

**Minutes of the General Board Meeting of the  
GRANADA HILLS SOUTH NEIGHBORHOOD COUNCIL (GHSNC)  
Thursday, July 12, 2012 (Approved)**

Granada Hills Charter High School, Rawley Hall, 10535 Zelzah Ave., Granada Hills, CA 91344

**I. Call to Order**

President Dave Beauvais called the meeting to order at 6:47 p.m.

**II. Roll Call**

Secretary Julie Carson took Roll Call. Board Members present:

Dave Beauvais	Gina Greschner
Brad Smith	Tiwinkle Khurana
Julie Carson	Joel Lyle
Jerry Askew	Deron Lopez
Bonnie Marie Bursk	Patrick O'Flaherty
Alexia Cirino	Ross Turmell
Jett Dunlap	Debbie Wubben
Mike Kabo	
Brandon Schindelheim (arrived at 6:54 p.m.)	

**Board Members absent:**

Krisna Crawford-Velasco (excused); Arthur Daush (excused); Sally Kolstad (excused); Eric Mansker (excused); Michael Phillips (excused)

A quorum was present at the start of the meeting with 14 of 21 Board members in attendance.

**III. Approval of the Minutes**

Minutes of April 2012 meeting approved 11-0, with 3 abstentions.

Minutes of May 2012 meeting approved with one correction (Debbie Wubben was in attendance), 11-0, with 3 abstentions

**IV. Public Comment**

Bill Ratner, a volunteer with My Historic L.A. and the City of L.A. Office of Historic Resources, spoke about SurveyL.A. and their mission to identify significant historical resources in our communities from 1865-1980. He was referred to Education and Beautification Committees for further discussion and possible presentation.

**V. Community Speakers**

**Megan Cottier, from Council District 12** office explained that the City Council is currently on recess. She also spoke of Council member Englander's motion to ban the selling of soda in public parks and libraries in vending machines and provide more low sugar options. She announced participation in National Night Out at Northridge Park on Tuesday, August 7 – it's a family friendly event with free hot dogs and a movie (Kung Fu Panda 2).

**Dario Del Core-SLO from LAPD Devonshire Division** gave an update. He first thanked the Neighborhood Council and the Old Granada Hills Residents Group for fighting the boarding home issue. It appears that the 3 in our area are gone. Residential burglaries has been the division's main concern since the beginning of the year; six to seven months into it, the issue is now basically gone. There have only been 3 incidents so far this month and eleven in June. Petit Park is a focus now, especially the south of Chatsworth part with car break ins and stolen vehicles. On Saturday, August 18, the Devonshire Division will have its Open House from 10:00 a.m.-3:00 p.m.

**Farmer's Market Issue:** Arik and Jennifer Cohen spoke about starting a Farmer's Market on White Oak between Chatsworth and Los Alimos on Fridays from 3:00-10:00 pm. Their reasons: to promote the Chatsworth businesses, bring healthier choices to the community, family activities, take advantage of food truck night at the same time with more foot traffic, create more jobs in the community (250-300).

They will have the necessary permits and insurance, a clean up crew, Ag, Health and Fire Dept on staff. They have consulted with the Granada Hills Chamber of Commerce who decided to do a survey of its members rather than take a vote of their board. Arik and Jennifer are working with the Mayor's office, but mayor wants to see community support. Parking issues were discussed at some length – the Cohens stated that they want to help facilitate residents' parking. There will be spaces for 75 vendors; they have about 30 already; will have a clean up crew, portapotty (one).

Motion to support the Farmer's Market was moved and seconded by Schindelheim/Carson. Discussion followed. Brandon said it would be an addition to the energy of Granada Hills and would piggy back off the food truck event, so the same day makes sense. It would help increase foot traffic and provide fresh alternatives. Jett Dunlap thought there would be a backlash on the Neighborhood Council. Julie Carson acknowledged concerns of the nearby residents and businesses, but thought it would be good for the community; Bonnie Bursk spoke against; Jerry Askew stated he was still considering and listening; Joel Lyle asked why start at 3:00 p.m.? (Answer: the event actually runs from 5-10 p.m.; 3:00 begins the set up time; Deron Lopez spoke in favor; Brad Smith opposed.

Carson/Dunlap moved a motion to call the question; Motion passed 12-2.

Main motion in favor of supporting Farmer's Market; 6-6 tie with O'Flaherty and Lyle abstaining. President did not vote to break tie, so motion failed.

## **VI. Officer Reports**

Treasurer Schindelheim reported that the City has budgeted \$37,000 for the year.

President Beauvais announced 7<sup>th</sup> annual Citrus Sunday for September 23 in collaboration with Food Forward. Dave also announced that in 7 years we've never had a grievance filed against our Neighborhood Council. We have our first one, which will be on our next agenda – it's about the Candidate's Forum we held in April.

## **VII. Board Issues & Updates**

1. Approval of 12-13 budget (allotted \$37,500 for the year). Motion to approve budget (Schindelheim/Cirino). Unanimously approval 14-0
2. Renewal of Aaron DeVandry's contract (Schindelheim/Lyle) Unanimously approved

3. Review and approval of U.S. Bank purchasing card transactions, bank statement and budget report. (Schindelheim/Dunlap) Unanimously approved for June 2012.
4. Review and approval of U.S. Bank purchasing card transactions, bank statement and budget report for July 2012 (Schindelheim/Dunlap) Unanimously approved.
5. Discussion and possible Board action to approve a motion for the City of L.A. to waive permit fees for Faith Based organizations to store emergency supplies on site. Motion to call the question made and seconded by Carson/Smith) Unanimously approved.

Discussion and possible Board action on the following September 8, 2012 Board Election issues: Outreach efforts: Motion for \$750 for both sides of the insert of OGHRC newsletter, which passed unanimously. Motion for radio ads in the amount of \$750, passed unanimously. Motion to fund \$300 for flyers, passed unanimously. Motion to provide food on election day was tabled until August meeting in order to do more research.

### **VIII. Committee Reports**

#### **Outreach Committee (Dunlap, Chair)**

1. Jett reported that the June Movie night was a successful outreach effort.
2. Discussion and possible board action on Street light hanging banners for the purpose of broadening community awareness about the GHSNC. Motion to table until August passed unanimously in order to bring back the figures.

#### **Planning and Land Use Committee (Askew, Chair)**

1. Discussion and appointment of a working group to survey, assess the condition, record, prioritize and replace or install new Neighborhood Watch signage. It was decided that we need a working group:  
Volunteers for group: Ross Turmell, Patrick O'Flaherty, Alex Kurian, Bob Luszczyk, and Jerry Askew
2. Medical Marijuana Ordinance (CF 11-1737) motion to adopt OGHRC position in support of a ban on Medical Marijuana dispensaries in the City of L.A. Motion to table indefinitely (Lyle/Wubben) Unanimously passed.

### **IX. Board Member comments, announcements and future agenda Items**

Turmell: Let's have the Neighborhood Watch sign working group meet after this meeting quickly.

Carson: Gave an update on status of Adult Ed in LAUSD

Askew: Reported on some temporary mishap with our camera

Cirino: Announced the Luau party to be held by the Granada Hills North Neighborhood Council. She also mentioned the possible need for a crosswalk at Shoshone.

### **X. Adjournment**

Motion to adjourn at 9:01 p.m.