

GHSNC Board Meeting – 02/08/2007 – Minutes

I. Attendance:

A. Board Members Present:

1. John Seletos
2. Robert Norris
3. Glen Chester
4. Jim Summers (Presiding Officer)
5. Eric Mansker
6. Bonnie Bursk
7. Jim Yoder
8. David Beauvais
9. Lottie Van Emden
10. Brad Smith
11. Julie Carson
12. Karessa Silvers
13. Norbert Soski
14. Christopher Silvers
15. Sean Rivas
16. Mike Cabo (Parliamentarian)
17. Amelia Herrera-Robles (D.O.N.E. representative)

B. Board Members Absent:

1. Alexia Cirino
2. Troy Seletos
3. Sylvia Witteman
4. Debi Orrico
5. Pamela Finn
6. Shamica Doty
7. Mark Barrionuevo
8. Randall Neudeck

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 Robert Norris seconded a motion to approve the minutes from January with one amendment. Unanimous approval by the Board Members.

VI. Joseph Pina – Community Outreach organizer for LAUSD. Steve Kohl, OAR, demolition office. Demolition of Hospital High is going well with very few complaints from neighbors. Demolition should take less than six months. Steve Kohl would like to do community outreach in a couple of months. Joseph

Pina's phone number is 213-893-6809. Steve and Joseph took several questions as well. Steve and Joseph will be attending the next Old Granada Hills meeting.

VII. Citrus Sunday – Dave Beauvais – 130,000 SFValley people are food insecure. Citrus Sunday works with North SFValley Food pantries to help provide fresh fruit to the local pantries. Residents pick fruit from their own trees and provided 18 tons of fresh fruit for local pantries. Local Recreation centers will be drop off points for the fresh fruits. Teams will be assembled to pick fruit at the VA during the morning and for lunch their will be lunch at Northridge Park at noon. Fruit picking will also take place after lunch. GHSNC is being asked for \$250 towards the cost of the lunch and fruit picking equipment. Sunday, May 6th is the actual date. Dave Beauvais will bring a motion for next month for the \$250 the Citrus Sunday Committee.

VIII. Amelia announced that DONE released a series of bulletins explaining budget processes, conflict of interest and other items and provided a copy to each board member. Councilman Smith is sponsoring a couple of workshops for Emergency Preparedness for Council District 12. She passed out a Congress of Neighborhood Councils flyer announcing the Congress date as April 21, 2007 at the Bonaventure Hotel in Downtown Los Angeles. She also passed another flyer announcing various workshops.

IX. Location/Time Change of Future Meetings Discussion, - Chris Silvers spoke to Tulsa Elementary School regarding location our council monthly meetings starting at 7:00 – 9:30. There will be a fee of less than \$100. Eric moved and Julie seconded and Glen amended a motion to approve relocating to Tulsa Elementary school and to pay up to a maximum of \$100 per month in custodial fees. Julie called the question. The Board voted 14 in favor with one abstention.

X. Safety and Beautification Com reorganization – Jim Summers proposed while Bonnie Bursk moved and Sean Rivas seconded a motion to split the committee into two committees. Julie Carson called the question. Unanimous approval of calling the question and approving the motion. Bonnie Bursk moved and Eric Mansker seconded the appointment of Bonnie Bursk as chair of the Beautification Committee. Robert Norris, Cherie Mann, Karessa Silvers and Alexia Cirrino volunteered to be on the Beautification Committee. Glen Chester moved and Chris Silvers seconded the appointments. The Board was unanimous in favor of the appointments. Safety Committee – Jim Summers announced that the following individuals have volunteered to serve temporarily on the Safety Committee: Jim Yoder – temporary chair, Mark Barrionuevo, Norbert Soski and Sean Rivas. The appointments will be made permanent next month. Norbert Soski moved and Robert Norris seconded changing the name from Safety to Safety and Emergency Preparedness Committee. The Board unanimously approved changing the name.

XI. Dave Beauvais moved and Chris Silvers second a motion to refer Board Member absences to the Bylaw committee. The vote was 14 in favor and one opposed.

XII. Outreach Committee – Brad Smith. Outreach has \$15,600 to work through 6/30/07. The Clipper is the only magazine that goes into apartment buildings. If turnout from the ads is good the council can renew the ads. By purchasing the ads, the GHSNC would be making a clear good faith effort for outreach. Circulation ranges from 15,000 to 50,000 for each publication. Various questions regarding budget and outreach were asked and answered. Dave Beauvais moved and Chris Silvers seconded that we approved \$2,700 for 3 months for ¼ page ad in the NV Community News. Eric Mansker called the question. There were 13 votes in favor with 2 opposed on both calling the question and approving the motion. Dave Beauvais moved \$1,000 and Eric Mansker seconded a motion for \$1000 for 2 months of ¼ page ads in the 91344 Clipper. There was a unanimous vote by the board in favor of the motion. Chris Silvers moved and Sean Rivas seconded that we spend \$1500 for 3 months of ½ page ads in the Granada Hills Monthly. There was a unanimous vote in favor.

XIII. Jim Summers introduced Kim Thompson from GHHNC to speak about getting a joint office. She talked about various DONE issues. Kim would like a liaison to discuss the issues of getting a joint office. Dave Beauvais moved to create an ad hoc committee of three with Eric Mansker seconding the motion. The Board voted 14 in favor with one opposed. Dave Beauvais - chair, Sean Rivas and Chris Silvers were appointed to the committee.

XIV. Chris Silvers – chair of the Planning and Zoning Committee made some opening remarks. Chris Silvers stated, “The Committee met last week to look over the proposal by Kohl’s to remodel the North Ralph’s and change it into a store selling clothing items.” Chris summarized some ordinances that are involved with a new building as Kohl’s is demolishing 54,000 square feet and adding 95,300 square feet of retail space. Chris introduced Tom Engelmann, the lead architect who gave a report about the proposed Kohl’s department center. Tom Engelmann stated, “Some stores will be removed to add a vehicle passageway from the west parking area to the central parking area.” Tom Engelmann also stated, “The north vehicle entrances will be reconfigured. Truck will load into an enclosed area to mitigate on noise issues. Trees will be planted on the north side to mitigate the view for north neighbors. Due to ordinances, tree will have to be planted on the central and western parking areas resulting in a loss of approximately 70 parking spaces. The north parking spaces will be removed. Tom Engelmann also remarked about traffic, “The additional morning traffic is one more vehicle trip every five minutes. In the evening there will be one more vehicle trip every 90 seconds. A neighbor of the shopping plaza, Mark Rubin was concerned about additional traffic and the setback on the north side due to Kohl’s restocking the store. Tom Engelmann replied, “The trucks will

drop off their loaded container inside an enclosed area and will immediately leave the enclosed area with an empty container to minimize the idling time and overall noises.”

XV. Officers Reports:

1. Jim Summers – website is up. Potential for separate email address for each board member might be available. We have a PO Box at Postal Plus on San Fernando Mission and Balboa.
2. Chris Silvers – emailed parliamentary procedures to the Board
3. Rob Norris – we have money to spend. Vouchers will need to be filled out prior to spending the money. Original receipts will be needed for reimbursement. Copies may be made at Postal Plus by the four executive officers and Brad Smith the Outreach Chair
4. Glen H. Chester – requested sign ups for minutes and agenda notices

XVI. Committee Reports

- a) Brad Smith – Outreach: nothing else
- b) Dave Beauvais – Bylaw: is contacting it's members to meet for the first time
- c) Karessa Silvers – Education: nothing

XVII. Sean Rivas let us know that are volunteer opportunities at the Recreation Center. Easter Egg Hunt at O'Melveny Park with candy and food. The date should be to the end of March.

XVIII. Lottie Van Emden read a letter from the Friends of the Library where the Friends of the Library were concerned about being excluded from the Neighborhood Council in the Bylaws. There was some confusion about the point of view expressed. Jim Summers directed Lottie Van Emden to contact the Friends of the Library to get more information about their concerns and to report back to the Council.

XIX. John Bwarie from Councilman Smith's office notified the public that on 2/26/07 at GH High School the City Public Works Commission is meeting at 6:00 p.m.

XX. Adjournment - The Board unanimously agreed to adjourn with the next Board Meeting to take place at the GH Library on March 8, 2007 at 6 p.m. or at 7 p.m. in the Tulsa Elementary School Auditorium.