

**GRANADA HILLS NORTH NEIGHBORHOOD COUNCIL**  
**Minutes of the March 29, 2004 Regular Meeting**  
**Van Gogh Street School**  
**17160 Van Gogh Street, Granada Hills, CA**

1. The meeting was called to order by Chairperson Becky Bendikson at 6:05 P.M. Pledge of Allegiance was recited. **Director's Roll Call was taken by Donna Zero, Recording Officer (attendance roster is attached).**
2. Disclaimer statement from the Board of Education was read.
3. **Public comment cards were submitted by three audience members and their testimony was heard.** Stakeholder Dave Bendikson requested a roll call vote for all voting at this meeting and a request for someone to fill the office of Media Officer.
4. Acceptance of the Minutes from the August 25, 2003 and February 23, 2004. Patrick Casparian motioned *"to defer the approval of the minutes to the next meeting or the end of this meeting if time allowed."* Motion was seconded and passed.

NEW BUSINESS:

5. Presentations:

- a) Scott Burritt (DONE) reviewed the contents of "The Binder" which contains documents relating to the operation of neighborhood councils. Amelia **Herrera-Robles** will be replacing Scott Burritt as Project Coordinator. While going through the binder, several points were clarified:
  - ~ If an ad hoc committee is formed by the council, it should be treated as a standing committee.
  - ~ If only board members are in an ad hoc committee, then the committee does not have to post agendas. The public, however, can attend and offer comments.
  - ~ Form 700 is not required at this time.
- b) **Our new Project Coordinator** Amelia **Herrera-Robles** spoke about a board retreat. Motion was made by Sid Gold to form an ad hoc committee to explore the retreat concept and report back at the next meeting. Motion was seconded and passed. The committee will consist of Becky Bendikson, Donna Zero, Theresa ~~Andersen~~ **Anderssen** and Sid Gold.
- c) Carol-Ann Scott and Susan Bryan, **Co-Executive Directors**, talked about Imagine Academy, a charter school which is currently operating out of the **North Valley** Jewish Community Center.
- d) Julie Finney, **Zoning Manager, Tetra Tech Communications Services**, spoke on the cell tower proposed to be located at Knollwood Methodist Church. They are redesigning

the tower to meet the specifications put forward by the Planning and Land Use Committee. Jon Lauritzen, LAUSD Board member is opposed to this tower.

e) Caroline East, Trustee, Granada Hills Community Hospital Foundation urged us to write a letter to Roy Romer to give back the property on Balboa that was purchased for the high school.

6. Correspondence Officer Theresa Anderssen gave a summary of official correspondence for March 2004.

7. **Treasurer** Susan Tipton submitted the financial report dated March 29, 2004.

8. **Faith-Based** Special Interest Representative Ben Pedrick reported that he will be asking churches in our area to announce the GHNNC meetings at their weekly services.

9. Wayde Hunter reported the 510 Coast Live Oaks to be removed by BFI, after counting, has risen to 940. there will be a Board of Public Works meeting on Wednesday at 10:00 A.M. on this matter.

10. Motion was made, seconded and passed to skip to Item 12, Elections, due to limited time.

#### **Elections of Officers**

These elections were conducted by Scott Burritt.

The following were selected and voted in by the Board:

Chairperson	Mike Greenwald
Vice Chairperson	Mary Edwards
Recording Officer	Donna Zero
Treasurer	Susan Tipton
<b>Parliamentarian Election Officer</b>	Sid Gold
<del>Communications &amp; Community Information and</del> <b>Outreach Officer</b>	Greg Chaussee
Financial Officer	Patrick Casparian
<del>Elections Officer</del>	<del>Sid Gold</del>
Correspondence Officer	Theresa Anderssen

There were no nominations for City Information Officer or Media Officer.

11. Committee Reports. Due to time limitations it was decided to skip ahead to the reports from the ~~Finance~~ **Financial** Committee and **Parks and Beautification** Committee at this time.

a) Patrick Casparian, **Chairperson, Financial Committee** reported that we cannot allot additional monies for the **Bee Canyon Park playground** until Greig Smith has the

money he promised deposited. Patrick said he sent an e-mail to Mr. Smith concerning this.

b) Mary Ellen Crosby, Chairperson, Parks and Beautification **Committee**, read a letter from Greig Smith requesting the City Clerk to transfer \$25,000 to the Bee Canyon Account.

12. The meeting was adjourned at 9:30 P.M. and reconvened by **Chairperson Becky Bendikson** with a quorum at 10:04 P.M. at the home of Mary Edwards, **17219 Orozco Street, Granada Hills, CA.**

13. Motion was made by the Parks and Beautification Committee that *"GHNNC allow \$5,000 to complete the playground based upon a time line submitted by the Parks Department to the GHNNC as to start and completion dates of the playground."* The motion was passed.

14. The meeting was adjourned at 10:30 P.M.

Donna Zero  
Recording ~~Secretary~~ **Officer**

Corrections to these minutes were made at the May 3, 2004 special meeting and approved by the Board.