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2 **Granada Hills North Neighborhood Council**
3 **Board Meeting Minutes**

4 September 24, 2007

5 Van Gogh School Library

6 17160 Van Gogh Street, Granada Hills, CA
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8 **1. Call to Order by Chairperson Leon Marzillier: 7:00 p.m.**

9 **2. Roll Call by Recording Secretary Skip Leifer: Board members**

10 **Present:** Pat Casparian, Mary Ellen Crosby, Michael Deering, Sue DeVandry,
11 Scott Fisher, Sid Gold,

12 Michael Greenwald, Wayde Hunter, Skip Leifer, William Littenberg, Scott
13 Manatt, Leon Marzillier, Robert Olander, Natasha Vetlugin, Joe Vitti, Kathery
14 Wagenbach, Anne Ziliak. **Absent:** Dale Alloway, Robert Campbell, Jonalyn
15 Cooper, Matt Hughes, Joshua Jordahl.

16 Pledge of Allegiance, Chair Comments included announcement of the new
17 City service "211" which is a direct line, 24 hours a day, to the City's Health
18 and Human Services department for anyone needing social services. Also,
19 the Mayor's Budget Day event will take place on Saturday, October 13th from
20 8:30 to noon at City Hall.

21 **3. Minutes Approval:** (Hunter/Gold) moved approval of the August 27, 2007
22 board meeting minutes. Motion carried with one abstention.

23 **4. Public Comment** on non-agenda items:

24 DONE rep Amelia Herrera-Robles reiterated the information about Mayor's
25 Budget Day. She also announced that the next Congress of Neighborhoods
26 will be held at the L.A. Convention Center, Oct 27th, 7:30 – 1:00 p.m.

27 Board member Joe Vitti spoke about the Neighborhood Council Review
28 Commission's Final Report of recommendations on the Neighborhood
29 Council System. The NCRC Commission will appear before the City Council
30 tomorrow, Sept. 25th, to present their recommendations. The report is also
31 viewable on the NCRC website: www.ncrcla.org.

32 **5. Treasurer's Report,** Scott Manatt gave a report. GHNNC is now down to
33 three bank accounts from the previous four; DONE has not yet approved the
34 funding, previously approved by GHNNC, for the graffiti removal program.
35 DONE Rep Ms. Robles promised to look into this.

36 **6. Community Plan Update,** Anna Vidal, the Granada Hills planner
37 announced that the second community meeting takes place on Oct. 11th at 9
38 p.m. at Tulsa Elementary, 10900 Hayvenhurst Ave. Following the Granada
39 Hills South Neighborhood Council's meeting. Anna can be reached via email
40 at: anna.vidal@lacity.org. or (818) 374-5043.

41 **7. Guest speakers with possible action:**

42 a. Mary Edwards spoke about the questionable storage of chlorine at the
43 Sewer Treatment Plant off Balboa Blvd. She has been unable to get through
44 to anyone either by phone or in person on this issue and is concerned about
45 the vulnerability of the tanker storage cars. Wayde Hunter identified the
46 property owner as the Metropolitan Water District. Mike Greenwald said he
47 would contact former board member David Dean, who he said could provide
48 access to more information. The board discussed concerns over water safety
49 and other related issues. Anne Ziliak suggested setting up a tour of the
50 facility. The item will be agendized with Public Safety for discussion at their
51 next meeting. Mike said he needs additional committee members for Public
52 Safety.

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54 b. Ray Calnan, a board member of Northridge East Neighborhood Council,
55 asked the board to consider contributing funding to a joint North Valley
56 Seminar on Aging for a budget of \$10,000.

57 The event is being planned for Nov. 10 at the Wilkenson Center on Nordhoff
58 and will be put on by the Department of Aging. After discussion, the board did
59 not choose to support this event citing the limit of 200 participants as too
60 restrictive and the costs too high. The Executive Board members had
61 discussed this after the last presentation in August and felt the Department of
62 Aging already provides the needed services to the community under their own
63 funding.

64 8. **Executive Committee Motion:** *“That the Finance Committee be*
65 *combined with the Executive Committee and that this be forwarded*
66 *to the Policy and Rules Committee for consideration in revising the*
67 *By-Laws of the GHNNC.”*

68 The motion carried unanimously.

69 9. **Motion funding participation by GHNNC for the CA Integrated Waste**
70 **Management Board Workshop:** Initially, (Hunter/Marzillier) moved to
71 send Wayde Hunter to represent GHNNC and/or additional persons to
72 attend California Integrated Waste Management Board Workshop in
73 Sacramento on October 3, 2007 on Financial Assurances for Landfill
74 Closure (title may change) and to allocate funding not to exceed
75 \$300/person. *(Casparian/Ziliak) offered a friendly amendment to*
76 *allocated up to \$500.00 per person to send Wayde Hunter and*
77 *possibly Anne Ziliak to represent GHNNC to attend California*
78 *Integrated Waste Management Board Workshop in Sacramento on*
79 *October 3, 2007 on Financial Assurances for Landfill Closure (title*
80 *may change).*

81 The amendment carried: 16-0-1. The motion was then approved
82 unanimously.

83 10. **Board Resignation:** Leon announced the resignation of board member
84 Matt Hughes. (Greenwald/Leifer) moved, “The Nominating Committee
85 accepts the resignation of Matt Hughes and recommends the removal of

86 Robert Campbell for lack of attendance.” The motion carried unanimously.
87 Michael will call a meeting of the Nominating Committee to discuss
88 possible appointments.

89 **11. Committee Reports** and possible action items:

- 90 • *PLUM*, Anne Ziliak, chair moved **“That the GHNNC Board agree**
91 **with the PLUM Committee determination to allow a hardship**
92 **exemption for the owners of 12841 Jimeno Ave (home within**
93 **an Interim Control Ordinance area and a pending Historic**
94 **Preservation Overlay Zone) to replace the house siding with**
95 **like material and like appearance.”** The motion passed
96 **unanimously.**
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98 Anne then gave an update on the proposed development on Mayerling
99 stating that the North Valley Area Planning Commission, against the
100 recommendation of GHNNC’s PLUM committee, granted the
101 developer’s request to expand from four house lots to seven. The issue
102 is now going before the City Council, tomorrow, for their ruling. She
103 noted that Council member Greig Smith approved the developer’s
104 request, as well, to double the density against the Community Plan’s
105 definition of lot size for the K Overlay district. When asked to respond
106 to the Council member’s decision, John Bwarie was not able to speak
107 to the issue. He said he would check with their planning deputies and
108 get back to Anne.
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110 **(Gold/Greenwald) then moved that the board declare this an**
111 **emergency issue and vote to support PLUM on this.** The motion
112 **carried: 16-0-1.**

113 **(Gold/Greenwald) then moved, “Resolved that GHNNC support**
114 **the stakeholder’s appeal to oppose the appeal for the proposed**
115 **development on Mayerling as it does not conform with the**
116 **community plan, which is one home per acre. Resolved that**
117 **proposed project on Mayerling does not meet the technical**
118 **requirements for approval specifically that no site plans or horse**
119 **trails were made available at PLUM; that no traffic mitigation was**
120 **proposed; and that no appropriate zone change was applied for.**
121 **Resolved that GHNNC asks that this project be returned by**
122 **Council to PLUM for reconsideration.”** The motion carried
123 **unanimously.**
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- 125 • *Outreach*, Sue DeVandry reported that she needs help from the
126 board with putting on the Granada Hills Street Faire, October 6,
127 2007 by White Oak and Chatsworth down to Encino/Zelzah. The
128 fair starts at 10 a.m. and 10,000 attendance is anticipated. There
129 will be live broadcasts from a local radio station, craft sales, a

130 Farmers Market, two bands playing, raffle prizes, kids events and
131 food booths.

132 *Update on stakeholder emails:* Sue noted that Eric (website manager)
133 is sending out weekly emails to stakeholders on current and upcoming
134 events. Anyone who wants to be included on this list can opt in from
135 the website.

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137 • *Public Safety*, Michael Greenwald said his committee met last week
138 and came up with two motions regarding traffic issues and
139 beautification on Blucher Ave. The motions will be presented at the
140 next board meeting.

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142 • *Parks & Beautification*, Mary Ellen Crosby is working with the
143 Million Trees campaign, which will have a booth at the upcoming
144 Street Fair. She asked for board members to man the booth for
145 two-hour shifts. They will have free tree giveaways. Mary Ellen will
146 be participating in an Ad Hoc Committee for GHSNC to help them
147 select sites for a dog park. The Girl Scouts will celebrate their 95th
148 year anniversary with an event on Nov. 11 at O'Melveny Park. They
149 will be planting 95 trees there.

150 The next Committee meeting is at Mary Ellen's home on Oct 4 at 7
151 p.m.

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153 • *Communication*, Bob Olander, said there was no meeting held this
154 month. Leon suggested that his committee discuss publishing a
155 GHNNC newsletter. Bob agreed to bring it up.

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157 • *Ad Hoc Office*, Leon Marzillier reported that Sue DeVandry had
158 looked into a possible office site at a school but that it did not look
159 hopeful due to conflicts with other groups meeting there.

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161 **12. Board Member Comment on non-agenda items**

162 • John Bwarie announced a community clean up on Sat. Nov 3, 8:30
163 – 11:30.

164 • Michael suggested the GHNNC focus on possibly redrawing the
165 borders with the City. The suggestion was referred to the executive
166 committee.

167 • Sid Gold asked whether there is insurance for board members
168 traveling on behalf of the GHNNC other Council business.

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170 **13. Meeting Adjourned: 9:00 p.m.**

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172 Minutes by Pat Kramer, Apple One, modified by Skip Leifer, Recording Officer