

Granada Hills North neighborhood Council
Monthly Board Meeting
Kennedy High School
June 1, 2009

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6 1. **Call to Order** by Leon Marzillier, GHNNC Chair, at 6:49 p.m.
7 **Roll Call:** Sue DeVandry, Mary Ellen Crosby, Neysa Frechette, Rafael Garcia, Michael Greenwald, Skip
8 Leifer, Scott Manatt, Leon Marzillier, Eric Rosenberg, Jan Subar, Joe Vitti, Anne Ziliak, and Ray Pollok.
9 Sid Gold and Josh Jordahl arrived later. Quorum established.
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11 **Pledge of Allegiance, Chair comments and announcements.** Leon announced that GHNNC made a
12 strong showing at the Valley Regional Congress in May 2009. Sue DeVandry and Scott Manatt received
13 awards for outstanding service. The Mayor's Day of Service happens on June 27, 2009 at 8:00 a.m. with a
14 brush clearing beautification project at Aliso Canyon Park.
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- 16 2. **(Leifer/Rosenberg) moved the approval of the April 27th regular board meeting minutes. The motion**
17 **carried 12-0-1.**

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19 **(DeVandry/Subar) moved to table the vote on the Special Meeting minutes of May 4th, 2009 due to**
20 **stakeholder questions. The motion carried: 8-4-1.** After revisions are made to those minutes, the vote will
21 be rescheduled for the next board meeting.
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23 3. **Public Comment:**

24 Tana Ball, District Director, LA Unified School District talked about truancy in the school system. She stated
25 that 48% of kids who are truant return to the school campuses to make trouble. She suggested a pilot
26 program for truancy which would use special I-Phones equipped with a transmittal system to the schools'
27 computers to identify truant students on campus. She is asking GHNNC to pledge \$2,000 toward their start
28 up costs. The project is estimated to cost \$35,000.00. This item was referred to the Public Safety Committee
29 for further discussion.
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31 Jonathan Chance, producer of City Newscasts, (www.citynewscast.com) introduced their Emergency Alert
32 Notification System which will allow NCs to send emergency messages to stakeholders' cell phones and
33 emails. It's a web based system which uses data lines located outside of California to avoid problems if
34 communication lines go down. This item will be considered by the Public Safety and Outreach committees.
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36 Becky Bendikson, stakeholder, requested that the board fax to her notifications and agendas for all
37 committee meetings and board meetings. She stated that she is unable to receive emails and prefers fax to
38 mail. It was noted that she has a manual fax system requiring that she be home to manually switch it on.
39 Since this requires board members to wait until she is home to comply with her request, it was suggested
40 that she purchase a fax machine with a dedicated phone line. Until that time, the board will do what is
41 reasonable for her special request.
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43 P. Kash, stakeholder, complained about a dumpster adjacent to his property that is offensive to him (It was
44 noted it belongs to a Group Home). He also had a complaint about cars violating the right turn signal at
45 Balboa and Woodley. Finally, he reported that a retarded man at the corner of Orozco has been requesting
46 he purchase soda pop for him. Mr. Cash said he was concerned about this man's welfare and would like to
47 state on record that someone should be watching out for him.
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49 Bill Hopkins announced that the DWP's new water conservation measures take affect on June 1st. The Tier 1
50 allotment drops residents' water allocations by 15%. Above that, rates go up to Tier 2 levels. Residents are
51 restricted on watering their lawns to Mondays and Thursdays before 9 a.m. and after 4 p.m. Bill distributed a
52 sheet with the new restrictions.
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- 54 4. **Executive Committee motion, "That GHNNC accept the resignation of Mil Tossoun, Small Business**
55 **and Workers Representative, from the GHNNC Board." The motion carried: 14-0-0 (unanimous).**
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57 **(Greenwald) Nomination Committee moved, "That GHNNC approve stakeholder Gary Holmen for the**
58 **board seat for Youth Group Representative."** Gary spoke to the board about his background as a trial
59 attorney and stakeholder in Granada Hills. He is Past Commissioner of the Soccer Region and an executive
60 with Granada Hills Youth Recreation Center. **The board approved him for this position: 13-0-1. Gary**
61 **Holman was seated immediately as a board member.**

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5. **(Greenwald) Nomination Committee moved, "That GHNNC approve stakeholder Steven Smith for the board seat of Small Business and Worker Representative." The motion carried: 13-0-1. Steven Smith was seated immediately as a board member.**

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Michael Greenwald then introduced the three candidates for the board seat for District 3:

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- o Bill Hopkins – Public Safety and PLUM committee member who serves on the North Valley Preparedness Disaster Team. He is a Ham Radio operator and the former set builder for the Granada Theater.
 - o Agnes Lewis – Is a PLUM committee member who is involved in equestrian issues, interested in outreach and beautification and has a background in finance. She has worked in executive management at software and hardware companies.
 - o Marie Elena Miller – Is a paralegal who is retired but has extensive experience working at law firms. She was not present for the vote.

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The board approved Agnes Lewis as the District 3 board member by a vote of 12-4-1. Agnes Lewis was seated immediately as a board member.

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6. **Election of Treasurer:** Eric Rosenberg and new board member Agnes Lewis were nominated to serve as treasurer. Agnes is a former CFO and accountant. Eric is a personal financial advisor for CitiGroup and has assisted with budgetary issues at his company. During discussion, Agnes withdrew her candidacy. **The board approved Eric Rosenberg for treasurer by a vote of: 17-0-1.**

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Ray Pollok, who currently serves as Financial Officer, said he would be willing to vacate the Financial Officer position if another board member wants to serve. No action was taken on that.

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7. **(Marzillier) Executive Committee Motion, "That GHNNC approve the attached locations for the posting of agendas at the GHNNC office, How's Market, two (2) Bee Canyon Park kiosks, and Tony's Restaurant at 11858 Balboa Blvd." The motion carried: 17-0-0.**

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8. **Committee Reports:**

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(Ziliak) PLUM moved: "That the GHNNC approve the expenditure of funds for up to five GHNNC PLUM Committee members (\$135.00 per person or \$675.00 total) to participate in the "Third Annual Sustainability Summit; Building a Green Economy" Energy, Transportation & Innovation" on Monday, June 29th, 2009 from 7:30 am to 2:00 p.m. (at the Getty Center)."

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(Gold/Frechette) amended the motion to include "up to seven GHNNC stakeholders (\$135.00 per person or \$945 total)..." The board voted to amend the motion by: 9-3-4.

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(Lewis/Greenberg) then moved to amend the motion back to the original wording. The motion failed: 3-10-4.

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The board approved the previously amended motion which read "That the GHNNC approve the expenditure of funds for up to seven GHNNC stakeholders (\$135.00 per person or \$945 total) to participate in the "Third Annual Sustainability Summit; Building a Green Economy" Energy, Transportation & Innovation" on Monday, June 29th, 2009 from 7:30 am to 2:00 p.m. (at the Getty Center)." by a vote of: 12-3-2.

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(Ziliak) PLUM moved, "That the GHNNC reaffirm our position April 2008 and send a follow up letter protesting the lack of information being provided by BFI to both City and County CACs as required in both Conditional Use Permits (CUPs), information that the NC relies on, such as notices, agendas, emails, permit requests and actions to keep itself and the community informed and that copies of all correspondence be sent to the CACs, GHNNC and all other interested parties: i.e. City & County LEAs, City Planning, Councilman Smith & Supervisor Antonovich."

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The motion carried: 14-0-3.

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- Anne announced an invitation to GHNNC board members to attend the North Valley Charter HS Graduation 2009.

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- A Special Meeting will be held on June 11, 2009, potentially at Knollwood Methodist Church, regarding the issue to use a building on the Veterans Administration campus for low cost housing for veterans.

127 **(Greenwald) Public Safety moved, “That the GHNNC ask CD12 and DOT to have the area at the**
128 **ingress/regress of the MWD Soccer Fields marked “Keep Clear” so residents can get in and out**
129 **safely.”** During discussion, Michael amended the motion changing the word ‘residents’ to ‘people’. **The**
130 **motion carried unanimously.**

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132 **(Greenwald) Public Safety moved, “That the GHNNC support the October 3, 2009 Disaster**
133 **Preparedness Event with financial support not to exceed \$1,000.”** Bob Ricketts said last year eight NCs
134 participated. This year, they are hoping for the involvement of a dozen NCs. **The motion carried: 13-0-3.**

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136 **(Greenwald) Public Safety moved, “That the GHNNC ask CD12 and DOT to have a four-way Stop Sign**
137 **installed at the blind intersection of Zelzah and Rexbon.”** The motion carried unanimously.

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139 **Parks and Recreation:** Mary Ellen Crosby will be writing a letter to thank Ken Novak for his donation of
140 grapefruit trees for O’Melveny Park.

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142 **Outreach,** Sue DeVandry thanked the board for nominating her for an award at the Valley Regional
143 Congress. She asked the board to attend and work at the GHNNC booth at Van Gogh’s Wild West Days at
144 O’Melveny Park the following weekend. She noted that Principal Gail Gunderson has thanked the board for
145 its support. She also encouraged the board to participate in the Mayor’s Citywide Day of Service at Aliso
146 Canyon Park on June 9.

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148 **Policy and Rules,** Eric Rosenberg raised a parliamentary question about the bylaws amendments that were
149 not approved at the Special Meeting.

150 Leon responded that those bylaws would be voted on when the required information was provided.

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152 **9. Board Member Comments:**

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- Michael Greenwald asked the board to consider using a local printer within GHNNC’s geographic area for board business.
 - Anne suggested board members who are interested in participating in the Mayor’s Day of Service bring tools to clear brush at Aliso Canyon. She pointed out that this Valleywide project is in GHNNC’s area.
 - Skip Leifer noted that a roll call vote was not taken at the Special Meeting.
 - Eric Rosenberg responded to Becky Bendikson’s question as to why the board didn’t take a roll call vote during the Special Meeting saying that issue will be discussed at the Policy and Rules committee meeting on Monday, June 8.
 - Sid Gold reported that the effort to raise the speed limit in the Valley died in committee at City Hall.
 - Sue DeVandry suggested that Skip save all paper brought to each board meeting in a dated folder for recordkeeping purposes.
 - Rafael Garcia attended Valley Congress session that requested reports be done rating the effectiveness of elected officials.
 - Scott Manatt reminded the board that NCs can now designate grants to Not for Profit organizations.
 - Mary Ellen Crosby talked about her interest in attending the meeting on the Sunshine Act to replace the Brown Act.

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171 **10. Meeting Adjourned: 9:19 p.m.**

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173 - **Minutes by Pat Kramer, Apple One with Skip Leifer, Recording Officer**