

Minutes of the
GRANADA HILLS SOUTH NEIGHBORHOOD COUNCIL
Thursday, July 12, 2007
Tulsa Street Elementary School, Auditorium
10900 Hayvenhurst Avenue, Granada Hills, CA 91344

I. Jim Summers, Presiding Officer, introduced himself and called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. The Pledge of Allegiance was said.

Jim noted that our By-Laws were approved by the City Department of Neighborhood Empowerment (D.O.N.E.).

II. Roll Call was taken by Glen Chester. Board Members present:

Jim Summers, President	Christopher Silvers, Vice President
Robert Norris, Treasurer	Glen Chester, Secretary
Julie Carson, Member-at-Large	Alexia Cirino, Faith-Based Groups
Pamela Finn, Member-at-Large	Eric Mansker, Homeowners
Sean Rivas, Parks	John Seletos, Youth Organizations
Norbert Soski, Member-at-Large	Brad Smith, Outreach Chair
Lottie Van Emden, Cultural Arts	Jim Yoder, Seniors
Mark Barrionuevo, Renters	

A quorum was noted as being present.

Board Members absent were: Dave Beauvais, Community Organizations; Bonnie Bursk, Commercial Property Owners; Shamica Doty, Business; Mike Kabo, Parliamentarian; Randall Neudeck (President Emeritus/At-Large); Troy Seletos, Students; and Karessa Anne Silvers (Education).

Also present were eight Stakeholders.

III. The Minutes of the June 14, 2007 meeting were approved by a voice vote with the following amendments:

- a) Mark Barrionuevo added his comments regarding Veteran's Park.
- b) Mark Barrionuevo added his closing comments.
- c) Alexia Cirino wanted to make sure the budget figures were included in the approved budget motion.

d) Alexia Cirino noted that the Treasurer's Report did not have a label and that it is Section VIII C.

e) The Safety Committee Report is Section IX C.

f) Eric Mansker should be listed as the Homeowner's Representative, not the Homeowner's Committee.

IV. Community Speakers

Amelia D. Herrera-Robles, D.O.N.E. Neighborhood Council (NC) Coordinator: July 17th at 7 p.m. at Panorama City High School there'll be a meeting to review the NCs. The NC can review the Kohl's Traffic Study. The NC may be able to finance its own study; Amelia Herrera-Robles will advise the NC. Amelia Herrera-Robles also announced that on July 21st there will be a Department of Water and Power informational session about the proposed new rates.

V. Public Comment

John Hegedes: the Sober Living Home was raided by police and shut down. Another Sober Living Home is being built on White Oak.

There was discussion about purchasing a banner regarding the Kohl's shopping center issue. The consensus without a vote was that we could alert the community regarding the hearing dates for Kohl's but not support either side. Kohl's opposition signs cannot be funded by the NC because City funds can't be spent that way.

VI. GHSNC Board Issues - Discussion and Possible Action

- A. GHSNC Board of Director Approvals of Appointments to fill 2 vacant At-Large seats 2007/08 – Cindi Wood, John Hegedes (pending verification from L.A. City Attorney's Office).

At the last Meeting, Debi Orrico and Sylvia Witteman were voted off the NC for lack of attendance. Two prospective new NC Members introduced themselves: John Hegedes, and Cindi Wood.

MOTION by Eric Mansker (Second, Alexia Cirino): to approve John Hegedes as a new Board Member-at-Large.

MOTION PASSED unanimously.

MOTION by Norbert Soski (Second, Chris Silvers): to approve Cindi Wood as a new Board Member-at-Large.

MOTION PASSED unanimously.

- B. Brad Smith, Outreach Committee Chair, reviewed website vendor proposals for design, modification and maintenance, and approximate bids:
 - a. Moore Business Results – \$3,000 (13 pages), \$98/hour
 - b. Dan-D Graphics - \$1,200 (6 pages), \$60/hour
 - c. Aaron DeVandry - \$2,000 (12-15 pages), \$40/hour

Aaron DeVandry introduced himself. Brad said the Outreach Committee recommends Moore Business Results (MBR).

MOTION: that the NC accept the Outreach Committee's above recommendation.

Discussion: MBR is twice as expensive as Aaron DeVandry. The Outreach Committee believes that the higher MBR cost is worth it.

MOTION: to call for the question. MOTION DEFEATED with four in favor and seven opposed.

Further discussion: MBR quality is better than the other bidders. MBR's contract would be for six months and would be renewable. The website that MBR would produce would mirror the Porter Ranch website. Six months of website maintenance by MBR would cost \$2,250; the same from Aaron DeVandry would cost \$720.

MOTION: to call for the question. MOTION APPROVED.

(Return to) MOTION: that the NC accept the Outreach Committee's above recommendation.

MOTION PASSED with nine in favor and four opposed. Moore Business Results will have a six-month contract for website services at \$3,000 to set up and \$2,250 maximum for services.

All of the bidders were thanked.

- C. Committee Evaluation & Review; Accountability/Results of Previous Events and expenses – Newspapers ads, Website, Events, Banners, Signs. Jim Summers asked committees to report on how much they have spent and how many stakeholders they have outreached to. Jim Summers asked for Board surveys to be returned.
- D. Graffiti and Blight – Formation of committee to help resolve problems and cooperate with L.A. City resources (Jim Summers, Eric Mansker). The committee is looking for volunteers. So far, Cindi Wood, Eric Mansker, Jim Summers, Sylvia Witteman, and Alexia Cirino volunteered.

MOTION by Jim Summers (Second, Brad Smith): to have Cindi Wood be the Chair, with Eric Mansker, Jim Summers, Alexia Cirino and Sylvia Witteman to form the Graffiti and Blight Committee.

MOTION: to form a Graffiti and Blight Committee.

Discussion: We should activate the Beautification Committee, not form a new Committee. We need a new Committee to address current neighborhood concerns. Forming a new committee would be duplication. We need a task force to deal with graffiti and blight. Alexia volunteered to be the liaison between the Beautification Committee and the Graffiti and Blight Committee.

MOTION: to call for the question.

MOTION PASSED.

MOTION PASSED with 13 in favor and two opposed.

Alexia Cirino volunteered to be the liaison between the Beautification Committee and the Graffiti Task Force.

VII. Community Issues - Discussion and Possible Action

- A. Request for Funds – GHSNC CERT Program – Location Rental - Request for up to \$100/ training locale per session – Possible sites GH Baptist Church, C & H Health Services (Jim Yoder). Jim secured the GH Baptist Church as a free training location. A meeting has been scheduled for 7-9:30 p.m. and 20-40 attendees are expected.

MOTION: Glen Chester moved and Alexia Cirino seconded a motion Request for up to \$100/training locale per session.

MOTION PASSED unanimously by the Board.

- B. Dept. of Water & Power (DWP) – Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) - Outline of how the participating Neighborhood Councils will work with DWP.

Jack Humphreville of the DWPMOUOC (Oversight Committee) distributed an "Abbreviated Summary of NC-DWP MOU Achievements" and explained that, if the GHSNC agreed to participate in the OC's work, it would be joining 68 other NCs who are already participating. Alexia Cirino moved, Robert Norris, seconded (Brad Smith recused himself) that the council approve the NC/LADWP Memorandum of Understanding.

Discussion: The NC can participate as little or as much as it wants. The

DWPMOUOC is a collection of NC representatives. The Committee's objectives are to oversee the information flow and protect ratepayers. There would be no financial obligation to be a Committee member.

MOTION: to join the DWPMOUOC.

MOTION PASSED with 11 in favor and four opposed.

Alexia volunteered to be the temporary GHSNC Representative.

C. Regency Centers (proposed Kohl's overbuilding) Update on Public Hearing Dates and necessary reports – EIR, Traffic, other (Chris Silvers)

There will be an August 2nd meeting. The Old Granada Hills Group invited Councilman Greg Smith to the Meeting. Councilman Greg Smith said that concerns about Kohl's are not significant enough so stop the project and he intends to support it. Nancy Norris, a stakeholder, will ask the council for \$2,500 next month to do a traffic study regarding the Kohl's development.

Discussion: errors were found in Kohl's report. It'll be asked at the next NC Meeting for \$2,500 to hire our own traffic engineer to study the Kohl's project. Our Planning and Land Use Committee can study this issue and ask questions of the Department of Transportation. The project's size limits appear to exceed the legal limits for our community.

MOTION: Brad Smith made a motion, Eric Mansker seconded to have a special meeting to consider whether the NC wants to hire our own traffic engineer to study the Kohl's project.

MOTION PASSED with 13 in favor and one opposed. John Seletos recused himself.

MOTION: Eric Mansker moved and Brad Smith seconded a motion that we fund \$200 for the Granada Hills Pavilion for the special meeting.

MOTION PASSED unanimously (with John Seletos recusing himself from the vote)

VIII. Officer Reports

A. President Report – Jim Summers. Thank you to the new Members. Jim Summers is going to call Debi Orrico and Sylvia Witteman.

B. Vice-President Report – Christopher Silvers. We'll meet here again next month. Christopher Silvers is resigning immediately as Vice-President and Planning and Land Use Committee Chair, but will continue to serve on the Planning and Land

Use Committee. John Seletos was appointed to Chair the Planning and Land Use Committee. Maria Fisk was appointed to Co-Chair the Kohl's Sub-Committee with Jim Summers.

C. Treasurer Report – Rob Norris. \$400 that was paid for a project may not be able to be credited at this time because the check was not made out to the NC. Rob will follow up on this. Rob Norris requested Brad Smith's assistance regarding the website, and asked for all expenditures to go through him (Rob).

D. Secretary Report – Glen Chester. No additional information.

IX. Committee Reports –

A. Planning and Zoning – Christopher Silvers, Chair. No report.

B. Beautification – Bonnie Bursk, Chair. No report.

C. Safety and Emergency Preparedness – Jim Yoder, Chair. No report.

D. Outreach Committee – Brad Smith. The website was obtained.

E. Budget Committee – Rob Norris, Chair. No additional information.

X. Board Member Comments

Jim Yoder asked and Jim Summers responded that the Board mailing is going out Monday. Eric Mansker suggested that the Safety Committee look into solar power speed monitor signs to be used in the GHSNC area.

XI. Agenda Items for next General Meeting & Committee Meetings. Jim will prepare.

Jim Summers responded to Sean Rivas that parks improvement issues will be on next month's Agenda. Chris Silvers pointed out that a new Vice President will need to be selected.

XII. Closing remarks and adjournment

The next Board Meeting of the GHSNC will take place Thursday, August 9, 2007 at 7:00 p.m. at the Granada Hills Recreation Center.

MOTION: to adjourn the Meeting; MOTION PASSED unanimously.

The Meeting was adjourned at 8:47 p.m.