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**Granada Hills North Neighborhood Council
March 31, 2008 Board Meeting Minutes
Van Gogh Elementary School, Granada Hills**

1. **Call to Order:** 6:37 p.m. by GHNNC Board Chairman Leon Marzillier.
2. **Roll Call:** Pat Casparian, Jonalyn Cooper, Maryellen Crosby, Sue DeVandry, Scott Fisher, Michael Greenwald, Wayde Hunter, Skip Leifer, Scott Manatt, Leon Marzillier, Natasha Vetlugin, Anne Ziliak, Joe Vitti, and William Lillenberg. Sid Gold, Joshua Jordahl and Michael Deering showed up later.
- Pledge of Allegiance was led by Jonalyn Cooper.
- Chair Comments. Leon asked everyone to go online and take a stakeholders budget survey to give the Mayor's office feedback on the budget. On Sunday, April 27th, "Celebrate LA" will take place at the Rose Bowl in Pasadena from: 11 a.m. – 5 p.m. Public service will be celebrated and the GHNNC board will be honored at this event.

3. **Minutes: Approval.** (Leifer/DeVandry) moved for approval of the February 25, 2008 Board Meeting minutes with one correction as noted by Maryellen Crosby, changing her budget item to \$600 (on line 74). Motion carried unanimously

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

- Janet Hartley, North Valley Chamber of Commerce, spoke about marketing & networking opportunities.
- Rebecca Olkowski, North Valley Regional Chamber of Commerce, announced the June 1st 5K Walk Run to benefit neighborhood schools. They are seeking sponsors and participants. Call for info: (818) 349-5676).
- Ralph Kroy, stakeholder, says the new speed sign on Balboa is not calibrated properly. Michael Greenwald told him that the Public Safety Committee is working on it.
- Raymond Yu announced several citywide events including the Jack Smith Memorial Walk Event on Sunday, April 6th sponsored by the City of L.A. and the Southwest Museum.
- Mary Edwards thanked everyone for their outpouring of support with donations for the homeless shelters.
- Jim Yoder, GHSNC, announced the upcoming CERT class starting in April. It will go for seven weeks and is free with emergency training provided by the L.A. Fire Dept. Free. Email Jim to sign up: jyoder@ghsnc.org.

5. **Treasurer's Report** – Scott Manatt gave a Third Quarter Treasurer's Cash Flow Report then presented four motions. Scott first introduced Van Gogh Principal Gail Gunderson who spoke about the (as yet unofficial) Distinguished Schools honor the school is about to receive for seven years of educational service to the community.

(a) (Manatt) presented the Executive Committee's motion, "That GHNNC pay \$416.61 to purchase plants from American Wholesale Nurseries to be provided to Van Gogh Street Elementary School for beautification and support of their 'distinguished schools' application." The motion carried unanimously.

(b) (Manatt) introduced the Executive Committee's next motion, "That GHNNC prepare a Demand Warrant for a city check in the amount of \$7,000 payable to the West Valley Alliance for material, supplies and labor used in their graffiti removal and clean-up for seven (7) months at the GHNNC-established/DONE-approved \$1,000/month rate."

Scott explained that over \$8,000 was spent over the past year for graffiti abatement. Based on the success of this program keeping Granada Hills signage-free, he said the Executive Committee had decided to extend that amount over the next seven months at the rate of \$1,000 per month. (Casparian/Vitti) made a friendly amendment, changing the

58 language to provide a payment of \$4,000 for the balance of this fiscal year, then \$12,000
59 for the next year.”

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61 After discussion, **(Casparian/Vitti) withdrew their friendly amendment and made a**
62 **new friendly amendment, “That GHNNC prepare a Demand Warrant for a city check**
63 **in the amount of \$4,000 payable to the West Valley Alliance for material, supplies**
64 **and labor used in their graffiti removal and clean-up for the remainder of this fiscal**
65 **year, only.”**

66 During subsequent discussion, concerns ranged from the fact that this amount
67 represented the highest proportion of GHNNC monies spent in the budget to whether this
68 money would cover removing graffiti from County property on Sesnon at Whistler (the
69 water collection basin) to concerns over whether West Valley Alliance could actually
70 remove graffiti from County land – and if they could not, who could do that work?

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72 **The vote on the friendly amendment, changing the amount to \$4,000 failed: 7-9-1.**
73 **The original motion carried: 15-2-0.**

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75 **(c) (Manatt) introduced the Executive Committee’s motion: “That GHNNC submit a**
76 **Demand Warrant for the issue of a City check in the amount of \$2,574.18 (FOB**
77 **destination), payable to Botach Tactical, for two (2) of their SV100 Night Vision**
78 **devices. The devices are to be shipped directly to LAPD-Devonshire’s Volunteer**
79 **Surveillance Team for their use and retention for community police work.** Scott
80 introduced Senior Lead Officer Dario Del Core, Mike Dobry, and Wendell Durrant of the
81 Devonshire Surveillance Team. They answered questions about the work they do and
82 how it has enhanced arrests by LAPD in the GHNNC area. If anyone sees any illegal
83 activity, they are asked to call the non-emergency #: 877-275-5273

84 **The motion carried unanimously.**

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86 **(d) (Manatt) introduced the Executive Committee’s fourth motion, “That GHNNC**
87 **purchase a digital single lens reflex camera (to be property of GHNNC) at a price**
88 **not to exceed \$750, for use by GHNNC & the Outreach Committee and the**
89 **webmaster.” The motion carried unanimously.**

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91 **6. Finance Committee Report** – Pat Casparian presented the Third Quarter Fiscal Report
92 on approved expenses by budget category. Of the three categories, \$58,069 remains in the
93 Operations budget, \$31,930 remains in the Outreach budget, and \$111,647 remains in the
94 Community Improvements budget.

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96 **7. Sunshine Canyon Landfill Update** –Wayde explained the bill presented by Assembly
97 Member Fuentes adding Section 44001.5 to the Public Resources Code. He said this is
98 in response to the State accepting an application by BFI for the Solid Waste Application
99 Program. This bill is coming up for a vote on April 7th. Based on that,
100 **(Hunter/Crosby) moved, “That the GHNNC support AB 2415 (Fuentes) and that copies**
101 **be sent to the appropriate interested parties (i.e. Assembly members Felipe Fuentes,**
102 **Loni Hancock Chair, Committee on Natural Resources) who will hear this bill on April**
103 **7, 2008, Councilman Smith, et al.”** During discussion, Joe Vitti suggested that a copy of this
104 bill be sent to every Committee member alerting them of the problems the Granada Hills
105 community is facing with BFI, Wayde also suggested GHNNC board members write letters to
106 support this measure. **The motion carried unanimously.**

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108 **8. Committee Reports and possible action items:**
109 *Parks & Beautification* – Mary Ellen Crosby thanked the board for their participation on
110 the Spring Egg Hunt, which drew close to 500 kids.

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112 *PLUM* –Anne Ziliak: Regarding Ordinance #179681, which provides special exceptions
113 to developers building public, low income housing, **(Ziliak) moved, “That the GHNNC**
114 **Board write a letter to the City and/or file a Community Impact Statement stating**
115 **that we do not agree with Ordinance No. 179681 and the amendments of**

116 **12.22,12.24, 14.00 and 19.01 of the Los Angeles Municipal Code. These changes**
117 **will affect our quality of life and the environment and circumvent established land**
118 **use regulations.”**

119 Sid Gold recommended writing a letter from the board asking that this ordinance be
120 rescinded. Joe Vitti pointed out that a CIS might not be appropriate since this ordinance
121 is past the point of action. Instead, he suggested a letter to the City Council and Planning
122 Director. **The motion carried: 14-0-2.**

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124 Anne asked that her second motion be continued to the next board meeting in April:
125 “That the GHNNC approve the expenditure of funds (registration, transportation, food and
126 lodging) for up to four GHNNC PLUM Committee Members to participate in the California
127 Biomass Collaborative on May 28 through 30 at the Sacramento Convention Center.”

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129 Anne then reported that the City Council has voted to oppose the Las Lomas project. She
130 credited past GHNNC president Kim Thompson with her organized efforts to oppose this
131 project.

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133 *Outreach* – Sue DeVandry thanked everyone who helped with Outreach on the Spring
134 Egg Hunt. In April, Outreach and the Communications Committees will hold a joint
135 meeting. She will notify everyone by email on that date. She spoke about “Citrus Sunday”
136 on April 6th. Fire Station 18 on Balboa will organize efforts for this event from: 9 a.m. to 3
137 p.m.

138 *On May 30, 31, and June 1st* there will be a Salute to Recreation and Parks in Northridge.
139 She will speak more about this at the next meeting.

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141 *Communications* – Skip Leifer: (Leifer) moved, **“That GHNNC approve a raise from**
142 **\$125 to \$150 per month for webmaster Aaron DeVandry.”** (Sue DeVandry recused
143 herself from the vote). (Vetlugin/Ziliak) made a friendly amendment raising the amount to
144 \$175.00. **The vote for the friendly amendment carried: 11-3-2.**
145 **The vote to approve the amended motion carried. 15-0-1.**

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147 *Ad Hoc Office* – Leon Marzillier said the committee is looking into an Ad Hoc office space
148 with GHSNC on White Oak at Chatsworth.

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150 **9. Board Member Comments on non-agenda items:**

151 Leon alerted the board to the need for an election of officers next month, due to the bylaws
152 limiting terms to one year.

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154 Skip alerted the board to five unexcused absences for board member Dale Alloway. The
155 bylaws state: “Any Director who accrues three consecutive or a total of four absences from
156 regularly scheduled Board meetings in any consecutive 12 month period, commencing with
157 the date of taking office, shall be removed by a majority vote of the Board”. Should the Board
158 so vote next month Dale will be sent a letter notifying him that he can no longer serve on the
159 board.

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161 Scott Manatt suggested the board vote for a chairperson for the Rules and Policy committee.

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163 Anne Ziliak spoke about the Tip-a-Cop fundraiser on April 24th for the Special Olympics. The
164 event kicks off at 5 p.m. at Claim Jumper Restaurant at 9429 Tampa Ave. All tips go to the
165 Special Olympics.

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167 LAPD’s Environmental Community Relations department is holding an Environmental
168 Awareness event to celebrate Earth Day on Sunday, April 19 at Chatsworth Park North.
169 REI will provide a free breakfast. Chatsworth Neighborhood Council will provide a free lunch
170 for those helping with the clean up activities.

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172 The Deveonshire Community Police Station will hold their Semi Annual district meeting on
173 Thursday, April 3 at 7 p.m. in Porter Ranch. Guest speakers will discuss anti terrorism and

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intelligence as well as public safety in the community. Contact Officer DeSmith for info: 818
363-1726.

10. Meeting Adjourned: 9:05

Minutes by Pat Kramer, Apple One.
Amended by Skip Leifer