

**Minutes of the General Board Meeting of the
GRANADA HILLS SOUTH NEIGHBORHOOD COUNCIL (GHSNC)
Special Meeting, Thursday, September 27, 2012 (Approved)
Granada Hills Charter High School**

I. Call to Order

President Dave Beauvais called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m.

II. Roll Call

Roll Call was taken by Secretary Julie Carson.

Board Members present:

Dave Beauvais, Brad Smith, Julie Carson, Brandon Schindelheim, Jerry Askew, Bonnie Bursk, Arthur Daush, Sally Kolstad, Joel Lyle, Deron Lopez, Eric Mansker, Ross Turmell, Debbie Wubben, Michael Kabo (Parliamentarian).

Quorum 13/21

Excused absences: Jett Dunlap, Gina Greschner.

Unexcused absences: Tiwinkle Khurana, Patrick O'Flaherty, Michael Phillips

Late arrivals:

Alexia Cirino arrives 7:07; Krisna Velasco

15 members of the public were also present.

III. Installation of New Board of Directors

The election for new Granada Hills South Neighborhood Council board was held Saturday, September 8, 2012. Installation/swearing in ceremony performed by former GHSNC Secretary Glenn Chester.

IV. Election of Officers by New Board

Election of new officers conducted by parliamentarian Mike Kabo.

Dave Beauvais: unanimously elected President

Brad Smith: unanimously elected vice President

Brandon Schindelheim: unanimously elected Treasurer

Julie Carson: unanimously elected Secretary

V. Approval of Minutes from the July 12 and August 9, 2012 Meetings

Minutes of July 12 were approved with 3 minor corrections, 1 abstention.

(Carson/Mansker)

Minutes of August 2012 meeting were approved with one minor change. 1

abstention. (Carson/Smith)

VI. Public Comment

M. Kabo turned meeting back over to D. Beauvais, who acknowledged Sean Rivas (former GHSNC Secretary) and thanked S. Kolstad for service on past board.

GHSNC committees will be filled next month.

Arik Cohen, stakeholder, commented about getting tickets (\$300) for store banners and signs. GH Specific Plan limits signage for business and he requested change in

GH specific Plan re signage. It costs \$1,884 to get to review board to get a yes or no for sign. It costs more money for the permit if they do say yes. Businesses are suffering because of this. Another business that was issued a ticket for signs will be closing.

Cherie Mann: GHNNC member. Expressed concern about tattoo parlors, cigarette stores and seers coming into the area.

Linda Romney: Commented on DWP proposed rate increases: Only 4 on City Council voted against the increase of 11% next year for 2 years. They're saying it's a mandate by the state, but that's not correct. Englander was one of the 4 voting against the increase. Please call him to continue his opposition against the increase. Valley in same zone as downtown L.A. It's a 3 tier rate increase and reduced amount of rebates for solar for individuals.

Maria Fisk: Commented on the status of the Community Care Facilities Ordinance (CCFO). We got a boost from Chief of Police Beck who supported the ordinance. This is a really big help. A hearing on cell towers was held September 11; we had 3 coming into GH. An ordinance on cell towers is almost done – hearing and a final draft are coming soon. Ordinances take years to get approved. Hopefully it will be as tight as we want it about design features and notice to community.

Anthony Milanes: Valley Academy of Arts and Sciences has started a Robotics program; however, funds were cut off by LAUSD. We want to compete with other more established programs. [Anthony] was a founding member of GHCHS Robotics team. He asks to please consider some funding up to \$1586.98. By November 1 would be good, but it's a year long program. The competition season is in November.

Joe Alas: from Quality Imaging Services Staffing Co. Quality Temp Staffing, 17737 Chatsworth, commented on business signage issue. We have to pay for permit, for the sign and to the Chamber. Hard to lease out spaces when business can't put up signs. Parking issue is also a nightmare. Is there any hope of having any parking structure or other expanded parking. I have six employees and they have no place to park. Businesses are not allowed to put anything on curb, and food truck issues also remain.

VII. Community speakers

Friends of the Library, representative, Marilyn Slotnick. All 73 branches of libraries will be back to full hours thanks to Measure L, Mon-Thurs 10-8 p.m., Fri, Sat 10-5. October 21-27 is National Friends of the Library Week. Every day there will be an event. Wednesday is the 50th birthday of GH Library, which opened in 1962. They've been collecting newspaper clippings, etc. The FOTL are reaching out to community for more help with funds to buy books and furniture: They would like a display case to display public announcements. Each library does have a budget, but it doesn't cover the needs of the library. Any donations to FOTL stay in GH.

VIII. Board Issues & Updates:

Board Confirmation of appointment of Alexia Cirino to the position of Faith Based Director. Lyle/Mansker. Unanimously approved.

Review and approval of U.S. Bank purchasing card transactions, bank statement and July, August and September budget reports. (see Treasurer's report) Schindelheim/Cirino. Unanimous approval.

Approval of Fiscal Year 2012/13 budget in the amount of \$37,000. Schindelheim/Smith. Unanimous approval.

Response to grievance of Eugene Hernandez: Letter to Layla Campos, Sr. Project Coordinator of DONE re grievance on GHSNC candidates forum rejecting his grievance because Hernandez not a stakeholder according to our bylaws. Motion to adopt by Mansker/Smith: Schindelheim abstains.

Discussion and possible Board action to continue meeting at GHCHS: There is no cost to us to meet here. Unanimous approval.

Discussion and possible Board action to re-encumber \$3500 for a consultant to assist with review of the Granada Hills/Knollwood community Plan. Motion to table made by Askew/Mansker Unanimous approval to carry over to the next meeting.

Discussion and possible board action to support Oct. 6 joint North Valley Disaster Preparation event at Fire station 87, funds not to exceed \$600. Turmell/Lyle 16/0/1, motion approved.

Discussion and possible Board action to support the North Valley YMCA "Bountiful Tables" project in the amount of \$350. Matthews/Luszczak. Motion carries, 15/1/1

Discussion and possible Board action to support the GH Chamber of Commerce Holiday Parade in the amount of \$2500. Lyle/Lopez This makes us a GOLD sponsor and adds another banner over last year. This buys us two banners, our logo in the L.A. Daily News and on the Chamber website. Banners are placed in our GH South neighborhood and are up for a month before the parade. Specific plan doesn't restrict pole banners. Total cost of the Holiday Parade is \$11,000. Theme: 12 days of Christmas. The Chamber is also celebrating its 85th year. Recusals by B. Bursk, B. Luszczak and J. Askew because they're on the Chamber board. 12/0/5 motion approved.

IX. Committee Reports

Outreach Committee:

Discussion and possible board action on hanging streetlight banners for the purpose of broadening community awareness about the GHSNC. Approximate amount \$4000. President Beauvais recommended tabling the motion. Sean Rivas (former GHSNC secretary) commented that the banners we had previously helped us move traffic to the website and that he hopes we decide to go with hanging banners again. Motion by Mansker/Smith to refer this to committee to be taken up at November meeting with exact amount. Unanimously approved.

Planning and Land Use Management Committee:

Motion to approve application for beer and wine on-site for Gatten Sushi, 17943 Chatsworth. If we support it we'd send a letter. . Unanimous to amend motions to "support" instead of approve. Motion comes from committee. Unanimously approved.

Motion to support application for beer and wine on site, Ali Baba, 17513 Chatsworth (ZA 2012-1967). Coming from committee. Unanimously approved.

Motion to approve updated signage, at Carl's Jr. 18090 Chatsworth. Signage has already been approved by city planning so it's a moot point.

Approval of Innovation Tree Farmer's Market proposal for Sundays beginning now through December 2012 with street closure of White Oak between Chatsworth and Los Alimos beginning 2:00 p.m. President Beauvais turned chairing of meeting over to Vice President Brad Smith. D. Beauvais moves to amend to "through December 2013 and time to 7:00 a.m.-3:00 pm. C. Freedman seconds. Arik says he anticipates about 30 vendors (farmers and crafters). Motion for division of amendments (Askew/Wubben), which passes 16/1. Another amendment is made to change language from "approval" to "support" made by Matthews/Beauvais: Motion unanimously approved.

Next amendment to change from December 2012 to 2013 made and seconded by Matthews/Beauvais. Another motion to amend made by Cirino/Lopez to May 2013. Freedman makes amendment to extend support through June 1, 2013. Cirino rescinds her amendment and Freedman amendment moved and seconded Freeman/Cirino. Motion to call question made by Beauvais/Schindelheim. Unanimous approval to stop debate. On the amendment to extend support to June 1: motion fails by voice vote. Revote by hand: New motion to make support through June 30, 2013 made by Beauvais/Bursk, which carries 16/1/0.

Next amendment to change time from 2:00 p.m. to 7:00 a.m.-3:00 made by Askew/Beauvais and carries 14/2/0.

Vote on main motion: Motion to support Innovation Tree Farmer's Market proposals for Sundays beginning now through June 30, 2013 with street closure of White Oak between Chatsworth and Los Alimos from 7:00 a.m.-3:00 p.m. Motion to call the question made by Beauvais/Mansker, which carries 15/0/1. Vote on main motion carries 11/3/3.

No objection to proposal to develop the old Sig's Pottery lot s a 34 unit apartment building with subterranean guest parking as presented. Applicant to return with plans for final approval.

J. Askew commented that this is not approval for final plan because it's still in development. Owner of property basically came to run it by the NC to see if he was going in the right direction. Owner will come back with a firmer proposal. Motion to

defer and refer back to committee when final plans are filed. Mansker/Turmell.
Unanimously approved.

D. Beauvais resumed chairing the meeting.

Support AGF Ordinance and refile CIS accordingly (note: need amendment to “support AGF Ordinance with amendments as noted by Pacific Palisades Community Council letter dated 9/4/12 and file a CIS to include said letter”). Cell companies have applied to become public utilities; therefore they’ve gained right to use power poles – they take that and replace pole with larger pole and antennas, etc., typically ugly installations – with crossbar and antennas hanging off it. They could be placed in front of residences. This came from Pacific Palisades CC because it blocked view of Hollywood sign. PPCC has been leading the charge in dealing with city attorney on this issue. Unanimously approved.

Motion to [recommend that] mural signs be added to the list of prohibited signs in the GH Specific Plan. Amend to add the word “recommend”: Mansker/Lyle Passes with 3 abstentions.

X. Board Member comments, announcements and agenda items for next general meeting and committee meetings

Turmel: Neighborhood Watch committee. Researcher to monitor crimes in our area.

Mansker: for next month’s agenda: re budget: we have to push back against having our budget slashed every year.

Matthews: won’t be here next month. Suggesting moving meeting because we miss other NC meeting.

Freedman: attended Congress of NC, which recommended putting NC budgets back to \$50,000.

Bursk: thanks for supporting the GH Holiday parade. We may get more than 2 banners.

Daush: Congratulations to the new board

Lyle: I hope we get good placement (visible) for our holiday signs. New members on the board rejuvenates the board.

Kabo: congratulations to all who were elected

Smith: October 20: HS is having College and Career Fair and have offered us a booth. Any interest in staffing it? Please add it to next month’s agenda.

XI. Adjournment

Meeting adjourned 9:17 p.m.