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Granada Hills North Neighborhood Council
May 19, 2008 Board Meeting Minutes
Van Gogh Elementary School, Granada Hills
Van Gogh School Auditorium
17160 Van Gogh Street, Granada Hills, CA

1. **Call to Order:** 6:45 p.m. by Leon Marzillier, GHNNC Chair.
Roll Call: Pat Casparian, Mary Ellen Crosby, Sue DeVandry, Michael Greenwald, Wayde Hunter, Joshua Jordahl, Skip Leifer, William Lillenberg, Scott Manatt, Leon Marzillier, Joe Vitti, and Anne Ziliak. Additional board members who arrived late: Jonalyn, Cooper, Kathy Waggenbach and Sid Gold. Pledge of Allegiance & Chair Comments

2. **Approval of April 28, 2008 Minutes** (with 1 revision by Skip): Motion carries: 14-0-1.

3. **New Board Appointments:** To conform with Brown Act provisions, two motions were presented for board member seats:
(Jordahl/Leifer) moved to approve Mak Jalili of the Odyssey Restaurant for District 2 representative. The motion carried unanimously.
(Jordahl/Leifer) moved to approve Mil Tossoun, pharmacist at Knollwood Pharmacy, for the Small Business representative. The motion carried unanimously.

4. **Council Report:** John Bwarie from Councilman Greig Smith's office reported that the City Council has approved the new budget for fiscal 2008/2009. A new Sober Living proposal was postponed. Anne Ziliak asked him to let her know when it will be rescheduled.

5. **DONE Report:** Amelia Herrera-Robles reminded the Board to fill out board surveys. She also informed them that there will be a new training for all Board Members at the Sunland - Tujunga Municipal Building on Foothill Blvd. on May 31st from 8 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.

5. **LAPD Report:** Officer Dario Del Core reported that violent crime and property crime are down in the Devonshire Division (compared to last year) but aggravated assaults and burglaries are up. Recently, there were three homicides. Currently, response time is at 8 minutes for emergencies and 35 minutes for low priority calls.

6. **Public Comment on Non-Agenda Items:**

- Cheryl Ford, GH Chamber of Commerce, asked for support for the Granada Hills Chamber's Street Faire in October. She is suggesting GHNNC allocate \$2,500 expenses. This item was referred to the Outreach Committee.

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- Jim Summers, GHSNC, would like to continue working with GHNNC on finding office space. He is also with a group called “Smart Growth Alliance,” which has filed a lawsuit against the Kohl’s Project this week. The City Council approved the Kohl’s project, but SGA is taking it to Superior Court. They will be holding a meeting on Smart Growth at 8 p.m. this Wednesday at the Granada Pavilion.

54 **7. Proposal: SOLID** – Becky Leveque:

55 Becky Leveque, past president of Porter Ranch Neighborhood Council,
56 explained SOLID, a group that raises money to provide needed services the
57 city’s police. They are seeking donations of \$5,000 to purchase gym
58 equipment at a price of \$28,180 for the Devonshire Police Dept. Gym.
59 Referred to Public Safety Committee.

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61 **8. Proposal: “For Our Troops”** – Mary Ellen Crosby.

62 Mary Ellen would like the GHNNC to endorse her campaign to raise money to
63 purchase supplies for troops in IRAQ. She would also like to have the
64 GHNNC website showcase soldiers from this community. She is starting a
65 sewing group to make neck collars, which they will fill with polymer to keep
66 soldiers cool (the polymer retains water). She will post meeting times for her
67 meetings in the future. During discussion about this item, several board
68 members said they believed this would not be an allowable item under the
69 City’s funding requirements for neighborhood councils. Amelia from DONE
70 also said it probably would not qualify. The item was referred for future
71 discussion to the Executive Committee.

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73 **9. Proposal for El Oro School** – Royce Goldman, Principal of El Oro
74 School, at 12230 El Oro Way, Granada Hills, needs certain hardcover library
75 books for the school. The funding request was referred to the Executive
76 Committee, who asked her for a list of the intended books.

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78 **10. Build it Green** - Josh Jordahl, the Environmental Rep. Initiated a motion,
79 “That the GHNNC join Build it Green, a professional non-profit
80 membership organization whose mission is to promote healthy, energy
81 and resource-efficient residential buildings in California at a cost of \$100.”
82 Leon announced that this motion was out of order because as a NC, they
83 cannot join a private group. Scott Manatt suggested Josh join as an
84 individual. The motion was postponed in order to receive information from
85 the City attorney.

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87 **11. Treasurer's report** – Scott Manatt reminded the board that only six weeks
88 are left in the fiscal year and that he needs paperwork for any expenses.

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90 **12. Finance Committee Report** – Pat Casparian presented GHNNC’s
91 proposed budget for the new fiscal year: July 1, 08- June 30, 09. The
92 motion to approve the budget carried unanimously.

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94 **13. Reports from Special Interest Group Reps:**

- 95 • Education – Kathy Waggenbach asked how, as a board member, she
96 should send out GHNNC announcements to the schools in the district.
97 Mike suggested speaking with a Community Liason at each school.
- 98 • Environmental – Josh Jordahl spoke about the meeting he attended on
99 the future of Green Building in Downey in April. He also went to the Alt
100 Build conference on alternative building in Santa Monica, and will
101 attend a Spring Technology seminar this week and in June, a Green
102 Leadership conference in Pasadena.
- 103 • Faith – Mick Deering – Tabled.
- 104 • Neighborhood Organization – Vacant
- 105 • Parks & Beautification– Mary Ellen Crosby noted that Patriot Oil has
106 been paying to water 1,000 trees removed from the BFI dump. The
107 nursery is on Neon Way off Sesnon and is being hand watered twice a
108 week. The wildflower meadow had a short season as a result of the
109 extreme heat. She has been in touch with the law firm O’Melveny &
110 Myers, who donated O’Melveny Park to Granada Hills. She
111 recommended a letter of appreciation be sent to the family in
112 acknowledgement of this park property. The matter was referred to the
113 Executive Committee.
- 114 • Residents Group – Vacant
- 115 • Small Business - New appointment
- 116 • Student – Vacant
- 117 • Youth – Not present.

118 Leon said he would request reports for the reps who did not attend tonight
119 for next month’s regular board meeting on June 23rd, 2008.

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121 **14. Committee Reports and possible action items:**

122 ***PLUM* – Anne Ziliak:: (Ziliak/ Lillenberg) moved that the GHNNC Board**
123 **disapprove any changes to the City of Los Angeles Zoning Regulation**
124 **that would support or implement SB1818. And request that the Los**
125 **Angeles City Council make an appeal to the State to declare all Charter**
126 **Cities in California be exempt from California Government Code 65915**
127 **(b). The motion carried unanimously.**

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129 Anne also noted that she attended the recent Zero Waste Conference and found
130 it very informative.

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132 ***Public Safety*** – Michael Greenwald spoke about the time delay in getting
133 the Council office to enact motions passed by GHNNC. He is asking the City for
134 assistance with this.

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136 ***Outreach*** – Sue DeVandry distributed shirts with the GHNNC logo to
137 board members and magnetic name tags. She has ordered promotional items
138 and will be reordering business cards. The GHNNC will participate in the Salute
139 to Recreation Family Festival at Northridge Park, May 30- June 1st. She asked

140 board members to help man the booth on May 31st. Outreach will discuss
141 participation in the Granada Hills Chamber Street Fair at their next meeting.

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143 **15. Board Member Comments** on non-agenda items:

144 **Leon reminded the board that the next GHNNC meeting will be a week**
145 **earlier, on June 23, as the school will be closed the following week.**

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147 Mike reminded the board that the District 3 position is still open and spoke about
148 a Banner Program to recognize men and women in the service from the GHNNC
149 area.

150 Wayde asked for someone to attend the City Hall meeting on Wednesday May
151 21, of the new Lead Enforcement Agency for City/ County landfills.

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153 Sue asked when the board retreat is being set up – there's no date yet.

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155 **16. Meeting Adjourned: 8:40 p.m.**

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157 Minutes by Pat Kramer, Apple One.

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Amended by Skip Leifer