

**Minutes of the General Board Meeting of the
GRANADA HILLS SOUTH NEIGHBORHOOD COUNCIL (GHSNC)
Thursday, November 8, 2012 (Proposed)**

Granada Hills Charter H.S., Rawley Hall, 10535 Zelzah, Granada Hills, CA 91344

I. Call to Order & Pledge of Allegiance

President Dave Beauvais called the meeting to order at 6:37 p.m..

II. Roll Call

Roll Call was taken by Secretary Julie Carson. Board Members present:
Dave Beauvais, Julie Carson, Brandon Schindleheim, Jett Dunlap, Gina Greschner, Deron Lopez, Eric Mansker, Anthony Matthews, Ross Turmell, Debbie Wubben, Daniel Wall, Arthur Daush, Bonnie Bursk, Suraj Khurana (arrived at 6:44), Krisna Crawford Velasco (arrived at 7:04). Mike Kabo, Parliamentarian. 12/21 present at start of meeting, constituting a quorum.

Board Members absent: Brad Smith (Unexcused); Alexia Cirino (Excused), Jerry Askew (Excused), Joel Lyle (Unexcused), Bob Luszczak (Excused), Cindy Wu Freedman (Excused)

5 members of the public were also present.

III. Approval of the Minutes

Motion to approve minutes of meeting from September 27, 2012 was moved and seconded by Carson/Dunlap. Unanimously approved. Motion to approve minutes of October 11, 2012 moved and seconded by Carson/Turmell. Unanimously approved.

IV. Public Comment

None

V. Community Speakers

Megan Cottier, District Director for Council District 12 Councilmember, Mitch Englander: Clean up last Saturday in Porter Ranch/Northridge area, at Limekiln Park, which Megan reported is kind of a tagger's haven. Students and adults helped and wiped out all of the tagging and trash. She reported that now they can send forces down to monitor new tagging to figure out who's doing new tagging. If our NC would ever like to do a clean up, the CM has some supplies to help. Legislation update: There are 4 revenue proposals for the March ballot – Englander voted NO on all (document transfer tax, parcel tax for parks, park and occupancy tax, and sales tax.) These issues will go back to committee. CM believes we haven't done enough to streamline city government. There is a \$227 million deficit faced by L.A. CM voted NO on ID cards to non-citizens proposed by Richard Alarcon. City shouldn't be in the business of issuing ID cards. North Valley YMCA is handing out Thanksgiving baskets. PALS is taking donations for toys for kids for the holidays. Holiday Express will be November 16, Metrolink at Chatsworth Station, Santa comes with animated reindeer.

Dario Del Core, Senior Lead Officer for Devonshire Division: Kudos to OGHRG and GHSNC for all your community support. Looking at summary of activity in our division, we started the year off with a lot of residential burglaries – there's been an 18% decrease in violent crime; many Neighborhood Watches have been added. In 20 plus years, we've never had a year where we've only had 3 homicides. (Up to 1200 in city of L.A. years ago; last year only 300). For the Devonshire Division: 6 residential burglaries within radius of Petit Park – and SF Mission & Balboa—and break-ins. These are mostly daytime occurrences; there's a quick knock and then they enter when no one responds. There was one instance of catching crime in progress (burglary of a home). There have been two incidences of individuals impersonating police officers.

VI. Officer Reports

D. Beauvais reminded everyone to take the Ethics training – even those who are continuing on the board.

VII. Board Issues & Updates

Review and approval of U. S. Bank purchasing card transactions, bank statement and October budget report. (Brandon/Dunlap) Motion carries unanimously.

Appointment and Board confirmation of additional members to the following Committees: Budget, Public Safety and Health, Beautification, By laws and Rules. Motion to table to next month, as chair needs to confirm some stakeholder appointments first. (Mansker/Dunlap) Motion carries unanimously.

Discussion and possible Board action to support the Valley Academy Arts and Sciences Robotics Program in the amount of \$500. Carson/Wall. Amendment by Schindelheim/Matthews to increase amount to \$1,000. Amendment passes 10/2/2/with chair not voting. This becomes main motion.
Vote on amendment as main motion: 12/2/0 with chair not voting.

Appointment and Board confirmation of two Budget Advocates for the Mayor's Budget Day event on November 17, 2012. Krisna Crawford Velasco and Cindy Freedman are appointed. Mansker/Wubben. Unanimously approved.

Resolution to DONE, City Council and Mayor requesting restoration of funding to \$50,000 per year in the next fiscal year budget (Mansker/Dunlap). Unanimously approved.

Discussion and possible Board action to purchase 25 new polo shirts for all Board members. (Mansker/Daush) Unanimously approved. Motion to reconsider Matthews/Daush. Added to motion was that the expenses was not to exceed amount of \$750 (Matthews/Dunlap). Unanimously approved.

VIII. Committee Reports (continued)

Outreach (Dunlap)

We discussed canvass of Directors regarding availability for an alternative meeting night. J. Dunlap. Discussion about availability of members on various nights will continue for next month.

Report on participation at GHCHS College Career Fair on October 20, 2012 (Brad Smith). D. Wubben reported instead. There was a huge turnout, and we gave away a lot of giveaways. She reported that it's something we should do every year. One of the most successful outreach efforts we've had (90 signups!)

Business cards will be printed for new members and any continuing member who needs them.

Debbie Wubben attended 50th GH Library birthday celebration. Over a 1,000 people visited the library in the month of October.

PLUM (Askew)

Motion to retain Dick Platkin as a consultant to assist in our response to the Granada Hills/Knollwood Community Plan Environmental Impact Report, amount not to exceed previously authorized \$3,500. (motion comes from Committee) D. Platkin is a former member of City Planning Department, and is now a consultant on planning matters. After discussion there was a motion to call the question by Carson/Wall. Motion passes. Vote on motion to retain Dick Platkin carries 9/2/3

Motion to create an Ad Hoc Committee to assist in review and analysis of the above mentioned EIR. (motion comes from Committee). It will consist of PLUM committee members and 4 stakeholders already on committee. Unanimously approved.

Report on the status of zone change request for 17825 Devonshire (former Sig's Pottery). Still waiting for additional information.

Motion to write a letter to Department of Building and Safety, with copies to other appropriate agencies, objecting to the Child Care Facility at Zelzah and Tribune. (motion from committee). Unanimously approved.

Safety and Public Health (Turmell)

Report on the status of the Neighborhood Watch sign project. So far we've used 2 of the 26 signs we purchased to replace old signs.

Report on stakeholder's letter to GHSNC about pedestrian safety on Chatsworth. City Engineer will come out to assess the situation to see if additional traffic control can be implemented.

IX. Board Member comments, announcements and future agenda Items

December meeting will be abbreviated and be a holiday mixer. K. Velasco-Crawford proposed having it at the VFW.

Mike Kabo reminded us about the Holiday Parade on the first Saturday of December. We're not sure about collaborating w/ GHNNC, as they are in a state of flux, but we'll figure it out.

X. Adjournment

Adjournment: Mansker/Lopez (time not recorded)