 2003.

8. Treasurer Susan Tipton will provide a financial report. Report was filed.

9. Committee Reports:

a) Communications/Outreach and Publicity Committees, Chairperson Greg Chaussee provided a written report.

b) Parks and Beautification Committee, Chairperson Mary Ellen Crosby provided a verbal summary of her last meeting. Motion was made by Cherie Mann *"that GHNNC"*

purchase five Doggy Walk dispensers at a cost of \$482 (including tax), six cases of bags at a total cost of \$812 (including tax) to be purchased and installed within this fiscal year in Bee Canyon Park.” Motion seconded and passed.

Motion made by Cherie Mann “that GHNNC, based upon approval of Councilman Smith’s request from the GH Community Amenities Trust Fund for \$25,000 for the Bee Canyon Playground, make an initial deposit of \$10,000, subject to receipt of detailed plans and itemized invoices, toward the building of the playground and that GHNNC agree to pay the balance up to an additional \$10,000 for the completion of the playground.”

Motion was seconded and passed.

c) Planning and Land Use Committee, Chairperson Kim Thompson

d) Policy and Rules Committee, Chairperson Sid Gold

e) Public Safety Committee, Chairperson Michael Greenwald

Items 9c, 9d, and 9e were tabled until the next meeting due to lack of time.

10. Comments from Board members on subject matters within the Board’s jurisdiction.

11. Public Comments - Comments from the public on non-agenda items within the Board’s subject matter jurisdiction. Public comments are limited to two minutes per speaker. Public comments were made by a student at the beginning of the meeting and during presentations by Robert Dager and Laurie Dager, Councilmember Greig Smith and April Manatt Frazier.

12. Adjournment at 9:15PM.

Donna Zero
Recording Officer

Approved at March 1, 2004 special meeting by Board.

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Treasurer Report

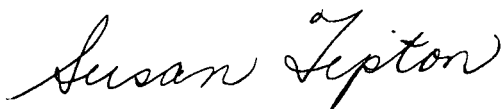
For the quarter ending December 31, 2003, we have spent \$2,510.54

As of 12-31-03, our account balances are:

Commercial Prepaid Card	\$2,598.00
LA City Account (Checks)	\$5,692.95
Petty Cash	\$ 814.14
Total	\$9,105.09

A detailed transaction report and a report of spending by category is attached.

Respectfully Submitted,



Susan Tipton
Treasurer