

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

The Pavilion, 11128 Balboa Blvd., Granada Hills, CA 91344

**I. Call to order**

President Dave Beauvais called the meeting to order at 7:35 p.m.  
Board Member Michael Phillips lead us in the Pledge of Allegiance.

**II. Roll Call**

Roll Call was taken by Secretary Sean Rivas. Board Members present:

Dave Beauvais, President	Brad Smith, Vice-President
Sean Rivas, Secretary	Jerry Askew, Business
Bonnie M. Bursk, Com. Prop. Owners	Julie A. Carson, Member-at-Large
Alexia Cirino, Faith-Based (Late)	Jett M. Dunlap, Member-at-Large
Tiwinkle Khurana, Students	Sally Kolstad, Education
Joel M. Lyle, Member-at-Large	Michael Phillips, Member-at-Large
Robert Stevens, Member-at-Large	Ross Turmell, Factual Basis

Board Members absent: Brandon Schindelheim, Treasurer (excused), David Bereznick, Member-at-Large (excused), Arthur A. Daush, Seniors (excused), Adam Platts, Renters (unexcused), Eric Mansker, Homeowners (excused).

14 of the 19 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 30 stakeholders and guests, including Parliamentarian Mike Kabo.

**III. Approval of the Minutes**

One correction was submitted on Pgs. 1-4 of 4.

Correction 1: Date to be corrected on the document footer information from Oct. 10, 2010 to Oct. 14, 2010.

Motion by Mr. Rivas 2<sup>nd</sup> by Ms. Carson to approve the Minutes of the October 14, 2010 General Board Meeting with corrections.

**MOTION PASSED** by a Unanimous Voice Vote.

## **V. Public Comment**

Julie Kim & Kathryn Hart: We're a group of students from Cleveland High School and wanted to cordially invite the board members for the public debate performance on protecting social and economic rights of immigrants. Event to be held on November 27, 2010.

Bonnie Bursk: Reminded Stakeholders and Board Members that Nominations are still open for the Gil Benjamin Citizen of the Year Award.

Carl Melnick, GH Rotary: Rotary Bowling Tournament to be held on February 27, 2011 with participation costing \$100 per person.

## **VI. Community Speakers**

Chrissy Scarborough, Sierra Club: Gave a brief presentation about LA's Current energy plan to release the city from using coal. Informed the board that some fellow neighborhood councils like Playa Vista have passed motions to support the Sierra Club's efforts in presenting a more effective energy plan. She can be reached at (213) 387-6528 x224 or via email at [chrissy.scarborough@sierraclub.org](mailto:chrissy.scarborough@sierraclub.org).

## **VII. Officer Reports**

President Beauvais: Reminds board members of Ethics Training, Thanked those board members who attended the special Informational Valley Regional HS Meeting we hosted. Also, gave thanks to Mike Kabo for his help in setting up the sound system.

Vice President Smith: Attended Mayors Budget Day and reported that Revenues have stopped falling and there is a 5% short fall in the reserve fund as reported by Ben Ceja, Mayors Budget Representative.

Secretary Rivas: Reminder to all stakeholders to fill out speaker cards if you wish to speak on any agenda items. If stakeholders are not already on our email list they could sign up at the back table as well.

## **VIII. Board Issues & Updates**

Review and approval of US Bank purchasing card transactions and bank statements. Motion to Approve Updated Budget submitted by Treasurer. Motion by Mr. Rivas 2<sup>nd</sup> by Mr. Smith. Motion PASSED with 13 in Favor and 1 Absention.

Discussion and Possible Action to approve contract to hang and remove lights from Holiday Tree at Veteran's Memorial Park. Motion to approve up to \$2,700 for the work to be done. Motion from Ad Hoc Committee. Discussion began and Mr. Rivas

raised some concern with liability and insurance. City Attorney's office has been contacted and they expressed some concern with the same concerns as Mr. Rivas. Motion to Amend original Motion to Create an Neighborhood Purpose Grant for the GH Rotary for the Purpose of Holiday Decorations. Motion by Ms. Bursk 2<sup>nd</sup> by Mr. Smith. **Amendment passed** with 11 in favor and 3 abstentions. New motion now stated: Motion or approve up to \$2,700 for work to be done on Holiday Tree at Veteran's Memorial Park with the GH Rotary filling out the neighborhood purpose grant application for the purpose of Holiday Decorations. Motion PASSED with a vote of 10 in favor and 3 absentions.

Discussion and possible action to support an operator for Valley Regional High School #4. 1<sup>st</sup> motion introduced was by Ms. Carson 2<sup>nd</sup> by Mr. Smith. Motion read "Granada Hills South Nieghborhood Council to endorse LAUSD Local District #1 to opperate Valley Region High School #4." Public Comment was heard for this motion from,

Kathrine Ritay	Retired Administrator from Los Angeles Unified School District
George Barttleson	Secondary Schools Director who oversees 100+ comprehensive schools
Dr. Greg Vallone	Principal at Holmes Middle School, 30 years with LAUSD, Believes LD#1 is the Strongest District and gave data from the California Department of Education, mentioned that the school would be a joint partnership and final plans for Public School Choice are due December 1 <sup>st</sup> .
Brian Bauer	Executive Director of Granada Hills Charter High School, Thanked all Board members, GHCHS has 8 years as a charter, GHCHS Plan would share many of its success with the new campus.
Don Harris	Educator at Monroe High School, has a Masters in Instruction, Writer for the Local District 1 plan, and offered the board a simple saying of "Give us a chance."
Jacob O'Camp	Parent of student at George K. Porter Middle School. Supports Local District 1. Mr. O'Camp was a product of Los Angeles Unifed School District.
Joe Vitti	President of Valley Vote, Board member of Granada Hills Chamber. Read a statement on behalf of Valley Vote in support of Granada Hills Charter High School. Also, mentioned that Granada Hills Chamber supported GHCHS.
Richard Fisk	50 Year Resident, Supports GHCHS and can not leave a chance to let anyone else to opperate the VRHS site.
John Hegedes	Supports GHCHS, lives between both school sites and in the zone of choice.
Jana Davenport	Daughter attends GHCHS and supports GHCHS. Gave a brief story about how her daughter loves her Geography Teacher and because of this feedback from her daughter she is supporting GHCHS.
Beth Conwell	Parent, Not impressed with Local District 1. Supports Granada Hills Charter High School. Achievement is greater at GHCHS and was not happy with Northridge Academy High School.
Joy Kasper	Teacher at Granada Hills Charter High School. Proud to work at GHCHS.

Is a Resource Teacher and made brief remarks about special education at GHCHS.

Ann Robins	Parent/Resident. Works in the College Center at John F. Kennedy High School. Supports GHCHS because of an incident where she found a teacher asleep in her classroom at her school site.
Ronald Fischbach	Professor at CSUN. Believes students that come from GHCHS are fully prepared for college courses. Has found that the GHCHS has made the school a place for parents as well as students.

Upon completion of Public Comment board members were given the chance to speak for or against the motion. Ms. Carson read some brief remarks about how she felt, and Ms. Bursk stated her views of GHCHS as well. A roll call vote was requested by Mr. Askew.

<b>In Favor</b>	<b>Opposed</b>	<b>Abstension</b>
Julie Carson	Michael Phillips Bonnie Marie Bursk Jerry Askew Joel M. Lyle Robert Stevens Sally Kolstad Alexia Cirino Brad Smith Jett Dunlap Twinkle Khurana Dave Beauvais	Ross Turmell Sean Rivas

Motion FAILED with a vote of 1 in Favor, 11 Opposed and 2 Abstentions. Another motion was introduced by Ms. Bursk 2<sup>nd</sup> by Ms. Cirino to Support Granada Hills Charter High School to opperate Valley Regional High School #4. A Roll Call vote was again requested.

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Motion PASSED with 11 in favor, 1 opposed and 2 abstentions.

Discussion and possible action to approve an Allocation of up to \$500 for Food Purchases for our December Meeting and Holiday. Motion by Ms. Cirino 2<sup>nd</sup> by Mr. Lyle. Motion PASSED by Unanimous Voice Vote.

Discussion and possible action to remove Adam Platts, Renters Representative from the GHSNC Board of Directors for Failing to meet attendance requirements per our bylaws. Missed meetings: 5/13/10, 6/10/10, 7/8/10, 8/12/10, 9/9/10, 10/14/10, 11/11/10. Motion by Mr. Rivas, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Mr. Smith. Motion PASSED 11 in Favor and 3 abstentions.

## **VIII. Committee Reports**

### **Outreach Committee** (Sean Rivas, Chair)

Report on Revent Outreach Events. Community Informational Meeting had approximately 100 guests and 11 email sign ups. GHRC Halloween Bash we helped pay for the Moon Bounce and Candy with approximately 300-500 Guests with 37 email sign ups. 50<sup>th</sup> GHCHS Anniversary booth was 2 days with 20+ email sign ups.

Discussion and possible action on approve participation in the Granada Hills Holiday Parade. The GHSNC will be using Bob Stevens truck once again this year and we will meet early Sunday morning at his house to decorate the truck.

### **Public Safety Committee** (Robert Stevens, Chair)

Ron Lorenzen will present in January. We also heard from stakeholder Jana Larson "as homeowners of a lot on Kingbury Street we are concerned about the 5 Eucalyptas trees looming over our houses.

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

Ms. Kolstad: Block Party on December 12<sup>th</sup> from 3-7pm at Index and Andasol.

Ms. Bursk: Animal Services City Council Agenda Item.

Ms. Cirino: COEXIST Event with GHNNC.

Mr. Beauvais: Need to send out a Newsletter.

Mr. Smith: Mr. Glenn Baiely will be here next month to report back to us about tonight's important topic at Valley Alliance of Neighborhood Councils.

X. **Adjournment**

**MOTION** (by Ms. Cirino, seconded by Ms. Bursk): to **ADJOURN** the Meeting

**MOTION PASSED** without any objections.

The Meeting was **ADJOURNED** at 9:54p.m.