Minutes of the General Board Meeting of the GRANADA HILLS SOUTH NEIGHBORHOOD COUNCIL (GHSNC) Thursday, August 9, 2012 (Approved)

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

I. Call to Order

President Dave Beauvais called the meeting to order at 6:40 p.m.

II. <u>Roll Call</u>

Roll Call was taken by Secretary Julie Carson. Board Members present: Dave Beauvais, Jerry Askew, Bonnie Bursk, Joel Lyle, Deron Lopez, Eric Mansker, Ross Turmell, Debbie Wubben, Julie Carson, Mike Kabo

Board Members absent:

Excused: Brad Smith, Brandon Schindelheim, Alexia Cirino, Arthur Daush, Jett M. Dunlap, Gina Greschner, Tiwinkle Khurana, Sally Kolstad, Patrick O'Flaherty Unexcused: Mike Phillips; Krisna Crawford-Velasco

A quorum was *not* present at the start of the meeting (only 9 Board members present)

8 members of the public in attendance

III. Approval of the Minutes

No approval of minutes because of lack of quorum

IV. Public Comment

Introduction of candidates running for GHSNC board: Scott Tretsky; Anthony Matthews

V. Community Speakers

Dario Del Core, Senior Lead Officer, Devonshire Division. LAPD is pleasantly surprised at what's going on with crime scene because the trend of crimes in Porter Ranch and GH has stopped. We have mostly only property crime, and residential burglary: 11 in month of June, 15 in July (residential burglaries). Petty theft is significantly higher probably because of economy (shoplifting, theft of packages left on porch, etc.). Chief of Police 6 months statistics released: constant decrease in crime over these years. As of June 30, citywide, violent crime is down 40% from 2005, property crime is down 26%, our own Valley crime is down 45%; 25% decrease for property crime. Upcoming events: Aug. 18 is Devonshire Division Open House 10-3 p.m. Tours, etc.

**Megan Cottier: City Council District 12 rep. One year in review booklets are available from Council member Englander that is an overview of their accomplishments. On August 23: DWP Ratepayers Advocate to talk about proposed DWP increases. City of L.A. voted for a Ratepayer advocate at St. Nicholas Greek Orthodox Church from 6-7:30 p.m. Update on Aliso Canyon Park: still a closed park under construction. Ms.

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Cottier stated that OGH village area is in specific plan: Any sign violations that are occurring are going against specific plan regulations. Cost for violation: \$350. **(Megan's report followed Jose Sandoval's update on election)

A representative from North Valley YMCA Bountiful Tables Thanksgiving project made a presentation re food basket program. Consider helping to support their Thanksgiving baskets. They give away 2,000 each year and are asking for \$500. They do recognize the groups donating.

VI. Officer Reports

Secretary Julie Carson reported that she filed a Community Impact Statement on the Community Care Facilities Ordinance on behalf of our NC.

President Dave Beauvais announced that next month's meeting will be here at GHCHS.

VII. Board Issues & Updates

Jose Sandoval (Independent Election Administrator) gave an update on our upcoming NC election. About 15 candidates have filed. We're Region 2. The deadline to file is tonight at midnight.

VIII. Committee Reports (continued)

. Planning and Land Use: Ali from Ali Baba restaurant spoke – their business has just become members of the GH Chamber of Commerce. The restaurant is in the shopping center at Encino and Chatsworth and has been there for six years. They have applied for a beer and wine license, as the customers are requesting it and it would be a convenience for the customer. We have a motion from Committee to support their beer and wine license. We'll take this issue up next month.

Report and presentation from Neighborhood Watch (NW) Working group regarding survey to assess the condition of NW signs in our area and plan to replace or install new NW signage (Ross Turmell). Working group took pictures of 100 NW signs in our area. Thanks to Patrick, Dr. Bob, Alex, Dave and Ross. The group took pictures of each sign. The company, Maneri Sign Co. gave this estimate for sign costs; 1-19 signs are \$35; 20-40 signs are \$25/each which is the total cost of the sign and installation. Paperwork pending to DOT (Department of Transportation) and Bureau of Street Lighting.

IX. Board Member comments, announcements and future agenda Items

Most of the motions on the agenda will be carried over to next month because of lack of quorum. We'll be swearing in a new board in September also, so wear something nice for pictures.

X. Adjournment

Mansker/Bursk motion to adjourn at 7:53 p.m.