

**Minutes of the General Board Meeting of the  
 GRANADA HILLS SOUTH NEIGHBORHOOD COUNCIL (GHSNC)  
 September 9<sup>th</sup>, 2013  
 Granada Hills Charter High School**

**I Call to Order**

President Dave Beauvais called the meeting to order at 6:36 p.m.

**II Roll Call**

Roll Call was taken by Secretary Anthony Matthews.

P	President: Dave Beauvais (Community Org.)	P	Suraj Khurana (Students)
P	Vice President: Brad Smith (Member-at-Large)	P	Sally Kolstad (Education)
P	Secretary: Anthony Matthews (MaL, Factual Basis))	E	Joel M. Lyle (Member-at-Large)
P	Treasurer: Brandon Schindelheim (Member-at-Large)	P	Deron Lopez (Youth Organizations)
P	Jerry Askew (Business)	P	Bob Luszczak (Member-at-Large)
E	Bonnie M. Bursk (Commercial Prop. Owners)	P	Eric Mansker (Homeowners)
P	Krisna Crawford-Velesco (Member-at-Large)	P	Ross Turmell (Member-at-Large)
P	Arthur A. Daush (Seniors)	P	Daniel Wall (Member-at-Large)
E	Jett Dunlap (Member-at-Large)	P	Cindy Wu Freedman (Member-at-Large)
P	Gina Greschner (Renters)	E	Debbie Wubben (Recreation/Cultural Arts)
P	Bob Hudson (Faith Based)	E	Michael J. Kabo (Parliamentarian)

**P:** Present, **E:** Excused, **A:** Absent

**III Approval of the Minutes**

Minutes of August 2013 Board Meeting were approved by voice vote, Brad Smith abstaining.

**IV Public Comment**

Alex Nagy from Food and Water Watch talked in support of the anti-fracking movement now gaining ground in Los Angeles.

William Kuzmin commented on the bylaws, the Board's compliance with funding and ethics training requirements, and the relationship between the Board and other community organizations.

Richard Fisk commented that the Board was currently looking in the definition of "Factual Basis" as it applies to eligibility for Board membership.

Richard Fisk also commented that the Council was looking at the new "split sentencing" policies in the court, and the impact of having supervised offenders living in the community.

Jennifer Leon from the West Valley Chinese Academy talked about their funding outreach. They have 80 students and need support for cultural events.

Kevin Davis from Foothill Trails NC requested the Council consider support the Patrick Henry Middle School Music Program. He also commented that the Northridge Pool hours were extended.

## **V Community Speakers**

### **LAPD Lead Officer Dario del Core (Community Police Liaison):**

Devonshire Division has had a good run this summer. It leads Los Angeles in Crime Reduction statistics, a 15% reduction for Part 1 crimes (property and violent crimes). Other nearby divisions in the valley are near the bottom of the statistics list.

There has also been a record high attendance for startup Neighborhood Watch programs.

### **Tonya Oronoz, Field Deputy, 12<sup>th</sup> District:**

Councilmember Englander's Midterm Review is in work, and he has many accomplishments to report.

The version of the Mural Ordinance that passed was version (b). It permits murals in all zones except for Single Family Residences, however zones can still opt-in. The Ordinance is still in the definition phase and there are still logistics being worked in the Council's Planning and Land Use Management (PLUM) Committee, such as types of paint allowed, upkeep, registration and de-registration, and removal responsibility.

The Neighborhood Oversight Committee was scheduled for 9/19 at 2 pm in the Northridge Rec. Center.

Dave Beauvais commented that Seme Park has been promoted to Assistant Legal Deputy.

## **VI Officer Reports**

### **VI.i President's Report**

Dave Beauvais thanked everyone who had completed the ethics and funding training. As of this meeting, GHSNC is the only board out of 95 with 100% compliance.

### **VI.ii Vice-President's Report**

Brad spoke about the Valley Working Groups, and encouraged attendance.

Brad also spoke on the issue of funding to community groups. GHSNC has awarded over \$100K to local community groups over the previous 6 years and is proud of how much of its budget it returns to the community. However, an issue is the timeframe between first contact from an applicant, to getting the application filled out, voted on, approved and processed. All applications need to be in the system by the third fiscal quarter of the year. Money can be given to Public Schools and 501(c)3 organizations.

Note: the Application Form and more information can be found here:

<http://empowerla.org/wp-content/uploads/2012/10/NeighborhoodPurposesGrant-application-Nov2012.pdf>

### **VI.iii Treasurer's Report**

Brandon also thanked all Board Members for taking the training required to vote on funding issues.

Brandon commented that he is now required to submit a list to DONE of all Board members who vote on a funding motion or an amendment, and which way they voted.

Motion to approve the Budget Report (Schindelheim/Mansker) carried unanimously.

## **VII Board Issues & Updates**

Julie Carson, outgoing Secretary, was acknowledged by Dave Beauvais and Brad Smith for her outstanding support to the Board and her service to the Community. Julie has been on the Board since its formation. She has stepped down from the Secretary position to focus on her activities with the UTLA. She remains a member of the Education Committee.

Motion to appoint Anthony Matthews to the position of Secretary. (Smith/Crawford-Velesco) carried unanimously.

Motion to appoint Sally Kolstad to the Board to replace Julie Carson (Dausch/Schindelheim) carried unanimously.

Motion to appoint Eric Mansker as Vice-Chair of the PLUM Committee to stand in for Jerry as required due to the busy nature of the position (Askew/Smith) carried unanimously.

Motion to donate \$600 for the Disaster Preparedness event on October 5<sup>th</sup>. \$500 earmarked for kits to be given away, \$100 for popcorn. This event had over 1000 visitors last year and GHSNC added 40 emails to its newsletter list. Motion (Turmell/Lopez) carried unanimously.

Motion to purchase additional Neighborhood Watch signs, not to exceed \$300 (Turmell/Luszczak) carried unanimously.

Motion to create and install signage at entrances to Granada Hills (Smith/Askew) carried unanimously.

Motion to have an outreach table on Food Truck nights (Wu-Freeman/Askew) carried unanimously.

Motion to Appointment Dan Wall as Election Chair (Matthews/Smith) carried unanimously)

Motion to appoint Jett Dunlap as Election Outreach Chair (Mansker/Greschner) carried unanimously.

## **VIII Planning and Land Use**

Elizabeth Valerio, of Valerio Architects, came to discuss the new Starbucks cafe and drive-thru going into the building currently occupied by Burger King. The new business will operate from 5 am to midnight and is seeking Board support of this change in hours. The general plan is to keep the existing footprint; improve the handicapped parking; relocate and add signs; install a new speaker box; and reface the storefront to match the theme of the shopping center. The PLUM committee endorses the request with three conditions:

- Installation of right hand turn only signs at driveways on Chatsworth;
- Security guard on duty to cover additional hours of operation and;
- Adherence to Q conditions or Commercial Corner Development Code (whichever is more restrictive) pertaining to delivery hours.

Following discussion, a motion to amend was made to add two more conditions (Askew/Wu-Freeman)

- No sales of alcohol
- Speakers to adjust volume according to ambient noise.

Motion to amend carried unanimously. Original motion from PLUM committee (Askew), as amended, carried unanimously.

**Community Plan:** The Environmental Impact Report is still outstanding, and then needs to go to City Council PLUM for consideration.

## **IX Outreach Committee**

Motion for a Movie Night in the Park, NTE \$800. (Mansker/Greschner) Carried unanimously. Movie will be Wreck-IT Ralph, date set for October 5<sup>th</sup> 6.45 pm.

## **X Board Member comments, announcements and future agenda Items**

Ross Turmell: Cert classes are being offered again.

Bob Hudson: a Faith Based Committee lunch scheduled for 10/16.

Bob Luszczak: Now that the mural ordinance has passed, we should discuss painting boxes

Cindy Wu-Freeman: We can do outreach to faith-based organizations but cannot donate money to them.

Cindy Wu-Freeman: The annual NC Congress is 9/28 at City Hall.

Krisna Crawford-Velasco: volunteered to be the NC Budget Advocate again.

Krisna Crawford-Velasco: will be making NPG request for Off-The-Wall graffiti, an organization for troubled kids.

Anthony Matthews: Valley NC Board Secretaries have started a discussion and training group.

Motion to adjourn (Mansker/Crawford-Velasco) carried unanimously.

Meeting adjourned approximately: 8:50 pm.

Respectfully submitted

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Anthony Matthews". The signature is written in a cursive style with a horizontal line under the name.

Anthony Matthews, Board Secretary