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## GRANADA HILLS NORTH NEIGHBORHOOD COUNCIL

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### Granada Hills North Neighborhood Council Board Meeting Minutes – Approved 7-29-13

Monday, June 24, 2013

Bethlehem Lutheran Church, 12227 Balboa Blvd., Granada Hills, CA

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#### **1. Call to Order, Roll Call, Pledge of Allegiance, Welcome/Introductions/Calendar.**

President Edward Headington called the Meeting to order at 6:53 p.m. The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Stakeholder Bob Dager. Roll Call was taken by the Assistant Secretary. Twenty-one of the 25 Board Seats were filled. Four Board Seats were vacant: District Two, Environmental, Resident Associations and At-Large. Thirteen of the 21 Board Members were present at the Roll Call: Mike Chibidakis, Patti Costa, Sue DeVandry, Sid Gold, Edward Headington, Bill Hopkins, Wayde Hunter, Ralph Kroy, William Lillenberg, Cherie Mann, Kim Thompson, Donna Zero and Anne Ziliak. Board Members absent: Kevin Kilroy, Scott Manatt, Ray Pollok, Robert Ryder, Steven Steinberg, Jan Subar and Shannon West. The GHNNC quorum (the minimum number of Board Members needing to be present to take binding votes on Agendized Items) is 13, so the Board could take such votes. Also attending: 23 Stakeholders and Guests.

#### **2. Comments from CD 12, Senior Lead Officers, Elected Official Reps, Government Agencies.**

Matt Margolis, Constituent Services Advocate for U.S. 27th District of California Congressman Brad Sherman (818-501-9200; [Matt.Margolis@mail.house.gov](mailto:Matt.Margolis@mail.house.gov); [www.BradSherman.House.gov](http://www.BradSherman.House.gov)), encouraged contacting him for services.

[This Agenda Item continued being addressed after Item #3.] Megan Cottier, District Director for L.A. City District 12 Councilman Mitch Englander (818-882-1212; [Megan.Cottier@LACity.org](mailto:Megan.Cottier@LACity.org)), distributed copies of the Councilman’s “Recent Legislation” and noted that he is “in support of full cleanup” of the former Santa Susana Field Laboratory site. She reported regarding the City’s proposed plastic

bag ban that the Councilman supports it and “we expect it to pass.” The Ordinance would go into effect in 2014. The Councilman believes that the merger of the City Dept. of Building and Safety with the Planning Dept. will help code enforcement. Some home business signs are allowed if they’re small enough. The Councilman opposes the proposed L.A. City Dept. of Public Health, believing it “would cost about \$330 million a year to run” and “would be a duplication of services.” CD12 is “making sure [Aliso Canyon] Park is monitored and used.” Movies Under the Stars “Monsters Inc.” will be July 20<sup>th</sup> at the Porter Ranch Community School.

Stakeholder Jeannie Plumb said that “more ‘No mountain bikes’ signs are needed in Aliso Canyon Park; Google Maps shows the trails as mountain bike trails. Ms. DeVandry reminded about the Saturday, July 13th GHNNC Summer Social Festival from 6:00-10:00 p.m. at St. Euphrasia Church [11766 Shoshone Ave., Granada Hills 91344, at Mayerling]. Mr. Chibidakis said that Councilman Englander said that “murals shouldn’t be allowed in single-family neighborhoods.”

**3. Speakers** – Santa Susana Field Laboratory Clean-Up.

[This Agenda Item was addressed after Item #5.] Bob Dager and Tom Nachtrab of the Santa Susana Mountain Park Association (mail@ssmpa.com; www.ssmpa.com) presented. The SSMPA works to preserve and protect the Santa Susana Mountains and Simi Hills. Mr. Dager described “450 acres . . . in the middle of the Simi Hills . . . [in a] wildlife corridor . . . administered for decades by NASA” and jointly owned by Boeing. He said “NASA has declared it no longer has any use for the property” and he believes it “would be a perfect place for a museum.” Hiking and bus trips are available. Mr. Dager said that “real estate developers are ready to buy the land if no federal agency acquires it.” However, “150 acres is contaminated.” He estimated that it will be between 2017 and 2020 or more before it is “cleaned up” of toxics. The federal government wants to “wrap up” the project by Spring 2014. There is a “campaign to get this land transferred to the National Park Service”; the SSMPA is asking Neighborhood Councils to endorse or develop a letter of support for the land transfer. Mr. Dager said “we’re advocating transfer before cleanup” and that “around six Neighborhood Councils have adopted this letter” and another two or three are considering it.

William Bowling, Founder of the Aerospace Contamination Museum of Education (ACME; williamprestonbowling@yahoo.com; http://www.acmela.org) made a slide presentation of the history of the site, including the July 1959 fuel rod meltdown incident. ACME believes the toxics “should be cleaned up before the transfer of the land.” He said “TCE was detected in 355 of the 425 wells around the site” and that toxic materials “spilled down into the headwaters of the Los Angeles River.” He described evidence of spreading contamination. If the toxics are cleaned up before the land transfer the cleanup would be to a higher standard. Mr. Bowling said the Cities of Los Angeles and Simi Valley, and L.A. County signed a letter requesting a cleanup. Mr. Hunter described that much contaminated dirt was brought to the Sunshine Canyon Landfill. Mr. Headington indicated that this will be referred to a GHNNC Committee.

**4. Minutes Approval.**

[This Agenda Item was addressed after Item #2.]

**MOTION to TABLE** (by Mr. Hopkins, seconded by Mr. Kroy): *The Granada Hills North Neighborhood Council TABLES approval of the Minutes of its May 28, 2013 General Board Meeting to its July 29, 2013 Meeting.*

**MOTION FAILED** by a hand vote with three in favor; six opposed; four abstained.

[This Agenda Item was continued after Item #8.]

**MOTION** (by Ms. Zero, seconded by Ms. DeVandry): *The Granada Hills North Neighborhood Council approves the Minutes of its May 28, 2013 General Board Meeting as written.*

**MOTION PASSED** by a voice vote; two opposed; two abstained.

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

[This Agenda Item was addressed after Item #2.] Stakeholder Maria Fisk reported that the Community Plan is “under revision.” There will be a Draft Housing Element Hearing June 27<sup>th</sup> and a July 9th Recode LA Zoning Revision meeting. Proposed mural Ordinance “options A and B” are being considered; one allows murals in single-family home areas, one does not. She said “it’s a different Ordinance” from the original proposal. City Council District 12 is requesting support for a letter to City Councilman Herb Wesson regarding the proposed Community Care Facilities Ordinance. Also, Brian Malone, a Dilbeck Realtor, offered his real estate services.

**6. Emergency Preparedness Item of the Month.**

Mr. Hopkins distributed and described a free “sterile gauze wrap.” Free emergency preparedness information is available; the Subcommittee meets on first Tuesdays at 7:00 p.m. at the GHNNC Office at 11139 Woodley Ave.

**7. Committee Reports and possible action items.**

a) President’s Report – Edward Headington: Board Training, Board Seats, Newsletter, Budget, Minutes, Volunteering/Valley Family Festival. Mr. Headington reported that DONE [the L.A. Dept. of Neighborhood Empowerment; 213-978-1551; NCSupport@LACity.org; www.EmpowerLA.org] will provide a Board Members training, probably in early October. Ms. Thompson and Ms. Zero will organize it. The annual Congress of Neighborhood Councils will be Saturday, September 28, 2013. He attended a community forum about civic engagement with the Old Granada Hills Residents Group. Rahim Kazi is willing to return as a Board Member.

**MOTION** (by the Committee): *The Granada Hills North Neighborhood Council appoints Rahim Kazi to the GHNNC At-Large Board Seat.*

**MOTION PASSED** unanimously by a voice vote.

Mr. Kazi was seated with the Board. Mr. Headington continued that Ms. Costa will have to resign in September; Becky Van Sickle will replace her as the District One BFI/Republic Inc. Representative. The Executive Committee reviewed the proposed GHNNC 2013-2014 Budget. It must be voted upon by tonight; "it's a placeholder" and will be revised. Mr. Headington reminded that when funding Motions are made they must indicate whether they are only for funding or for funding and also supplying volunteers. Ms. Cottier said she will follow up about the two GHNNC street pole banners that were removed and not replaced by Greek Festival staff.

b) Outreach – Rob Ryder: Summer Social, Newsletter, Other.

Ms. Thompson reported for Mr. Ryder that the Committee did not meet. Mr. Headington said a newsletter will be published. Ms. DeVandry said a newsletter Demand Warrant is being processed. Mr. Hopkins described and displayed a draft newsletter and will e-mail it to the Board for comments. Ms. DeVandry announced that volunteers are needed on Friday, July 12<sup>th</sup> between around 10:00 a.m. – 6:00 p.m. at St. Euphrasia Church to set up for the Saturday, July 13<sup>th</sup> GHNNC Summer Social Festival, which will have Mexican food and desserts, "lots of games" and dancing. At the Festival help is needed to serve food and clean up.

c) Public Safety -- Ray Pollok

Mr. Pollok was not present. Mr. Hopkins reported that the Emergency Preparedness Subcommittee met on June 4<sup>th</sup> and discussed bioterrorism.

d) PLUM -- Anne Ziliak: [see the below Motion].

Greg Taylor, representing the developer of the subdivision project planned at 17760 Mayerling St., presented their proposal. They will discuss it with neighbors and "want to be excused from making street improvements."

Ms. Ziliak reported that the Committee discussed the CUB application for a beer and wine sales license for the 76 gas station at 17000 Rinaldi St. at Balboa Blvd. The Committee "wanted to make sure" conditions requested of the applicant were the same as requested in 2010 of the Chevron station across the street. The owner is "not planning to enlarge it to a mini-mart." Mr. Gold believed that a gas station shouldn't sell liquor.

**MOTION** (by the Committee): *The Granada Hills North Neighborhood Council approves the CUB application of ENV-2013-649-EAF:ZA-2013-648-CUB:17000 Rinaldi Street with the same conditions of approval of the Mini-Mart located on the southwest corner of Balboa and Rinaldi (17009 Rinaldi Street).*

**MOTION PASSED** by a voice vote; Mr. Gold opposed; Ms. Mann abstained.

Mr. Headington announced that Ms. Ziliak and Mr. Hunter will resign as the PLUM Committee Chair and Vice-Chair; the positions are open. Ms. Ziliak will stay on “to see a few projects through.”

e) Executive – Motion: [see the below Motion].

Mr. Headington reported that DONE is requiring that the Fiscal Year 2013-2014 Budget be submitted by July 12<sup>th</sup>. The GHNNC “will revisit the Budget . . . probably sometime in August or September.”

***MOTION (by the Committee): The Granada Hills North Neighborhood Council approves its Fiscal Year 2013-2014 Budget.***

**DISCUSSION:** Ms. DeVandry described and reviewed the “Proposed Budget” distributed in two formats. Mr. Hopkins would like to discuss the Budget at the July [29<sup>th</sup>] Meeting. There was discussion that some Budget items include 2014 GHNNC Election expenses. Mr. Chibidakis reported that DONE clarified that they need the Agenda and the approved Minutes to verify funding allocations. The advertising allocation would be \$787, not the \$1,400 stated.

**MOTION PASSED** by a hand vote with 12 in favor; two abstained.

f) Citywide – Sid Gold

Mr. Gold reported that the Committee met and will have Motions at the July [29<sup>th</sup>] General Board Meeting. The Congress of Neighborhood Councils is accepting Neighborhood Council awards nominations.

g) Treasurer Report – [see the below Motion].

Mr. Chibidakis reported that the GHNNC “spent almost all” of its Fiscal Year 2012-2013 funding; the ending balance is \$258.62.

***FUNDING MOTION (by the Committee): The Granada Hills North Neighborhood Council approves its 4th Quarter Treasurer’s report.***

**FUNDING MOTION PASSED** by a hand vote with 13 in favor; Mr. Kazi abstained.

h) Financial Officer Report -- Sue DeVandry: Update Board on how remaining funds were spent for current Fiscal Year.

Ms. DeVandry described the GHNNC and DONE-formatted proposed Fiscal Year 2013-2014 Budgets.

i) Special Interest Group Director Report(s) – Shannon West (Students) and Kevin Kilroy (Youth Groups)

Ms. West and Mr. Kilroy were not present and there was no reports.

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

Mr. Hunter spoke with the Knollwood Properties Association about local issues. Ms. Zero needs Board Members to advise her if they have any GHNNC equipment or an Office key. Ms. Thompson reported that BONC [the L.A. Board of Neighborhood Commissioners] and the Neighborhood Councils Plan Review Reform Initiative Committee met. She reviewed their recommendations, including that the number of meeting Agenda posting locations be reduced to one physical and one website, and that the meeting Agendas would be e-mailed. Also, the City Attorney transition team is requesting input, especially about what the relationship should be between the City Attorney's Office and Neighborhood Councils. Ms. Ziliak noted that the auto-dialing system at the GHNNC Office could be used for outreach.

**9. Adjournment.**

Mr. Headington declared the Meeting **ADJOURNED** at 9:15 p.m.