

## GHSNC Board Meeting – 03/08/2007 – Minutes

### I. Attendance:

#### A. Board Members Present:

1. John Seletos
2. Robert Norris
3. Glen Chester
4. Shamica Doty
5. Jim Summers (Presiding Officer)
6. Eric Mansker
7. Bonnie Bursk
8. Jim Yoder
9. David Beauvais
10. Lottie Van Emden
11. Julie Carson
12. Troy Seletos
13. Alexia Cirino
14. Pamela Finn
15. Norbert Soski
16. Christopher Silvers
17. Sean Rivas
18. Mike Cabo (Parliamentarian)
19. Amelia Herrera-Robles (D.O.N.E. representative)

#### B. Board Members Absent:

1. Sylvia Witteman
2. Debi Orrico
3. Karessa Silvers
4. Brad Smith
5. Mark Barrionuevo
6. Randall Neudeck

II. Jim introduced himself and called the meeting to order.

III. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited

IV. Board Members roll call was taken.

V. Glen Chester moved and Chris Silvers seconded a motion to approve the minutes from February with one amendment. Unanimous approval by Board Members.

VI. North Hill West NC talked about the proposed New Directions program at the VA. This is a bi-partisan approach to disabled veterans. Employees of the Sepulveda VA have been told to not discuss this project with the public.

VII. Neighbors on Aldea Avenue and Hiawatha near Patrick Henry Junior High School have experienced a large number of group homes that are unlicensed. The neighbors have talked to the City Councilman, Greig Smith and the local police station about the situation. As long as the group homes are not administering medication then the homes do not have to be licensed. The problems included a large number of cars parked on the street, variable hours

by the group residents and non-social behavior by the group residents. The city of Murrieta has passed a city ordinance that deals with group homes and the disorderly conduct that results from their presence in the community. The residents are concerned for their kids and elderly members of the community b/c these group home residents do not have long term ties to the local community. The Murrieta ordinance has been given to the president, Jim Summers.

VIII. Amelia Herrera-Robles – The LA City Planning and Zoning Board prefers to have generic emails for contacts as opposed to an individual's email. Amelia is handing out to each board member a book, Los Angeles: Structure of a City Government, written by Raphael Sonenshein talking about neighborhood governance. The Congress of Neighborhood Councils is taking place April 21, 2007.

IX. Jerry Degonia (661-286-1565) is a representative from Assembly member Cameron Smyth office from the 38<sup>th</sup> District replacing Keith Richman. The Assembly member Cameron Smyth is also working on the group home issues that were previously discussed by the Aldea Street neighbors earlier tonight.

X. Glen Chester is keeping track of attendance. Jim Summers is not going to ask for removal of a director unless there are serious issues.

XI. . Dave Beauvais and the Bylaw Committee met on 02/27/07 for two hours.

A. The Committee will recommend changing the name of the committee to the Bylaws and Rules Committee.

B. The Committee will report back on the attendance bylaws that will clarify excused and unexcused absences.

C. The committee is talking about adopting standing rules.

D. The committee wants to expand the definition of the student director.

E. The committee will recommend expanding the student director definition.

F. The committee will recommend modifying the homeowner's director definition.

G. The committee will recommend eliminating language referring to initial elections.

H. The committee will recommend eliminating the Interim Provisions section of the bylaws.

I. The next Bylaws and Rules Committee meeting will take place on 03/20/2007 at the law offices of Savin and Bursk in downtown Granada Hills.

J. Dave Beauvais moved and Eric Mansker seconded a motion to change the name of the Bylaws committee to the Bylaws and Rules Committee. There was a unanimous vote in favor.

XII. Agenda process – Jim Summers described the broken convoluted process for this month's agenda. Jim Summers stated that the final agenda is going to be sent out one week prior to the Board Meeting. Jim Summers asked Glen Chester about the minutes' process.

XIII. Veterans Memorial Park is requesting \$150/month which is the small triangle park at Chatsworth and Zelzah. Dr. Carl Melnick of the Rotary club made a presentation about the clean up of the triangle and installation of the flag and upkeep. There was a discussion about affordability and which category the money should come from. Robert Norris recused himself b/c he is a member of the Rotary Club. Norbert Soski moved to fund the park maintenance for \$150/month through June 2007. Unanimous in favor with one abstention.

XIV. Citrus Sunday – Dave Beauvais – May 6<sup>th</sup> is Citrus Sunday. The committee would like to buy fruit pickers. The Committee is also planning on providing a box lunch for the volunteers and will hire Monroe High School catering services. The committee will purchase banners for the fruit drop-off locations. Finally there will be flyers that will need to be printed to publicize the event. The committee is aware that they will need to buy lots of bottled water. Norbert Soski and Bonnie Bursk recommended purchasing the banners for Citrus Sunday. There was some discussion about the quality of the fruit. Dave Beauvais and Eric Mansker seconded a motion to spend up to \$1,000 to support Citrus Sunday. The Board unanimously approved the motion.

XV. Safety and Emergency Preparedness Committee – Jim Yoder temporary chair, two motions:

A. Glen Chester moved and Bonnie Bursk seconded that Jim Yoder be appointed permanent chair. The Board voted unanimously vote in favor.

B. Glen Chester moved and Eric Mansker seconded a motion that Gilbert Quiroz be appointed to the Safety and Emergency Preparedness Committee. The board unanimously voted in favor.

C. Jim gave an update about the Neighborhood Preparedness Ambassador Program and brought fliers and materials to pass out.

XVI. Dave Beauvais gave an update on the search for an office location. There will be a motion given to BONC on 3/15/07 to try to get a joint office approved with GHNNC. The BONC request is for a waiver of the requirement that a neighborhood council must have an office within the boundaries of the council. The BONC meeting will be in Panorama City on 3/15/07. Amelia recommends that a representative from both neighborhood councils be present.

XVII. The hardship exemption at 17537/17541 Los Alimos Street was approved by the City of Los Angeles building department contrary to the recommendation of the GHSNC Board which recommended against granting the hardship exemption. The Interim Control Ordinance had lapsed somewhere around 2/1/2007. B/c of the lapse in the ICO, the property owner was able to get a regular permit with having to get a waiver. Councilman's Smith office claims that they received bad legal advice. The permit was granted on 02/21/2007 while the ICO was not in effect. John Bwarie, Councilman Smith's representative, stated that the City Attorney's office guaranteed Councilman Smith in September 2006 that the ICO would remain in effect until March 2007.

## XVIII. Officers Reports:

1. Glen Chester – requested sign ups for minutes and agenda notices with clear email addresses. Business cards were handed out. Please make changes.
2. Rob Norris – the treasury is still relatively full as approved spending has not taken place.

## XIX. Committee Reports

- a) Shamica Doty – Business – Shamica Doty is doing outreach to various small and large businesses.
- b) Sean Rivas - Parks – Call for Volunteers for various park based opportunities. Sean Rivas included GHSNC in the GH Recreation colorful mailer. Sean Rivas asked for volunteers to serve on the Park Advisory Board. GH Parks also runs Bee Canyon and O'Melveny Park.
- c) Dave Beauvais – Mike Antonovich is speaking at the Old Granada Hills Group in April.
- d) Chris Silvers – Planning and Land Use – There will be a meeting on March 13, 2007 at the Granada Hills Pavilion near Trader Joe's dedicated for the Kohl's expansion. The committee recommends that the project be downscaled and not remove the parking. The planning deputy does not find the requests to be outrageous.

XX. Sean Rivas let us know that are volunteer opportunities at the Recreation Center. Easter Egg Hunt at O'Melveny Park with candy and food. The date is March 31, 2007 from 10 a.m. to noon.

XXI. Bonnie Bursk provided this information - Gerry Valido, director of Operation Clean Sweep the citywide graffiti removal can be reached at 213-978-0223 and they will come out within 72 hours.

XXII. Demolition is moving forward on Hospital High. Much of the demolition has been fine but in recent days the dust has been horrific.

XXIII. A couple of board members have reported problems with the recent city election.

XXIV. Norbert Soski – on behalf of Brad Smith the Outreach Chair, suggested getting a booth at Northridge Park on June 2, 2007.

XXV. John Bwarie suggested checking out [www.cd12.org](http://www.cd12.org) which has a listing of community events.

XXVI. Adjournment - The Board unanimously agreed to adjourn with the next Board Meeting to take place at the GH Library on April 12, 2007 at 7 p.m. in the Tulsa Elementary School Auditorium.