

GRANADA HILLS NORTH NEIGHBORHOOD COUNCIL POLICY & RULES COMMITTEE

APPROVED MINUTES

For the meeting held **WEDNESDAY, MAY 13, 2009 @ 4:00 pm**

1. Meeting called to order by Chairperson Eric Rosenberg at **4:08pm**.

Committee members present: Eric Rosenberg, Mary Ellen Crosby, Scott Manatt, Sue DeVandry, Joshua Jordahl, Kim Thompson, Ralph Kroy, and Leon Marzillier (*ex-officio*)

Committee members absent: n/a

Stakeholders present: Anne Ziliak, Barbara Iversen, Becky Bendikson

2. **Motion** to approve the April 29, 2009 minutes **passed** unanimously.

3. During the **Public Comment** period, the following Stakeholders spoke:

Kim Thompson spoke about giving public comment at City Hall regarding Neighborhood Council budgets.

Becky Bendikson stated her belief that the May 4, 2009 Special Meeting was not run properly (including the denial of her request for a roll call of Board Members for each vote, and procedural discrepancies that she believed violated *Roberts Rules of Order*), that her rights as a Stakeholder were violated, that the GHNNC Code of Civility was violated, and that, based on this evidence, the meeting was not legitimate or binding. Ms. Bendikson also complained about the Committee Chairperson's failure to specifically notify her individually of today's meeting, and to mail or fax her the meeting agenda and materials ahead of time. Ms. Bendikson also complained that, when she called the phone number supplied at the bottom of the 5/13/09 agenda notice, it went to DONE instead of to the Committee Chair, and she did not receive a response.

Various people asked if this committee could hold off submitting to DONE the entire amended bylaws that were passed at the May 4th Special Meeting, except for those required articles specifically dealing with the 2010 elections which are due by June 1st. The Committee Chairperson and Board Chairperson responded that this committee didn't have the authority to override the Stakeholder vote, and that such submittal wouldn't preclude this committee from proposing further changes to our bylaws going forward. When the possibility was brought up that the meeting might not have been legitimate or binding, the Board Chairperson reiterated that we had to follow the will of the 2/3 of Stakeholders who voted at the May 4th meeting until such time as any grievance was submitted and resolved. It was also noted that DONE would probably send back the bylaws with corrections requested, giving this committee and Stakeholders another chance to discuss, revise, and vote on the proposed changes before these new bylaws ever became official.

4. The version of the Bylaws passed at the May 4, 2009 Special Meeting was reviewed. Questions about certain changes were answered to the best of the Committee Chairperson's ability.
5. The committee's rationale for the amendments to our bylaws was reviewed. One error in the Article 1 description was corrected, and one unnecessary sentence in the Article 15 description was removed.
6. **Motion** by Rosenberg: "That the Board Chairperson submit to D.O.N.E. the amended and restated GHNNC Bylaws in the exact form as approved at the May 4, 2009 Special Meeting. In such submittal, the Chairperson shall include a conformed copy of the Bylaws, a color redline comparison with our 2007 Bylaws, and the rationale for all changes." The motion did not receive a second, however certain committee members asserted that *Roberts Rules of Order* does not require a second on motions made at committee meetings. During discussion, the Board Chairperson recommended against it because Stakeholders had already given this direction on May 4th and this motion wouldn't be binding without Board approval on June 1st. The motion **failed** unanimously.
7. The committee began discussing Article 14 (Committees) of the Bylaws, and briefly touched on some other sections that may require revision going forward. Due to the length of the meeting, further discussion was tabled until June 8, 2009. For efficiency, the Committee Chairperson requested that all committee members, to the best of their ability, read materials and formulate suggested revisions prior to all meetings.
8. The committee briefly discussed the communication from the Deputy City Attorney in regards to Article 14, but as discussion had been tabled for agenda item #7, this discussion was also tabled.
9. During the **Committee Member Comment** period, no one asked to speak.
10. During **New Business**, the committee selected the 2nd Monday of every month at 6:00pm at the GHNNC Offices as our standing meeting date.
11. Motion for **Adjournment** was made at **6:09pm** and **passed** unanimously.