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**GRANADA HILLS NORTH
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**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, August 07, 2018 at 6:30 PM

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

Roll Call [Quorum Achieved (12 present/11 required)]

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

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

DONE Comments (Jose Galdamez)

- (1) Mr. Galdamez asks for a status update for GHNNC's inventory list. Brian Allen states that he will send the inventory list to DONE on or before August 15.
- (2) DONE has begun sending out maps of neighborhood council districts that are designed pursuant to the bylaws of each NC in preparation for the upcoming NC elections; Wayde Hunter and Michael Greenwald comment that the map sent to the GHNNC Board does not accurately reflect the correct areas inside of GHNNC area as the District 1 area is expanded; other issues are identified and Wayde Hunter will send an email to DONE with corrections. Brian Allen also comments that there is an incorrect name on Balboa after Woodley.
- (3) DONE wants to remind the Board to be cautious of emails requesting money, as there have been scams and phishing emails sent to NC Boards where thieves try to access Board funds.
- (4) Finally, states that IgniteLA will be returning in September-November. IgniteLA is a City program intended to outreach to women, in an effort to get women more involved in politics.

CD12 Comments (Jessie Strobel)

- (1) Announces that tonight, August 7, is the 31st anniversary of National Night Out.
- (2) Announces that she received an email from Councilmember Acosta stating that the area around the onramp/offramp to State Route 118 and Balboa has been cleaned.
- (3) The new LAPD Chief, Michael Moore, was sworn in.
- (4) Councilmember Englander submitted new motions: first is to ban residents from downloading any 3D gun designs; second is a resolution to the State of California requesting that they make it a felony to download 3D gun designs; and third is a moratorium that would prohibit pay-to-use scooters within the City until regulations governing their use are passed.
- (5) Kyle Ellis asks whether the City has begun looking into how the pay-to-use scooters interact with the Americans with Disabilities Act, and Bill Hopkins comments that the City is not compliant with the ADA as to its current sidewalk access. Ms. Strobel states that there will be multiple paths to compliance with the ADA, and that the City will be concerned with the ADA both in terms of sidewalk access and with pay-to-use scooters.
- (6) Skylar Rose compares the designs of pipe guns, available online, to the designs of 3D printed guns online and ask why one should be banned while the other is not. Ms. Strobel distinguishes between the necessary

technical skills and equipment needed to make a pipe gun based on an online design versus the ease of simply downloading a gun that can be printed by a machine with no particular technical skills needed.

- (7) Wayde Hunter asks for an update on the proposed floating solar panels on the reservoir. Ms. Strobel states that she will let us know as soon as CD12 has information, it is presently being reviewed by LADWP.
- (8) Keren Waters asks about the correct approach about how to handle wild animals. Ms. Strobel states that residents should call LAPD, which will in turn reach out to animal control as necessary.
- (9) Michael Greenwald asks about the ability for the City to now place speed humps/bumps on residential streets, and particularly on Shoshone. Ms. Strobel will look into what restrictions are in place, and what might be possible.
- (10) Michael Greenwald asks Jessie Strobel to stay for the entire meeting.

AD39 Comments (Jude Hernandez)

- (1) Mr. Hernandez introduces himself to GHNNC on behalf of Luz Rivas, who has recently been elected the representative for State Assembly District 39. Mr. Hernandez is available for any and all issues related to CalTrans, Welfare, and any state issues. Michael Greenwald requests that Mr. Hernandez and Assemblywoman Rivas look into the CalTrans yard at the Balboa exit to State Route 118, which is presently used for contractor storage, and which the neighborhood would like to see made quieter, cleaner, and more visibly presentable to the community.

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

Public Comments

- (1) Paul Womble, a resident of Granada Hills, asks about what the LAFD plan is to evacuate and safeguard residences when there is an immediate fire risk at 3-4am. Kyle Ellis comments that Bill Hopkins and our Emergency Preparedness committee have access to resources that could address these concerns, and access to emergency services, including the Fire Department. Bill Hopkins comments that the PulsePoint App can help keep people notified of any emergency. Michael Greenwald comments that he has experienced two fires and he received reverse 911 calls in those circumstances. Skylar Rose comments that one of the EP meetings featured a FEMA regional manager. Keren Waters comments that some insurers have wildfire defense programs. Brian Allen comments that cell phones are alerted in the event of emergency and LA has an emergency alert sign-up. A member of the public comments that the last time she was evacuated, the LAPD drove into the affected areas, and alerted people in person.
- (2) David Mesa, the Public Affairs manager for SoCal Gas; announces that SoCal Gas will be at the Valley Disaster Preparedness Fair. SoCal Gas additionally offers to do a demonstration on how to shut off a gas meter in the event of an emergency.

D. Emergency Preparedness Item of the Month.

EP Chair Comments (Bill Hopkins)

- (1) This month's item is an emergency sleeping bag.

E. **[PASSED]** Motion to approve the July 03, 2018, Board meeting minutes.

Motion: Brian Allen

Second: Ralph Kroy

Vote: [Yes – 11; No – 0; Abstain – 1 (Skylar Rose)]

F. Executive Committee

1. Discuss new badges and shirts for Board Members.

Board Comment

- (1) Michael Greenwald comments that there are shirts available after the meeting, and they are looking into new badges.

2. Discuss and possible motion on Sober Living Facilities in GHNNC borders.

Board Comment

- (1) Michael Greenwald asks Jessie Strobel about regulation and possible exclusion of Sober Living facilities. Ms. Strobel comments that such facilities are regulated on a state-wide basis without any substantive local control; she has, however, informed the park rangers to be on the lookout for residents of such facilities loitering in GHNNC's parks while intoxicated.
- (2) Kyle Ellis asks Mr. Hernandez about AD39's position on sober living facilities. Mr. Hernandez comments that he will look into Assemblywoman Rivas' position.
- (3) Keren Waters comments that our community is looking for ensuring that owners are accountable.
- (4) Skylar Rose comments that the issue is people being accosted by members of facilities who are violating the terms of the facility.
- (5) Berj Demirjian asks about City's ability to regulate, Ms. Strobel comments the City may only interact with such facilities based on the building code, as everything else is regulated by the State of California. Berj Demirjian also asks about their funding scheme. Ms. Strobel comments that they are privately funded; Berj Demirjian asks about how to report abuses.
- (6) Brian Allen comments that Bee Canyon has had a wild bear in it recently and that such wild areas represent a danger even to patients that are 100% compliant with facility rules.
- (7) Ralph Kroy comments that the sober living home at 17211 Orozco St. – Awakening Recovery – is owned by former investment bankers.
- (8) Keren Waters comments that the average patient pays \$1200-2000 per month.
- (9) Wayde Hunter comments that there have been issues in Knollwood with a sober/assisted living facility in the AD39 area, so it is an ongoing problem.

Public Comment

- (1) A member of the public asks whether there is a limit on the number of people in such facilities. Only pursuant to fire code and State Law.

G. Treasurer Report.

1. **[PASSED]** Motion to approve the June and July MER Reports.

Board Comment

- (1) Brian Allen comments that the MERs for June and July are available to the Board and Public.

Vote: (June MER) [Yes – 12; No – 0; Abstain – 0]

Vote: (July MER) [Yes – 12; No – 0; Abstain – 0]

2. Budget Advocate Report.

Board Comment

- (1) Nothing to report other than the current year's Budget Advocates are just starting out. They are presently looking for information and questions that they can ask the City on behalf of NCs.
- (2) Bill Hopkins asks what they intend to do this year – meet 2x with the Mayor, and consider outreach for NCs and City Council, for next year's budget, most of the time, requests from the public get budgeted into the next year's budget.

3. Update on the new Equity funding program for N.C.'s.

Board Comment

- (1) Brian Allen states that they will be meeting once more to try to finalize a final report from the committee or whether such a report will be from individuals.

H. Outreach and Publicity Committee Report.

Outreach Chair Comment (Keren Waters and Brian Allen)

- (1) On July 16, the group attended the DONE workshop on how to do better outreach with the community, including a community map with assets/people/entities in the community. Wayde Hunter comments that the map made at that event is incorrect, including the roads – and that the map clusters too much

together. Michael Greenwald comments that this is just a small project to see the resources of the community – Mr. Galdamez concurs, it was just an exercise. The Board and Jose Galdamez converse on the topic at length. Additionally, the event addressed social media and town hall meetings at the event.

- (2) Keren Waters comments on wildlife again, Ms. Strobel reiterates that any resident should call LAPD.
- (3) Keren Waters asks Bill Hopkins regarding whether volunteers are needed for Disaster Preparedness Fair. Bill Hopkins states that the Board or Outreach Committee must determine if there will be a booth for GHNNC at the event and figure out a schedule.
- (4) Skylar Rose asks whether the Outreach Committee was going to discuss a town hall for the community. It will be addressed at the next Outreach Committee meeting.

I. Planning and Land Use. Report.

PLUM Chair Comment (Kyle Ellis)

1. **[PASSED AS AMENDED]** Motion to request that Council District 12 conduct a presentation of its plans regarding floating solar panels in the Van Norman Reservoir at GHNNC's PLUM Committee on or before the end of 2018.

Board Comment

- (1) Ms. Strobel comments that the Los Angeles Department of Water and Power is presently conducting a feasibility study, and such a request is better directed towards that department.

Motion to Amend – *Motion to request that Los Angeles Department of Water and Power conduct a presentation of its plans regarding floating solar panels in the Van Norman Reservoir at GHNNC's PLUM Committee on or before the end of 2018.*

Motion: Michael Greenwald

Second: Brian Allen

Vote: [Yes – 12; No – 0; Abstain – 0]

Motion as Amended

Vote: [Yes – 12; No – 0; Abstain – 0]

2. **[PASSED]** Motion in support of the City Council adopting the report and recommendations authored by Lalia Alequresh regarding street infrastructure in the City of Los Angeles. Council File No. 17-1311.

Board Comment

- (1) Skylar Rose comments that he has the footage of the presentation.
- (2) Wayde Hunter comments that Maria Fisk came to the last meeting and expressed that there were additional comments from other organizations, NCs, and City agencies, and that there were comments that some agencies did not work well with other organizations. Wayde Hunter, however, supports the motion.
- (3) Brian Allen comments that Ms. Alequresh is getting pushback from certain agencies, and that it is important to support the proposed reforms as it could possibly save the City millions of dollars each year.
- (4) Kyle Ellis comments that the pushback seems to be bureaucratic wrangling & budget-guarding by agencies, and that the reforms overall appear to benefit to the City.

Public Comment

- (1) Maria Fisk comments that there are questions raised, and that there are questions about putting everything under a single umbrella.

Vote: [Yes – 12; No – 0; Abstain – 0]

J. Citywide Committee Report. Sid Gold.

Citywide Chair Comment (Sid Gold and Brian Allen)

- (1) No comment.

K. Public Safety, Report. Ray Pollok.

Public Safety Chair Comment (Ray Pollok)

- (1) Thanks to CD12, Ray Pollok is in contact with the 877-ASKLAPD line commander and is ready and willing to address any delays or other issues that occur from this point forward. However, specific information regarding the time and date of any problematic call will be needed.

L. Emergency Preparedness Report. Bill Hopkins.

EP Chair Comments (Bill Hopkins)

- (1) The last meeting included a presentation by Ted Snyder, who showed and discussed emergency kits for your car.

M. Board Member Comment on Non-Agenda Items

Board Comment

- (1) The Valley Disaster Preparedness Fair is scheduled for September 29th.
- (2) Skylar is attending the GH Street Fair meetings on October 6th, they are seeking funds, and will present any NPGs through outreach.
- (3) Brian Allen comments that power poles are being replaced along Balboa, and that this will create significant traffic issues as the contractor is doing the work during the day.
- (4) Ray Pollok comments that it presently takes half a day to get a RealID driver's license from the Department of Motor Vehicles.

N. Adjournment

Adjourned [7:53 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	EVOG	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 Purposes 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		