



CITY OF LOS ANGELES
GRANADA HILLS SOUTH NEIGHBORHOOD COUNCIL
GENERAL MEETING

Thursday, September 10, 2009, Time: 6:30 pm – 9:00 pm

First Baptist Church of Granada Hills
11011 Hayvenhurst Avenue, Granada Hills, CA 91344

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All agenda items are subject to discussion and possible board action.

AGENDA

I. Call to order and the pledge of allegiance (Dave Beauvais)

Special Presentation by Dept of Sanitation: Alternative Technology Waste Project

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II. Roll Call (Glen Chester)

III. Approval of the Minutes: August 13, 2009 (Glen Chester)

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

V. Community Speakers:

- (1) D.O.N.E. – Amelia Herrera-Robles;
- (2) Council District 12 – Seme Park;
- (3) LAPD Senior Lead Officer– Dario Del Core

VI. Officer Reports: President, Vice-President; Treasurer, Secretary

VII. Board Issues & Updates:

Presentation by NHWNC followed by discussion and possible board action regarding GHSNC sponsorship of a “Senior Symposium” scheduled for October 28, 2009, funding of \$1,000.

Presentation by Sylmar NC followed by discussion and possible board action to support the MB2 Race for Youth event on November 12, 2009, funding amount to be determined.

Discussion and possible board action to move location, and time of monthly board meeting. (Eric Mansker)

Nomination and confirmation of up to two representatives to the Empower LA 2009 Congress of Neighborhood Councils and Mayor’s Budget Day on October 10, 2009. (Brandon Schindelheim)

Discussion and possible board action on the following motion: “GHSNC Agenda must be approved (email ok) by a majority of a quorum of the Executive Committee and not at the sole discretion of the President. The President may put up to a maximum of 3 items without Executive Committee approval, but these items should state they are originated by the President. Any items denied to be placed on the agenda by the President must be disclosed and be given a logical reason. (Jim Summers)

Discussion and possible board action to add two local dog rescue sites, Angels in Fur, and K9 Heroes Rescue as links on the GHSNC web site.

VIII.. Committee Reports:

Outreach Committee: (Sean Rivas).

Status of Outreach Newsletter and Survey.

Discussion and possible action on purchase of GHSNC Polo shirts, funding approximately \$550.

Discussion and possible action on purchase of GHSNC logo pens, funding approximately \$900.

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Discussion and possible action on purchasing ad space in the North Valley Reporter in the amount of up to \$500 for 3 months.

Discussion and possible adoption of GHSNC Outreach Plan.

Discussion and possible action on lighting the tree at Veteran's Memorial Park and appointment of a Joint Ad Hoc Committee (Beautification and Outreach) to oversee the process, funding up to \$5,000.

Discussion and possible action on lighting ceremony following the Granada Hills Holiday Parade (assuming the previous action passes).

Discussion and possible action to support the Senior Services Business Council of the North Valley Regional Chamber of Commerce's Fall Senior Fair on October 17, 2009, funding up to \$500.

Planning & Land Use Committee: (Eric Mansker)

Discussion and possible board action to sponsor and fund a Planning and Land Use Outreach event, funding up to \$500.

Beautification Committee: (Bonnie Bursk)

Report, discussion and possible board action regarding application for a city block grant.

Resolution regarding Homeowner repair of sidewalks:

Whereas: The Los Angeles City had a program in which they would be 50% of expenses to fix sidewalks in front of residential houses, and the owner would pay other 50% in matching funds.

Whereas; Due to budget constrains the City is no longer doing offering this program, but takes the position that th owner of property is liable for injuries caused by broken sidewalks.

Whereas; It is believed that many owners would be willing to pay for 100% of the sidewalk repair in front of their houses to avoid accidents, liability, or simply to beautify their property, but the task of repairing sidewalks, including red tape, permits, and risk of contractors taking advantage of them, is daunting, especially to more elderly residents.

Resolution: The City of Los Angeles should have a program to offer property owners the repairs of sidewalks in front of their property if the Owner would agree to pay for 100% of those repairs, based upon an estimate and written agreement between the Owner and Resident specifying the amount of such repairs, or a "NOT TO EXCEED" figure. It is believed that this proposal will "pave the way" for sidewalk repairs to be done at no cost to the City, or just minimal administrative cost, and relieve homeowners of possible liability, red tape, or fear of fraud in getting the repairs done in front of their own property on public sidewalks.

Public Safety & Emergency Preparedness Committee: (Bob Stevens)

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Bylaws and Rules Committee: (Jerry Askew)

Budget Committee: (Brandon Schindelheim)

Environmental Committee: (Shondrella Kester)

Education Committee: (Julie Carson)

Ad-Hoc Election Committee: (Julie Carson)

Ad Hoc Verizon FIOS Box Committee (Jerry Askew)

Board of Public Works hearing on repositioning of Verizon Fios Boxes, Sept. 11,2009.

Ad Hoc Animal Concerns Committee (Jim Summers)

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

X. Adjournment

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