

MINUTES

GRANADA HILLS NEIGHBORHOOD COUNCIL COMMUNITY MEETING

August 14, 2003

INTERIM OFFICERS PRESENT

Randall Neudeck, Interim Chair

Jim Summers, Outreach Coordinator

A meeting of the Granada Hills Neighborhood Council was held on August 14, 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 6:35 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 conducted a survey to determine how tonight's attendees had learned of the meeting. Email, US Mail, newspapers, other Granada Hill residents and word of mouth were all credited as information sources.

The minutes of July 10th were read and approved.

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

- The Recreation Center has flag football registration and volunteers are needed. Please contact Cindi Mudo at 818.363.3556.
- August 23 – Masonic Lodge fundraiser. Tables are available. Breakfast and lunch are free. Donations are also accepted.
- August 18 – Porter Ranch Neighborhood Council – Shepherd of the Hills Church, 19700 Rinaldi St, Northridge
- August 21 – Neighborhood Watch Meeting – 7:30p - St. Euphrasia Church, 11766 Shoshone Ave, Granada Hills
- August 25 – Granada Hills North Neighborhood Council will meet at Van Gogh Elementary School, 17160 Van Gogh St, Granada Hills at 7p
- Neighborhood Watch – south of Chatsworth Street, Bob Bishop is Senior Lead Officer
- September 1 – Granada Hills Library will be closed for remodeling until January 2004
- There will be a \$95 fine for false alarms now. There is a class you may take in lieu of paying the fine.

- August 25 – Chamber mixer from 5:30 – 7p at the Church of Religious Science, 17622 Chatsworth St.
- For City services, you can dial 311 and they will connect you to the City service you request

Daniel Terrazzo from the Department of Neighborhood Empowerment spoke about the purposes of forming neighborhood councils.

Mr. Neudeck provided a bylaws update and explained the history of their drafting. He then asked for discussion on whether to vote on the bylaws at this meeting or defer to an upcoming meeting. The issue was deferred to another meeting.

Mr. Neudeck then went on to a discussion of the name of the neighborhood council. Several were suggested and extensive dialogue was held. After several elimination votes, the name of GRANADA HILLS NEIGHBORHOOD COUNCIL was finalized.

Mr. Summers proceeded with a report from the Communications and Outreach Committee. Granada Hills Neighborhood Council meetings will be held at Granada Hills Elementary School, 17170 Tribune Street, Granada Hills from September on. They will be on the second Thursday of the month at 7p.

Mr. Neudeck then introduced Councilman Greig Smith. Councilman Smith provided an update on City Council happenings. He reported that he had introduced 18 motions during the 16 days of meetings thus far.

He announced that city's have lost \$45 million due to State budget cuts. There was an accelerated street repair program and last year 28 miles of repairs were completed, however this year there will be only 2 miles completed because of the cuts. The Governor declared an "emergency" and took all funds for street repairs out of the vehicle license fees.

Councilman Smith reported that he is Chairman of the Public Works Committee. He is Vice Chairman of the Budget and Finance Committee and serves on the Transportation, Tourism and Entertainment, L. A. Coliseum Stadium, and Business Tax Refund Committees.

He reiterated his support of neighborhood councils. His staff has assisted with neighborhood cleanups and removal of illegal signs. He has introduced a motion to increase the fines for illegal signs and suggested that perhaps signs should be approved by neighborhood councils.

Mr. Smith also announced extended hours for his office, including Wednesday evening and half day on Saturday. He also discussed other areas of interest he is pursuing such as shopping cart issues and lower density laws. He stated that he would not support cuts in fire or police services.

A question and answer period followed with many issues discussed.

Mark Chapa of Mayor Hahn's office was introduced and provided contact information for Mayor Hahn. He discussed the 311 connect program and explained the First 5 LA CONNECT program. This is a family assistance program and is the first of its kind in the county. The service is free of charge and confidential and funded from tobacco firm settlement monies.

Mr. Chapa announced that LAPD is currently hiring.

There being no further business to come before the Council, the Chair adjourned the meeting at 8:05 p.m. The next meeting will be on Thursday, September 11, 2003 at Granada Hills Elementary. The meeting will begin at 7:00 p.m.

Randall D. Neudeck, Interim Chair

Judith Smith, Interim Secretary
(with notes from Bonnie Bursk)