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Granada Hills North Neighborhood Council
Special Meeting Minutes
GHNNC Office
11139 Woodley Ave., Granada Hills, CA
August 24, 2009

1. Leon Marzillier, Chairperson of GHNNC, opened the meeting at 6:40 with a roll call of board members present: Mary Ellen Crosby, Sue DeVandry, Sid Gold, Bill Hopkins, Wayde Hunter, Gary Holman, Skip Leifer, Agnes Lewis, Leon Marzillier, Ray Pollok, Eric Rosenberg, Joe Vitti and Anne Ziliak. Quorum established with 13 board members. Late arrivals: Josh Jordahl, Mike Greenwald & Scott Manatt.
2. Policy & Rules Committee Chair Eric Rosenberg called the meeting to order at 6:45 p.m. He led the assembly in the Pledge of Allegiance. He then explained the process of voter certification, rules and meeting procedures and presented an overview of the proposed bylaws changes.
3. Committee members then made comments, especially commending Eric's outstanding efforts to bring this document to the point where we could all discuss it. There were no questions asked by stakeholders.
4. First Proposed Motion: "That we amend and restate GHNNC Bylaws Article 2 (Definitions) as proposed by the Policy & Rules Committee. The motion carried by unanimous consent.
5. Second Proposed Motion: "That we amend and restate GHNNC Bylaws Article 3 (Boundaries) as proposed by the Policy & Rules Committee. The motion carried by unanimous consent.
6. Third Proposed Motion: "That we amend and restate GHNNC Bylaws Article 5 (Stakeholders) as proposed by the Policy & Rules Committee. Stakeholder Stacy Rosenberg pointed out a typo requiring a clerical change. The motion carried as amended by unanimous consent.
7. Fourth Proposed Motion: "That we amend and restate GHNNC Bylaws Article 6 (Composition of the Board) as proposed by the Policy & Rules Committee. (Hopkins/Leifer) proposed an amendment to 6.3 b. "Environmental Representative" that, "This director is a stakeholder who is an actively involved member of an environmental organization that meets regularly at least four times annually within the neighborhood. (Hunter) offered a friendly amendment adding the words, "and deals with environmental issues that also affect the neighborhood."
The motion to amend failed: 5-12-0.
(Hopkins/Leifer) moved to amend it to: "This director is a stakeholder who is an actively involved member of an environmental organization that meets regularly at least four times annually within the neighborhood and deals with environmental issues." The amendment carried: 12-6-0.

(Hopkins/Marzillier) moved to amend 6.3. f. adding the word "apartment" to state: "This Director is a Resident Stakeholder who is an actively involved member of a homeowner, condominium, apartment, townhouse, or renters association that holds regular meetings (at least four times annually) and whose property lies within the Neighborhood. The amendment carried: 9-7-0.

(Hopkins/Thompson) moved to amend 6.3 g. changing "Those persons legally operating a business from a residence within the council area "may" also qualify to "will" also qualify. The motion to amend failed:
5-10-0.

(Hopkins/Leifer) moved to amend 6.3 i. changing, "This Director is a Stakeholder who is an actively involved member of any organization to "who is an actively involved member of any 'youth' organization." The motion to amend carried: 19-1-0.

The motion to approve Article 6 as amended carried: 20-1-0 and was adopted as amended.

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8. Fifth Proposed Motion: "That we amend and restate GHNNC Bylaws Article 9 (Officers of the Board and Their Duties) as proposed by the Policy & Rules Committee.

(Hopkins/Rosenberg) moved to amend the opening paragraph "Nominations and elections for these positions will take place utilizing standard election procedures including run-offs in the case of three or more candidates..." to "in the case of 'two' or more candidates." The motion to amend failed: 4-17-0.

(Hopkins/Rosenberg) moved to amend 9.3 The Secretary from "Will keep the minutes...and keep a file of all communications received or sent" to "keep a file of all communications received and/or sent." The amendment carried unanimously. The motion to approve Article 9 as amended carried unanimously.

9. Sixth Proposed Motion: "That we amend and restate GHNNC Bylaws Article (Neighborhood Council Elections) as proposed by the Policy & Rules Committee. (Hopkins/Thompson) moved to amend 7.6 Qualification for Directors from "To run for a seat on the GHNNC, a Stakeholder must be eighteen (18) years of age or older by the date of the election, except for the candidate for Student Representative, who must be sixteen (16) years of age by the date of the election" to "except for the candidate for Student Representative who must be between the ages of 16 & 25 by the date of the election." (Rosenberg) added a friendly amendment, "who must be sixteen (16) but not more than twenty-five (25) years of age by the date of the election." The amendment carried: 18-3-0. The motion carried as amended by unanimous consent.

10. Seventh Proposed Motion: "That we amend and restate GHNNC Bylaws Article 13 (Ethics) as proposed by the Policy & Rules Committee." (Hopkins/Thompson) moved that the second paragraph be amended adding the word "official" to read, "This information will be posted on the Council's "official" website." The amendment carried: 12-5-0. The motion as amended carried: 18-0-1.

11. Eighth Proposed Motion: "That we amend and restate GHNNC Bylaws Article 15 (Changes to These Bylaws) as proposed by the Policy & Rules Committee." (Hopkins/Thompson) moved to change the words "two weeks" to "14 days." The amendment carried: 10-6-0.

(Rosenberg/Rosenberg) moved to add the amendment, "These Bylaws shall only be amended by the "affirmative" vote of two-thirds (2/3) of Stakeholders present at a Special Meeting called for that purpose exclusive of abstentions and recusals." (Striking the phrase [meaning that two-thirds (2/3) of the Stakeholders' votes cast... must be in the affirmative.]) The amendment carried unanimously. Article 15 carried as amended by unanimous consent.

12. Ninth Proposed Motion: "That we amend and restate GHNNC Bylaws Exhibit 1 (Stakeholder Verification Form) as proposed by the Policy & Rules Committee. (Hopkins/Rosenberg) moved to change the description following Student (ages 15-25) to "age 15-25). The amendment carried unanimously. The motion carried as amended by unanimous consent.

13. Tenth Proposed Motion: "That we amend and restate GHNNC Bylaws Article 4 (Council Objectives & Policies and Stakeholder Communication) as proposed by the Policy & Rules Committee. (Hopkins/Hunter) proposed an amendment to 4.1 "After the best-faith efforts to solicit opinions from Stakeholders, the Council shall advocate to the City those public policies that are most likely to enhance our quality of life," to "that are likely to enhance our quality of life." The amendment failed: 7-12-0. Article 4 was approved intact by unanimous consent.

14. Eleventh Proposed Motion: "That we amend and restate GHNNC Bylaws Article 8 (Duties, Privileges and Compensation of the Board) as proposed by the Policy & Rules Committee. The motion carried by unanimous consent.

116 15. Twelfth Proposed Motion: "That we amend and restate GHNNC Bylaws Article 10 (Meetings of
117 the Board) as proposed by the Policy & Rules Committee. (Hopkins/Rosenberg) proposed
118 amending the first paragraph to read, "However, notification of such Emergency Meetings,
119 including the names of the concurring Directors, must be posted on the Council's "official"
120 website..." (adding the word "official." The motion to amend carried unanimously.
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122 (Hopkins/Rosenberg) proposed adding the word "official" to 10.3 Emergency Meetings
123 "...including the names of the concurring Directors, must be posted on the Council's "official"
124 website. The motion to amend carried unanimously.
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126 On 10.2 (Special Meetings), everyone present instructed the Policy ad Rules Committee to
127 propose changes to the Standing Rules that will outline the consequences if a Special Meeting
128 called by at least fifty (50) stakeholders does not achieve a quorum of the board.
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130 Article 10 carried as amended by unanimous consent.
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132 16. Thirteenth Proposed Motion: "That we amend and restate GHNNC Bylaws Article 11 (Board
133 Decisions) as proposed by the Policy & Rules Committee. The motion carried by unanimous
134 consent.
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136 17. Fourteenth Proposed Motion: "That we amend and restate GHNNC Bylaws Article 12
137 (Reconsideration and Grievance Procedures) as proposed by the Policy & Rules Committee."
138 (Hopkins/Hunter) moved to amend 12.2 c. from "At that time, said independent body shall
139 randomly draw three (3) names to serve on the grievance panel" to "shall draw three names "from
140 the list" to serve on the grievance panel." The motion to amend carried unanimously.
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142 (Rosenberg/DeVandry) moved to amend 12.2. b. from "At the next regularly scheduled general
143 meeting after receipt of the grievance, a list will be compiled by an independent body from a pool
144 of Stakeholder volunteers..." changing it to "from a pool of volunteers." (striking Stakeholder).
145 Then substituting the word "Stakeholders" with "volunteers" to read: "The list will remain open for
146 seven (7) days following the meeting to allow volunteers to express their interest to serve." The
147 amendment carried unanimously.
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149 (Rosenberg/Rosenberg) moved to amend 12.2. c. from "At that time, said independent body shall
150 randomly draw three (3) names to serve on the grievance panel" adding the words "from such list"
151 to "At that time, said independent body shall randomly draw three (3) names "from such list" to
152 serve on the grievance panel." The amendment carried unanimously. Article 12 carried as
153 amended by unanimous consent.
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155 18. Fifteenth Proposed Motion: "That we amend and restate GHNNC Bylaws Exhibit 2 (Grievance
156 and Complaint Form) as proposed by the Policy & Rules Committee (removing any reference to
157 grievances against specific individuals). The motion carried by unanimous consent.
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159 19. Sixteenth Proposed Motion: "That we amend and restate GHNNC Bylaws Article 14
160 (Committees) as proposed by the Policy & Rules Committee. (Hopkins/Gold) moved to amend
161 14.7. b. (Citywide Issues Committee) from "This committee shall research other items and issues
162 ..." to "This committee shall research items and issues..." The amendment failed.
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164 (Hopkins/Jordahl) moved to amend 14.7. f. (Parks and Beautification Committee) from "The Parks
165 Representative and the Environmental Representative shall both be members of this committee"
166 to "The Parks Representative and the Environmental Representative "may" both be members of
167 this committee." The motion carried: 10-9-0.
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169 (DeVandry/Rosenberg) moved to amend 14.7. f. from "The Parks Representative and the
170 Environmental Representative may both be members of this committee" to "The Parks
171 Representative shall be a member of this committee." The amendment carried unanimously.
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173 (Hunter/Lewis) moved to amend 14.1 (Oversight and Purpose) from "All committees shall
174 investigate the subject(s) assigned to them..." to "All committees shall investigate the subject(s)
175 assigned to them "or that fall within their respective purviews..." The amendment carried
176 unanimously.

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178 (Ziliak/Hopkins) moved to amend 14.7 (Standing Committees) adding as the last line, "The
179 responsibilities of Standing Committees are described in the Standing rules." The amendment
180 passed by unanimous consent.

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182 (Crosby/Hunter) moved to amend 14.7.f. adding the language, "The Parks Representative shall
183 be chairperson of that committee." The motion carried: 9-7-1.

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185 14.7 I. (Hopkins/Hunter) moved the amend 14.7. i. from "This committee shall study and make
186 recommendations concerning safety issues" to "This committee shall study and make
187 recommendations concerning safety issues "within or affecting the neighborhood." During
188 discussion, Hunter withdrew his second and the motion was withdrawn.

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190 14. 7. f. (Ziliak/Thompson) moved to reconsider 14.7.f. with a second vote on the language, "The
191 Parks Representative shall be chairperson of that committee." The motion failed: 5-11-1.

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193 The stakeholders present requested that the Policy and Rules Committee consider whether or not
194 to specify committee chairmanships. The motion carried: 16-0-2. Article 14 carried as amended
195 by unanimous consent.

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197 20. Meeting Adjourned: 9:55 p.m.

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200 -Minutes by Pat Kramer, Apple One-
201 - Amended by Skip Leifer, Recording Officer
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