

Minutes of the
GRANADA HILLS SOUTH NEIGHBORHOOD COUNCIL
Thursday, September 13, 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 led by Anna Vidal.

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

Jim Summers, President	Randall Neudeck, President Em./At-Large
Robert Norris, Treasurer	Glen Chester, Secretary
Mark Barrionuevo, Renters	Dave Beauvais, Community Organizations
Bonnie Bursk, Commer. Prop. Owners	Julie Carson, Member-at-Large
Alexia Cirino, Faith-Based Groups	Shamica Doty, Business
Pamela Finn, Member-at-Large	John Hegedes, Member-at-Large
Sean Rivas, Parks	John Seletos, Youth Organizations
Troy Seletos, Students	Christopher Silvers, Member-at-Large
Karessa Silvers, Education	Lottie Van Emden, Cultural Arts
	Mike Kabo, Parliamentarian

A quorum was noted as being present.

Board Members absent were: Eric Mansker, Homeowners; Troy Seletos, Students; Brad Smith, Outreach Chair; Norbert Soski, Member-at-Large; Cindi Wood, Member-at-Large; and Jim Yoder, Seniors.

Also present were 11 Stakeholders and guests.

III. The August 9, 2007 Minutes will be brought up for approval at the next meeting. The July 12, 2007 Minutes were approved by a voice vote with no opposition, with the following amendments:

- a) Mark Barrionuevo, Renters Representative, was present at that meeting.
- b) Page three, paragraph six: Aaron DeVandry's maintenance cost would be \$720, not \$2,720.
- c) Page three, paragraph eight: that begins with, "(Return to) MOTION: . . . " is deleted.
- d) Page five, in the last Motion of Section VII, the first words "to fund the above meeting for at least \$200" are deleted.
- e) Same item as above: John Seletos recused himself from the vote.

IV. Community Speakers

- a) Amelia Herrera-Robles, D.O.N.E. Neighborhood Council (NC) Coordinator: distributed a "DRAFT Self-Assessment Survey Form for Neighborhood Councils," asked what the NC likes and doesn't like about the survey, and distributed a flyer for the City's annual Community Budget Day to be held October 13th from 8:00

a.m. – 1:00 p.m. at the L.A. Convention Center.

- b) Peter McCarty of the Northridge East NC announced that a program to link seniors' local resources, which aren't always easy to find, is being formed. The City's Department of Aging budget is \$2.4 million. Forty percent of seniors over age 50 who fall end up hospitalized; 20% never walk again. The program would develop relationships with community seniors to help address financial and legal concerns. Mr. Barrionuevo noted that 25% of local renters are seniors.
- c) Anna Vidal, the L.A. Planning Department's Valley NCs Liaison, related that the City is clarifying Community Plan issues, though such September 18th and 26th meetings were cancelled due to lack of participation; an October meeting may be scheduled. She distributed a "Granada Hills – Knollwood New Community Plan Program Focus Group Land Use Related Issues Summary." Ms. Vidal can be reached at annavidal@lacity.org.
MOTION (by Mr. Silvers, seconded by Mark Barrionuevo): that the October 11th NC meeting end at 8:00 p.m., to be followed until between 9:00 and 9:30 by a Community Plan issues meeting. MOTION APPROVED unanimously.
- d) John Bwarie, Deputy District Director for L.A. City Council District 12, announced that City Commission Chairpersons are being switched, as they periodically are. More than 300 people attended the free Movie Night event in Porter Ranch at Holly Bernson Park; many who attended wrote support letters to troops and donations for local causes were made. The Veterans Triangle project is moving forward. Mr. Bwarie introduced Millie Jones, his counterpart in L.A. County Supervisor Mike Antonovich's office, who noted that flood control channel graffiti can be called about to 818-993-5170, which is the County office at Topanga Canyon Boulevard and Plummer, please stop by; and a proposed group home sober living ordinance is still being worked on by the City Attorney's Office, which is independent of City Hall.

V. Public Comment -- There were no public comments at this time.

VI. Officer Reports

- a) President's Report – Mr. Summers thanked everyone for attending.
- b) Vice-President's Report – (This position is vacant.)
- c) Treasurer's Report – Mr. Norris distributed the latest "Budget Report 9-13-07."
- d) Secretary's Report – Mr. Chester gave his e-mail address, glenc18@gmail.com, for people to send Minutes information, the Agenda and announcements, and he is researching a recording device.

VII. Committee Reports

- a) Public Safety – Mr. Rivas reminded that CERT classes are open on Tuesdays at 7:00 p.m. at the church at San Fernando Mission and Hayvenhurst.

b1) Planning and Land Use – Mr. John Seletos noted that some residents around Devonshire and Hayvenhurst are opposed to a proposed new medical building. Eddie Segura and Rita Swift, who live near the proposed medical building, declared that there's not enough parking, and that unsecured hazardous material may be dumped there.

MOTION (by Mr. Silvers, seconded by Mr. Beauvais): to table this issue for further study. MOTION APPROVED by a 13 – 3 vote.

b2) No further information is available at this time.

b3) Mr. Summers nominated Maria Fisk and offered to also serve on the Specific Plan Design Review Board. Mr. Silvers asked for a Straw Poll in which four were in favor and six opposed to Mr. Summers' participation on the Review Board due to concerns that he would be overcommitted.

MOTION (by Mr. Silvers, seconded by Mr. Barrionuevo): to nominate Ms. Fisk and Mr. Beauvais for the Review Board.

DISCUSSION: extensive, regarding nominations, qualifications and suitability.

MOTION (by Mark Barrionuevo, seconded by Chris Silvers): to call for the question.

MOTION APPROVED to call for the question with 12 in favor and one abstention.

MOTION DENIED with eight in favor, six against and three abstentions.

Mr. Hegedes suggested and it was agreed to table the discussion.

b4) Mr. John Seletos is waiting for a response regarding the OGH-ICO.

b5) Mr. John Seletos said that Ms. Fisk and the Planning and Land Use Committee is working on the Community Impact Statement for the City.

c) Beautification – Ms. Bursk voiced that the Committee discussed the Mayor's Million Tree Initiative project and that the City is giving away trees, and that on November third, Councilman Smith is having a Clean-up Day. Also discussed were graffiti, anti-gang and lighting issues, a possible dog park, loose shopping carts, a farmers market, and that Veterans Memorial Park is being improved by the Rotary Club. Mr. Beauvais discussed the traffic concerns regarding the 118 off-ramp at Balboa.

d) Outreach Committee – No report was made due to Mr. Smith's absence.

VIII. Community Issues and Updates

a) (John Seletos recused himself from this discussion) Mr. Summers reported that the Hearing Officer determined that Regency Centers didn't follow all the requirements regarding the Kohl's project, though some items were approved. Linda Romney, a resident, stated that there'd be a meeting about this on September 20th at 7:00 p.m. and that any appeal of the Hearing Officer's approvals must be made that same day. Mr. Summers elaborated that the Committee is deciding whether to hire an attorney, environmentalist or other professional to gather information.

- b) The Las Lomas project update was postponed due to Mr. Soski's absence.
- c) Mr. Hegedes described that a mobile camera can be posted anywhere and has been used successfully in other parts of Los Angeles, New York and other cities. It's around the size of a shoebox and can be silent or emit an audio message. The pictures have also been used to catch parole violators.
- d) Mr. Summers reported that 127 surveys were received out of 9,500 to be sent to all residents. Surveys are also to be distributed at the Street Faire and the NC website. Mr. Chester and Mr. Seletos volunteered to help tabulate the surveys.
- e) Mr. Summers said that he is still researching regarding the NC establishing an office which would include a dedicated phone and fax line.
- f) Ms. Doty, Ms. Cirino, Ms. Carson, Mr. Rivas and Mr. John Seletos volunteered to man the Street Faire Booth.
- g) Ms. Silvers, Mr. Rivas and Mr. Silvers volunteered to serve on the Dog Park Ad Hoc Committee.
- h) Ms. Cirino reported that the DWP hasn't provided timely information.
MOTION (by Ms. Cirino, seconded by Mr. John Seletos): that the GHSNC support the NC/LADWP Memorandum of Understanding Oversight Committee Letter of Resolution to not recommend the DWP proposed Water and Power Base Rate Increases, Reliability or Deferred Maintenance Adjustments, Pass Through or Surcharges Increases.
MOTION APPROVED with 15 in favor and three abstentions.
- i) Mr. Rivas and Ms. Doty are interested in serving as Vice-President.
- j) Mr. Summers reminded the Board that the next Executive Committee meeting would be on September 18th, and that Committee expenses lists are needed.

IX. Board Member Comments

- a) Mr. Chester reported that all Minutes through June 2007 have been forwarded to the webmaster.
- b) Mr. Barrionuevo encouraged ideas and participation in the Beautification Committee. Mr. Barrionuevo alerted everyone that pictures will be taken at the October Board Meeting for the website.
- c) Mr. Rivas was concerned that the website is not up, as it's been two months. Mr. Silvers mentioned that Moore Business Systems has done an excellent job on his business website. Ms. Carson noted that Moore is waiting for biographies to post. Mr. John Seletos voiced that some website needs to be posted, even if it's incomplete.

X. Agenda Items for the Next Meeting – None were mentioned.

XI. At 9:02 p.m. it was agreed to adjourn the Meeting.

