

# MINUTES

## GRANADA HILLS NEIGHBORHOOD COUNCIL COMMUNITY MEETING

July 10, 2003

### **INTERIM OFFICERS PRESENT**

Randall Neudeck, Interim Chair

Judy Smith, Interim Secretary

Jim Summers, Outreach Coordinator

A meeting of the Granada Hills Neighborhood Council was held on July 10, 2003, at Granada Hills Library, 10640 Petit Avenue, Granada Hills, California. Randall Neudeck presided at the meeting as Interim Chair of the Council.

Mr. Neudeck called the meeting to order at 6:50 p.m. and welcomed attendees. He briefly covered the agenda to be followed this evening and requested that everyone sign in and introduce themselves.

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

- ❖ There will be a Chamber of Commerce mixer on August 21, at 5:30p at the Church of Religious Science, 17622 Chatsworth Street
- ❖ There will be an ABS Catering mixer with the Granada Hills and Mid Valley Chambers in August, but the date is not finalized as yet
- ❖ There is a meeting every first Tuesday of the month at Noon at the Chamber of Commerce with the Department of Governmental Affairs of the City of Los Angeles
- ❖ There will be a Monte Carlo Night at the Granada Hills Pavilion on October 11 sponsored by the Chamber of Commerce
- ❖ The Granada Hills Holiday Parade will be on December 7
- ❖ The Cultural Affairs Department of the City of Los Angeles is seeking representatives to help select art works for Fire Department #87. Call Kate Soto in that department for information
- ❖ Councilman Greig Smith will be speaking at the next meeting of the Neighborhood Council on August 14, along with Mark Chapa of the Mayor's office
- ❖ Budget Day is July 26, 2003 at the Los Angeles Convention Center. Check-in, a continental breakfast, and networking will begin at 9 a.m.
- ❖ The Granada Hills Business Improvement District will be landscaping the medians on Chatsworth Street, between Encino and Zelzah, and adding additional trees provided by the Department of Water and Power.
- ❖ Operation Clean Sweep – Granada Hills Beautification will take place on Saturday, October 25, 8a – Noon. General clean up of the area followed by lunch.

- ❖ Neighborhood Watch next meets on Thursday, July 24, at St. Euphrasia Church
- ❖ The Cultural Affairs Department of the City of Los Angeles is seeking a community representative, with a background in art, to be part of a panel to help select art works for Fire Department #87. Call Jim Summers (818) 734-5255 for more information.
- ❖ Hillcrest Christian School expansion was denied on all counts by the L.A. Planning Commission on the basis that the proposed project did not fit the area and they did not adequately cooperate with the residents of the community. HCS has the opportunity to appeal the decision.

Scott Burritt, Project Coordinator for the Department of Neighborhood Empowerment, discussed and explained Community Impact Statements. The Neighborhood Council can take a position on an issue and bring it before the City Council. Neighborhood Councils may speak for a community. Granada Hills North Neighborhood Council has worked on behalf of three different issues and prevailed before the City Council on two of those. One of those issues was saving a city bus run on Balboa north, and even getting them to extend it all the way to Sylmar. The other issue was to halt the expansion of the Hillcrest School on Rinaldi Street.

Mr. Burritt also explained the early notification system of the City's and offered to assist anyone interested in signing up for that system.

Mr. Neudeck asked the group to prioritize issues of concern to them. The following were brought up and discussed:

- ❖ Using maps to determine where issues of concern exist such as old signs posted, location of abandoned cars
- ❖ Where are community bulletin boards available for posting of notices

Discussion was held regarding the difficulty of disseminating information. Many large stores charge for posting information and many other smaller businesses will not allow displays of information from organizations.

Mr. Neudeck reported that the Bylaws have been completed. He distributed copies and asked that everyone read and review the Bylaws and let him know of any errors or omissions.

Mr. Summers reported on outreach activities. He said that he expected good attendance at the next meeting because of Greig Smith and Mark Chapa's anticipated presentations at the meeting. He asked that everyone present help spread the word about the meeting to their friends and neighbors.

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Discussion ensued about the name of the Council. The following were selected as finalists to be voted on at the next meeting: Granada Hills Greater Neighborhood Council, Granada Hills Neighborhood Council, Granada Hills United Neighborhood Council, and Granada Hills South Neighborhood Council.

There being no further business to come before the Council, the Chair adjourned the meeting at 8:00 p.m. The next meeting will be on Thursday, August 14, 2003 at the Granada Hills Library. The meeting will begin at 6:30 p.m.

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Randall D. Neudeck, Interim Chair

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Judith Smith, Interim Secretary