



**CITY OF LOS ANGELES  
GRANADA HILLS SOUTH NEIGHBORHOOD COUNCIL  
GENERAL MEETING MINUTES**

Thursday, April 2, 2015

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

**BOARD OF DIRECTORS**

President: Brad Smith (Member-at-Large)	Gina Greschner (Renters)
Vice-President: Jerry Askew (Business)	Varun Khurana (Students)
Secretary: Anthony Matthews (Parks & Arts)	Sally Kolstad (Education)
Treasurer: Brandon Schindelheim (MaL)	Deron Lopez (Youth Organizations)
Michael Benedetto (Community Organizations)	Eric Mansker (Homeowners)
Jeffrey Bohrer (MaL)	Mark Morris (Faith-Based Organizations)
Bonnie M. Bursk (Commercial Property Owners)	Jim Summers (MaL)
Krisna Crawford-Velasco (MaL)	Rene R. Trinidad (MaL)
Arthur A. Daush (Seniors)	Ross Turmell (MaL)
Jett Dunlap (MaL)	Cindy Wu Freedman (MaL-CI)
	Member at Large: pending
	Michael J. Kabo (Parliamentarian)

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**I. Call to Order and the Pledge of Allegiance** (Smith)

President Brad Smith called the Meeting to order at 6:32 p.m. The Pledge of Allegiance was said.

**II. Roll Call** (Matthews)

Roll Call was taken by the Secretary. Ten of the 20 Board Members were present at the beginning of the Meeting: Jerry Askew, Michael Benedetto, Jeffrey Bohrer, Bonnie Bursk, Varun Khurana, Deron Lopez, Eric Mansker, Anthony Matthews, Mark Morris and Brad Smith. Krisna Crawford-Velasco, Sally Kolstad and Ross Turmell arrived later. Seven Board Members were absent: Arthur Daush, Jett Dunlap, Gina Greschner, Brandon Schindelheim, Jim Summers, Rene Trinidad and Cindy Wu Freedman (all excused). The GHSNC quorum (the minimum number of Board Members needing to be present to take binding votes on Agendized Items) is 11 (see <http://empowerla.org/wp-content/uploads/2012/09/GranadaHillsSouthNC-Bylaws.pdf>), so **at this time the Board could only take public comments and could not have any discussions, make any Motions or take any votes**. Twenty of the 21 Board Seats were filled (by election or appointment). One Board Seat

(Community Organizations) was vacant. Also attending: 21 Stakeholders and Guests.

**III. Approval of Minutes** from the March 2015 regular meeting (Matthews)

*[This Agenda Item was addressed after Item #IV, after a quorum was present.]* The following correction to the March 5, 2015 General Board Meeting Minutes was requested:

Page one, Item #II: “Bonnie Bursk (unexcused)” should read “Bonnie Bursk (excused).”

**MOTION** (by Mr. Matthews, seconded by Mr. Askew): The Granada Hills South Neighborhood Council approves the Minutes of its March 5, 2015 General Board Meeting as corrected.

**MOTION PASSED** by a voice vote; three abstained (Askew, Bohrer and Bursk).

**IV. Public Comment:** Community and Public Comment on non-agenda items.

Ann Porter of Move to Amend (<http://MoveToAmend.org>) described their purpose and effort. Their film “A Question of Personhood” on YouTube explains more.

*Board Member Krisna Crawford-Velasco arrived at this time, making a quorum of 11 Board Members present. Now the Board could take binding votes on Agendized Items.*

Pamela Franklin, President, Friends of the Granada Hills Library [10640 Petit Ave. at Chatsworth St.; 818-368-5687; <http://www.lapl.org/branches/granada-hills>], presented a plaque to the GHSNC.

*Board Member Sally Kolstad arrived at this time, making 12 Board Members present (the GHSNC quorum is 11).*

The plaque was presented “in appreciation of what the [GHSNC] has done over the years.” Ms. Franklin encouraged visiting the Library. Stakeholder Dave Beauvais reminded of the Citrus Sunday event on May 17, 2015. The food drop-off point will be here at the School from 9:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m. Also, the Old Granada Hills Residents Group is considering hiring an arborist for the “distressed” oak trees along White Oak. Stakeholder William Kuzmin said he is filing a formal Grievance about the March 5<sup>th</sup> Meeting. He read aloud some and distributed copies of a “Grievance against the GHSNC for not following the Bylaws.”

Jay Handal, Co-Chair of Councils for Councils and of the Neighborhood Councils Budget Advocates (BA’s; [Jay@EmpowerLA.org](mailto:Jay@EmpowerLA.org); [www.BudgetAdvocatesLA.com](http://www.BudgetAdvocatesLA.com)), explained Councils for Councils. The Budget Advocates 2015 “White Paper” with City budget recommendations to the Mayor is at [www.ncbala.com](http://www.ncbala.com). In the last three

years, 50 of the BA's 125 recommendations "have been implemented." He described the City's and others' concern that the City budget deficit may greatly increase due to the expected loss by the City of two major lawsuits. The BA's are requesting that Neighborhood Councils appoint two new or continuing Budget Representatives. City Budget Day will be Saturday, June 27<sup>th</sup> at City Hall.

## **V. Community Speakers**

(1) Council District 12 – Tania Oronoz

[*This Agenda Item was addressed after Item #VIII. 4.*] Mr. Smith reported that he met with L.A. City District 12 Councilman Mitch Englander (818-882-1212; <http://CD12.LACity.org>), who indicated that the Community Plan draft should be made available by June 30<sup>th</sup>. Mr. Smith said the Councilman "is in complete agreement with the goals of the Plan" and that the Councilman indicated that funding may be made available for Granada Hills recreational facilities.

(2) LAPD Senior Lead Officer - Dario Del Core

Dario Del Core, LAPD Devonshire Division Senior Lead Officer (office 818-756-9011, x1727, mobile/text phone 818-634-0577; [27286@LAPD.LACity.org](mailto:27286@LAPD.LACity.org)), reported that catalytic converters are "getting ripped off," especially from Japanese-made vehicles. He said "we caught burglars in the act" including "copper wire thieves." He encouraged filing vandalism reports.

(3) State Senator Bob Hertzberg; Marc Baranov (Hertzberg staff)

State 18th District Senator Bob Hertzberg (818-901-5588; <http://sd18.senate.ca.gov>), introduced his Field Representative Barri Worth ([Barri.Worth@sen.ca.gov](mailto:Barri.Worth@sen.ca.gov)). He noted their Office is at 6150 Van Nuys Blvd.; community meeting space is available. Internships are available for High School and college students. He encouraged ideas to increase voter participation.

[IT'S Barri.Girvan; [Barri.Girvan@sen.ca.gov](mailto:Barri.Girvan@sen.ca.gov); <http://senate.ca.gov/hertzberg>]

**VI. Board Issues and Updates:** Note that Members voting on financial issues must have passed the necessary Department of Neighborhood Empowerment (DONE) training courses. – For consideration/response/ratification by the Board.

1. Appointment and confirmation and/or oath of office of new Board Members/assignments

a) Community Organizations: Discussion and possible action appointing Mike Benedetto to the Community Organizations Seat on the Granada Hills South Neighborhood Council. Mr. Benedetto is currently an at-large Member who has volunteered to fill the seat (vacant since 2014), and, if appointed, would serve a term until the end of the current (DONE Region 2) council term, presumably 2016. Public Comment. Mr. Benedetto to present his qualifications; further action requires a Motion to remove Mr. Benedetto from his current at large seat and re-appoint him to the Community Organizations seat; Motion requires a

second and a vote. If appropriate, oath of office to be administered by president.

No Motion was made or vote taken at this time.

- b) Note that if a), above, goes forward, we will need to fill an at-large seat; we have another community member who has asked to be considered for the community organizations seat. If a) goes forward, we will advertise the at large seat and ask the other candidate to apply again.

Mr. Smith noted the above.

2. Board Resolution for the Submission of Community Impact Statements (CIS) – DONE and City Clerk policy is the City will accept statements only from Neighborhood Councils that have governing Boards in place, and have voted in a public meeting in accord with the Brown Act to a) approve a particular CIS, or b) authorize the President or other Board Members to write and submit CISs expressing the Board’s previously voted upon positions. Either way, the CIS must be a statement which expresses a position that has been voted upon by a full Neighborhood Council Board. Motion to approve the following four officers (President, Vice-President, Secretary, Treasurer) as designated to write and submit CISs expressing the Board’s previously voted upon positions, namely:  
President: Brad Smith (Member-at-Large)  
Vice-President: Jerry Askew (Business)  
Secretary: Anthony Matthews (Parks & Arts)  
Treasurer: Brandon Schindelheim (Member-at-Large)  
Public Comment Vote on resolution

*[This Agenda Item was addressed after Item #VIII. 2. b) iv.]*

**MOTION** (by Mr. Smith, seconded by Mr. Morris): The Granada Hills South Neighborhood Council approves the following four officers (President, Vice-President, Secretary, Treasurer) as designated to write and submit Community Impact Statements expressing the Board’s previously voted upon positions, namely: President: Brad Smith (Member-at-Large); Vice-President: Jerry Askew (Business); Secretary: Anthony Matthews (Parks & Arts); and Treasurer: Brandon Schindelheim (Member-at-Large).

**DISCUSSION:** Mr. Smith clarified that “this would be the . . . people who have access to the system.”

**MOTION PASSED** unanimously by a voice vote.

**VII. Officers’ Reports** – for consideration/response/ratification by the Board:

1. President:

- a) Request that Board Members interested in service on the new Government Affairs Committee and/or any Board Members interested in switching their current Committee assignments; with new Board Members and at least one new Committee (possibly two; see item VIII-1-B-4), there is a need to balance workloads. Note that current Committees are Beautification, Budget, Bylaws and Rules, Education, Outreach, Planning and Land Use, and Safety and Emergency Preparedness. With 21 Board Members and eight Committees (each of at least five Members;  $8 \times 5 = 40$ ) we need every Board Member serving on two Committees, and interested Stakeholders, to fill the Committees.

Mr. Smith noted the above.

## 2. Vice-President

Mr. Askew indicated that there was no report at this time.

## 3. Treasurer: See attached:

- a) Granada Hills South Neighborhood Council Budget Report FY 2014 - as of February-March 2015

*[This Agenda Item was addressed after Item #VIII. 3. b).]* Mr. Smith distributed and reviewed expenditures. The available balance was around \$7,600.

- b) Monthly Expenditure Report(s) for: March, 2015

**FUNDING MOTION** (by Mr. Smith, seconded by Mr. Mansker): The Granada Hills South Neighborhood Council approves its Monthly Expenditure Report for March 2015.

**FUNDING MOTION PASSED** unanimously by a roll call vote of the 11 eligible voters present with all 11 in favor ("Yes" or "Aye") (Askew, Benedetto, Bohrer, Bursk, Crawford-Velasco, Kolstad, Lopez, Mansker, Matthews, Morris and Smith); zero opposed; zero abstained. Mr. Khurana was ineligible to vote due to not yet being of age (18) to vote on financial matters.

- c) NC Budget Advocates report (Crawford-Velasco /Wu Freedman)

Ms. Crawford-Velasco deferred to Mr. Handal's Item #4 report.

*Board Member Ross Turmell arrived at this time, making 13 Board Members present (the GHSNC quorum is 11).*

## 4. Secretary:

- a) Business cards

Mr. Matthews reported that he received the cards.

## **VIII. Committee Reports**

1. Bylaws and Rules (Mansker) - Report from the Bylaws Chair and possible Board actions/updates on the following Bylaws meeting Motions,
  - a) Descriptive Language for Standing Committees - On page 9 of our Bylaws under Other Standing Committees there were no titles or descriptions, we must amend our Bylaws by adding descriptions and duties. Committee Motion by Eric Mansker, 2nd by Anthony Mathews: Motion was unanimous

Mr. Mansker noted the above.

- i) Government Affairs Committee language: The Committee is made up of (5) Board Members whose primary duties are to submit Community Impact Statements (CIS) to the Los Angeles City Councils website on behalf of the GHSNC and its Stakeholders. Each of these Members shall sit on at least two standing Committees that may take up Council Files on behalf of the Stakeholders for recommendations to the Board for consideration for a vote. This Committee may not have a need for a regular meeting time or place since its work is done thru other Committees.

**MOTION** (by Mr. Smith, seconded by Mr. Mansker): The Granada Hills South Neighborhood Council will establish a Government Affairs Committee made up of (5) Board Members whose primary duties are to submit Community Impact Statements (CIS) to the Los Angeles City Councils website on behalf of the GHSNC and its Stakeholders. Each of these Members shall sit on at least two standing Committees that may take up Council Files on behalf of the Stakeholders for recommendations to the Board for consideration for a vote. This Committee may not have a need for a regular meeting time or place since its work is done thru other Committees.

**DISCUSSION:** Mr. Mansker explained the issue. There was extensive discussion of the CIS writing and submission process.

**AMENDMENT to the MOTION** (by Mr. Askew, seconded by Mr. Smith): The Granada Hills South Neighborhood Council will strike the wording “to the Los Angeles City Councils website on behalf of the GHSNC and its Stakeholders. Each of these Members shall sit on at least two standing Committees that may take up Council Files on behalf of the Stakeholders for recommendations to the Board for consideration for a vote. This Committee may not have a need for a regular meeting time or place since its work is done thru other Committees” from and will revise the word “submit” to “formulate” in the above Motion. The Motion would then read “The Granada Hills South Neighborhood Council will establish a Government Affairs Committee made up of (5) Board Members whose primary duties are to formulate Community Impact Statements (CIS).”

**AMENDMENT to the MOTION PASSED** by acclamation.

**AMENDED MOTION PASSED** unanimously by a voice vote.

- ii) Beautification Committee language; This Committee shall have no less than three Board Members and its responsibilities will be to work with other neighborhood organizations and City Departments assist in the eradication of graffiti, trash dumping and blight to keep our neighborhood council area clean.

**MOTION** (by the Committee): The Granada Hills South Neighborhood Council Beautification Committee shall have no less than three Board Members and its responsibilities will be to work with other neighborhood organizations, City Departments and Stakeholders on beautification issues.

**AMENDMENT to the MOTION** (by Mr. Askew, seconded by Mr. Morris): The Granada Hills South Neighborhood Council will revise the phrase “on beautification issues” to “to improve the appearance and aesthetics of Granada Hills” so that the Motion would be “The Granada Hills South Neighborhood Council Beautification Committee shall have no less than three Board Members and its responsibilities will be to work with other neighborhood organizations, City Departments and Stakeholders to improve the appearance and aesthetics of Granada Hills.”

**AMENDMENT to the MOTION PASSED** by acclamation.

**AMENDMENT to the MOTION** (by Mr. Askew, seconded by Mr. Morris): The Granada Hills South Neighborhood Council will delete from the above Motion the word “Board” so that the Motion would be “The Granada Hills South Neighborhood Council Beautification Committee shall have no less than three Members and its responsibilities will be to work with other neighborhood organizations, City Departments and Stakeholders to improve the appearance and aesthetics of Granada Hills.”

**AMENDMENT to the MOTION PASSED** by acclamation.

**AMENDED MOTION PASSED** by acclamation.

- iii) Bylaws and Rules Committee language [see the below Motion].

**MOTION** (by Mr. Smith, seconded by Mr. Mansker): The Granada Hills South Neighborhood Council Bylaws and Rules Committee shall have no less the three Board Members. Its responsibilities will be the regulations governing this NC and keeping the Bylaws and rules of the Council up to date as may be prescribe by Department of Neighborhood Empowerment.

**MOTION PASSED** by acclamation.

- iv) Executive Committee language; this Committee shall be made up of the officer of the Board, president, vice-President, secretary and treasurer. The will run the business of the Board.

Mr. Askew was concerned that the above could facilitate Brown Act violations and unnecessarily restrict Board operations.

**MOTION** (by the Committee): The Granada Hills South Neighborhood Council Executive Committee shall be made up of the officers of the Board: President, Vice-President, Secretary and Treasurer. They will run the business of the Board.

**MOTION WITHDRAWN.**

- v) Planning and Land Use Management Committee language [see the below Motion].

There was discussion about the above wording.

**MOTION** (by the Committee): The Granada Hills South Neighborhood Council Planning and Land Use Management Committee shall have no less than three Board Members. It will oversee planning and land use issues relating to both the Specific Plans and Community Plans of the GHSNC area by working with the Department of City Planning thru Code Enforcement and other neighborhood organizations on behalf of the property owners and Stakeholders.

**AMENDMENT to the MOTION** (by Mr. Askew, seconded by Mr. Turmell): The Granada Hills South Neighborhood Council will delete from the above Motion the wording “relating to both the Specific Plans and Community Plans of the GHSNC area by working with the Department of City Planning thru Code Enforcement and other neighborhood organizations on behalf of the property owners and Stakeholders” so that the Motion reads “The Granada Hills South Neighborhood Council Planning and Land Use Management Committee shall have no less than three Board Members. It will oversee planning and land use issues.”

**AMENDMENT to the MOTION PASSED** by acclamation.

**AMENDED MOTION PASSED** by acclamation.



vi) Budget Committee language [see the below Motion].

**MOTION** (by the Committee): The Granada Hills South Neighborhood Council Budget Committee shall have no less than three Board Members. It will keep the Board informed of the accounts, advocate for the GHSNC budget to the DONE and the LA City Council.

**MOTION PASSED** by acclamation.

vii) Education Committee language; the Committee shall have no less than three Board Members. It shall keep the council abreast of health and safety of our area schools by establishing close relationships with schools administrators. Oversee NPG from 501 c (3) organizations.

**MOTION** (by the Committee): The Granada Hills South Neighborhood Council Education Committee shall have no less than three Board Members. It shall keep the Council abreast of health and safety of our area schools by establishing close relationships with schools administrators. Oversee NPG from 501 c (3) organizations.

**AMENDMENT to the MOTION** (by Ms. Kolstad, seconded by Mr. Smith): The Granada Hills South Neighborhood Council will amend the above Motion to replace the wording “health and safety of our area schools by establishing close relationships with schools administrators. Oversee NPG from 501 c (3) organizations” with the phrase “education issues” so that it would say “The Granada Hills South Neighborhood Council Education Committee shall have no less than three Members. It shall keep the Council abreast of education issues.”

**AMENDMENT to the MOTION PASSED** by acclamation.

**AMENDED MOTION PASSED** by acclamation.

viii) Public Safety and Emergency Preparedness Committee language [see the below Motion].

**MOTION** (by the Committee): The Granada Hills South Neighborhood Council Public Safety and Emergency Preparedness Committee shall have no less than three Board Members. The functions of the Committee is to help assist in providing information to the GHSNC community by working closely with Police Fire, and other City Departments to ensure the public’s safety and assist in establishing training for Stakeholder in emergency preparedness. Assisting and advocating for the GHSNC of all safety related issues that may affect our council area.

**AMENDMENT to the MOTION** (by Mr. Turmell, seconded by Mr. Askew): The Granada Hills South Neighborhood Council will amend the above Motion by revising the wording “The functions of the Committee is to help assist in providing information to the GHSNC community by working closely with Police Fire, and other City Departments to ensure the public’s safety and assist in establishing training for Stakeholder in emergency preparedness. Assisting and advocating for the GHSNC of all safety related issues that may affect our council area” to “assist and advocate for the GHSNC on all safety related issues” so that the Motion would be “The Granada Hills South Neighborhood Council Public Safety and Emergency Preparedness Committee shall have no less than three Board Members who will assist and advocate for the GHSNC on all safety related issues.”

**AMENDMENT to the MOTION PASSED** by acclamation.

**AMENDED MOTION PASSED** by acclamation.

- b) Language Regarding Training: Motion to amend page 15 Training – Language add: Section 2: Training – Ethics and Funding Training is required of all Board Members. The Ethics Training Certificate does expire every two (2) years, and so it must be renewed accordingly. Board Members that have not taken the Ethics and Funding Training are ineligible to vote on any Funding Expenditures. These trainings can be done online at our website: <http://empowerla.org/self-serve/>. If a Board Member prefers training live, facilitated by Department Staff and Deputy City Attorneys, check online for updates for monthly locations and times. (Note: Motion was not voted on by the Committee so will need a second for Board action.)

**MOTION** (by Mr. Mansker, seconded by Mr. Smith): The Granada Hills South Neighborhood Council will amend its Bylaws page 15 Training – Language add: Section 2: Training – Ethics and Funding Training is required of all Board Members. The Ethics Training Certificate does expire every two (2) years, and so it must be renewed accordingly. Board Members that have not taken the Ethics and Funding Training are ineligible to vote on any Funding Expenditures. These trainings can be done online at our website: <http://empowerla.org/self-serve/>. If a Board Member prefers training live, facilitated by Department Staff and Deputy City Attorneys, check online for updates for monthly locations and times.

**DISCUSSION:** Mr. Mansker said “this language is straight from DONE’s website” and “is required to be in our Bylaws.”

**AMENDMENT to the MOTION** (by Mr. Smith, seconded by Ms. Crawford-Velasco): The Granada Hills South Neighborhood Council will amend the above Motion to read “GHSNC Board Members will comply with all City of Los

Angeles training requirements incumbent on all Neighborhood Council Board Members.

**AMENDMENT to the MOTION PASSED** by acclamation.

**AMENDED MOTION PASSED** by acclamation.

- c) Language Regarding Elections - Motion to amend Page 13. Section 6, Other Election Related Language Notification shall be posted on the Neighborhood Council website and at one (1) public site as well as DONE's Early Notification System at NCSupport@lacity.org. The same change is necessary for pg. 11 section 3, pertaining to posting of regular meetings. (Note: Motion was not voted on by the Committee so will need a second for Board action.)

**MOTION** (by Mr. Mansker, seconded by Mr. Askew): The Granada Hills South Neighborhood Council will amend its Bylaws page 13. Section 6, Other Election Related Language Notification shall be posted on the Neighborhood Council website and at one (1) public site as well as DONE's Early Notification System at NCSupport@lacity.org. The same change is necessary for pg. 11 section 3, pertaining to posting of regular meetings.

**MOTION PASSED** by acclamation.

- d) Neighborhood Council Administrative and 2016 Election Procedures Stipulation Worksheet (i.e. Stip Sheet); see attachment/DONE Case #4990 - NC Administrative and 2016 Election Procedures Stipulation Worksheet Due June 1, 2015. (Note: Motion was not voted on by the Committee so will need a second for Board action.)

Mr. Mansker explained the above.

**MOTION to REFER to Committee** (by Mr. Askew, seconded by Mr. Smith): The Granada Hills South Neighborhood Council will REFER this Item to its Bylaws and Rules Committee.

**MOTION to REFER to Committee PASSED** unanimously by acclamation.

Mr. Mansker reported that Grievance panels "will take effect" May 4<sup>th</sup>. Mr. Smith will Agendize this.

- 2) Outreach (Summers) - Report from the Outreach Chair and possible Board actions/updates on the following:
- a. Outreach Committee (OC) Chair Report – Jim Summers
    - i. 73 Stakeholder sign-ups from GH Charter HS Open House on Thursday (Kudos to: Mark, Cindy, Mike B. and Brad)

Mr. Benedetto noted the above.

- ii. 139 Stakeholder sign-ups from Spring Egg Hunt with GH Park & Recs today (Kudos to: Krisna, Brad, Mike B.)

Mr. Benedetto noted the above.

b. Outreach Motions and Possible Action Items:

- i. Printing Costs: Total requested: up to \$400. \$100 for printing costs (business forum info & survey), up to \$150 for two-sided green GHSNC tri-fold pamphlet, \$50 for specifically outreach materials at Outreach Meetings and General Board Meetings, \$100 for postage stamps and envelopes for Committee Level Outreach (from OC Chair, Jim Summers, needs a 2nd)

**FUNDING MOTION** (by Ms. Crawford-Velasco, seconded by Mr. Benedetto): The Granada Hills South Neighborhood Council will allocate up to \$400. \$100 for printing costs (business forum info & survey), up to \$150 for two-sided green GHSNC tri-fold pamphlet, \$50 for specifically outreach materials at Outreach Meetings and General Board Meetings, \$100 for postage stamps and envelopes for Committee Level Outreach.

**DISCUSSION:** Mr. Mansker was concerned that the survey may not be efficiently designed or a good use of funding. Mr. Benedetto believed that the survey was previously proven to be useful and “a critical part of outreach.” He described the brochure.

**FUNDING MOTION PASSED** by a roll call vote of the 11 eligible voters present with 10 in favor (“Yes” or “Aye”) (Askew, Benedetto, Bursk, Crawford-Velasco, Kolstad, Lopez, Matthews, Morris, Smith and Turmell); one opposed (“No” or “Nay”) (Mansker); zero abstained. Mr. Khurana was ineligible to vote due to not yet being of age (18) to vote on financial matters.

- ii. Up to \$4,200 for printing and mailing cost of 6-page black-and-white GHSNC Newsletter and Survey to be mailed to all GHSNC addresses. (Checking with Dave Beauvais, Cindy Cleghorn to see if we can get an even better price). (Passed 4-0 OC)

**FUNDING MOTION** (by the Committee): The Granada Hills South Neighborhood Council will allocate up to \$4,200 for printing and mailing cost of six-page black-and-white GHSNC Newsletter and Survey to be mailed to all GHSNC addresses.

**DISCUSSION:** Funding already was budgeted. Stakeholder Richard Fisk noted that the newsletter he has published monthly for 10 years is available for free and goes to 1,200 households in one-third of the GHSNC area.

There was extensive discussion of potential newsletter content and usefulness.

**MOTION to REFER to Committee** (by Mr. Benedetto, seconded by Mr. Morris): The Granada Hills South Neighborhood Council will REFER this Item to its Outreach Committee.

**MOTION to REFER to Committee PASSED** unanimously by a voice vote.

- iii. Up to \$200 for GHSNC clear Business Store window decals (Passed 4-0 OC)

**MOTION to REFER to Committee** (by Mr. Smith, seconded by Mr. Morris): The Granada Hills South Neighborhood Council will REFER this Item to its Outreach Committee.

**MOTION to REFER to Committee PASSED** unanimously by a voice vote.

*Board Member Deron Lopez left at this time, making 11 Board Members present (the GHSNC quorum is 11).*

- iv. Request [see the below Motion].

Mr. Handal described that the West Los Angeles Neighborhood Council has a Veterans Affairs Committee and that his area's City Councilman will use discretionary funds for an outreach person for homeless veterans.

**MOTION** (by the Committee): The Granada Hills South Neighborhood Council will establish an Ad Hoc Committee regarding U.S. Veterans and their issues.

**MOTION to CALL FOR THE QUESTION** (by Mr. Smith); there was no objection.

**MOTION PASSED** unanimously by a voice vote.

3. Planning and Land Use (Mansker) – Report from the PLUM (Vice) Chair and possible Board actions/updates on the following issues:  
a) Motion to [see the below Motion]. At Committee, the Motion to oppose this variance was unanimous.

Mr. Mansker described the issue and reported that the owners “started building . . . without Permits.” The Committee unanimously opposed the Variance request.

**MOTION** (by the Committee): The Granada Hills South Neighborhood Council opposes the property owners' request for a variance for a Recreation Room conversion at 17178 Germain Avenue, Granada Hills, CA.

**DISCUSSION:** Stakeholder Nora Montenegro, an adjoining neighbor, read her husband's letter, saying "we were told the building was a storage space"; later it was referred to as "a recreation room" then "a rental property . . . the property owner continuously ignored us when we attempted to discuss" the matter. They "discovered various" problems with the structure, which she described and said three long-time neighbors agree.

**AMENDMENT to the MOTION** (by the Committee): The Granada Hills South Neighborhood Council adds to the above Motion the words "and will communicate this to the City and write a Community Impact Statement about it."

**AMENDMENT to the MOTION PASSED** unanimously by a voice vote.

**MOTION to CALL FOR THE QUESTION** (by Mr. Mansker); there was no objection.

**AMENDED MOTION PASSED** unanimously by a hand vote of the 11 eligible voters present with all 11 in favor ("Yes" or "Aye") (Askew, Benedetto, Bohrer, Bursk, Crawford-Velasco, Khurana, Kolstad, Mansker, Matthews, Morris and Smith); zero opposed; zero abstained.

b) Motion [see the below Motion].

**MOTION** (by the Committee): The Granada Hills South Neighborhood Council will oppose (via CF 14-1635), Short-Term Room and Home Rental better known as Air-B&B.

**DISCUSSION:** Mr. Mansker explained the issue and read aloud a proposed Community Impact Statement. Mr. Kuzmin was concerned with "anything that would interfere with the rights of the property owner." Mr. Handal described short-term rentals "operating illegally" in residential zones as what he believed basically are "hotels." He described the spreading Citywide issue and believed that "it's taking away affordable housing." He believed that tenants are being evicted by and that short-term rentals are in violation of various State laws. Stakeholder Maria Fisk was concerned that "we're seeing an assault on" single-family residences; "in the City of New York this practice has been banned . . . so has Burbank." Ms. Bursk was "concerned with a blanket opposition" and believed that "both sides of the issue" need to be represented. Mr. Mansker said "it's up to the City Council to come up with language." Mr. Bohrer believed that short-term rentals encourage "transients." There was extensive discussion on the merits of the issue.

**MOTION to REFER to Committee** (by Mr. Morris, seconded by Mr. Bohrer): The Granada Hills South Neighborhood Council will REFER this Item to its Planning and Land Use Committee.

**MOTION to REFER to Committee PASSED** unanimously by a hand vote.

4. Education (Kolstad) - Report from the Education Chair; no Motions from Committee, so the following request would need a Motion and a second.
  - a) Ashley Tanger (teacher), Lester Powell (principal) Sophie Keil (student) – Tulsa Street Elementary School; Request for \$580 grant for field trip (spring, 2015 semester) to San Fernando Mission. NPG application filed March 15, 2015. Note this was presented at the March meeting and returns at this meeting, because of lack of Committee meeting. (Chair on bereavement). Will need a second for council consideration.

Mr. Smith noted the NPG application in the below Motion.

**FUNDING MOTION** (by Mr. Smith, seconded by Ms. Kolstad): The Granada Hills South Neighborhood Council will allocate \$580 for a Neighborhood Purposes Grant for Tulsa Street Elementary School students to go on a field trip in the Spring 2015 semester to the San Fernando Mission.

**DISCUSSION:** Mr. Smith indicated that 57 fourth-graders would attend.

**FUNDING MOTION PASSED** unanimously by a roll call vote of the 10 eligible voters present with all 10 in favor (“Yes” or “Aye”) (Askew, Benedetto, Bohrer, Bursk, Crawford-Velasco, Kolstad, Mansker, Matthews, Morris and Smith); zero opposed; zero abstained. Mr. Khurana was ineligible to vote due to not yet being of age (18) to vote on financial matters.

*Board Member Jeffrey Bohrer left at this time, making 12 Board Members present (the GHSNC quorum is 11).*

5. Public Safety and Emergency Preparedness (Turmell) – Report from the Chair on the CERT class to occur in March; no Motions from Committee.

Mr. Turmell reported that emergency supply kits will be distributed at the April 14<sup>th</sup> final CERT (Community Emergency Response Team) training.

6. Beautification (Bursk) - Report from the Beautification Chair; nothing from Committee.

Ms. Bursk indicated that there was no report at this time.

7. Budget (Schindelheim) - Report from the Budget Chair; nothing from Committee.

Mr. Schindelheim indicated that there was no report at this time.

**IX. Board Member comments**, announcements and agenda Items for next general meeting and Committee meetings.

Mr. Smith announced that, in June, the Board will meet June 11<sup>th</sup>, not June 4<sup>th</sup>. Ms. Kolstad thanked people for their condolences.

**X. Adjournment**

Mr. Smith declared and the Board agreed to **ADJOURN** the Meeting at 9:52 p.m.

*The first paragraph of some Items, Motions/Resolutions and other wording may have been directly copied from the Agenda.*