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### Granada Hills North Neighborhood Council Board Meeting Minutes - Approved 1-27-2014

Monday, November 25, 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 6:36 p.m. Roll Call was taken by the Minutes Writer. Sixteen of the 21 Board Members were present at the Roll Call: Mike Chibidakis, Jesse Cruz, Sue DeVandry, Sid Gold, Edward Headington, Bill Hopkins, Wayde Hunter, Rahim Kazi, Ralph Kroy, William Lillenberg, Scott Manatt, Cherie Mann, Ray Pollok, Robert Ryder, Kim Thompson, Becky Van Sickle and Donna Zero. The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Ray Pollok. Board Members absent: Steven Steinberg, Jan Subar and Anne Ziliak. 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. Twenty of the 25 Board Seats were filled. Five Board Seats were vacant (Factual Basis, Environmental, District 2 (MWD/DWP/Odyssey), District 3, and Resident Associations). Also attending: 15 Stakeholders and Guests. Mr. Headington read aloud a Certificate of Appreciation to Nazario Saucedo, Selwyn Hollins, and Ron Lorenzen of the L.A. Bureau of Street Services.

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

*[This Agenda Item was addressed after Item #3.]* Lydia Grant, Sunland-Tujunga Neighborhood Council Board Member and BONC [L.A. Board of Neighborhood Commissioners] Commissioner [Lydia.Grant@LACity.org; cell 818.470.6629; www.EmpowerLA.org; 213.978.1551], wants "your feedback." She recommended that the GHNNC appoint a Liaison to the L.A. Board of Public Works. She described that Sylmar is concerned about the Pacoima Sediment Dam; the Army Corps of Engineers wants to put 30 years of sediment above Hubbard Ave. She later added

that she “is extremely supportive” of having the proposed one-location meetings posting requirement.

Melvin Canas, Project Coordinator, L.A. Dept. of Neighborhood Empowerment (DONE) (213-978-1551; Melvin.Canas@LACity.org; www.EmpowerLA.org), thanked Bill Hopkins for providing emergency preparedness information at Board Member Trainings. Mr. Canas encouraged all Neighborhood Councils to send Community Impact Statements (CIS’s) to the City responding to Council Files. Starting January 1<sup>st</sup> the checking account system may be available.

Megan Cottier, District Director for L.A. City District 12 Councilman Mitch Englander (818-882-1212; Megan.Cottier@LACity.org), reported that there will be a City ad hoc Community Care Facilities Committee Meeting December 18<sup>th</sup> “for setting the stage for goals . . .” There will be a Granada Hills-Knollwood Community Plan Update Meeting in January or February. The Councilman introduced DWP-related Motions about “moratorium on shut-offs” and a “call back system.” If your power is shut off and you have trouble re-establishing service, contact CD12. The SWIRP (www.ZeroWaste.LACity.org) public comment period closes December 20<sup>th</sup>. CD12 is collecting toys for the PALS drive and is “willing to talk” about storage of emergency preparedness supplies.

Kevin Taylor, Independent Election Administrator (IEA), L.A. Dept. of Neighborhood Empowerment (DONE) (213-978-1551; Kevin@EmpowerLA.org; www.EmpowerLA.org) and Reseda NC Chair, will be working with the GHNNC on the March 1, 2014 Election.

3. **Guest Speaker – Caltrans rep. Claudia Mejia re: Interstate 5 Improvements.** Caltrans Representative Claudia Mejia (ClaudiaMejia@hillintl.com; toll-free info line 855-454-6335 Mondays-Fridays 8 a.m. – 8 p.m. and weekends 12:00 – 2:00 p.m.; www.I5Info.com), distributed copies of the “I-5/SR-14 Direct HOV Connector Fact Sheet,” “I-5 HOV Lanes and Direct HOV Connector Project” and other information about construction on the 5 Freeway. The project to add a carpool lane from the 118 to the 170 Freeway “is more than 75% complete” and is “expected to be completed in Spring next year.” A Board Member expressed concern about construction equipment left at 14747 San Fernando Road under the Freeway across from the Sunshine Canyon Landfill where flooding occurs.

4. **Minutes Approval.**

**MOTION** (by Mr. Gold, seconded by Ms. Mann): *The Granada Hills North Neighborhood Council approves the Minutes of its October 28, 2013 Board Meeting as written.*

**MOTION PASSED** by a voice vote; three abstained.

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

Stakeholder Richard Fisk commented about the L.A. River Ecosystem Project [www.LARiver.org]. He described project plans, features and impacts on businesses along the River. The cost is expected to be \$108 billion, or \$100 million per mile, including \$4.1 billion for recreation and take 34 months of construction. Around 2,000 tons a day of debris is “scheduled to come to Sunshine Canyon . . . this is a study by the Army Corps of Engineers . . . to fit into a national plan . . . it’ll create 719 acres of wetlands.” The Project would affect up to around one-half mile from the River what could be planted around it. Mr. Hunter was concerned that the San Fernando Valley won’t receive project benefits. John Loew of the L.A. County Assessor’s Office (JohnLoew@hotmail.com) and Assessor Candidate, spoke of his “24 years’ experience in that Office” and explained some assessment procedures and rules. Stakeholder Maria Fisk commented regarding the challenge of enforcing the L.A. City Housing Code regarding multiple residents in homes.

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

Mr. Hopkins distributed free emergency (GI style) can openers as the EP Item of the Month and noted that preparedness literature, including “Help/OK” signs and Guides, are available at GHNNC Board and Emergency Preparedness Committee Meetings.

**7. Committee Reports, Motions and/or Possible Action Items.**

a) President – Edward Headington

i. Need to appoint an Elections Chair and Committee Members.

Mr. Headington announced that there would be Special Board Meeting this night immediately after this Meeting. Mr. Taylor announced that Candidate filing starts in mid-December. All GHNNC Board Seats are up for election. “Joint outreach” can be done with other Neighborhood Councils.

b) Citywide Issues – Sid Gold

Mr. Gold reported that there was no Meeting due to the lack of a quorum. The L.A. Fire Dept. is requesting feedback about its services.

c) Treasurer -- Mike Chibidakis -- Motion: [see below].

Mr. Chibidakis distributed copies of and reviewed the Monthly Expenditure Report for and the Budget through October. The balance is \$16,849.66.

***FUNDING MOTION*** (by the Committee): *The Granada Hills North Neighborhood Council approves the GHNNC Treasurer’s Monthly Expenditure Report – October 2013.*

**DISCUSSION:** Mr. Canas confirmed that Board Members must have completed both the Ethics and the Funding Trainings to vote in financial-related Motions.

**FUNDING MOTION PASSED** unanimously by a roll call vote of the 14 eligible voters present with all 14 in favor (“Yes” or “Aye”) (Chibidakis, Cruz, DeVandry, Gold, Headington, Hopkins, Hunter, Kazi, Kroy, Manatt, Pollok, Thompson, Zero and Ziliak).

Ms. DeVandry explained the Budget. Mr. Hopkins and Mr. Pollock were concerned that \$500 allocated for CERT [Community Emergency Response Kits] did not appear in the Budget. Mr. Headington replied that the Executive Committee will “have a larger discussion about it at a future meeting” and that “it’s going to be paid [and] come out of the Community Improvements budget.”

d) PLUM – Wayde Hunter

Mr. Hunter reported that the Committee met November 18<sup>th</sup>. He reviewed current land use issues, projects, and upcoming meetings. He said about the subdivision project planned at 17760 Mayerling St. that there will be “no action until the first of the year.” He indicated that the developer “sent a letter acknowledging having received” a communication about it.

e) Public Safety -- Ray Pollok

Mr. Pollok reported that the Committee did not meet.

Emergency Preparedness Subcommittee – Bill Hopkins

Mr. Hopkins reported that a “Radio 101” presentation was made to “a well-attended meeting” that was “very informative”. The next Meeting will be December 3<sup>rd</sup>; SOS Survival Products will talk about food storage.

f) Secretary – Donna Zero re: GHNNC Board Training

Ms. Zero distributed copies of and reviewed the “GHNNC Board Retreat Results – Fall 2013.” She “will present next month” about Board Member “duties.”

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

Mr. Kroy reported that Bee Canyon Creek underneath Balboa Blvd. “is a favorite place for graffiti” and that people “block up the grates.” He “notified the City . . . the Water Board is investigating.” Mr. Pollok reported regarding a broken water pipe on his property that he had to call the Fire Dept. to get the DWP to shut off the water. Mr. Gold reminded of the December 12<sup>th</sup> VANC (Valley Alliance of Neighborhood Councils) Mixer. He encouraged order and civility at meetings according to “rules of decorum.”

**9. Adjournment.**

Mr. Headington **ADJOURNED** the Meeting without objection at 8:29 p.m. [A Special Board Meeting immediately followed this.]

Minutes written by DL.

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#### 2. Public Comment on non-agenda items.

There were no public comments at this time.

#### 3. Motion – that GHNNC approve its Election Procedures Stipulation Worksheet.

Mr. Headington explained the Item. Kevin Taylor, Independent Election Administrator (IEA), L.A. Dept. of Neighborhood Empowerment (DONE) (213-978-1551; Kevin@EmpowerLA.org; www.EmpowerLA.org) and Reseda NC Chair, reviewed the Worksheet. The Worksheet indicated that the Election will be March 1, 2014, and is scheduled to be held during the four hours from 10:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m., with no vote-by-mail [VBM] and no translations. “Visually impaired” Stakeholders “will be allowed” to have assistance, including a ballot being brought to them outside the polling place. He assured that Poll Workers will be aware of special GHNNC

Board Seat descriptions and requirements. Glenn Bailey, who also works with DONE (213-978-1551; Glenn@EmpowerLA.org), said “we’ll make sure . . . the Poll Manager and Assistant Poll Manager” are “alerted to” the special descriptions and requirements, including during Candidate filing and all day at the Election.

Ms. DeVandry and Ms. Thompson would like the Election to be six hours long. Mr. Bailey, Ms. Thompson and Lydia Grant, BONC [L.A. Board of Neighborhood Commissioners] Commissioner [Lydia.Grant@LACity.org; cell 818.470.6629; www.EmpowerLA.org; 213.978.1551] indicated that the Election must be held March 1<sup>st</sup>. A Board Members’ consensus was to have the election for six hours from 10:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m. with no vote-by-mail. Mr. Headington reported that the GHNNC Office and Bethel Lutheran Church could host the Election for free; the Rinaldi Adult School would cost. Mr. Bailey indicated that a third location choice could be designated and that the Office is unlikely to be approved because it does not have the required separate entrance and exit. Mr. Hopkins noted that “voting at the Office . . . has not been an issue.” Mr. Bailey noted that the GHNNC Bylaws say “documentation” is needed to be eligible to vote; it was agreed that the Bylaws would stand. Mr. Headington requested and Ms. DeVandry volunteered to be the Interim Election Committee Chair; Ms. Mann volunteered to help.

**MOTION** (by Mr. Hopkins, seconded by Mr. Kroy): The Granada Hills North Neighborhood Council approves its Election Procedures Stipulation Worksheet.

**MOTION PASSED** unanimously by a voice vote of all 17 Board Members present.

Mr. Bailey will advise DONE [the L.A. Dept. of Neighborhood Empowerment] that the GHNNC Bylaws say it can have an “election or selection.” He added that “the City Attorney is drafting the Ordinance” regarding the definition of a Stakeholder.

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

There were no comments at this time.

**5. Adjournment.**

Mr. Headington **ADJOURNED** the Meeting without objection at 9:22 p.m.

Minutes written by DL.