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## GRANADA HILLS NORTH NEIGHBORHOOD COUNCIL

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## Granada Hills North Neighborhood Council Board Meeting Minutes

Monday, April 1, 2013

LAPD Davis Training Center, 12001 Blucher Ave., Granada Hills, CA

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### **1. Call to Order, Roll Call, Pledge of Allegiance, President's Comments.**

President Edward Headington called the meeting to order at 6:48 p.m. He thanked all for attending and that coffee and refreshments were available to all. Also, that our next meeting would be Monday, April 29, 2013.

Roll Call was taken by Anne Ziliak. Board Members present: Mike Chibidakis, Patti Costa, Sue DeVandry, Sid Gold, Edward Headington, Bill Hopkins, Wayde Hunter, Ralph Kroy, William Lillenberg, Cherie Mann, Scott Manatt, Ray Pollok, Rob Ryder, Kim Thompson, Shannon West and Anne Ziliak.

Board Members absent: Kevin Kilroy, Steven Steinberg, Jan Subar and Donna Zero. 16 Board Members present. Also attending are 11 Stakeholders and Guests. The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Ray Pollok.

### **2. Comments from CD 12, Senior Lead Officers, Mayor's Valley Rep, any government agencies.**

Megan Cottier and Tania Soto were both in attendance

Ray Verches from the Southern California Gas Company gave a presentation regarding the Advance Meter Project that will begin construction within thirty days. This is the new method they will be using to read gas meters. Instead of having Meter Readers they will establish a communication network. The first step is the installation of communication devices on nine sites within the GHNNC area onto existing streetlights. The next step will include the retrofit of each residential gas meter, which will take approximately fifteen minutes per household. He stated that this will improve accuracy and efficiency and take 1100 trucks off the streets. The system-wide conversion process will take approximately five years. All work will be done by Gas Company employees, no third party contractors will be involved. There were several comments from the GHNNC Board:

- The documents provided do not show what each streetlight will look like after the installation of the communication box and antennae. Each site needs to be powered and this is not shown.
- There has been no public input allowed in the placement of these sites. You are here to tell us that this is done and we have no opportunity to give our input.
- More needs to be done to educate the public on this project.

Megan Cottier, Field Deputy for L.A. City District 12 Councilman Mitch Englander (818-756-8501; Megan.Cottier@LACity.org), thanked the GHNNC for submitting comments on the Waste Hauler Franchise issue. Reminded the Board of the following:

- Conversations with Councilmember Englander will be April 18th --- and the proposed Mural Ordinance will be discussed.
- Public Hearing on the Street Bond issue April 16 at Van Nuys City Hall at 6pm.
- Community Service Center is now open at 9207 Oakdale in Chatsworth.
- Citrus Sunday May 5<sup>th</sup>.
- Valley Festival is planned for May 31-June 2.
- City Application for 311 to report potholes and graffiti etc. is now available.

### 3. **Minutes Approval**

Approval of the Minutes for February were tabled to the April 29, 2013 meeting.

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

The GHNNC reconciliation reports need to be submitted in person downtown by 9am-----? They will accept originals only.

No other public comment

### 5. **Emergency Preparedness Item of the Month**

Mr. Hopkins described “emergency blanket” as this month’s Item. He encouraged everyone to attend the Emergency Preparedness meeting tomorrow night, the subject would be sprouting.

### 6. **Committee Reports and possible action items**

#### a. **Presidents Report – Edward Headington**

Reminded everyone that the next election is May 21<sup>st</sup>. Asked that the Student representatives and Religious Organization give reports at our next meeting.

#### b. **PLUM Report – Anne Ziliak**

Ms. Ziliak discussed the Granada Hills-Knollwood Community Plan Update, the update on the progress of the Bull Creek Extension Realignment Project. At DWP and the placement of the shade balls on the Los Angeles Reservoir.

#### c. **Outreach – Rob Ryder**

Discussed the E-Newsletter and the, “Board Member Spotlight” at the bottom of each one. Quotes stating, “Why they wanted to be on the GHNNC Board?” were requested from the new Board Members.

Reminded everyone that Citrus Sunday is coming in May.

A sub-Committee will be formed for the Summer Social.

That he is trying to post more on the GHNNC Facebook page and that there will be a link to the E-Newsletter on the Facebook page. A comment from a Board Member reminding everyone to be careful not to cause serial meeting issues. Another comment from a Board Member regarding a post on our website. Rob stated that he ordered business cards for those that requested new/more. Also, that he is trying to make a regular meeting day and time.

d. Executive Committee- Edward Headington

Glenn Wilson attended to discuss the Family Festival May 31 – June 2. Recreation and Parks is short of funding, so the Kiwanis Club has agreed to be the lead organization for this event. A few questions were asked and discussed. Do we want to participate? Do we have enough people willing to man the booth for GHNNC? Do we have to contribute to participate? Do we need to be there to contribute?

Ms. DeVandry stated that all Board Members need to do Outreach, not just the Outreach Committee. If each one of the Board can commit to two hours we can cover the booth.

**FUNDING MOTION #1** (by Ms. DeVandry, seconded by Ms. West): That GHNNC pay \$55.00 to have a booth at the Valley Family Festival to be held at Northridge Park for June 1 and 2, 2013.

**FUNDING MOTION PASSED** by a hand vote 14 Board Members approved, 2 opposed 16 Board Members present.

Discussed Citrus Sunday and payment of the Valley Interfaith Council.

**FUNDING MOTION # 2** (Executive Committee): That GHNNC funds Councilmember Mitchell Englander 9 Annual Citrus Sunday to be held on Sunday, 5 May 2013. (Funding will help support staff time of the Valley Interfaith Council for loading/unloading and stocking/distribution of citrus fruit after the event – per Semee Park, Field Deputy for Councilmember Mitchell Englander)

**FUNDING MOTION FAILED** by a hand vote of 16 opposed, 16 Board Members present.

e. Treasurer Report including discussion and approval

Mr. Chibidakis distributed and reviewed the “(GHNNC) Treasurer’s Cash Flow Report – March 2013.” Total allocations this month were \$0. The balance remaining this Fiscal Year is \$32,892.68.

**FUNDING MOTION** (by Mr. Hunter, seconded by Ms. Mann): The Granada Hills North Neighborhood Council approves the GHNNC Treasurer’s Cash Flow Report – March 2013.

**FUNDING MOTION PASSED** unanimously by a hand vote of all 16 Board Members present.

f. Financial Officer Report

Ms. DeVandry distributed and reviewed the GHNNC Budget updated through March.

Reported that there would be a meeting regarding the budget to reconcile the unused funds and discuss where more funds are needed.  
We still have not been issued a new P-Card, so we can not purchase anything unless we complete a demand warrant.  
We received a bill from LAUSD for use of Van Gogh and a deduction to pay the Minutes Writer for writing our Minutes [not this one].  
Discussed deadlines and spending limits of \$2500 per expense and \$4625 per quarter. That June 14 is the last day we can use the P-Card.

g. Public Safety

Mr. Pollok reported that we have a new Neighborhood Watch group with 85 members in Dario DelCore's area. We need new Neighborhood Watch signs for them.

Emergency Preparedness Sub-Committee: Meeting is tomorrow night. At the last meeting a speaker from the Santa Susanna Mountain Parks Association (SSMPA) attended and spoke about the Rocketdyne and nuclear issues.

Mr. Hopkins thanked Ms. Costa from Republic for funding, "Map Your Neighborhood" materials and presented her with a certificate from the GHNNC.

h. NC Reform Working Group Report

Kim Thompson reported that the Working Group is working on:

The definition of Stakeholder as someone that lives, works or owns property in the area of the Neighborhood Council (NC).

Whether each NC should decide if they have a "Factual Basis" seat.

How we will be funded? Should this be based on the number of Stakeholders each NC has. If the NC has 25,000 Stakeholders they would be funded \$25,000 and if the NC has more they would get more money.

A proposal to restrict Neighborhood Councils from funding of other City Departments.

i. Ethics

Mr. Steinberg was not present. We will have to do this next time.

**7. Discuss budget/funding priorities for rest of the fiscal year and before City spending**

The Executive Committee will be discussing this at the next Committee meeting.

**8. Board Comment on non-agenda items**

Ms. Thompson announced that an ad hoc Nominating Committee will be meeting soon because we still have vacant seats on the GHNNC to fill.

Mr. Headington thanked all for attending and announced that the next meeting might be held at Davis Training Center again next month, but this is not confirmed.

**9. Adjournment**

Mr. Headington **ADJOURNED** the Meeting without objection at 8:46 p.m.

Minutes written by AZ.