

**Granada Hills North Neighborhood  
Council Special Board Meeting  
May 4, 2009  
GHNNC Office  
11139 Woodley Ave., Granada Hills, CA**

1 **Call to Order** at 7:22 p.m. by GHNNC Chairperson Leon Marzillier.

2 **Roll Call:** Sue DeVandry, Neysa Frechette, Rafael Garcia, Michael Greenwald, Wayde Hunter,  
3 Skip Leifer, Scott Manatt, Leon Marzillier, Eric Rosenberg, Jan Subar, Joe Vitti, Anne Ziliak, Josh  
4 Jordahl and Ray Pollok. Quorum established.

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6 Public Comment on non-agenda items: None.

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8 **Motion: (Policy & Rules Committee) moved that GHNNC adopt the Policy & Rules**  
9 **Committee proposal to amend and restate the GHNNC bylaws.** Policy and Rules chairperson  
10 Eric Rosenberg stated that the Policy and Rules Committee proposed considerable changes in  
11 the bylaws. He then reviewed the intent and meaning of each of the bylaws article changes:

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13 Article 1: Changes to grammar.

14 Article 2: Definition of abbreviations.

15 Article 3: The former Article 2 as well as definition of boundaries for Districts 1, 2 and 3.

16 Article 4: Grammatical changes.

17 Article 5: Definition of the terms "Stakeholder" and "Neighborhood Partner."

18 Article 6: Changes to the At Large designation for District 3; of 14 board seats, 13 must live, work  
19 or own property.

20 Article 7: Reference to the City Clerk running elections.

21 Article 8: Language clean up. Compensation for board members with expenses.

22 Article 9: Changes to titles of the executive and other committees on GHNNC – chair to president,  
23 vice chair to vice president, recording officer to secretary, etc.

24 Article 10: Definition of Emergency Meetings as opposed to Special Meetings. Notice  
25 requirements for posting these meetings.

26 Article 11: Language changes.

27 Article 12: The reconsideration of motions and Grievance Procedures.

28 Article 13: Language.

29 Article 14: Changes to the Preamble, removal of the Communications Committee, name changes  
30 to other committees.

31 Article 15: Amendments to the bylaws and when they should be considered.

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33 Leon asked if anyone had a question or issue with any of the bylaws. Discussion began regarding  
34 Article 3, which changed the language regarding the GHNNC's boundary with Porter Ranch. The  
35 questions regarded what the procedure would be for changing the language and whether the  
36 board needed to meet with any other entities to change the language over the boundary, which  
37 could potentially change the boundary to include Aliso Canyon. Several board members noted  
38 that GHNNC has concerns over horse properties, whereas Porter Ranch does not, and that Aliso  
39 Canyon was an area used by equestrians.

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41 Wayde Hunter then asked that discussion cease in order to return to procedure regarding a  
42 Special Meeting. The board and stakeholders attending the meeting were asked if they wanted to  
43 remove any of the articles from the group for further discussion. It was noted that

- 44 • Mary Anna Keinholz requested that articles 3, 5, 6, and 7 be removed for discussion.

- 45 • Kim Thompson requested that articles 8 and 14 be removed for discussion.
- 46 • Bill Hopkins requested that articles 9, 10 and 15 be removed for discussion.
- 47 • Vaune Kirby requested that article 12 be removed for discussion.
- 48 • Becky Bendickson requested a roll call vote on all motions of only Board Members. (The
- 49 chair denied her request as being out of order.)

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51 **(Leifer/Vitti) then moved that the rest of the articles, not contested, be moved to the**  
52 **consent calendar. That included articles: 1, 2, 4, 11 and 13. The motion carried with a vote**  
53 **of 12-7-0**

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55 **(Frechette/DeVandry) then moved to amend Article 3.1, “Boundaries” changing the**  
56 **language of the proposed bylaw from “State Route 118” to the original language “ 118**  
57 **freeway.” The motion failed: 7-12-0.**

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59 **(DeVandry/Frechette) moved to amend Article 3.1 to restore the words ‘continuing to the**  
60 **eastern edge of Aliso Canyon’ in place of “continuing to Aliso Canyon,” with the**  
61 **understanding that this section of the motion go back to committee to hammer out the**  
62 **language. The motion carried with a majority of 15-1 votes.**

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64 **The motion for Article 3 as amended was then passed with a vote of 16-0-0.**

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66 **Article 5: “Stakeholders.” A motion was made to approve Article 5 as proposed. The**  
67 **motion carried with a vote of 15-0-0.**

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69 **Article 6: “Composition of the Board of Directors:” A motion was made to approve Article**  
70 **6. The motion carried with a vote of 14-4-1.**

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72 **Article 7: “Neighborhood Council Elections:” (Rosenberg/Jordahl) moved to amend article**  
73 **7.4 “Voting” to state “All stakeholders aged eighteen (18) and above on the date of the**  
74 **election shall be entitled to vote in the Council elections...” to “All stakeholders 16 and**  
75 **above...” The motion failed with a vote of: 7-12-0.**

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77 **Article 7: “Neighborhood Council Elections” was then approved in its entirety by a vote of**  
78 **14-6-0.**

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80 **Article 8.1: “Duties and Privileges of Directors:” (Vitti/Leifer) moved to amend the**  
81 **proposed article from “The Board may work with other neighborhood councils on interests**  
82 **of mutual concerns” to “The Board may work with other citywide neighborhood councils**  
83 **on issues of concern.” The motion carried: 20-0-0.**

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85 **Article 8.2: “Compensation:” (Leifer/Manatt) moved to amend the proposed article from**  
86 **“...the Council shall reimburse a Director for reasonable expenses incurred in performing**  
87 **the duties of his or her office or while on Council business,” to “...the Council shall**  
88 **reimburse a Director for reasonable expenses consistent with the approved budget**  
89 **incurred in performing the duties of his or her office or while on Council business.” The**  
90 **motion carried: 16-0-5.**

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92 **Article 8 was then approved in its entirety by a vote of: 16-2-0.**

94 **Article 9.3: “The Vice President:” (Frechette/Leifer) moved to amend the proposed article**  
95 **to not change the title of Vice President to City Information Officer and for this to be**  
96 **reflected throughout the document. The motion carried: 14-3-3.**  
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98 **Article 9.2: “The Executive Vice President:” (Greenwald/Leifer) moved that “Executive Vice**  
99 **President” be restored to “Vice President.” The motion carried: 18-0-2.**  
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101 **Article 9: A motion was made to approve “Officers of the Board and their Duties” in its**  
102 **entirety. The motion failed by a vote of: 11-8-0.**  
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104 **(Rosenberg/ Greenwald ) then moved to accept the proposed preamble to Article 9,**  
105 **excluding the changing of officer’s titles, and to also accept sections 9.5 'The Financial**  
106 **Officer' and section 9.6 'The Treasurer', with numbering as appropriate. The motion**  
107 **carried: 14-4-2.**  
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109 **Article 10: “Meetings of the Board:” A motion was made to approve Article 10 as**  
110 **proposed. The motion carried: 15-2-3.**  
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112 **Article 14.1c. “Standing Committees:” (Rosenberg) moved to remove the word Vice**  
113 **President (now 'City Information Officer' per an earlier motion) from the executive**  
114 **committee." The motion carried: 17-0-3.**  
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116 **(Vitti/Ziliak) then moved to approve Article 14 with the understanding that all these**  
117 **committees will be fleshed out by the Policy and Rules Committee in discussions about**  
118 **policies and guidelines. The motion carried: 14-2-0.**  
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120 **Article 15: “Changes to These Bylaws:” A motion was made to approve Article 15 as**  
121 **proposed. The motion carried: 16-0-0.**  
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123 At this point, it was noted that the Special Meeting lost its quorum with three board members  
124 leaving. (Pollok, Greenwald, and Jordahl).  
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126 Article 12: “Reconsideration and Grievance Procedures” was unable to be discussed. Therefore,  
127 it will be sent back to the Policies and Rules Committee.  
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129 **Meeting adjourned: 9:55 p.m.**  
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**Minutes by Pat Kramer, Apple One, with Skip Leifer, Recording Officer**