GHSNC Board Meeting – 12/14/2006 – Minutes

I.  Attendance:

   A.  Board Members Present:

      1. Troy Seletos
      2. John Seletos
      3. Karessa Silvers
      4. Alexia Cirino
      5. Robert Norris
      6. Glen Chester
      7. Jim Summers (Presiding Officer)
      8. Eric Mansker
      9. Mark Barrionuevo
      10. Bonnie Bursk
      11. Jim Yoder
      12. David Beauvais
      13. Pamela Finn
      14. Lottie Van Emden
      15. Sylvia Witteman
      16. Brad Smith
      17. Julie Carson
      18. Shamica Doty
      19. Norbert Soski
      20. Christopher Silvers
      21. Mike Cabo (Parlamentarían)

   B.  Board Members Absent:
      1. Debi Orrico
      2. Randall Neudeck
      3. Sean Rivas
      4. Amelia Herrera-Robles (D.O.N.E. representative)


II. Jim introduced himself and called the meeting to order.

III. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited

IV. Board Members roll call was taken.

V.  Glen Chester moved and Chris Silvers seconded a motion to approve the minutes from November with two amendments.  Unanimous approval of the minutes.

VI. Rob Norris handed out a budget.  The budget is divided into quarters with all three quarters of $12,500 listed.  The total of Outreach was $15,600; the total of Operations was $5,700 and the total of Community Improvement was $16,200. Questions were asked and answered.  Norbert Soski moved and Dave Beauvais seconded a motion to approve the budget.  Unanimous approval of the budget.

VII.    Early Notification Group.  All Board Members elected to be part of the process.

VIII.    Community Impact Alert – Glen Chester is the primary contact and Alexia Cirino is secondary contact.

IX. Election Committee:

> Election Committee – Anna Apikian, Julie Carson - Chair, Lottie Van Emden, Pam Finn, Alexia Cirino.  Jim Summers moved and Chris Silvers seconded a motion to create the committee.  The Board unanimously favored the creation of the committee and the participants of the committee.

X.  Sean Kane from LAPD Devonshire Division introduced himself

XI. John Bwarie from Councilman Smith's office introduced himself.

XII.    Officers Reports:

> 1.  Jim Summers - None
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> 2.  Chris Silvers – Report back on survey of meeting times.  2nd Wednesday, 3rd Wednesday, 2nd Thursday highest favorable response.  6:30 and 7:00 start times were most favored.
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> 3.  Rob Norris – Budget was main focus.
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> 4.  Glen H. Chester – requested sign ups for minutes and agenda notices

XIII.    Committee Reports

> 1.  Community Outreach chair – Brad Smith – five members. GHSNC was the only neighborhood council in the GH Holiday Parade.  Advertising in local papers, two local papers, two local mailers.  Press Releases have been sent out to media.  Funding request from the Board in Jan/Feb.
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> 2.  Budget – Rob Norris – Budget was passed
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> 3.  Bylaw – Dave Beauvais – no report
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> 4.  Education – Karessa Silvers – no report
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> 5.  Planning and Zoning – Chris Silvers – Meeting last week.  Safety and Beautification Committee will branch out from the P & Z.  The P and Z Committee will create an Old GH ordinance sub committee.

Bonnie and Mark withdrew from P&Z  Maria Fisk, John Seletos, Brad Smith, Eric Mansker and Chris Silvers – chair by Presidential Decree and approved without dissent.  Safety and Beautification Committee – Peter Chang, Mark Barrionuevo, Rob Norris, and Bonnie Bursk - chair, Jim Yoder – by Presidential Decree and approved without dissent.

6.  Location – Chris Silvers – The Committee would like approval of a different time.  Dave Beauvais moved and Eric Mansker seconded moving the Board Meeting to the 2$^{nd}$ Wednesday at a location to be determined.  Dave mentioned that the Neighborhood Watch meeting takes place on the 2$^{nd}$ Thursday.  Various discussions about the days, location and times.  A poll of 2$^{nd}$ Wednesday, 2$^{nd}$ Thursday, 3$^{rd}$ Wednesday and 3$^{rd}$ Thursday was taken.  All dates had potential problems.  Glen Chester moved and Rob Norris seconded to table the motion.  14 votes for and 5 against tabling the motion.

XIV.   Request for Variance – Hardship Exemption at 17541 Los Alimos Street, GH, CA  91344.  Chris Silvers reviewed the variance request for the board with assistance from Maria Fisk.  Two lots with a house currently on the middle of the two lots.  Demolish current house and create two houses, one on each lot with a driveway for each house.    Interim control ordinance restricts all building permits in the Old Granada Hills area.  The ordinance limits homes to 1800 square feet on R-1 property with 28 foot limit.  Requestor is claiming that the 1800 square feet is too small from requestor's perspective.  The P&Z committee found that no hardship existed in order to grant the variance.  The P&Z committee voted against the variance.  The property owned by the requestor is a rental property.  The requestor has owned the property since 1999.  Dave Beauvais called and Eric Mansker seconded calling the question.  Unanimous vote in favor of calling the question.  Dave Beauvais moved and Rob Norris seconded that the Board recommend that the city deny a variance to the owner of 17541 Los Alimos St. because there is no hardship.  16 favor 0 against 3 abstentions for recommending that the city deny a variance of the Old GH control ordinance.

XV.Jim Summers reminded the board to take the conflict of interest training by 12/31/06.

XVI.   Richard Fisk announced that there is a stop the demolition of GH Hospital Building meeting on 12/18.  They community group has hired an attorney to try to get an injunction to prevent the demolition of the retrofitted hospital building. The demolition is scheduled for 01/2007.

XVII.  On the corner of Encino and Chatsworth properties have been ordered to vacate the premises.  The permits have been revoked for the car dealership and repair shop.

XVIII.  There was a suggestion made that Board Members should receive badges and business cards reflecting council participation.

XIX.    Shamica Doty wants to have a discussion about creating a liaison committee for the business district

XX. Old Granada Hills would like to have a 45 minute review of the Old Granada Hills control ordinance plan.

XXI.    Adjournment - The Board unanimously agreed to adjourn with the next Board Meeting to take place at the GH Library on January 11, 2007 at 6 p.m.