

**Minutes of the General Board Meeting of the
GRANADA HILLS SOUTH NEIGHBORHOOD COUNCIL (GHSNC)
Thursday, December 11, 2008**
at The First Baptist Church of Granada Hills
11011 Hayvenhurst Avenue, Granada Hills, CA 91344

INSTALLATION of 2008-2010 GHSNC ELECTED BOARD OF DIRECTORS

I. Call to order and the Pledge of Allegiance

2006-2008 Election Committee Chair Julie Carson called the meeting to order at 7:05 p.m. The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Sean Rivas.

II. Roll Call

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

Jim Summers, Member-at-Large	Brad Smith, Member-at-Large
Glen Chester, Member-at-Large	Jerry Askew, Member-at-Large
Dave Beauvais, Community Org's	David Bereznick, Member-at-Large
Kevin Boucher, Member-at-Large	Bonnie Bursk, Commercial Prop. Owners
Julie Carson, Member-at-Large	Alexia Cirino, Faith-Based Groups
Arthur Daush Jr., Seniors	Erin Grohman, Renters
Shondrella Kester, Member-at-Large	Brandon Schindelheim, Member-at-Large
Sean Rivas, Parks	Mary Wang, Member-at-Large
Robert Stevens, Homeowners	

Board Members absent: Robert Norris, Treasurer (unexcused).

Seventeen of the 18 Board Members were present at the beginning of the Meeting, which is a quorum, and the business of the Council could be conducted. Also attending were approximately 20 Stakeholders and Guests. The Parliamentarian is Mike Kabo.

III. Election results

Ms. Carson noted the November 4th NC election and that new Board Members will be installed tonight. She thanked the previous Board.

IV. Introduction/installation of new Board of Directors

Mr. Rivas introduced Millie Jones, Senior Deputy for L.A. County District Five Supervisor Michael Antonovich (818-993-5170; mjones@lacobos.org), Acting Installation Officer for this Meeting. She thanked, on behalf of Supervisor Antonovich, the community leaders and congratulated new Board Members. The Supervisor is available to help at his Chatsworth and other Offices. She introduced the new Board, who all took the Oath of Office as a group, as read by Ms. Jones.

V. Procedures and election of officers: President, Vice-President, Secretary, Treasurer.

Parliamentarian Mike Kabo explained and conducted the Officers' elections. He read the GHSNC Bylaws' description of the positions' duties, then accepted nominations.

President: Ms. Carson nominated Mr. Beauvais, who was elected by a unanimous voice vote.

Vice-President: Mr. Beauvais nominated Mr. Smith, who was elected by a unanimous voice vote.

Secretary: Ms. Cirino nominated Mr. Chester, who was elected by a unanimous voice vote.

Treasurer: Mr. Summers nominated Mr. Schindelheim, who was elected by a unanimous voice vote.

Mr. Kabo invited and the new Officers seated themselves at the head of the tables. Ms. Carson led thanks to the outgoing President Mr. Summers.

GHSNC GENERAL BOARD MEETING

I. Call to order

New Board President Mr. Beauvais congratulated the new Board.

II. Approval of November 13, 2008 Minutes

The following corrections to the November 13, 2008 General Board Meeting Minutes were requested:

Page one, Item #2), paragraph three: Ms. Kester's absence was excused.

Page four, Item #8) b) 1): "electricity boxes" should be "utility boxes."

Page seven, Item #9) b) 1): "Jonathan Rezbanya" should be "Jonathan Rezbannia".

Page seven, Item #9) b) 1) "Mr. Askew said the NC "needs to investigate how the [Granada Hills-Knollwood] Special Plan applies to guest parking." should be "noted that the GH Specific Plan contains additional guest parking requirements and advised Mr. Rezbannia to investigate the same".

MOTION (by Mr. Chester, seconded by Mr. Rivas): to approve the Minutes of the November 13, 2008 General Board Meeting as corrected.

MOTION PASSED unanimously by a voice vote.

III. Public comment on non-agendized items

Amelia Herrera-Robles, Neighborhood Empowerment Analyst, L.A. Dept. of Neighborhood Empowerment (DONE) (818-374-9895; amelia.herrera-robles@lacity.org), thanked the previous Board and welcomed new Board Members. She explained the importance of knowing how NCs work and responsibilities, including being familiar with the GHSNC Bylaws, copies of which she distributed; the Brown Act (the 1953 California Ralph M. Brown Act, which governs open meetings for local government bodies; <http://www.brownact.org>); and other materials. She encouraged Board Members to take the online conflict-of-interest training (<http://ethics.lacity.org/education/ethics2007/?CFID=8473369&CFTOKEN=2802baeab6>

f0f889-37D08554-EEFC-DD77-

A14E981059B1DE1E&jsessionid=1630738169a020143c64) and to contact her if they have any questions. She also encouraged everyone to complete the online Budget Survey (<http://www.lacityneighborhoods.com/promo1.htm>).

Bob Ricketts, Granada Hills North NC Board Member, representing State 38th District Assemblyman Cameron Smyth, noted that The Great Southern California ShakeOut Emergency Response Drill and the subsequent Granada Hills event were “very successful.” He gave Certificates of Appreciation to Mr. Beauvais and Mr. Summers for their work on the events.

Mr. Beauvais thanked Stakeholder Richard Fisk for his work. Ms. Bursk announced the February 20th Granada Hills Chamber of Commerce Installation and Awards Banquet, for which “Citizen of the Year Award” nominations are being accepted.

Stakeholder Linda Romney requested that Public Speakers requesting funds be required to state their organization affiliations. Ms. Herrera-Robles advised that this could be considered by the NC Executive Board.

IV. Appointment of Board members to vacant positions

Mr. Beauvais noted the vacancies (Cultural Arts; Education; Students; Factual-Basis Member at Large; and Youth Organizations) and encouraged nominations.

Mr. Beauvais appointed Mr. Mansker to the position of Factual-Basis Member at Large.

The appointment of Mr. Mansker to the position of Factual-Basis Member at Large was **APPROVED** by a unanimous voice vote.

Mr. Beauvais announced that Granada Hills High School student Lacy Reilly “expressed interest” in becoming the Youth Representative.

V. Interim appointment of committee chairs

Standing Committees (Outreach, PLUC, Safety, Bylaws, Beautification, Election, Ad Hoc)

Mr. Beauvais asked and the following Board Members and Stakeholders agreed to continue for now as the Chairs of the following Committees: Outreach, Mr. Rivas; Planning and Land Use, Mr. Mansker; Safety, Mr. Yoder; Bylaws, Mr. Beauvais; Beautification, Ms. Bursk; and Elections, Ms. Carson.

The above appointments were **APPROVED** by a unanimous voice vote. New Committee appointments will be held at the January 8, 2009 General Board Meeting.

Mr. Beauvais requested that Board Members think about which committee(s) that they would like to be involved in during the upcoming two years in preparation for committee appointments in January 2009 and each Committee Chair briefly described their Committee’s work.

Mr. Askew briefly described the work of the Pole Mounted Facilities Ad Hoc Committee. The City asked Verizon to stop installing utility boxes and to raise the current installations, which Verizon is inventorying for the City, higher off the ground where they won't obstruct and endanger people using City sidewalks.

Ms. Bursk announced the Granada Hills Business Improvement District Annual Meeting on December 19th at 6:00 p.m. at the Chamber of Commerce office.

Mr. Askew noted a possibly needed Bylaws change clarifying the President's ability to appoint Stakeholders to Chair Committees. Mr. Beauvais said he would look into it.

VI. Special topics

A. Discussion of small lot subdivision:

Mr. Mansker described and read the following Motion:

MOTION (by the Planning and Land Use Committee [PLUC]): regarding the Small Lot Subdivision at 17154-17548 W. Chatsworth Street, Granada Hills, City file VTT-69144-SL, APCNV-2007-2160-ZC-ZAA), Request for eight detached Single Family Residences on two parcel currently zoned R1-1 requiring a zone change to RD1.5-1 (Extended Deadline for GHSNC recommendation to Dec. 18, 2008 by Zoning Administrator):

Whereas the City of Los Angeles Division of Land, Advisory Agency policy 2006-1 states; that it is likely that a small lot subdivision will be evaluated against the multi-family regulation of any accepted Specific Plan;

Whereas the Granada Hills Specific Plan's "Sector C" requires ¼ (one quarter) guest parking space per unit;

Whereas the project as proposed does not include subject parking;

Whereas the project would exacerbate an already existing overburdened situation in the neighborhood;

Therefore the GHSNC-PLUC recommends that the applicant for said subdivision and case number VTT-69144-SL, APCNV2007-2160-ZC-ZAA be denied.

The above Motion was corrected as follows: "17548" should be "17158."

DISCUSSION: Mr. Askew stated that the applicant said that parking requirements do not apply because it is a single-family, not multi-family, residential project, though Mr. Askew noted that the zoning being applied for, RD1.5, is for a multi-family project. Mr. Summers noted that the applicant "has the option of cutting down their square footage to provide the parking." Mr. Mansker related that, when the developer first presented to the PLUC, "they had no plan . . . were ill-equipped . . . and the same thing happened with the City." Mr. Askew reminded Board Members that the Bylaws say that "abstentions are counted as a `no'." He explained that the project is two lots being subdivided into eight lots and is currently zoned as single-family residential. Ms. Bursk added that "it really is" a condo complex/subdivision.

MOTION PASSED by a unanimous hand vote.

VII. Retreat (Saturday, January 15 or Saturday, January 23)

A. Motion: Request for funds up to \$500 for Board retreat

MOTION (by Mr. Rivas, seconded by Mr. Mansker): to allocate funds up to \$500 for the January 2009 Board retreat.

DISCUSSION: Mr. Rivas explained that the Retreat's purpose is mainly to establish goals for next year. He conducted a straw poll which indicated that Saturday, January 24th (not 23rd) would be best for most Board Members, and agreed to try to arrange the Retreat for January 24th.

MOTION PASSED by a unanimous hand vote.

VIII. Online ethics course, bylaws

Mr. Beauvais noted that Ms. Herrera-Robles "already covered [this Item] thoroughly," and that continuing Board Members need to take the training again because it's required to be taken every two years.

IX. Agenda items for next general meeting

- A. Election of committee chairs
- B. Tulsa Street Elementary request for funds for computer purchase
- C. SOLID request for funds for LAPD Devonshire Division's gym
- D. Stakeholder (Romney) request for funds for coyote warning signs

Mr. Beauvais asked for additional Agenda Items for the January 8th General Board Meeting. The following were requested: Ms. Cirino, DWPMOU; Mr. Summers, reimbursing for Christmas Tree light and other Veterans Park decorations; and Ms. Kester, ecological/green sustainability.

X. Board member comments

Mr. Summers thanked the outgoing Board and welcomed new Board Members. Mr. Mansker expressed that he's "hoping . . . [the NC will] secure an Office . . . We'd be able to have our own copy machine and store our own equipment . . . The community at large can have a central place for meeting and collecting literature." Mr. Chester thanked the Mr. Rivas and the Outreach Committee for the banners waving advertising GHSNC and Mr. Mansker for setting up the sound system. Mr. Chester asked new Board Members to provide him with current contact information. Mr. Schindelheim thanked the Board for voting him in as Treasurer. Ms. Cirino thanked the previous Board and welcomed new Board Members. Ms. Wang and Ms. Kester thank the Board and are looking forward to the experience. Mr. Rivas noted that street banners have been installed, thanks Board Members for responding to the website information request and Webmaster Aaron DeVandry for website work, and will contact Board Members about NC business cards.

MOTION (by Ms. Carson): to **ADJOURN** the Meeting.

MOTION PASSED unanimously by a voice vote.

The Meeting was **ADJOURNED** at 8:21 p.m.