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GRANADA HILLS NORTH NEIGHBORHOOD COUNCIL

BOARD MEETING AGENDA WITH MINUTES

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GHNNC BOARD MEETING Location

Saint Euphrasia School Auditorium,
11766 Shoshone Ave.
Granada Hills, CA 91344
Tuesday, February 06, 2018 at 6:30 PM

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

Roll Call [Quorum Achieved (13 present/ 11 required)]

- (1) Present: Brian Allen, Alfredo Castillo, Kyle Ellis, Sid Gold,¹ Michael Greenwald, Bill Hopkins, Wayde Hunter, Oscar Jimenez, Rahim Kazi, Ralph Kroy, Dave Parikh, Ray Pollok, Skylar Rose, Keren Waters
- (2) Absent: Chris Coyle, Jan Subar, Andres Topete, Joe Vitti,

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

DONE Comments (Jose Galdamez)

- (1) Awards nomination regarding NC events/activities is open, submission deadline on March 2nd, event on March 29th. Michael Greenwald asks how to submit – in EmpowerLA newsletter, will send email
- (2) NC funding program released new guidelines, is available online.
- (3) Election workshops for the 2019 elections, February 12 at the constituent center; second date is March 19th.
- (4) NC equity groups on February 15th at the Felicia Mahood multipurpose center, and several other times/dates.
- (5) Asks whether there are any items to salvage or remove from inventory, none noted.
- (6) Bylaws amendment deadline is April 15.

CD12 Comments (Jessica Strobel)

- (1) CD12 has hired a part time rapid response team – associate community program (bulk items, trash, weeds, unlawfully posted signs, etc.). Michael Greenwald asks regarding banner at Balboa and Rinaldi.
- (2) Two motions from Councilmember Englander – states efforts to amend definition of “gravely disabled” to compel those in need for psychiatric help. County Department of Mental Health would lead the efforts if ultimately approved. LAPD and IT asking regarding latest gunshot detection technology as to when and where gunshots occur to triangulate the location and transmit to police. Kyle Ellis suggested implementing technology at schools first.
- (3) Wayde Hunter says re: e-blast on sidewalk vending – prefers opt-in/opt-out. Skylar Rose agrees with Councilmember Englander’s statement on pot-holes. Michael Greenwald says re: trash lease-out, property owners are happy with Councilmember Englander’s support. Conversation with Councils March 5th, 6:30PM at Hexlab (Toolbox LA) – look for it on the next e-blast/email.

C. Public Comment on non-agenda items (limited to two minutes).

Public Comments

- (1) Wayde Hunter asks of the public: regarding the commercial development on Chatsworth St. there is a multi-story building set for development. There will be a meeting February 7th at GH Charter High School.

¹ Arrived late, and provided Ethics Training Certificate.

D. Emergency Preparedness Item of the Month.

EP Chair Comments (Bill Hopkins)

- (1) Thermal blanket is useful for warmth and many other uses.

E. **[PASSED]** Motion to approve the January 02, 2018, Board meeting minutes.

Motion: Brian Allen

Second: Oscar Jimenez

Vote: [Yes – 12; No – 0; Abstain – 1 (Skylar Rose)]

F. Executive Committee

1. **[TABLED]** Motion to approve up to \$500.00 to support a Town Hall meeting presented by Northridge West N.C. on Thursday, March 29th from 6-9 P.M. featuring Dr. Nordella. AQMD will attend and LADWP and So. Cal. Gas have been invited. We would have a table available that could be used for outreach. If you are not familiar with this gentleman you can google him or here is an article. <https://www.dailynews.com/2017/09/07/porter-ranch-gas-leak-study-hits-roadblock-after-doctor-is-forced-out/>

Public Comment

- (1) Peter Lasky President of the Northridge West NC, comments that he is in favor of this item. States that the two opinions about shutting down the gas storage site is not the issue for this meeting, but regarding Mr. Nordella's study. States that Mr. Nordella has done studies that appear to show the presence of certain types of elements/chemicals present in patients. Invites everyone in the North Valley to attend, will have AQMD, LA-DWP, Supervisor Barger, and others have been invited to ask questions. Comments that the event will be a good outreach event for GHNNC.
- (2) Mr. Fisk states that Mr. Nordella has not released study to public health. Mr. Lasky comments that these questions are the types we need for the event.

Board Comment

- (1) Ray Pollok asks about where the money is going. Will be for incidental expenses such as flyers, possibly water, extra chairs.
- (2) Skylar Rose asks what, specifically, they plan on doing with the money. No specific plan, but will be on an as-needed basis.
- (3) Keren Waters asks what type of marketing will they be doing beyond flyers. Answers that the last time they printed flyers and walked them door-to-door and through Nextdoor.com – which is why they need more NCs involved; also asks regarding wish-list for items – there is none.
- (4) Brian Allen would like to see a budget with any contributions from other sources before putting forward money. Understands the position, but requests that we partner for the event, and then put money forward as-needed.
- (5) Ralph Kroy asks about CD12 being involved. They have not partnered. CD12 clarifies that in prior events co-hosted with CD-12 they have to pay to rent all tables and chairs, and therefore could not provide such items for any event on their own.
- (6) Wayde Hunter comments that \$500 is too high, and that only about 6 sites in GH reported problems during the leak – seems that there is a minimal impact on GH.
- (7) Dave Parik comments that while the event is good, there is no budget. Northridge West NC approved \$500 on the event.
- (8) Bill Hopkins comments that we as a NC have been castigated for taking a single viewpoint, and there does not appear to be a contrasting opinion at this event, the City Attorney told us to be careful on this. Mr. Lasky comments that this is purely informational, not taking a side.
- (9) Kyle Ellis asks what part of Mr. Nordella's study, if any, includes stakeholders from Granada Hills. Mr. Lasky does not know.

- (10) Michael Greenwald applauds the initiative behind the event, and states that informational meetings like this are exactly the type of events that NCs should be doing. Since it seems that other NCs are involved, there should not be a substantial cost overall.
- (11) Bill Hopkins asks regarding the use of the meeting, and comments there will be another meeting in March ahead of this event, giving us additional time to consider the motion.

Motion to Amend the Motion – Motion to approve up to \$300 expenditure of funds to be based upon receipt of a budget from NWNK for to support a Town Hall meeting presented by Northridge West N.C. on Thursday, March 29th from 6-9 P.M. featuring Dr. Nordella.

Motion – Bill Hopkins

Second – Ralph Kroy

Public Comment

- (1) Mr. Lasky states that they are willing to do all the flyers.

Motion to Table the Motion

Motion – Kyle Ellis

Second – Wayde Hunter

Vote: [Yes – 8; No – 5 (Ralph Kroy, Alfredo Castillo, Skylar Rose, Sid Gold, Bill Hopkins); Abstain – 0]

2. **[TABLED]** Motion to approve up to \$500.00 for a commercial quality string trimmer to be kept with the Sunset Ridge HOA for cleanups on Blucher Avenue.

Board Comment

- (1) Michel Greenwald comments that a resident association was willing to do work on Blucher Re: weeds near Odyssey, and approached Michael Greenwald that if GHNNC would buy a weed trimmer, they would do the work.
- (2) Brian Allen comments that the equipment would need to be stored with us, and returned to us after use.
- (3) Oscar Jimenez states that there may be issues of liability, and that there would need to be maintenance that needs to be done.
- (4) Bill Hopkins asks whether the HOA is a registered non-profit.
- (5) Kyle Ellis asks Jose Galdamez (DONE representative) about the issue; but he does not know at the moment.
- (6) Keren Waters comments that a ‘hold harmless’ contract may be needed.
- (7) Wayde Hunter asks about the ownership of the property, and it seems that the City may own the property.
- (8) Sid Gold states that this is probably too complicated

Motion to Table

Motion – Michael Greenwald

Second – Keren Waters

Vote: [Yes – 13; No – 0; Abstain – 0]

3. **[PASSED]** Discussion and possible motion on SB 827.
https://leginfo.legislature.ca.gov/faces/billTextClient.xhtml?bill_id=201720180SB827

Public Comment

- (1) Maria Fisk urges GHNNC to request the City oppose the Senate Bill on the basis of takin land-use issues out of the hands of the City and its neighborhoods.

Board Comment

- (1) Sid Gold states that the State would create its own state-wide ‘transit oriented developments’ that would supersede anything else. Says that there appears to be support from some of the City Council for this type of legislation.

- (2) Brian Allen states that Los Angeles is the one of the most congested cities in the world. All NCs are starting to address this issue.

Motion – Motion to draft a letter to the City Council requesting that they come out in opposition to SB 827.

Motion – Bill Hopkins

Second – Ralph Kroy

Vote: [Yes – 14; No – 0; Abstain – 0]

4. **[PASSED]** Discussion and possible motion for cleanup activities on the east side of Balboa north of Midwood to Woodley.

Board Comment

- (1) Kyle Ellis says that it's likely the only way this will actually occur is if we do it ourselves.
- (2) Brian Allen says that our responsibility as a NC is to do outreach to the City Departments.

Motion – Motion to request that the City pay for cleanup on an ongoing basis for the east side of Balboa north of Midwood to Woodley, and along the east side of Blucher Avenue from Rinaldi to Odyssey.

Motion – Sid Gold

Second – Brian Allen

Board Comment

- (1) Wayne Hunter says that we need to have some reason to ask for them to pay and not just perform the work.
- (2) Brian Allen comments that by asking them to pay, they may just get the work done.
- (3) Michael Greenwald states that we may be able to get a nonprofit to fund cleanup.
- (4) Bill Hopkins says that the hill is likely owned, and the private property owner should be responsible, and that the City should inquire and get the City to either get the owner to do it or do it themselves and the City will bill the owner.
- (5) Brian Allen states that the Fire Dept will cite people, Bill Hopkins says they won't in this area.

Vote: [Yes – 14; No – 0; Abstain – 0]

G. Treasurer Report.

1. **[PASSED]** Motion to approve December 2017 Reports.

Moves – Brian Allen

Second – Ralph Kroy

Vote: [Yes – 14; No – 0; Abstain – 0]

Board Comment

- (1) Michael Greenwald asks that the board thank Brian Allen and Bill Hopkins for fixing the audio equipment.

2. Update on N.C. Equity Funding.

Board Comment

- (1) Brian Allen says that the NC Equity Funding group has been selected, BONC has selected Brian Allen to chair the group. The group is interested in trying to find a way to ensure that each NC has an appropriate amount of funds for its size. Prior to today, the goal was to have about 20k stakeholders for each NC, but there are some NC getting to be as small as 3.5k people, but are getting the same amount of money. GHNNC has 25k. There are only 3 meetings, and it will be a challenge to get 24 people to agree on anything.
- (2) Michael Greenwald applauds Brian Allen for doing this, states that there should maybe be a metric that allows for density, and says that there are fewer opportunities for land use/activities/etc.
- (3) Bill Hopkins says that he suspects that this will take time, metrics are important, disagrees with MG's statement on space/land use. Says that there should be a look at the money that returns to

DONE and possibly allow a return of some money back to NCs, and metric on the efficacy of spending.

- (4) Brian Allen says that everything Bill Hopkins said has been said in the first meeting, but BONC has not yet defined what they intend to accomplish. One area in particular we need to focus on is how to communicate with the constituents to the City and vice versa. The funds are for establishing that communication. The majority of this money is about how many people we have.
- (5) Kyle Ellis suggested putting the money in the hands of the CDs, and use this as a way to motivate the NCs.
- (6) Brian Allen intends on doing everything he can to achieve an equitable result.
- (7) Bill Hopkins responds to Kyle Ellis's comment stating that the NCs money may eventually turn into a slush fund if given over to the council districts.
- (8) Michael Greenwald states that we should not confuse the motive of the City with engagement, their minds are already made up.
- (9) Brian Allen states the NCs need to have additional higher-quality members, who learn the responsibilities and procedures, and DONE needs to do the same, and interact more with the NCs.

H. Planning and Land Use. Report.

PLUM Chair Comment (Kyle Ellis)

1. Report on the January 18th Planning Forum.

Board Comment

- (1) Kyle Ellis comments that the meeting went well.

I. Outreach and Publicity Committee. Report.

Outreach Chair Comment (Brian Allen)

- (1) No meeting this last month, will schedule one for February.

J. Citywide Committee Report. Sid Gold.

Citywide Chair Comment (Sid Gold)

- (1) Sent around the email update. Mentions groundwater throughout the City and the SFV in particular, and that cleaning up the groundwater and anticipate the cost will run into the Billions.
- (2) LANCC meeting, there are 4 NCs looking for subdivisions. There is a meeting on RecycleLA today.
- (3) City clerk is looking at NC elections for 2019 soon, looking to streamline and clarify the process.
- (4) Bill Hopkins states that the groundwater cleaning is for cleanup on the way into the pipes, not in the ground itself. As to the NC subdivision, asks whether the purpose for subdivisions is for more money, and Brian Allen responds that certain places are more concerned about money, but most others are more concerned about representation.

K. Public Safety, Report. Ray Pollok.

Public Safety Chair Comment (Ray Pollok)

1. **[PASSED]** Motion to request that the LAPD Traffic Division monitor and enforce traffic laws along Shoshone and Nugent north of Rinaldi in Granada Hills with emphasis on work day hours between 4PM to 7PM.

Board Comment

- (1) Ray Pollok states that there is some guy in a Ferrari driving around unsafely in the neighborhood, which forms the basis of this motion.
- (2) Michael Greenwald states that people are trying to avoid freeway traffic by going through our neighborhood streets.

Vote: [Yes – 14; No – 0; Abstain – 0]

2. Update on the next “Street Blitz” for pothole repair in our neighborhoods. Bring your list of street potholes within GHNNC boundaries for possible submission for February Street Blitz by Street Services.

Board Comment

- (1) Bill Hopkins states that the upcoming street-blitz is going to occur in the next month or so, and start sending Bill the information about potholes/missing asphalt/sidewalk, etc. right now.

L. Emergency Preparedness Report. Bill Hopkins.

EP Chair Comments (Bill Hopkins)

- (1) Last EP meeting welcomed the new Valley Bureau CERT coordinator, Christy Adair. Spoke generally about issues regarding CERT, and how to respond to mass casualty events.
- (2) Brian Allen asks for update on the event that Mike Benedetto did on February 1. Bill Hopkins states that the idea of the event was a disaster planning/preparedness event. There were several speakers, CERT involvement, map your neighborhood, approximately 35 people attended.

M. Board member Comment on Non-Agenda Items

Board Comment

- (1) Keren Waters, when we have PLUM and the emergency meeting, asks whether it is possible to cancel – it is.
- (2) Wayde Hunter asks whether CD12 accepted nominations for the SCL amenities fund. Michael Greenwald has not submitted them yet.
- (3) Brian Allen states that we need to replace Rob Sherman with Chris Coyle on our documents.
- (4) Oscar Jimenez states that we need some sort of form or template for how they want to spend money. Michael Greenwald states that people asking for money should already be prepared. Kyle Ellis suggests that Oscar Jimenez draft a 1 page document and run it by DONE. There is a ballot initiative in re RecycleLA.
- (5) Alfredo Castillo, comments that Wayde Hunter’s new haircut looks good.
- (6) Sid Gold comments on Sen. Hertzberg’s bill, SB993, and states that it is a bad idea and will drive business out of California. Re: public safety on Balboa Blvd., states that there are major car accidents.
- (7) Bill Hopkins states that most people who arrive for money *do* have a plan in mind, but states that other NCs may have forms already. Sunland-Tujunga has an EP meeting on February 10th at the North Valley City Hall. There will be a City CERT class sponsored by GHNNC and Patriot Oil Community Benefit Trust Fund starting in March at knollwood Country Club – search on Eventbrite for ‘Granada Hills CERT’ and there are still about 10 spots remaining.
- (8) Michael Greenwald comments thanks to the Board for being here, and working for the community. Comments for Oscar Jimenez’s idea, that we should set up a form more to help people make a better presentation for requesting money.

N. Adjournment

Adjourned [8:32 P.M.]

Abbreviation Guide			
BA	Budget Advocates	BONC	Board of Neighborhood Commissioners
CD	Los Angeles City Council District	CERT	Community Emergency Response Team
CIS	Community Impact Statement	CM	Los Angeles City Council Member
DONE	Department of Neighborhood Empowerment	EVOC	Emergency Vehicle Operations Center
GHNNC	Granada Hills North Neighborhood Council	HOPE	Homeless Outreach Partnership Endeavour
LADOT	Los Angeles Department of Transportation	LADWP	Los Angeles Department of Water and Power
LANCC	Los Angeles Neighborhood Council Coalition	LAPD	Los Angeles Police Department
NC	Neighborhood Council	NPG	Neighborhood Purpose(s) Grant
PLUM	Planning and Land Use Management Committee	SCL	Sunshine Canyon Landfill
SCLAF	Sunshine Canyon Landfill Amenities Fund	SCLCAC	Sunshine Canyon Landfill Community Advisory Committee
SFM	San Fernando Mission Boulevard		