

Granada Hills North Neighborhood Council  
Board Meeting Minutes  
Monday, August 27, 2012, 6:30 p.m.  
Van Gogh Street Elementary School  
17160 Van Gogh St, Granada Hills, CA, 91344

**1. Call to Order** at 6:40 p.m. by GHNNC President Leon Marzillier. **Roll Call:**

**Present:** Carl Buettner, Patti Costa, Sue DeVandry, Bill Hopkins, Wayne Hunter, Rahim Kazi, Ralph Kroy, Cherie Mann, Leon Marzillier, Ray Pollok, Steven Steinberg, Jan Subar, Kim Thompson and Anne Ziliak.

**Quorum established with 14.**

**Late:** Sid Gold and Edward Headington. **Absent:** Kevin Kilroy, William Lillenberg, Scott Manatt, and Lydia Plescia.

**Pledge of Allegiance:** led by Leon Marzillier.

**Chair Comments:** Leon Marzillier welcomed the audience and explained how the meeting will be conducted, and the forthcoming Board member selection.

**2. Approval of July 30, 2012 Board Meeting Minutes.**

*Motion to approve the July 30, 2012, Board meeting minutes. Approved 13-0-1.*

**3. Comments from CD 12, Senior Lead Officers, Mayor's Valley Rep, or any government agency.**

None presented.

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

Kirk Sanford – Retired artist promoting O'Melveny Park donates a dollar to park for each sale of his T-shirts printed with park animal characters. He suggests if confronted by a rattlesnake sprinkling water towards the snake to chase it away instead of killing it.

Lori Yalem – Presented information on “Yes on 37: CA Right to Know Campaign”, an initiative to label genetically modified foods (GMOs).

Loretta Magiar – Commented on the proliferation of posters on Gothic between Balboa and Rinaldi. Board suggested that she call 311 and report the posting.

Amparo Rajeles – Commented on the need for street paving around Jolette and Paulette affected by the 1994 earthquake. PLUM will determine if the streets mentioned are set for repaving by the City and respond to Rajeles.

**5. Presentation – SOLID (Supporters of Law Enforcement in Devonshire)**

Dale Penn and Paula Boland spoke about SOLID's 501c-3 non-profit volunteer group that supports LAPD's Devonshire Station ([www.soliddevonshire.org](http://www.soliddevonshire.org)) by providing equipment and building services not funded by the City. Some of the items provided have been a \$30,000 force option (shoot-don't shoot) simulator, a large smart screen (an electronic chalkboard) for officers to plan their day, and bullets for firearm practice. New project is refurbishing the station built in 1971 with a re-model of the roll call room, a community room and new kitchen facilities. SOLID is asking the NC to contribute toward a \$19,000 fund to finish SOLID's building project. Board members mentioned that SOLID recently received \$40,000 from the Sunshine Canyon Landfill Fund and \$15,000 from Councilmember Mitch Englander for the roll call room. SOLID has fund raisers during the year, such as the pancake breakfast and the pasta dinner. The 17<sup>th</sup> Annual Pasta Dinner will be Friday, October 19, from 5 to 7:30 p.m. at the St. Nicholas Church, Balboa and Plummer, \$8 per person.

**6. Emergency Preparedness Item of the Month – Bill Hopkins**

Emergency item of the month is a latex free elastic bandage.

Emergency Preparedness Fair will be Saturday, October 6, from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. at Fire Station 87. In addition to the emergency preparedness exhibits there will be hot dogs, hamburgers, and ice cream.

**7. Motion (Marzillier/Hopkins) that GHNNC accept the resignation of Neysa Frechette as Student Representative, accepted 16-0-0**

Marzillier mentioned that Agnes Lewis also resigned but notification came too late to put on the agenda.

**8. Discussion and possible action regarding outreach and filing details for candidates for Selection to the Board.**

As the Rinaldi Adult Learning Center is now closed evenings, we will have our next two meetings at Van Gogh Street Elementary School, and the Board candidate selection process will be during the October 29<sup>th</sup> Board meeting. The Board is responsible for collecting names and DONE sent a Candidate Filing Form that can be used or modify.

Rob Ryder, board candidate was asked to introduce himself to the Board as a follow-up to his email to the Board.

As time is running out, decision to have Ad-hoc committee, Marzillier and Subar, update candidate filing form for GHNNC use and distribute to Board by email for comment. Headington to put final form on Facebook and Twitter, Aaron DeVandry to publish final form on the Internet, and Buettner (Secretary) to collect the names (forms).

**9. Committee Reports and possible action items:**

a. **Financial Officer Report including discussion and approval** – Sue DeVandry  
Current budget balance as of August 21, 2012, is \$35,543.81.

b. **Treasurer Report including discussion and approval** – Kim Thompson  
Beginning balance on July 21, 2012, was \$36,923.66, total expenses as of August 21, 2012, is \$1,379.85. *Motion (Steinberg/Kroy) to approve the August 2012 Treasurer's Report; approved 16-0-0*

c. **Citywide Issues** – Sid Gold

Gold made reference to two documents he emailed to Board members, both providing Neighborhood Councils the “Do’s and Don’ts” with ballot measures.

*Motion that GHNNC support in principle the Initiative proposed by Common Cause that would allow easier access for citizens to run as candidates in LA City elections and that financing of this initiative be revenue neutral; approved 15-0-1*

*Motion that the funds allocated in Proposition R for a transportation system from the San Fernando Valley to the Westside along the 405 Freeway be considered to be utilized instead for an underground route proposed to be called the JEM line from Van Nuys to UCLA; approved 10-2-4*

*Motion that GHNNC understands the need for water and power rate increases and GHNNC is opposed to:*

- *the shifting of rates from apartments to single family homes*
- *uncapped pass-throughs except for purchased water*
- *uncapped pass-throughs except for the purchase of fuel for power to provide energy for water and energy distribution*

*and that these GHNNC positions be submitted to Independent Ratepayer Advocate, City Council and the DWP Board; approved 15-0-1*

*Motion that GHNNC take the following positions regarding **Sidewalk Repair Ordinance: 05-1853-S1 and 12-0600-S122 and S139, AB 2231, introduced by Councilwoman Perry, asking for the creation of special assessment districts for sidewalk repair the following is resolved:***

- *that GHNNC opposes Council motions, file # 12-0600-S139 and S122*
- *that GHNNC reaffirm its previous resolution regarding payment for sidewalk repair*

*and that GHNNC submit these resolutions as CIS statements to the above City files; approved 16-0-0*

*Motion that GHNNC supports the following positions with regard to the selection of the new DONE manager:*

- *at least one member appointed to the selection committee be chosen from the NC system*
- *the various regional NC coalitions participate in advising the selection committee*
- *that there be an active outreach by DONE and the regional coalitions to involve NC's that are not involved in regional coalitions to participate in the selection*

*and that these GHNNC positions be submitted to the Mayor, Done and Neighbor Committee of LA City Council; approved 16-0-0*

**d. Policy and Rules** – Carl Buettner

We skipped our August meeting. Next meeting is scheduled for September 4, at 8:30 a.m. Hope to have the DONE Bylaw changes presented at the next Board meeting.

**e. PLUM** – Anne Ziliak

Mobility surveys are due. There is a Sunshine Canyon Landfill Community Advisory Committee meeting on Thursday, September 6 at 3 p.m. Hunter discussed the letter to DWP requesting a third party review and evaluation of the use of black shade balls for the reservoir.

**f. Parks & Beautification** – Cherie Mann

Will have the first walk in the park on Tuesday, August 28, at 6 p.m. in the parking lot to discuss what we want to achieve with the park. Zelzah Park has a couple of fences down and repairs to be scheduled.

**g. Outreach** – Bill Hopkins

Citrus Sunday is September 23 from 8:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. at the Knollwood Country Club. The Disaster Preparedness Fair is Saturday, October 6, from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. A signup sheet for each is being passed around. The Patriot Oil Community Benefit Trust Fund administered by the North Valley Coalition, and GHNNC is co-sponsoring another CERT class on Wednesdays from 6:30 p.m. to 9 p.m., October 17, 24, 31 and November 7, 14, 21, and 28, at the Knollwood Country Club. Register at cert@ghnnc.org.

Future plan to determine how to irrigate and replant the garden plot on Balboa that Neysa planted as house ownership has changed and water source has stopped.

**h. Public Safety** – Ray Pollok / Bill Hopkins

The donation bins haven't been moved. At the last Emergency Preparedness meeting, DWP brought their diorama of a neighborhood with overhead transmission lines to demonstrate electrical safety. Hopkins spoke about the two recent good Samaritans electrocuted when they attempted to approach a car that sheared a fire hydrant and a street lamp exposing the lamp's wires to the water that the good Samaritans stepped into in an attempt to rescue the car's driver. The next Emergency Preparedness meeting is September 4<sup>th</sup> at 7 p.m., Tanya Yarbrough will discuss how to deal with pets during a disaster or evacuation.

**i. Ethics** – Steve Steinberg

Thanked the Board for the support provided for keeping the Rinaldi Adult Learning Center open. Suggested that Board members may want to take the classes that they are interested in now as it is unknown if the facility will be open next year. Class fee is \$30 a semester. A UCLA Memory class to improve memory is \$10 for four Thursday meetings. The night programs have all been cut.

**10. Board comment on non-agenda items**

Marzillier mentioned that tomorrow evening at 6 p.m. there will be another DONE facilitated meeting and everyone is welcomed to attend.

The next two Board meetings will be here (Van Gogh Elementary School) on September 24 and October 29, which will also have the candidate selection process. DONE will allow the Board to amend the Stipulation Process Form with our current meeting address.

Hopkins mentioned that during a meeting with DWP Rate Payer Advocate Dr. Fred Pickel sponsored by Councilman Mitch Englander, Englander gave credit to former Board member Joe Vitti for pushing for a DWP Rate Payer Advocate.

Thompson asked if any addresses were turned in to CD12 for weed abatement. Response -- none.

**11. Board adjourned at 8:35 a.m.**