# Minutes of the Special General Board Meeting of the GRANADA HILLS SOUTH NEIGHBORHOOD COUNCIL (GHSNC)

Thursday, March 13, 2008 Tulsa Street Elementary School, Auditorium 10900 Hayvenhurst Avenue, Granada Hills, CA 91344

# I. <u>Call to order and the Pledge of Allegiance</u>

Jim Summers, Presiding Officer, called the meeting to order at 7:03 p.m. The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Scouts including Daniel Soski.

# II. <u>Roll Call</u>

Roll Call was taken by Secretary Glen Chester. Board Members present:

Jim Summers, President Brad Smith, Vice-President Robert Norris. Treasurer Glen Chester, Secretary Mark Barrionuevo, Renters Dave Beauvais, Community Organizations Bonnie Bursk, Comm. Prop. Owners Julie Carson, Member-at-Large (late) Alexia Cirino, Faith-Based Gps. (late) Pamela Finn, Member-at-Large (late) John Hegedes, Member-at-Large Mike Kabo, Parliamentarian Eric Mansker, Homeowners Sean Rivas, Parks John Seletos, Youth Organizations Karessa Anne Silvers, Education Norbert Soski, Member-at-Large Lottie Van Emden, Cultural Arts Jim Yoder, Seniors

Board Members absent: Shamica Doty, Business (excused); Randall Neudeck, Pres. Emeritus/At-Large (unexcused); Troy Seletos, Students (excused); Christopher Silvers, Member-at-Large (unexcused); and Cindi Wood, Member-at-Large (unexcused).

Nineteen of the 23 Board Members were present, which is a quorum, and the business of the Council could be conducted.

Also present were 13 Stakeholders and Guests.

Mr. Summers announced that this is a "Special General Meeting" because of Items that were added to the Agenda within the previous 72 hours.

**MOTION** (by Mr. Summers, seconded by Mr. Norris): to have a Special General Meeting of the GHSNC here at this time.

MOTION APPROVED with 18 in favor and one opposed.

#### III. Approval of the Minutes

The following corrections to the January 10, 2008 General Board Meeting Minutes were requested:

Page five, Section IX, A, v): "John Seletos said that this would be our first CIS" should read "Jim Summers said . . ."

Page six, Section IX, A, vii): "John Seletos corrected the February 6th time" should read "Jim Summers corrected . . ."

**MOTION** (by Mr. Chester, seconded by John Seletos): to approve, with the above corrections, the Minutes of the January 10, 2008 General Board Meeting.

MOTION PASSED by unanimous voice vote.

# IV. Community Speakers

### A. DONE (Amelia Herrera-Robles) - NC Self-Assessment

Ms. Herrera-Robles, L.A. Dept. of Neighborhood Empowerment (DONE) Project Coordinator (818-374-9895; amelia.herrera-robles@lacity.org), reminded that Self-Assessment Surveys are available, one for Board Members and one for Stakeholders; they're a good tool to improve NCs. DONE will tabulate and report the results to the NC.

A Public Records Act request was submitted to DONE, by Stakeholder Pete Bezdousias, regarding the Kohl's project. The NC needs to assign a Custodian of Records. Materials and a briefing are available regarding NC records exposure. Ms. Bursk recommended that DONE provide an NC records repository; Ms. Herrera-Robles replied that that is not presently available.

## B. Council District 12 (John Bwarie)

John Bwarie, Deputy District Director for L.A. City District 12 Councilman Greig Smith (818-701-5253; john.bwarie@lacity.org), announced that Citrus Sunday will be April 6<sup>th</sup> and information is at the www.cd12.org website; bring the extra fruit from your trees and other donated food to the Fire Station at 12050 Balboa Boulevard from 9:00 - 3:00, from where it will be distributed to food banks. The Las Lomas project will be addressed by the City Council on March 19<sup>th</sup>; Mr. Bwarie explained some current City Council thinking and the project's status.

## V. Public Comment

Stakeholder Gary Leigh has land use issue information.

## VI. Officers Reports

## A. President

Mr. Summers reported that skipping the February General Board Meeting resulted in having such a full Agenda now, leading him to recommend that, in the future, it's better to reschedule such Meetings than to postpone them to the next month.

### B. Vice-President

Mr. Smith voiced that it would be good to recognize neighborhood contributors, maybe starting with the LAPD (L.A. Police Dept.); it could be good for outreach. Mr. Summers agreed to Agendize this for the next Meeting.

#### C. Treasurer

Mr. Norris distributed the "[GHSNC] Budget Report 3-13-08." He noted that if a second charge account is available, it would facilitate purchases; he'd like to see a volunteer complete DONE's "financial responsibility training." Mr. Norris is stepping down in July. Mr. Summers Agendized this Item for the next Meeting. Ms. Bursk noted that the "\$5,000 improvement" should be shown on the Budget's ("Community Project") line.

#### D. Secretary

Mr. Chester said that he can send NC information to Stakeholders who provide an e-mail address. There'll be a Board of Directors Attendance Report next month.

### VII. Board Issues and Updates - Discussion and Possible Action

#### A. Board Replacement Nomination. Motion [see below].

**MOTION** (by Mr. Summers, seconded by Mr. Barrionuevo): to approve Ms. Tamara Seletos' appointment as a GHSNC Board Member, replacing Troy Seletos as Students Representative.

# MOTION APPROVED unanimously.

Ms. Seletos introduced herself.

### B. Board Assignments

i. [Bylaws Committee and Rules Committee appointment.] Motion [see below].

**MOTION** (by Mr. Summers, seconded by Mr. Beauvais): to approve Shamica Doty's appointment to the Bylaws Committee and Rules Committee, as nominated by Dave Beauvais.

**DISCUSSION**: Mr. Rivas is concerned about Ms. Doty's attendance. Mr. Beauvais replied that Ms. Doty expressed interest in the position, and Ms. Bursk noted that Ms. Doty has volunteered a lot.

MOTION to CALL FOR THE QUESTION (by Mr. Seletos, seconded by Mr. Mansker).

MOTION to CALL FOR THE QUESTION APPROVED by unanimous voice vote.

**MOTION APPROVED** with 17 in favor and two abstentions.

ii. [Councilman Smith's Service Cabinet appointments.] Motion [see below].

**MOTION** (by Mr. Summers, seconded by Mr. Smith): to appoint three GHSNC representatives to Councilman Smith's Service Cabinet.

**DISCUSSION:** Mr. Summers explained that meetings are held the last Tuesday of the month at 2:30 p.m.; CD12 requests a short written report of official actions (a synopsis of the Minutes). Mr. Bwarie gave a short explanation about the Service Cabinet. Ms. Cirino volunteered, and Mr. Summers would like himself, Mr. Rivas, and Ms. Cirino to serve on it.

MOTION to CALL FOR THE QUESTION (by Mr. Mansker, seconded by Mr. Seletos).

MOTION to CALL FOR THE QUESTION APPROVED by unanimous voice vote.

MOTION APPROVED with 18 in favor and one abstention.

C. Board Elections: GHSNC Elections Procedures Update

In January, GHSNC approved Option iii to proceed with elections as currently scheduled under the current process.

Ms. Carson explained that, in January, GHSNC approved Option iii to proceed with elections as currently scheduled under the current process. Starting in 2010, the City Clerk will run our elections, not DONE. Our September 2008 election will be run as in the past. We need to start working next month to change our By-Laws regarding Stakeholder verification, and to include one seat that doesn't need verification. Ms. Herrera-Robles explained about this and offered to work with the By-Laws Committee.

- D. Board Meetings
  - i. Alternate Location for GHSNC General Meetings

Many Board Members and stakeholders expressed a need to consider moving GHSNC Meetings to another location. Motion [see below].

**MOTION** (by Mr. Mansker, seconded by Mr. Yoder): to move the location of future GHSNC General Board Meetings to The First Baptist Church of Granada Hills, 11011 Hayvenhurst Ave, Granada Hills, CA 91344, beginning April 10, 2008; and to pay \$75 per month for cleaning expenses.

**DISCUSSION**: Mr. Rivas explained that the Church has good amenities for this Meeting and that we'd just have to pay \$75 per month for cleaning expenses. Mr. Norris mentioned that the CERT

(Community Emergency Response Team) program classes worked well there.

MOTION to CALL FOR THE QUESTION (by Mr. Beauvais, seconded by Mr. Barrionuevo).

MOTION to CALL FOR THE QUESTION APPROVED by unanimous voice vote.

MOTION APPROVED with 13 in favor, one opposed and three abstentions.

ii. GHSNC Office Lease - Current Status

Ms. Doty was not present to give the status. Mr. Summers said that we're still looking for a site. Ms. Herrera-Robles relayed that the Granada Hills North NC (GHNNC) is probably not interested in sharing an office because NCs can't have Meetings outside of their area.

E. Board and Stakeholders Ethics and Conduct

**DISCUSSION**: Mr. Summers voiced that we should create a Stakeholder Grievance Procedure. Mr. Beauvais and Mr. Barrionuevo will ensure that the By-Laws and grievance procedures are on the NC's website.

F. Board Retreat: Organization, accomplishments and goals. Motion [see below].

**DISCUSSION**: Mr. Rivas suggested a retreat and Mr. Summers appointed Mr. Rivas to lead an Ad Hoc Committee to plan the retreat in June 2008.

## G. Board Equipment

i. Motion [see below]. Review of three written estimates and recommendation.

**MOTION** (by Mr. Mansker, seconded by Mr. Yoder): Request for funds to purchase a sound system for GHSNC Meetings, not to exceed \$5,000. Review of three written estimates and recommendation.

**DISCUSSION**: Mr. Mansker explained that we received two bids regarding the technical setup, including five microphones. He recommends accepting a bid of \$4,519.16 bid from Sam Ash. GH North NC Board Members agreed that that's a good price. The setup is easy and is hardwired and compatible with our current equipment and facilities. Ms. Bursk noted that we're already setting up a lot of equipment. Mr. Norris clarified from which budget category the cost would be allocated.

MOTION (by Mr. Beauvais, seconded by Ms. Van Emden): to TABLE this Motion for one month.

**DISCUSSION**: Mr. Beauvais thinks it's prudent to wait until we check the acoustics of our new General Board Meeting location next month.

# MOTION TO TABLE THE MOTION APPROVED unanimously.

ii. Motion [see below].

**MOTION** (by Mr. Summers, seconded by Mr. Mansker): to request funds to purchase a video camcorder for use at GHSNC meetings, hearings and events, not to exceed \$2,500.

**DISCUSSION**: Mr. Norris was concerned that the \$2,500 maximum seems too high. Mr. Soski thought that a camcorder seems unnecessary. Ms. Cirino questioned who would run it. Stakeholder Aaron DeVandry noted that the Church may have equipment available.

MOTION (by Mr. Barrionuevo, seconded by Ms. Van Emden): to TABLE this Motion.

**MOTION TO TABLE THE MOTION APPROVED** with 16 in favor and two opposed (Norris and Soski).

iii. Motion [see below].

**MOTION** (by Mr. Chester, seconded by Mr. Seletos): to request funds to purchase a Win-Zip computer program to e-mail voice recordings; cost not to exceed \$50.

**DISCUSSION**: Mr. Leigh said that it would be good to provide Library copies.

MOTION APPROVED without any objections.

#### H. Board Education Courses

- i. 2008 Neighborhoods USA conference to be held May 21-24 in Virginia. Mr. Summers said that he has information about this.
- ii. Planning and Land Use Courses (APA, USC, UCLA seminars) Mr. Summers said that he has information about this.

# VIII. <u>Committee Reports</u>

## A. Outreach Committee (OC)

i. Motion [see below].

MOTION (by Mr. Barrionuevo, seconded by Mr. Rivas): to request funds to purchase polo shirts with the GHSNC logo and "Board Member" title, for outreach, not to exceed \$300.

**DISCUSSION**: Mr. Barrionuevo explained that the OC voted unanimously for this in February. The shirts could be worn at community events such as the upcoming Easter Egg Hunt and would be good for NC outreach. Ms. Bursk mentioned that the shirts sound fun but may not be practical. Mr. Mansker doubts the shirts would be worn at official events.

MOTION to CALL FOR THE QUESTION (by Mr. Beauvais, seconded by Mr. Rivas).

# MOTION to CALL FOR THE QUESTION APPROVED.

MOTION APPROVED with 11 in favor, six opposed and two abstentions.

ii. Motion [see below].

**MOTION** (by Mr. Barrionuevo, seconded by Mr. Mansker): to request funds to purchase nameplates with Board Member's names and titles, and nameplate holders, for outreach, not to exceed \$350. (OC: 3-0, 2/08)

**DISCUSSION**: Mr. Barrionuevo explained that the OC voted unanimously for this in February and this is to assist with outreach. Mr. Norris asked the audience's opinion; they agreed that it's a good idea.

MOTION to CALL FOR THE QUESTION (by Mr. Rivas, seconded by Mr. Mansker).

# MOTION to CALL FOR THE QUESTION APPROVED.

**MOTION APPROVED** with 18 in favor and one opposed (Smith).

iii. Motion [see below].

**MOTION** (by the Outreach Committee): to request funds to purchase website traffic counting software, so that the NC's website hits count can be tracked and the website's viability can be calculated, for outreach; cost not to exceed \$36.

**DISCUSSION:** Mr. Summers explained that the \$36 is an annual fee for this service. Mr. Soski questioned why the hits count matters; Mr. Barrionuevo replied that it's a way to know if people are looking at the website. Mr. Smith noted that such statistics are available from at least since the last quarter from webmaster Wendy Moore.

# MOTION to CALL FOR THE QUESTION.

**MOTION** to **CALL FOR THE QUESTION APPROVED** with 14 in favor and three opposed (Cirino, Norris, Soski).

MOTION APPROVED with 16 in favor and three opposed (Cirino, Norris, Soski).

iv. Motion [see below].

**MOTION** (by the Outreach Committee): to request funds to sponsor a bus for transporting children for the GH Recreation Center's Annual Spring Camp, for outreach; cost not to exceed \$466.11.

Mr. Rivas explained that the L.A. City Recreation and Parks Dept. (RPD) budget has been cut and they need help; parks are being closed. This would be a general outreach budget cost, and the RPD would recognize the NC's contribution. The trip would be to California Adventure at Disneyland. Ms. Cirino inquired if there was alternative money available. Mr. Soski asked about liability to the GHSNC and Mr. Rivas responded that the GHSNC would assume zero liability. Mr. Rivas informed the council that the RPD is hurting for funds.

MOTION (by Ms. Carson, seconded by Mr. Barrionuevo): to CALL FOR THE QUESTION.

**MOTION** to **CALL FOR THE QUESTION APPROVED** with 14 in favor and four opposed (Bursk, Mansker, Norris, Mr. Seletos).

MOTION is LOST with 9 in favor and 5 opposed and 4 abstentions.

v. Motion [see below].

**MOTION** (by the Outreach Committee): to request funds to purchase entertainment for the GH Recreation Center's Spring Egg Hunt Activity at O'Melveny Park on 3/15/08, for outreach; cost not to exceed \$500.

**DISCUSSION:** Mr. Barrionuevo explained the Motion. Mr. Rivas added that O'Melveny Park is run and maintained by the GH Recreation Center, which is part of the RPD and the community. Ms. Bursk commented that it's a good idea and the NC should sponsor it. Mr. Rivas responded that the GH North NC already allocated \$800 to this event. Mr. Norris stated that it's a good event, but there're no volunteers so far except Mr. Barrionuevo. Mr. Smith is concerned that the NC "will be nickled and dimed" by the City because of diminishing funding. Ms. Carson estimated that the NC will get "more bang for our buck by doing these little things"; Mr. Beauvais agrees, if the NC gets exposure. Mr. Leigh suggested doing outreach at places like grocery markets to get more community involvement.

MOTION (by Mr. Seletos, seconded by Mr. Barrionuevo): to CALL FOR THE QUESTION.

MOTION to CALL FOR THE QUESTION APPROVED with 16 in favor, one opposed

(Mansker) and one abstention (John Seletos).

**MOTION APPROVED** with 14 in favor and four opposed (Mansker, John Seletos, Soski, Van Emden) and 1 abstention (Tamara Seletos).

vi. GHSNC Website: Discussion of GHSNC webmaster and site maintenance bids. MBR [Moore Business Results] renewal bid (approx. \$4,500/year) and Aaron DeVandry bid (approx. \$1,500/year). Because MBR's maintenance contract is ending shortly, the OC has researched and reviewed multiple bids for website maintenance. After a review and discussion, the OC voted and unanimously agreed to not renew GHSNC's contract with MBR and instead accept the bid by Aaron DeVandry. Potential for upgrades, personal and timely service, and a more fiscally responsible approach factored into our decision. Motion [see below].

**MOTION** (by Outreach Committee): to not renew the MBR website contract; to request funds to hire Aaron DeVandry as GHSNC webmaster to maintain our website at a cost not to exceed \$1,500 annually.

**DISCUSSION:** Mr. Barrionuevo explained the Motion. Ms. Moore introduced herself, and distributed and reviewed "Service Provided to GHSNC to Date." She has a local team with all the needed experts, especially in website content management, and is currently serving four NCs. Mr. DeVandry stated that he currently serves two NCs. He believes that more information can be included on the website and does his own graphic design for one-third the cost.

Ms. Van Emden declared that "you get what you pay for"; Ms. Moore has done well for six months and deserves another six months. Mr. Smith pointed out that we'll be relying on the website in the upcoming election and shouldn't switch webmasters now. Mr. Barrionuevo noted that if we change webmasters, the website won't change for now and wouldn't change a lot. MBR's done a great job, with some mistakes; he wants to try Mr. DeVandry. Ms. Carson supports a change; Mr. DeVandry can do a quality job. Mr. Seletos is concerned that we're voting without seeing a contract; Mr. Barrionuevo replied that this information was sent to all Board Members three months ago.

MOTION (by Ms. Cirino, seconded by Mr. Chester): to CALL FOR THE QUESTION.

# MOTION to CALL FOR THE QUESTION APPROVED unanimously.

**MOTION APPROVED** with 10 in favor, five opposed (Mansker, Karessa Silvers, Smith, Soski, Van Emden) and three abstaining (John and Tamara Seletos and Beauvais)

#### B. Beautification Committee (BC)

i. Motion [see below].

**MOTION** (by Beautification Committee): to request funds for a security patrol for three patrols per night on three days per week, spot checking GH South at a cost of \$250.00 per month for three months, or \$750.00 total.

DISCUSSION: Ms. Bursk explained the Motion. There was extensive discussion.

Mr. Mansker queried about can the GHSNC target specific areas for patrol. Mr. Barrionuevo stated that graffiti is the #1 Stakeholder concern; especially Chatsworth Street, Balboa Boulevard, and other high-graffiti areas, including billboards. The Police are overextended and we need to do more. He described Primary Protection Security Patrol (PPSP) services (888-30GUARD); a contract would be drawn up if the Board approves the Motion. The patrol schedule would vary. PPSP is willing to address the Board. Mr. Barrionuevo read from the blank contract that PPSP has enough liability insurance and the NC won't be liable. Stakeholders Mr. Leigh and Steve Wexler agree that it's a good idea and worth it.

Concerns were mainly regarding the patrol details and NC liability, and that the Motion is too vague. Mr. Smith had various questions about the contract, and whether and how the patrol would coordinate with the LAPD; he cautioned that this is "incredibly dangerous ground"; we should "get the City Attorney's opinion" before proceeding; there're "too many liability issues."

MOTION (by Mr. Seletos, seconded by Ms. Cirino): to TABLE the Motion.

**MOTION TO TABLE APPROVED** with 16 in favor and one opposed (Barrionuevo); Ms. Carson, Ms. Van Emden, and unidentified Board Member were out of the room during this vote.

#### ii. Granada Hills Park Surveillance Cameras: proposed resolution

## **MOTION** (Outreach Committee):

WHEREAS Petit Park / GH Recreation Center, is public property and there has been a proliferation of violence, graffiti, and gang activity there, endangering the public and children in the area, and

WHEREAS graffiti encourages violence and gang activity,

BE IT RESOLVED that the CITY OF LOS ANGELES should install surveillance cameras throughout the park that might be monitored by the Devonshire Volunteer Surveillance Team (VST).

Ms. Bursk explained the Motion. Mr. Hegedes indicated that many cities are installing and using surveillance cameras. Mr. Rivas stated that the VST will attend next month's [General Board] Meeting to explain this.

MOTION (by Mr. Mansker, seconded by Mr. Seletos): to CALL FOR THE QUESTION.

MOTION to CALL FOR THE QUESTION APPROVED unanimously.

MOTION APPROVED unanimously.

#### C. Public Safety Committee (PSC)

i. Motion [see below].

**MOTION** (by Mr. Yoder, seconded by Mr. Rivas): to request funds for the clean-up fee at the First Baptist Church of Granada Hills, where CERT classes will be held, at a cost of \$75 per night, or \$525 for the seven-night class.

Mr. Yoder explained the Motion.

### MOTION APPROVED by acclimation.

ii. Motion [see below].

**MOTION** (by Mr. Yoder, seconded by Ms. Cirino): to request funds for refreshments for CERT class participants, at a cost of \$50 per night, for a total of \$350.

**AMENDMENT** (by Mr. Norris): to increase the allocation to \$60 per night.

# AMENDMENT ACCEPTED.

# MOTION APPROVED by acclimation

# iii. Solar Displays Update

Mr. Mansker reported that three speed limit display units are scheduled to have solar displays installed upon them.

D. By-Laws and Rules Committee (BRC)

Mr. Beauvais explained that a Meeting will be set up. Mr. Summers asked everyone to give suggested By-Laws changes to Mr. Beauvais.

- E. Planning and Land Use Committee (PLUC)
  - 1. <u>Request for Variance</u>: Chevron Station at 16156 Devonshire Street, southeast corner of Woodley Avenue, wants to apply for a liquor license to sell beer and wine at their AM-PM Mini-mart.

**MOTION** (by the PLUC): for the GHSNC to support an LAPD letter, dated January 23, 2008, denying a license for the AM-PM Mini-mart at the Chevron Station at the same intersection to sell alcohol.

Mr. Chester questioned "why focus on this business alone?" Mr. Seletos replied that they want to stay open later than others. Mr. Rivas recused himself from this vote.

MOTION (by Mr. Seletos, seconded by Mr. Mansker): to CALL FOR THE QUESTION.

MOTION to CALL FOR THE QUESTION APPROVED unanimously.

MOTION APPROVED with 13 in favor and one opposed (Chester) and one recused (Rivas).

2. Newhall Ranch

Motion [see below].

**MOTION** (by the PLUC): that the GHSNC opposes the Newhall Ranch expansion plan due to lack of traffic mitigation measures, density and environmental concerns.

Mr. Seletos commented that this project looks too large and non-sufficient mitigation plans have been submitted, like Las Lomas did. Ms. Bursk is concerned that we are "voting on an issue" "far outside our area." Mr. Beauvais contended that that area would add much more traffic in our area.

MOTION (by Mr. Mansker, seconded by Mr. Smith): to CALL FOR THE QUESTION.

MOTION to CALL FOR THE QUESTION APPROVED unanimously.

**MOTION APPROVED** with 18 in favor and one opposed (Bursk).

3. Baseline Mansionization Ordinance, Motion [see below].

**MOTION** (by the PLUC): that the GHSNC supports the baseline Mansionization Ordinance; size should be taken into account for the local area.

Mr. Seletos encouraged people to attend PLUC Meetings and explained that the Granada Hills Interim Control Ordinance is a City Ordinance that is less restrictive than it should be.

MOTION (by Mr. Beauvais, seconded by Ms. Bursk): to TABLE the Motion.

**MOTION TO TABLE APPROVED** with 10 in favor and four opposed (Barrionuevo, Mr. Seletos, Smith, Summers).

<u>SB1818 – Statewide density bonus for housing units, Motion [see below].</u>

Mr. Seletos explained that this is complicated and encouraged Committee meeting attendance. Ms. Bursk prefers to see at least a summary legislative copy before voting.

**MOTION** (by Ms. Bursk, seconded by Ms. Cirino): to have at least a summary legislative copy available before voting.

**DISCUSSION**: Mr. Seletos indicated that there're a lot of documents and that he can forward one or two pages; volunteers would be needed to do more. Mr. Soski expressed that people can't attend all meetings; we need some information. Mr. Seletos replied, "just tell us what you want, we'll provide it."

MOTION TABLED by acclimation

MOTION (by the PLUC): to oppose the City's current Bonus Density Ordinance and seek its repeal.

MOTION TABLED by acclimation

4. Mayerling Project, Motion [see below].

**MOTION** (by the PLUC): that the GHSNC supports the position of GH North (GHN) NC with regard to Mayerling overbuilding.

Mr. Seletos explained that this project is in the GHNNC area.

#### MOTION APPROVED unanimously.

- 5. <u>GH-Knollwood Community Plan</u>: Scoping Meeting (EIR [Environmental Impact Report]) March 5, 2008; Comment deadline: March 14, 2008 at 4:00 p.m. (form); Contact: Anna Vidal, L.A. Planning Dept. Valley NCs Liaison (818-374-5043; anna.vidal@lacity.org) {Plan Project Case No.: ENV-2006-5624-EIR}
  - A) OGH-ICO: Councilman Smith made a campaign promise to downzone Old GH to prevent lot splits/subdivisions, I think that it would be a good idea for us to include a statement (also when filling our your Community Plan Comment Sheet to Ms. Vidal, due 3/15) and a GHSNC Resolution.

**MOTION**: for the GHSNC to support the following Motion that Councilman Smith made in 2003 and incorporate it into the new GH-Knollwood Community Plan.

#### MOTION: #03-1791-S1

MOTION: that the GH-Knollwood Community Plan be amended to provide for either a footnote to the Community Plan map that would state that the area bounded by San Fernando Mission Boulevard on the north, San Jose Street on the south, Zelzah Avenue on the west and Balboa Boulevard on the east, which is currently planned for Low Density Residential with corresponding zones of RE9, RS, R1, and RD6, be amended to designate that all lots in the Low Density Residential category shall have a minimum lot size of 11,000 square feet; or that the area bounded by San Fernando Mission Boulevard on the north, Devonshire Street on the south, Zelzah Avenue on the west and Balboa Boulevard on the east be downzoned from Low Density Residential to Very Low Density Residential with a concurrent zone change to RE11 zone.

**DISCUSSION**: Mr. Summers explained that the Community Plan is revised every five years and that Old GH would be included; this would prevent lot subdivisions. Mr. Beauvais said that this would maintain lot sizes of at least 10,000 square feet.

MOTION (by Mr. Beauvais, seconded by Mr. Mansker): to CALL FOR THE QUESTION.

# MOTION to CALL FOR THE QUESTION APPROVED by acclimation.

### MOTION APPROVED unanimously.

B) Community Impact Statement [CIS], Motion [see below].

**MOTION** (by the PLUC): that the following modified CIS be included in the new GH-Knollwood Community Plan.

CIS – Modification of Resolution passed by GHSNC Board of Directors on 1/10/2008. MOTION: "The GHSNC believes in enforcement of the (all) current laws and ordinances, and specifically a more thorough review of hardships requirements in relation to (any) variances and entitlements in both the residential and commercial sectors within the boundaries of GHSNC, and, in addition, to support other Neighborhood Councils in the same."

## MOTION APPROVED by acclimation.

- 6. PLUC Updates
  - A) Building/Safety and GH Specific Plan Potential Violations: 17458 Chatsworth, medical marijuana store; various Chatsworth Street signs on windows; illegal billboards and signage; tattoo store.
  - B) Early Notification Reports (2/20-2/29/08): Recycling Center, 10361 Balboa Blvd.; Kohl's demolition (95,429 sq. feet) at 10801 N. Zelzah Ave. {DIR-2008-673-DRB-SPP}.
  - C) Update: Regency Centers Overbuilding Entitlements (Kohl's); L.A. City Planning and Land Use (1/22/08); L.A. City Council (2/6/08); DRB Demolition Hearing (3/11/08); 5/5/08 Deadline for any further legal action (Writ of Mandate Superior Court) decision 90 days.

**DISCUSSION**: Mr. Beauvais explained Items E, 6, A-C. Mr. Mansker met with a Kohl's representative, who said they're going to be open ten extra nights per year than previously planned; Kohl's claimed that they can't control this, after saying they'd reduce it.

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F. <u>Ad Hoc GHSNC/LADWPMOUOC (L.A. Dept. of Water and Power Memorandum of Understanding</u> <u>Oversight Committee) Update Report, Motion</u> [see below].

Ms. Cirino explained that there's been a lot of activity, including by the City Council, "to slow down this [DWP] rate hike"; the DWP hasn't answered information requests.

**MOTION** (by Ms. Cirino, seconded by Mr. Smith): to support the Los Angeles NCs/LADWPMOUOC Resolution: "THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the LANCs/LADWPMOU Oversight Committee requests that the City Council ensure the expeditious completion of the IEA Survey AND that the City Council not approve any LADWP rate increase actions until the information and recommendations of the IEA Survey can be considered by the Mayor, Controller, City Council and general public so as to allow all to make informed decisions."

MOTION APPROVED by acclimation.

#### IX. Board Member Comments

Dave Beauvais - OGHRG LAUSD Superintendent David Brewer, 3/6/08; Eric Mansker - LAPD Captain Kane, safety crosswalks around GHCHS; Sean Rivas - Parks and Rec. - Egg Hunt, March 15th at O'Melveny Park; Mayor's Million Trees promotion; Other Board Member Comments [See below.]

# X. Agenda Items for next General Meeting and Committee Meetings

Clean Money Campaign; L.A. River Project; GH Historical Society; Los Angeles Police Volunteer Team, Officer Sean Reinhardt, Officer in Charge, Devonshire Volunteer Surveillance Team; GHSNC Retreat; Tulsa St. Elem. Instructional Garden, Other Items.

MOTION (by Mr. Beauvais, seconded by Ms. Cirino): to skip Agenda Items IX and X.

# MOTION APPROVED unanimously.

# XI. Closing remarks and adjournment

This Meeting was adjourned at 9:49 p.m.