

**Minutes of the General Board Meeting of the  
GRANADA HILLS SOUTH NEIGHBORHOOD COUNCIL (GHSNC)  
Thursday, February 11, 2010**

The Pavilion, 16916 San Fernando Mission Blvd., Granada Hills, CA 91344

**I. Call to order**

President Dave Beauvais called the meeting to order at 7:33 p.m.

**II. Roll Call**

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

Dave Beauvais, President	Brad Smith, Vice-President
Brandon Schindelheim, Treasurer	Glen Chester, Secretary
Jerry Askew, Member-at-Large	David Bereznick, Member-at-Large
Julie Carson, Member-at-Large	Arthur Daush, Seniors (late)
Sally Kolstad, Education (late)	Eric Mansker, Factual Basis
Lacy Reilly, Students	Sean Rivas, Parks
Bob Stevens, Homeowners	Mary Wang, Member-at-Large

Board Members absent: Kevin Boucher, Member-at-Large (unexcused); Bonnie Bursk, Commercial Prop. Owners (excused); Alexia Cirino, Faith-Based Groups (unexcused); Erin Grohman, Renters (excused); Shondrella Kester, Member-at-Large (excused); and Jim Summers, Business (unexcused).

Twelve of the 20 Board Members were present at the beginning of the Meeting, which is a quorum, so the Board could make Motions and take votes. Also attending were approximately 12 Stakeholders and Guests, including Parliamentarian Mike Kabo.

**III. Approval of the Minutes**

The following correction to the January 14, 2010 General Board Meeting Minutes was requested by the Minutes Writer:

Page three, Item #6, President Report: "(one construction proposal to deal with the school with the other construction proposal to deal with widening Balboa Blvd. to accommodate a drop off zone for the school)" should read "Proposals were discussed regarding construction at the School and to widen Balboa Blvd. to accommodate a drop-off zone for the School."

**MOTION** (by Mr. Chester, seconded by Mr. Rivas): to approve the Minutes of the January 14, 2010 General Board Meeting as corrected.

**MOTION PASSED** by a voice vote; Mr. Stevens abstained.

**IV. Public Comment**

There were no public comments at this time.

## **V. Community Speakers**

Mr. Beauvais relayed that Semee Park, Field Deputy for L.A. City District 12 Councilman Greig Smith, and Dario Del Core, LAPD Devonshire Division Senior Lead Officer, were unable to attend.

Amelia Herrera-Robles, Project Coordinator, L.A. Dept. of Neighborhood Empowerment (DONE) (213-473-6451; Amelia.Herrera-Robles@lacity.org; www.EmpowerLA.org), distributed a flyer regarding and announced the Candidate Preparation Session February 25<sup>th</sup>, 6:30 p.m., at San Jose Elementary School, Mission Hills. She described the NC funding system and the Session's elements, and encouraged attendance. Ms. Herrera-Robles was thanked for her service.

## **VI. Officer Reports**

### President

[This Agenda Item was addressed after the Secretary report.] Mr. Beauvais said that there was no report. He advised Election Candidates to have their Statements ready to present.

### Vice-President

Mr. Smith said that there was no report.

### Treasurer

Mr. Schindelheim said that there was no report.

### Secretary

[This Agenda Item was addressed after the Ad hoc Tree Lighting Committee report.] Mr. Chester reported that Sign-Up Sheets and Speaker Cards were in the back of the room to receive e-mailed information and speak at this Meeting. He's still receiving e-mail sign-ups.

## **VII. Board Issues & Updates**

There were none at this time.

## **VIII. Committee Reports**

### **Budget Committee** (Brandon Schindelheim)

Discussion and possible Board action on reallocation of encumbered funds and previously authorized expenditures in light of elimination of rollover funds; see attached Treasurers status report.

[This Agenda Item was addressed after the Treasurer report.] Mr. Beauvais described that, at the beginning of the fiscal year [July 2009] there was \$41,000 in rollover funds; the NC budgeted for that and the City-allocated annual amount of \$45,000. Around two weeks ago, the City decided it may take back the rollover funds. Now, the NC has a little more than only \$1,000 to finish the fiscal year

through June; DONE indicated that the NC “has around \$300 left to finish the [fiscal] year.”

Mr. Schindelheim described that the usual NC expenses through the fiscal year end “would total around \$16,000 . . . We took into account what we need to spend, not just what we’d like to spend.” He projected the NC deficit to be around \$800. Payments to the webmaster will increase the deficit by around \$500. He reviewed “Current Encumbrances” that can be eliminated. The Park Maintenance is already performed. The tree-trimming and light-hanging are already paid for. Stakeholder Wes Rogers requested for the NC not to eliminate “Graffiti Wipe Kits.” Mr. Beauvais explained that “we don’t have the money to spend on it if we wanted to.”

**MOTION** (by Mr. Schindelheim, seconded by Mr. Rivas): for the GHSNC to place a hold on funds allocated for projects and expenses, as recommended by the GHSNC Treasurer (*a separate sheet provided by the treasurer detailed the following amounts that are being placed on hold: \$350.00 for Graffiti Wipe Kits, \$280.10 for a Video Camera, \$200.00 for Old GH Residents Group ad, \$500 for PLUC Outreach event, \$875 for PLUC Conference at UCLA, \$2,556.40 from Holiday Lighting at Veteran’s Park, \$2,000 Friends of GH Library donation and \$5,281.19 for Pole Banners*), including for the Old Granada Hills Residents Group ad, tree-trimming and light-hanging, and Friends of the Granada Hills Library.

**DISCUSSION:** Mr. Beauvais clarified that this Motion is to vote to rescind previously encumbered amounts and return the amounts to the NC balance. Mr. Schindelheim added that this would disencumber approximately *\$12,042.69*.

**MOTION PASSED** unanimously by a hand vote.

Mr. Beauvais described upcoming expenses he considers “absolutely necessary,” such as the Post Office Box and the website; “a place to meet, the ability to make a few copies and the website” are necessary functions. Mr. Beauvais offered to pay for some things, with the understanding that he’ll be reimbursed. He proposed, to save money, meeting for free at Patrick Henry Middle School, starting next month through June. He recommended eliminating the Minutes Writer because the NC can’t afford it; the Secretary will have to write the Minutes.

**MOTION** (by Mr. Smith, seconded by Mr. Rivas): to approve recommendations and ensure that the GHSNC does not incur any additional expenses: to reimburse Dave Beauvais and Jerry Askew, as needed and at the earliest opportunity, for Post Office Box, postal, printing, e-mail, *email blast system*, and website expenses; *tonight’s meeting room expenses*, to move the GHSNC General Board Meeting to Patrick Henry Middle School or another location to be determined; and to discontinue use of the Minutes Writer as of this Meeting.

**DISCUSSION:** Mr. Smith believed that the NC needs to meet and post Minutes as a “public responsibility.” Ms. Herrera-Robles advised considering that the City

Council may not recommend that NCs receive any funding. Ms. Carson added that the NC has “no more money to spend for [its] election.” There was discussion regarding DONE reimbursements.

**MOTION PASSED** by a hand vote; Mr. Bereznick abstained.

**Beautification Committee** (Bonnie Bursk)

[This Agenda Item was addressed after Item #V.] Mr. Beauvais relayed that Ms. Bursk reported that the Committee met and she’ll report at the next General Board Meeting.

**Planning & Land Use Committee** (Eric Mansker) [See below Motions.]

**MOTION** (by the Committee): to send a letter to the L.A. City Attorney asking for clarification regarding the definition of “youth Centers” contained in the recently approved Medical Marijuana ordinance.

**DISCUSSION:** Mr. Askew described the importance of the definition.

**MOTION PASSED** unanimously by a hand vote.

**MOTION** (by the Committee): to send a letter to the L.A. City Planning Department regarding the proposed Group Home Ordinance.

**DISCUSSION:** Stakeholder Maria Fisk read the proposed letter. Dave Beauvais described that the proposed Group Home Ordinance “did not contain” any of the language that NCs had requested.

**AMENDMENT to the MOTION** (by Mr. Askew, seconded by Ms. Carson): to file the letter as a Community Impact Statement.

**DISCUSSION:** Mr. Askew described a Community Impact Statement as a document that can be attached to a City Council File as a permanent public record.

**AMENDMENT to the MOTION PASSED** unanimously by a hand vote.

**MAIN MOTION PASSED** unanimously by a hand vote.

Mr. Askew reported that the cell tower proposed for 15941 Los Alimos St. “is a dead item.” Mr. Beauvais related that another cell tower is proposed for the “grounds of St. John de la Salle Church.” Mr. Mansker added that T-Mobile has agreed to consult with the NC; he thanked City Council District 12 staff for their support.

**Ad hoc Tree Lighting Committee** (Dr. Carl Melnik)

Final Report and recommendations for 2010.

[This Agenda Item was addressed after the Beautification Committee report.] Dr. Carl Melnik described the tree at Chatsworth St. and Zelzah Ave. Approved funding was \$6,000; only \$3,443.60 was spent. Mr. Schindelheim noted that the tree lighting company has been paid. The lights were donated by Jim Summers. The Park is now separately lit.

**Ad hoc Election Committee** (Julie Carson)

Candidate Forum.

Ms. Carson described the Candidate statements process and election outreach efforts, and that the NC “is using every free resource that [it] can” for outreach.

Candidates introduced themselves, and described their backgrounds, qualifications and interests to be NC Board Members.

**IX. Board Member comments, announcements and Agenda Items for next General Meeting and Committee Meetings.**

Mr. Askew mentioned a “huge” above-ground facility proposed in North Hills West and to “anticipate this kind of thing . . . coming to our community.” Mr. Smith announced that Brian Bauer, Principal of Granada Hills Charter High School, will speak at the next General Board Meeting. Mr. Beauvais announced that, at the next Meeting [March 11<sup>th</sup>], a BONC (L.A. Board of Neighborhood Commissioners) Commissioner will swear in the newly elected Board. Mr. Beauvais won’t be able, in two months, to attend the April 8<sup>th</sup> General Board Meeting. Also, there’ll be a SOLID (Supporters of Law enforcement In Devonshire) fundraiser February 24<sup>th</sup> at Islands Restaurant; 20% of sales will support SOLID. Mr. Rivas announced the next Outreach Committee Meeting Tuesday, February 16<sup>th</sup> at 5:30 p.m., at Dupars Restaurant at Zelzah and Chatsworth. Ms. Carson reminded about and encouraged voting in the NC election Tuesday, March 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2:00 – 8:00 p.m. at Petit Park. Ms. Wang thanked the NC for allowing her to serve on the Board the last two years.

**X. Adjournment**

**MOTION** (by Mr. Mansker, seconded by Mr. Rivas): to **ADJOURN** the Meeting.

**MOTION PASSED** without any objections.

The Meeting was **ADJOURNED** at 9:23 p.m. Mr. Beauvais reminded that the next General Board Meeting will be Thursday, March 11<sup>th</sup>.