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Granada Hills North Neighborhood Council Board Meeting Minutes Approved 2-24-2014

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

GHNNC Board (and all other) Meeting Minutes are a summary, not an exact, verbatim, word-for-word transcript of what was said at a Meeting. The only two exceptions are the Motions shown in italics and quotes shown with quotation marks (“ ”) at the beginning and ending of a word or words. The Minutes are not, nor were they ever meant to be, a comprehensive record of what was said about an issue or project.

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

President Edward Headington called the Meeting to order at 6:30 p.m. Roll Call was taken by the Minutes Writer. Seventeen of the 20 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, Ray Pollok, Steven Steinberg, Kim Thompson, Becky Van Sickle, Donna Zero and Anne Ziliak. Board Members absent: Cherie Mann, Robert Ryder and Jan Subar. 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: 20 Stakeholders and Guests.

Mr. Headington introduced Grayce Liu, General Manager, L.A. Dept. of Neighborhood Empowerment (DONE) (213-978-1551; Grayce.Liu@LACity.org; www.EmpowerLA.org), who thanked Board Members for their work and encouraged recruiting more Board Members to fill vacant Seats. The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Mr. Pollok.

2. Board Affirmation In lieu of a vote & election of Officers – BONC Commissioner Lydia Grant to Seat the new GHNNC Board.

Lydia Grant, BONC [L.A. Board of Neighborhood Commissioners] Commissioner [Lydia.Grant@LACity.org; 213.978.1551; cell 818.470.6629; www.EmpowerLA.org], “want[ed] to make sure this doesn’t happen again” that there was no need for a GHNNC Election due to a lack of contesting Candidates. She asked departing Board Members to move into the audience to make room for new Board Members to be Seated: Darien Fontes, Michael Greenwald, Zack Lara, Karen Savitt, Vanessa Silver and Jim Summers. Ms. Grant led new and returning Board Members in reading aloud the Neighborhood Council Pledge.

Mr. Headington explained that Officers positions are available. Melvin Canas, Project Coordinator, L.A. Dept. of Neighborhood Empowerment (DONE) (213-978-1551; Melvin.Canas@LACity.org; www.EmpowerLA.org), distributed copies of the GHNNC Bylaws

and encouraged departing Board Members to stay active on Committees. He reminded that the “Bylaws state that Officers are to be elected at the first Meeting” after the new Board is Seated. The Bylaws contain “the new Stakeholder definition” from the City Attorney. The Board will also appoint a Purchase [P-] Card holder and Signatory; the P-Card can be assigned as soon as the Funding Training is completed. He explained the Officers Election procedure.

President: Mr. Canas read aloud the Bylaws “Duties and Powers” of the President. Mr. Kazi nominated Mr. Headington, who respectfully declined the nomination. Mr. Headington nominated Mr. Chibidakis, who respectfully declined. Mr. Hunter nominated Mr. Greenwald, who accepted the nomination. Mr. Canas declared Mr. Greenwald the new President by acclamation.

Vice-President: Mr. Canas read aloud the Bylaws “Duties and Powers” of the Vice-President. Mr. Headington nominated Mr. Chibidakis, who respectfully declined the nomination. Ms. Grant urged more nominees. Mr. Summers nominated himself. Mr. Pollok nominated himself. Mr. Hunter nominated Mr. Hopkins, who accepted the nomination. Mr. Summers withdrew himself as a Candidate. Mr. Canas conducted a vote: Mr. Pollok received 13 votes; Mr. Hopkins received five votes. Mr. Canas declared Mr. Pollok the new Vice-President.

Secretary: Mr. Canas read aloud the Bylaws “Duties and Powers” of the Secretary. Mr. Chibidakis nominated Ms. Zero, who accepted the nomination. There were no other nominations. Mr. Canas declared Ms. Zero the new Secretary by acclamation.

Treasurer: Mr. Canas read aloud the Bylaws “Duties and Powers” of the Treasurer. Mr. Headington nominated Mr. Chibidakis, who respectfully declined. Mr. Kazi nominated Mr. Hopkins, who respectfully declined. Mr. Headington nominated Mr. Summers, who respectfully declined. Mr. Hunter nominated Mr. Kazi, who respectfully declined. Mr. Pollok asked new Board Members if any of them have financial experience. Mr. Chibidakis nominated Ms. Silver, who accepted the nomination. Mr. Canas declared Ms. Silver the new Treasurer by acclamation.

Financial Officer: Mr. Canas read aloud the Bylaws “Duties and Powers” of the Financial Officer. Mr. Pollok nominated Mr. Hopkins, who accepted the nomination. Ms. Silver nominated Mr. Chibidakis, who accepted the nomination. Mr. Canas conducted a vote: Mr. Chibidakis received 12 votes; Mr. Hopkins received five votes. Mr. Canas declared Mr. Chibidakis the new Financial Officer.

Mr. Canas explained the need to elect a Purchase [P-] Card Holder and the responsibilities. Mr. Headington nominated Ms. Silver, who accepted the nomination. Mr. Canas declared Ms. Silver the new P-Card Holder. Mr. Canas explained P-Card Second Signatory responsibilities. Mr. Gold nominated Mr. Greenwald, who accepted the nomination. Mr. Canas declared Mr. Greenwald the new P-Card Second Signatory.

Mr. Canas turned the Meeting over to new President Mr. Greenwald, who explained that he had asked and Mr. Headington agreed to preside over this Meeting.

3. Comments from CD 12, Senior Lead Officers, Elected Official Reps, Government Agencies.

Mr. Hopkins relayed for Jeanine Angeles, LAPD Devonshire Division Senior Lead Officer (east side of Balboa Blvd.) (office 818-363-1726; mobile/text phone 818-325-7749; 30392@LAPD.LACity.org; http://www.LAPDOnline.org/Devonshire_Community_Police_Station), that local crime maps are available. Megan Cottier, District Director for L.A. City District 12 Councilman Mitch Englander (818-882-1212; Megan.Cottier@LACity.org), thanked Mr. Hopkins for helping with Northridge Earthquake 20th Anniversary events “and bringing attention to emergency preparedness.” The Mayor supports Councilman Englander’s idea to implement “performance-based budgeting” to all City departments. She reminded that no plastic bags are being distributed anymore at major markets. City Department representatives can provide help at the CD12 Office [9207 Oakdale in Chatsworth]; make an appointment. Mr. Greenwald asked Ms. Cottier to remind the Councilman that the City was given money in 1992 for a Knollwood Center at Midwood and Balboa; Mr. Hopkins explained that the second bid package is in process; review is expected to take place in March and “everything is ready to go.”

Marco Santana, Case Manager for U.S. 29th District of California Congressman Tony Cardenas (818-504-0090; <http://cardenas.house.gov>), described recent legislation regarding computer science and math education. A Congressional art competition is starting. Health insurance information is available. Mr. Santana will later report on the Congressman’s positions regarding teacher performance and public safety legislation, and on Committees.

4. Public Comment on non-agenda items.

Jack Lindblad, State Senate 18th District candidate, described his views, including that “parties don’t represent the people, they represent corporations” and described other concerns. Stakeholder William Kuzmin has “filed [his] grievances, filed [his] complaints.” He encouraged e-mailing Stakeholders not only calendars, but also Agendas, and for Board Members to see the DONE website for information. Mr. Canas requested an updated Board Members Roster and reminded that contact information provided will be public. Mr. Hunter advised new Board Members to put their [First Initial][Last Name]@ghnnc.org address on the Roster. Mr. Canas encouraged texting EmpowerLA22828 to subscribe to the DONE Newsletter sent every Friday. The new checking account system is expected to be available “by sometime in February.” Stakeholder Richard Fisk described upcoming events at Galpin Ford.

5. Minutes Approval.

MOTION (by Mr. Hunter, seconded by Mr. Chibidakis): *The Granada Hills North Neighborhood Council approves the Minutes of its November 25, 2013 Board Meeting as written.*

MOTION PASSED by a voice vote; Mr. Greenwald and Mr. Summers abstained.

6. Emergency Preparedness Item of the Month.

Mr. Hopkins described “LED flashlight keychains,” “Disaster Recovery” manuals courtesy of CD12, “Help/OK” signs and other literature, and “GHNNC reflective wristbands” distributed and available for free at GHNNC Meetings. The Committee meets first Tuesdays at 7:00 p.m. at the Office; at the next Meeting Mona Curry of the L.A. City Emergency Management

Department will present. He reminded that “we’re on our own” after a disaster. Mr. Greenwald noted that Police “air support” is able to see “Help/OK” signs.

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

(Past) President – Edward Headington – Motion [see below].

Mr. Headington reported that “all these Motions have been vetted by the Executive Committee.”

MOTION (by the Committee): *The Granada Hills North Neighborhood Council GHNNC appoints another person other than the President and Outreach Chair to have access to the Next Door social media platform.*

DISCUSSION: Mr. Hopkins explained features of www.NextDoor.com, a private social network that allows neighborhood groups to connect with each other.

MOTION PASSED by a voice vote; one abstained.

Executive Committee – Motions [see below].

FUNDING MOTION (by the Committee): *The Granada Hills North Neighborhood Council allocates \$500 for CERT kits.*

DISCUSSION: Mr. Hopkins explained from which Budget category funding could be allocated. Mr. Headington believed that could later be determined. Mr. Canas confirmed that Board Members Ms. Subar and Ms. Silver completed both the DONE Ethics Training and the Funding Training. Ms. Liu confirmed that Board Members must complete both Trainings to be eligible to vote on financial Motions. [See <http://Ethics.LACity.org/Education/Ethics2007/?audience=done> and <http://empowerla.org/funding>. If Funding Training is not completed, the Board Member(s) will not be eligible to vote on funding matters; if Ethics Training is not completed, the Board Member(s) will not be eligible to vote on anything.] Mr. Greenwald recommended to TABLE this Item due to confusion and the need for more Board Members to complete the Trainings. He will re-Agendize this.

MOTION to TABLE (by Mr. Gold, seconded by Mr. Kroy): *The Granada Hills North Neighborhood Council TABLES the Motion to allocate \$500 for CERT kits.*

MOTION TO TABLE PASSED by a voice vote.

FUNDING MOTION (by the Committee): *The Granada Hills North Neighborhood Council will pay its portion of the Election Outreach costs for bench ads, not to exceed \$175 of the \$613 allotted.*

DISCUSSION: Mr. Hopkins noted that there may only be one bus bench in the GHNNC area.

FUNDING MOTION PASSED by a roll call vote of the 12 eligible voters present with 11 in favor (“Yes” or “Aye”) (Chibidakis, Gold, Headington, Hopkins, Hunter, Kazi, Kroy, Manatt, Pollok, Silver and Zero) and one abstention (Summers).

Board Member Becky Van Sickle had to leave at this time.

FUNDING MOTION (by the Committee): *The Granada Hills North Neighborhood Council will pay \$200 for signage in the recent Holiday parade.*

FUNDING MOTION PASSED by a roll call vote of the 12 eligible voters present with 11 in favor (“Yes” or “Aye”) (Chibidakis, Gold, Headington, Hopkins, Hunter, Kazi, Kroy, Manatt, Pollok, Silver and Zero) and one abstention (Summers).

(Past) Treasurer -- Michael Chibadakis – Motion: [see below].

Mr. Chibidakis distributed copies of and reviewed the Monthly Expenditure Reports for November and December 2013. The November Report could not be approved at the December [30th] Meeting because there was no quorum then.

FUNDING MOTION (by the Committee): *The Granada Hills North Neighborhood Council approves its Monthly Expenditure Report for November 2013.*

FUNDING MOTION PASSED by a roll call vote of the 12 eligible voters present with 11 in favor (“Yes” or “Aye”) (Chibidakis, Gold, Headington, Hopkins, Hunter, Kazi, Kroy, Manatt, Pollok, Silver and Zero) and one abstention (Summers).

FUNDING MOTION (by the Committee): *The Granada Hills North Neighborhood Council approves its Monthly Expenditure Report for December 2013.*

FUNDING MOTION PASSED by a unanimous roll call vote of the 12 eligible voters present with all 12 in favor (“Yes” or “Aye”) (Chibidakis, Gold, Headington, Hopkins, Hunter, Kazi, Kroy, Manatt, Pollok, Silver, Summers and Zero).

Citywide Committee – Sid Gold – Motions [see below].

MOTION (by the Committee): *The Granada Hills North Neighborhood Council supports that DONE (EmpowerLA) oversee the NC elections.*

DISCUSSION: Mr. Gold explained the issue.

MOTION PASSED by a voice vote with no objection.

MOTION (by the Committee): *The Granada Hills North Neighborhood Council supports the process (suggested by LANCC) of initiating Council Files whenever a majority of Neighborhood Councils request such action.*

DISCUSSION: Mr. Gold explained the issue. LANCC is the L.A. Neighborhood Councils Coalition.

MOTION PASSED by a voice vote with no objection.

MOTION (by the Committee): *The Granada Hills North Neighborhood Council supports the centralization of the LA City debt collection process.*

DISCUSSION: Mr. Gold explained the issue and that LANCC and the City Inspector general also support this.

MOTION PASSED by a voice vote with no objection.

PLUM -- Wayde Hunter/Jan Subar – Motions:

Mr. Hunter, Planning and Land Use Management Committee Vice-Chair, reported that the Committee met January 20th. They would like to write a support letter for a wireless telecommunications facility by the Odyssey Restaurant. The Committee had no objections to the facility “provided stealth was maintained.”

MOTION (by the Committee): *The Granada Hills North Neighborhood Council accepts its Planning and Land Use Management Committee recommendation to write a letter to City Planning objecting to the hearing date of February 11, 2014 because neither GHNNC nor the neighbors have been notified of the hearing and that GHNNC ask for a continuation to allow neighbors to review the subdivision request and comment.*

DISCUSSION: Mr. Hunter reported that the Hearing is scheduled for February 11th and that “ten days’ [notice] is not acceptable to us.”

MOTION PASSED by a voice vote; Mr. Greenwald abstained.

MOTION (by the Committee): *The Granada Hills North Neighborhood Council accepts its Planning and Land Use Management Committee recommendation to authorize a PLUM representative to the hearing to speak or submit comments of the following points: GHNNC has not received notification of the hearing neighbors have not been notified; GHNNC opposes 6 lots or 5 lots total, but would accept a total of 4 lots as discussed; with the developer in early 2013; and GHNNC urges that the developer be required to make improvements consistent with the adjacent properties and the K district (equine keeping) overlay. To be consistent, these improvements should include: a horse trail along Mayerling; curb and gutter, half street to a consistent 64’; re-paving of Lerdo and widening where possible; street lights consistent with adjacent areas of Mayerling.*

DISCUSSION: Mr. Hunter described the issue and reported that the owner wants to maximize the property’s income-earning opportunity.

MOTION PASSED by a voice vote; one abstained.

MOTION (by the Committee): *The Granada Hills North Neighborhood Council accepts its Planning and Land Use Management Committee recommendation to file letters to all City of Los Angeles departments requesting notification of any and all matters regarding City approval that impact the GHNNC area, including but not limited to applications for cell towers, subdivisions and signage.*

DISCUSSION: Mr. Hunter described the issue and problem that City staff does not always notify Neighborhood Councils. Mr. Gold wanted more to be advised to the City about non-notifications. Mr. Summers wanted Community Impact Statements included.

AMENDED MOTION (by Mr. Gold, accepted by Mr. Hunter): *The Granada Hills North Neighborhood Council accepts its Planning and Land Use Management Committee recommendation to re-file letters to all City of Los Angeles departments requesting notification of any and all matters regarding City approval that impact the GHNNC area, including but not limited to applications for cell towers, subdivisions and signage, the letters to include Community Impact Statements, with copies sent to City Council District 12.*

MOTION PASSED by a voice vote; two abstained.

MOTION (by the Committee): *The Granada Hills North Neighborhood Council accepts its Planning and Land Use Management Committee recommendation to write a letter to the Southern California Air Quality Management District (AQMD) objecting to the AQMD decision to not extend and renew the current Order of Abatement issued to Sunshine Canyon Landfill requiring odor abatement; and that GHNNC request that the AQMD schedule new abatement hearings because the odor problems continue.*

DISCUSSION: Mr. Hunter reported that the AQMD “filed just under 60 NOVs” (Notices of Violation) against the Landfill and 30 more recently, and settled for approximately \$8,000 per violation. He described that the Order of Abatement was allowed by the AQMD to expire; the AQMD said it would take “about nine months” to renew the Order. He is “on record” as objecting to the AQMD allowing the Order to expire. The North Valley Coalition had filed for the Order; the AQMD “did a series of things” to mitigate problems; “they didn’t work . . . they haven’t resolved the problem; it’s ongoing . . . they have not abated the odor problem.”

AMENDED MOTION (by Mr. Gold, accepted by Mr. Hunter): *The Granada Hills North Neighborhood Council accepts its Planning and Land Use Management Committee recommendation to write a letter to the Southern California Air Quality Management District (AQMD) objecting to the AQMD decision to not extend and renew the current Order of Abatement issued to Sunshine Canyon Landfill requiring odor abatement; and that GHNNC request that the AQMD schedule new abatement hearings because the odor problems continue, and requesting that the State investigate and report back why the AQMD allowed the Order of Abatement to expire, with copies sent to L.A. County Supervisor Mike Antonovich, State Assemblyman Scott Wilk and State Senator Raul Bocanegra.*

MOTION PASSED by a voice vote; one abstained.

Public Safety -- Ray Pollok

Mr. Pollok reported that he contacted the City regarding striping done on Woodley near Rinaldi. The Committee will meet February 4th at the Office.

Emergency Preparedness Subcommittee – Bill Hopkins

See above Item #6.

8. New Board Training

Discussion and possible action to schedule a training for the new Board within the next 45 days of being Seated, per Bylaws Article XIV. Topics to be covered would include, but would not be limited to, ethics, funding, workplace violence and sexual harassment trainings. Motion to appoint an Ad Hoc Committee of Board Members to work with the DONE to coordinate the Board training within 45 days of the new Board being Seated.

Mr. Headington reported that Mr. Canas requested that the Training be held and recommended that Ms. Zero organize it; she agreed. Mr. Canas reminded that the GHNNC Bylaws “mandate it . . . the Training is basically another Board Meeting.” He encouraged scheduling it on the same night as and before a Board Meeting. Mr. Canas “will work with Donna and Mike” (Greenwald) to organize the Training, which will be held at the GHNNC Office.

9. Board Comment on non-agenda items.

Saturday, February 22nd there will be an Aliso Canyon Cleanup sponsored with CD12, and the Granada Hills South and the Porter Ranch Neighborhood Councils. Mr. Greenwald requested and Mr. Summers agreed to Chair the Outreach Committee; Mr. Greenwald volunteered to be on the Committee. Mr. Greenwald thanked the Bethlehem Lutheran Church for providing this Meeting site and for free. He thanked Board Members “for your participation” and encouraged them “to sign up for at least two Committees.” He requested that Board Members e-mail him one or two of their GHNNC goals. Mr. Greenwald also requested that new Board Member plaques and business cards be available for the next Board Meeting.

Mr. Hunter announced the May 18th Citrus Sunday event. Mr. Pollok requested and Mr. Greenwald agreed to Agendize moving the Board Meeting from first Monday nights to fourth Wednesday nights. Mr. Canas reminded and encouraged Board Members to recruit candidates for possible appointment to the vacant Board Seats at the next Board Meeting.

10. Adjournment.

MOTION to ADJOURN (by Mr. Gold and seconded): *The Granada Hills North Neighborhood Council ADJOURNS this Meeting.*

MOTION PASSED by a voice vote with no objection.

Mr. Greenwald declared the Meeting **ADJOURNED** at 9:04 p.m.