



CITY OF LOS ANGELES

GRANADA HILLS SOUTH NEIGHBORHOOD COUNCIL SPECIAL GENERAL MEETING

Thursday, March 13, 2008 Time: 7:00 pm

**Tulsa Street Elementary School, Auditorium
10900 Havenhurst Avenue, Granada Hills, CA 91344**



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AGENDA

- I. **Call to order and the pledge of allegiance**
- II. **Roll Call**
- III. **Approval of the minutes (January 10, 2008)**
- IV. **Community Speakers**
 - A. **D.O.N.E.** (Amelia Herrera-Robles) – NC Self-Assessment
 - B. **Council District 12** (John Bwarie)
- V. **Public Comment**
Community and Public Comments on non-agendized items
- VI. **Officers Reports**
 - A. **President Report** – Jim Summers (President's Report)
 - B. **Vice President** – Brad Smith (VP Report - GHSNC Awards)
 - C. **Treasurer Report** – Rob Norris (Financial Report)
 - D. **Secretary Report** – Glen Chester (Database, BOD attendance)
- VII. **Board Issues & Updates - Discussion and Possible Action**
 - A. **Board Replacement Nomination:**
Motion: To approve Ms. Tamara Seletos' appointment as a GHSNC Board of Directors replacing of Troy Seletos (Student Rep)
 - B. **Board Assignments:** i. **MOTION:** To approve Shamica Doty's appointment to the Bylaws Committee and Rules Committee – nominated by Dave Beauvais.

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VII. **Board Issues & Updates (cont.): - Discussion and Possible Action**

B. Board Assignments (cont.)

- ii. **MOTION:** To appoint 3 GHSNC representatives to Councilman Smith's Service Cabinet. Meetings: Last Tuesday of the month, 2:30 pm; CD 12 requests a short written report of official actions (synopsis of minutes).

C. Board Elections: GHSNC Elections Procedures Update (Julie Carson)

In January, GHSNC approved Option iii to proceed with elections as currently scheduled under the current process. Current status.

D. Board Meetings:

- i. **Alternate Location for GHSNC General Meetings** (Sean Rivas, Brad Smith, Julie Carson); Many BOD members and stakeholders expressed need to consider moving GHSNC Meetings to another location.

MOTION: To move the location of future GHSNC General Meetings to The First Baptist Church of Granada Hills, 11011 Hayvenhurst Ave, Granada Hills, CA 91344, beginning April 10, 2008; and to pay \$75 per month for cleaning expenses.

- ii. **GHSNC Office Lease** – Current Status (Shamica Doty)

E. Board & Stakeholders Ethics and Conduct: (Jim Summers)

MOTION: For the Bylaws and Rules Committee to establish a Code of Ethics and conduct, including Stakeholder Grievance procedures.

F. Board Retreat: Organization, accomplishments and goals (Sean Rivas)

MOTION: To establish an Ad Hoc GHSNC Board Retreat Committee to plan GHSNC goals in its final months prior to September.

G. Board Equipment:

- i. **MOTION:** Request for funds to purchase a sound system for GHSNC Meetings, not to exceed \$5,000. Review of three written estimates and recommendation (Eric Mansker).

ii. **MOTION:** Request for funds to purchase a Video CamCorder for use at GHSNC meetings, hearings and events, not to exceed \$2,500. (Jim Summers).

iii. **MOTION:** Request for funds to purchase a Win-Zip computer program to e-mail voice recordings, cost not to exceed \$50. (Glen Chester).

H. Board Education Courses:

- i. 2008 Neighborhoods USA (NUSA) conference to be held May 21-24 Virginia.
- ii. Planning and Land Use Courses (APA, USC, UCLA seminars)

VIII. **Committee Reports**

A. Outreach Committee (OC): Chair: Mark Barrionuevo

i. **MOTION:** Request for funds, BOD Outreach Item, to purchase polo shirts with GHSNC logo and "Board Member" title, not to exceed \$300. (OC: 3-0, 2/08)

ii. **MOTION:** Request for funds, BOD Outreach Item, to purchase nameplates with board member's names and titles and nameplate holders, not to exceed \$350. (OC: 3-0, 2/08)

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VIII. Committee Reports (cont.)

A. Outreach Committee (OC) (cont.):

iii. **MOTION:** Request for funds, Website Item, to purchase the addition of traffic facts to website, so daily hits count make be tracked and viability of website can be calculated, cost not to exceed \$36. (OC: 3-0, 2/08)

iv. **MOTION:** Request for funds, Outreach Item, to sponsor a bus for transporting children for the Granada Hills Recreation Center's Annual Spring Camp, not to exceed \$466.11. (OC: 3-0, 2/08)

v. **MOTION:** Request for funds, Outreach Event Item, to purchase entertainment for the Granada Hills Recreation Center's Spring Egg Hunt Activity at O'Melveny Park, on 3/15/08, cost not to exceed \$500. (OC: 3-0, 2/08)

vi. **GHSNC Website:** Discussion of GHSNC webmaster & site maintenance bids. MBR renewal bid (approx. \$4,500/year), and Aaron Devandry bid (approx. \$1,500/year). Because MBR's maintenance contract is ending shortly, the OC has researched and reviewed multiple bids for website maintenance. After a review and discussion, the OC voted and unanimously agreed to not renew GHSNC's contract with MBR and instead accept the bid by Aaron DeVandry. Potential for upgrades, personal and timely service, and a more fiscally responsible approach factored into our decision. **MOTION:** Request for funds and website webmaster contract, Website Item, not to renew MBR website contract and to hire Aaron DeVandry as GHSNC webmaster, to maintain the GHSNC website at a cost not to exceed \$1,500 annually. (OC: 3-0, 2/08)

B. Beautification Committee (BC): Chair: Bonnie Bursk

i. **MOTION:** Request for funds for a Security Patrol for 3 patrols per night on 3 days per week; spot checking Granada Hills South at a cost of \$250.00 per month for 3 months, \$750.00 total, (BC: 3-0, 1/14/08)

ii. **GH Park Surveillance Cameras: PROPOSED RESOLUTION**

MOTION: "WHEREAS Petit Park / Granada Hills Recreation Center, is Public property. There has been a proliferation of violence, graffiti, gang activity, endangering the public and children in the area, WHEREAS graffiti encourages violence and gang activity BE IT RESOLVED that the CITY OF LOS ANGELES should install surveillance cameras throughout the park that might be monitored by the Devonshire Volunteer surveillance Team." (OC: 3-0, 2/08)

C. Public Safety Committee (PSC): Chair: Jim Yoder

i. **MOTION:** Request for funds, CERT Outreach Item, for clean-up fee at the First Baptist Church of Granada Hills where we will have the CERT classes. Costs: \$75 per night, this amounts to \$525 for the 7 night class.

ii. **MOTION:** Request for funds, CERT Outreach Item, for refreshments for CERT class participants. Costs: \$50 per night, for a total of \$350.

iii. **Solar Displays Update** (Jim Yoder, Eric Mansker): Three stoplights are scheduled.

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D. Bylaws & Rules Committee (BRC): Chair: Dave Beauvais
Committee Update

E. Planning & Land Use Committee (PLUC): Chair: John Seletos

1. **Request for Variances:** Chevron Station at 16156 Devonshire, SE Corner of Woodley, wants to apply for a liquor license to sell beer and wine at their AM-PM Mini mart. **MOTION:** GHSNC to support LAPD letter dated January 23, 2008 to deny license to sell alcohol. (PLUC 1/30/08)
2. **Newhall Ranch: MOTION:** GHSNC opposes the Newhall Ranch expansion plan due to lack of traffic mitigation measures, density and environmental concerns. (PLUC 1/30/08)
3. **Baseline Mansionization Ordinance: MOTION:** GHSNC supports baseline mansionization ordinance. Size should be taken into account for the local area. (PLUC 1/30/08)
4. **Mayerling Project MOTION:** GHSNC supports the position of GHNNC with regard to Mayerling overbuilding. (PLUC 1/30/08)
5. **GH-Knollwood Community Plan:** Scoping Meeting (EIR) – March 5, 2008; Comment deadline: March 14, 2008 4:00 p.m. (form); Contact: Anna Vidal, L.A. City Planning 374-5043 {Plan Project Case No.: ENV-2006-5624-EIR}
(A) OGH-ICO: Councilman Greig Smith made a campaign promise to down-zone Old Granada Hills to prevent lot splits/subdivisions, I think that it would be a good idea for us to include a statement (also when filling our your Community Plan Comment Sheet to Anna Vidal, due 3/15) and a GHSNC Resolution. **MOTION:** for the GHSNC to **support** the following **motion** that Councilman Greig Smith made in 2003 and incorporate it into the new Granada Hills-Knollwood Community Plan. (Maria Fisk)

MOTION: #03-1791-S1

Motion(Smith-Reyes) that the Granada Hills-Knollwood Community Plan be amended to provide for either a footnote to the Community Plan map that would state that the area San Fernando Mission Road on the north, San Jose on the south, Zelzah on the west and Balboa Avenue on the east which is currently planned for Low Residential density with corresponding zones of RE9, RS, R1, and RD6, be amended to designate that all lots in the Low Density residential category shall have a minimum lot size of 11,000 sq ft; or that area bounded by San Fernando Mission Road on the north, Devonshire on the south, Zelzah avenue on the west and Balboa Boulevard on the east be down zoned from Low Density Residential to Very Low Density Residential with a concurrent zone change to RE11 zone.

(B) Community Impact Statement:: MOTION: the following modified CIS to to be included in the new GH-Knollwood Community Plan (Jim Summers).

Community Impact Statement – Modification of Resolution passed by GHSNC BOD 1/10/2008 **MOTION:** "The GHSNC believes in enforcement of the (→ all) current laws and ordinances, and specifically a more thorough review of hardships requirements in relation to (→ any) variances and entitlements in both the residential and commercial sectors within the boundaries of GHSNC, and in addition, to support other Neighborhood Councils in the same". (Shamica Doty)

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E. Planning & Land Use Committee (PLUC): (cont.)

6. PLUC Updates:

(A). Building/Safety and GH Specific Plan Potential Violations:

17458 Chatsworth -medical marijuana, various Chatsworth Street signs on windows; illegal billboards and signage, Tattoo store

(B). Early Notification Reports: (2/20-2/29/08): RECYCLING CENTER, 10361 BALBOA BL. KOHLS DEMOLITION (95,429 SF) at 10801 N ZELZAH AVE {DIR-2008-673-DRB-SPP}

(C) Update: Regency Centers Overbuilding Entitlements (Kohls)

L.A. City Planning & Land Use (1/22/08); L.A. City Council (2/6/08); DRB Demolition Hearing – (3/11/08); 5/5/08 Deadline for any further legal action (Writ of Mandate - Superior Court) decision + 90 days

7.. SB 1818 – Statewide density bonus for housing units

MOTION: Oppose current Bonus Density Ordinance and seek its repeal.

F. Ad Hoc GHSNC/LA DWP Oversight Committee (DWP-OSC):

Chair: Alexia Cirino - **Update Report**

MOTION: To support the MOU-OSC; LOS ANGELES NEIGHBORHOOD COUNCILS/LADWP Resolution: "...THEREFORE..., BE IT RESOLVED that the NC/LADWP Oversight Committee requests that the City Council ensure the expeditious completion of said IEA Survey AND that the City Council not approve any LADWP rate increase actions until the information and recommendations of the IEA Survey can be considered by the Mayor, Controller, City Council and general public so as to allow all to make informed decisions."

IX. Board Member Comments

- **Dave Beauvais** - OHRG LAUSD Superintendent David Brewer, 3/6/08.
- **Eric Mansker** - LAPD Captain Kane, safety crosswalks around GHCHS
- **Sean Rivas** - Parks & Rec. - Egg Hunt, March 15th at O'Melveny Park Mayor's Million Trees promotion
- **Other Board Member Comments**

X. Agenda Items for next General Meeting & Committee Meetings

Clean Money Campaign; L.A. River Project; GH Historical Society; Los Angeles Police volunteer Team, Officer Sean Reinhardt, Officer in Charge, Devonshire Volunteer Surveillance Team; GHSNC Retreat; Tulsa St Elem. Instructional Garden, Other Items

XI. Closing remarks and adjournment

BOARD OF DIRECTORS (*Representation Category*)

PRESIDENT: Jim Summers (*Member-at-Large*)
VICE PRESIDENT: Brad Smith (*Member-at-Large*)
SECRETARY: Glen Chester (*Member-at-Large*)
TREASURER: Robert Norris (*Member-at-Large*)
Mark Barrionuevo (*Renters*)
Dave Beauvais (*Community Organizations*)
Bonnie Marie Bursk (*Commercial Property Owners*)
Julie Carson (*Member-at-Large*)
Alexia Cirino (*Faith-Based Groups*)
Shamica Doty (*Business*)
Pamela Finn (*Member-at-Large*)
John Hegedes (*Member-at-Large*)

Eric Mansker (*Homeowners*)
Sean Rivas (*Parks*)
John Seletos (*Youth Organizations*)
Troy Seletos (*Students*)
Christopher Silvers (*Member-at-Large*)
Karessa Anne Silvers (*Education*)
Norbert Soski (*Member-at-Large*)
Lottie Van Emden (*Cultural Arts*)
Cindi Wood (*Member-at-Large*)
Jim Yoder (*Seniors*)
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