

GHSNC Board Meeting – 04/12/2007 – 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. David Beauvais
8. Lottie Van Emden
9. Brad Smith
10. Mark Barrionuevo
11. Troy Seletos
12. Alexia Cirino
13. Christopher Silvers
14. Shamica Doty
15. Pamela Finn
16. Randall Neudeck
17. Sean Rivas
18. Mike Cabo (Parliamentarian)

B. Board Members Absent:

1. Sylvia Witteman
2. Julie Carson - excused
3. Norbert Soski - excused
4. Debi Orrico
5. Jim Yoder - excused
6. Karessa Silvers - excused
7. 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 Eric Mansker seconded a motion to approve the minutes from March with two amendments. Unanimous approval by Board Members. Glen Chester moved and Mark Barrionuevo seconded that the minutes from the March Community Informational Meeting be approved with one amendment.

VI. Dave Beauvais moved and Chris Silvers seconded a motion to approve \$250.00 to purchase a digital tape recorder to assist the secretary in taking minutes.

VII. Tessa Charnofsky, a representative from Mayor Villaraigosa's office talked about Big Sunday on April 28 and April 29. Porter Middle School is participating in Big Sunday on Saturday from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Eric Mansker asked Tessa Charnofsky to request more funds for Neighborhood Councils from the Mayor's office. Bonnie Bursk asked how much

money is in the budget for improvements. Mark Barrionuevo moved and Sean Rivas seconded that the council volunteer time and energy to attend the Porter Ranch Big Sunday event. 13 votes in favor and one negative and two abstentions. Chris Silvers moved and Bonnie Bursk seconded and Chris Silvers accepted Bonnie Bursk's friendly amendment that we donate up to \$400 to the Porter Ranch Big Sunday. 9 votes in favor and 4 opposed.

VIII. Linda Romey of Granada Hills; created a petition opposing the Kohl's expansion and she would like assistance in getting the petition she created to get signatures to oppose the Kohl's petition.

IX. Enrique Legaspi from Regency Centers asked about sign in sheets and expressed concern about bias from the Neighborhood Council regarding the Kohl's redevelopment. Enrique Legaspi volunteered to make calls to encourage residents to attend the April 30, 2007 hearing about Kohl's redevelopment. There was discussion about the viability of protecting the privacy of attendees of the Community Informational Meeting. Brad Smith moved and Mark Barrionuevo seconded a motion that authorized the President to call the City Attorney's office and ask how to proceed with the names on the sign in sheets.

X. Jim Summers announced the Congress of Neighborhood Councils meeting on April 21, 2007

XI. Bonnie Bursk announced that next Thursday evening, First Private Bank is having a community mixer. Bonnie Bursk also announced that the GH Chamber is having a golf tournament on the first Monday of May. The GH Street Faire is going to be on Saturday, October 7, 2007.

XII. May 5 is a pancake breakfast at the Devonshire Police Station. On April 20, 2007 at Shepard of the Hills there is a neighborhood watch meeting.

XIII. Jim Summers thanked everyone for attending. Main efforts of the council are making progress on big projects. Hillcrest Christian school is suing the City of LA for injunctive relief so they can build a 70,000 square feet expansion of their school. White Oak Avenue was downgraded to an avenue instead of a boulevard which prevents an off ramp of the 118 Freeway from being built on White Oak Avenue.

XIV. Chris Silvers asked Board Members about whether Tulsa St. School is a good meeting site. To improve the ambiance in the auditorium requires more time or money.

XV. Robert Norris stated that we have authorized \$13,000 out of \$37,500 for the current fiscal year ending 06/30/2007. Robert Norris wants to start planning the budget. Mark Barrionuevo requested an itemized report from Robert Norris about what amounts have been spent so far.

XVI. Glen Chester stated that 10 email addresses bounced.

XVII. Chris Silvers reported that the Planning and Zoning Committee met on 03/20/2007. The committee has set up some community contacts regarding current community issues.

XVIII. Sean Rivas reported on the Safety and Emergency Preparedness committee is going to have outreach on an eight week cycle to do training and eventually reach all portions of GHSNC.

XIX. David Beauvais and Jim Summers announced that they attended the BONC meeting in GH. Right now GH North is still awaiting BONC approval to use office space jointly with us and that Dave Beauvais looked into a nice office space.

XX. Eric Mansker met with the neighbors on Aldea Avenue regarding group homes. Eric Mansker called the Building and Safety department which told him that this was an ongoing problem in communities in Los Angeles. Building and Safety has to have a reason that is noticeable in order to cite the home. There are no unreasonable searches allowed. The neighbors emailed Porter Ranch, Chatsworth, North Hills East and North Hills West and Northridge Neighborhood Councils who all reported that they are having the same problem. The neighbors are trying to do outreach to a number of local elected officials. As reported last month, the Murrieta ordinance is being used a model ordinance to help regulate group homes. Councilman Smith's office has not responded in a valuable way to assist the Aldea neighbors. The main source of the problem is a loophole in Proposition 36 where local homes that are unlicensed facilities that do not administer medication or treatment then a large number of residents of group homes are allowed. Bonnie Bursk moved and John Seletos seconded for next month that homes that have greater than six residents paying rent separately to the landlord be considered a business not a residence and be regulated as a business.

XXI. The April 30, 2007 hearing will be heard in front of a Hearing Officer of the Planning Commission of the City of LA. Linda Romey reported that only issues raised prior to April 30, 2007 will be discussed at the hearing. There were various discussions about the dates of the Kohl's hearing, submission and reporting. Dave Beauvais discussed the planning process and how to submit public comments. Enrique Legaspi stressed that he has tried to be cooperative with the GHSNC. There were various discussions about the outreach efforts and notification times regarding the Kohl's project.

XXII. Citrus Sunday – Dave Beauvais – May 6th is Citrus Sunday. Six different neighborhood councils have co-sponsored the Citrus Sunday. GHSNC will most likely be paying for the banners. B/c of the large support, the full allocation of monies that the council approved will not be used.

XXIII. Jim Summers gave a brief explanation regarding the hardship exemption at 17537/17541 Los Alimos Street. Jim Summers stated that he has not received the full story on why this exemption was approved. John Seletos moved and Eric Mansker seconded a motion that the GHSNC will pursue investigation of unknown lapse in the OGH-ICO and its ramifications. Various discussions about the purpose of the resolutions took place. 15 votes for, one abstention and one not present.

XXIV. Chris Silvers moved and Dave Beauvais seconded a motion that \$200.00 for the school candidate board debate that will be decided on May 15, 2007. Unanimous vote in favor.

XXV. Rob Norris asked for feedback on the budget issues. Various discussions of budget priorities.

XXVI. Brad Smith from Outreach Committee. Brad Smith showed the Board the various publications for outreach efforts. Two different vendors gave presentations regarding creating and maintaining the www.ghsnc.org website. The Outreach Committee is going to follow up with both vendors with questions. The Outreach Committee would like to put on next month's agenda a discussion regarding the website. Mike Kabo asked the question about whether the website would be ADA compliant.

XXVII. Dave Beauvais presented the Bylaws Committee report. B/c of the length and breadth of the bylaw changes the changes will be presented next month. Alexia Cirino moved and Mark Barrionuevo seconded the motion to postpone the discussion for next month. Unanimous approval of the board to table the discussion.

XXVIII. John Seletos moved and Bonnie Bursk seconded a motion to postpone the discussion about board member absences. The Board voted unanimously in favor of the postponement.

XXIX. Adjournment - The Board unanimously agreed to adjourn with the next Board Meeting to take place at the GH Library on May 10, 2007 at 7 p.m. in the Tulsa Elementary School Auditorium.