

# MINUTES

## GRANADA HILLS NEIGHBORHOOD COUNCIL COMMUNITY MEETING

May 8, 2003

### INTERIM OFFICERS PRESENT

Randall Neudeck, Interim Chair  
                        , Interim Vice Chair  
                        , Interim Treasurer  
Rick Driscoll, Interim Parliamentarian  
Judy Smith, Interim Secretary

A meeting of the Granada Hills Neighborhood Council was held on May 8, 2003, at Granada Hills Elementary School, 17170 Tribune Street, Granada Hills, California. Randall Neudeck presided at the meeting as Interim Chair of the Council.

Mr. Neudeck called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. and welcomed community members and stakeholders. He briefly covered the agenda to be followed this evening. He requested that all in attendance sign in and introduce themselves.

Mr. Neudeck asked for community announcements and the following were made:

- ❖ Old Granada Hills Residents Group next meets May 22. Petitions for Granada Hills High School becoming a Charter School are available.
- ❖ Granada Hills Street Faire – June 7, 10a – 4p – volunteers are needed.
- ❖ A Farmers Market is being established. It will be on Kingsbury Street, north of Granada Hills High School, from 9a – 1p on Sundays. Startup date is not yet determined.
- ❖ A City Council candidates debate will take place at Shepherd of the Hills Church, 19700 Rinaldi St, Northridge on May 12 at 7:30p.
- ❖ A Neighborhood Watch meeting will take place on May 15 (and every third Thursday) at 7:30p at St. Euphrasia Church, 11766 Shoshone Ave, Granada Hills.
- ❖ There will be a mixer at the YMCA, 11336 Corbin Ave, Northridge on May 20 at 5:30p.
- ❖ The Granada Hills North Neighborhood Council will next meet on May 27 at 7p at Van Gogh Elementary School, 17160 Van Gogh St, Granada Hills.
- ❖ The Devonshire Division Police Station will hold a Pancake Breakfast on May 31, from 7 – 11a. The cost is \$4 per person for all the pancakes you can eat.
- ❖ The Granada Hills Branch Library has new landscaping and the job was completed within one week.

Scott Burritt, Project Coordinator for the Department of Neighborhood Empowerment, then provided background on his department and on the advantages of forming and having a Neighborhood Council certified. He reported that a Chatsworth group was currently in the process of forming a Neighborhood Council. Mr. Burritt elaborated on the steps involved in becoming certified and said that the Granada Hills group would be able to apply for certification as soon as the bylaws were completed and accepted. He suggested that the group adopt and start work on a specific project within the community to indicate our seriousness and purpose as a council. There are currently 62 councils in Los Angeles and 14 are in the North Valley.

Jim Summers, Chair of the Outreach Committee, provided information and background about the Old Granada Hills Group and the origins of the Granada Hills Neighborhood Council. The original formation of GHNC started in July of 2000. Since then boundaries and bylaws have been developed and the bylaws are currently being finalized. Mr. Summers invited all stakeholders who are interested to come to the Bylaws Committee meetings and help draft the final version. Mr. Summers and the whole group thanked Mr. Burritt for the hard work and long hours he has expended in assisting the group in their formation.

Mr. Neudeck went on to review the work of the Bylaws Committee. He reported that there would be 21 directors of the Council. 11 elected at large and 10 from specific stakeholder groups. He reviewed the process whereby the interim officers had been elected at the last meeting. Mr. Burritt indicated that the bylaws are the most critical means of holding the Council together. It was determined that everyone should have a chance to review the bylaws before the meeting and

**It was**

**MOVED, seconded and unanimously carried  
THAT the Granada Hills Neighborhood Council  
meeting on June 12 would have as its primary  
agenda item the review of the bylaws.**

A discussion ensued as to how to make the bylaws available to stakeholders and

**It was**

**MOVED, seconded and unanimously carried  
THAT for the June 12 meeting, the building  
would be opened at 6:00 p.m. so that those  
who wish could read and study the bylaws  
and the official meeting will begin at 7:00 p.m.**

After further discussion,

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**It was**

**MOVED, seconded and unanimously carried  
THAT copies of the bylaws would be made  
available for review at Granada Hills Library  
and on the GHNC website by June 5, 2003.**

Discussion was held regarding the date of the next meeting of the Bylaws Committee and

**It was**

**MOVED, seconded and unanimously carried  
THAT the next meeting of the Bylaws Committee  
would be on May 21, 2003 at the Granada Hills  
Chamber of Commerce if the office is available.**

Mr. Summers then gave a report on communications and outreach. He asked that everyone present speak with their neighbors and try to get more attendance at the next meeting. We also need more signatures in order to be certified. It takes a lot of time and effort to get the word out and we need everyone's help in this effort. Once GHNC is certified we will be able to get funds to upgrade the website. It was suggested that the Council area be split into grids and a contact person established for each grid. Mr. Summers will do that by the next meeting. He concluded by asking each person to bring at least two more people to the next meeting.

Mr. Neudeck asked for neighborhood concerns and public comments. The following comments were offered:

- ❖ There is confusion between the Granada Hills North Neighborhood Council and GHNC. Suggested that GHNC change its name, perhaps by adding "South".
- ❖ Enforcement of zoning laws
- ❖ Pick an issue to work on as a Council group
  - a. Abandoned cars
  - b. Beautification issues
  - c. Apartments being built in back yards
  - d. Parking enforcement around Granada Hills Park and Library
  - e. Large item trash pickup – have a "clean up" day
  - f. Sunshine Canyon Dump opposition

There was extensive discussion regarding all of the above suggestions.

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There being no further business to come before the Council, the Chair adjourned the meeting at 9:00 p.m. The next meeting will be on Thursday, June 12, 2003 at Granada Hills Elementary School. The school will be open at 6p for reading of the draft bylaws. The meeting will begin at 7p.

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Randall D. Neudeck, Interim Chair

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Judith Smith, Interim Secretary