

**Minutes of the General Board Meeting of the
GRANADA HILLS SOUTH NEIGHBORHOOD COUNCIL (GHSNC)
Thursday, January 13, 2011**

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 Gina Greschner lead us in the Pledge of Allegiance.
President Beauvais also called for a Moment of Silence for those affected by the Shooting in Arizona on January 8th.

II. Roll Call

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

Dave Beauvais, President	Sean Rivas, Secretary
Jerry Askew, Business	Julie A. Carson, Member-at-Large
Arthur A. Daush, Seniors	Gina Greschner, Renters
Jett M. Dunlap, Member-at-Large	Tiwinkle Khurana, Students
Sally Kolstad, Education	Deron Lopez, Youth Activities
Joel M. Lyle, Member-at-Large	Michael Phillips, Member-at-Large
Robert Stevens, Member-at-Large	Ross Turmell, Factual Basis

Board Members absent: Brad Smith, Vice-President (unexcused), Brandon Schindelheim, Treasurer (excused), David Bereznick, Member-at-Large (excused), Bonnie M. Bursk, Com. Prop. Owners (excused), Alexia Cirino, Faith-Based (excused), Eric Mansker, Homeowners (excused).

14 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 6 stakeholders and guests, including Parliamentarian Mike Kabo.

III. Approval of the Minutes

Motion to Approve the November 11, 2010 Board Meeting Minutes with one correction. Motion By Mr. Rivas, 2nd by Mr. Dunlap. One Correction was submitted by Mr. Beauvais on Pages 2 & 3 of 6. The correction was under the discussion of the Holiday Tree Lighting and Corrected amount from \$2,500 to \$2,700. Amendment by Mr. Beauvais, 2nd by Mr. Dunlap. Motion PASSED by a Unanimous Voice Vote.

Motion to Approve the December 9, 2010 Board Meeting Minutes. Motion by Mr. Rivas, 2nd by Mr. Dunlap. Motion PASSED with 12 in Favor and Mr. Turmell abstaining.

IV. Public Comment

Dinesh Lakhanpal- Candidate for LA City Council 12th District- Mr. Lakhanpal talked about the 60% Deficit the city is facing, 50% Teenage Pregnancy Rate with the council district, 30% Drop Out Rate, 67% in Homeless Rate in CD12. He plans on creating Jobs in the fields of Solar Power, Transportation and alternative transportation ideas. He would also like to bring in a Main Attraction that would bring businesses to the council district. Promised to have better transparency and host Town Hall Meeting with constituents every 6 months.

V. Community Speakers

Megan Cottier – CD12 Field Deputy – Discussed the Mobile Billboard Ban and how to report them. Call the cities 311 system and press 1 to bypass the mayors voice. When reporting the mobile billboard have the most amount of information possible. She also discussed the great success of the sidewalk grinding project. Currently 132 sidewalks have been fixed in Granada Hills with an average of 45 per month.

SLO Dario Del Core – LAPD – Invited all Community Members to a Summit that will be held on Wednesday, February 9th at Devonshire Division Police Station. His main focus for the summit and this year is the Boarding Homes. Gave some crime statistics for the end and beginning of the year; Down 19% in Violent Crime, Down 13% in Minor Crime, Devonshire Div. ended the year with 3 homicides. He gave a positive outlook for the beginning of the year. Announced his next Meeting for Thursday, January 20th at 7pm at Saint Euphrasia Church. Current statistics for 911 response times is 8 minutes average on a Priority Call and 19 minutes on a Non-Emergency call.

Bob Stevens introduced Tim Tyson, Superintendent of Urban Forestry. Mr. Tyson introduced himself and gave a brief biography of himself. Gave some reports on the year cycles for tree pruning and stump removal. 45 year cycle for tree pruning, but 7 years is the safe manner in which he would like to be at. He let the board know that they is never a safe tree and let the board know that all they can do is take care of the safety issues and can take care of 900 trees on street lighting contracts. When they remove a tree and replant a tree they try to fit them to the areas they are being planted in. He mentioned that should any stakeholder need help they can call the service request line during the day at 1(800) 996-2484. Ms. Kolstad asked about how someone can get help to plant trees and Mr. Tyson recommended her to a few non-profits. Mr. Beauvais asked about the Pine Tree with beetal infestation and Mr. Tyson assured him that it is a priority and they are removing those trees. Mr. Rivas gave a story about his run-around with the city and urban forestry about removing a tree in front of his residency. Mr. Tyson assured Mr. Rivas that he would look into the matter. Ms. Carson shared her thanks for him coming out and understanding of the personal frustration with trying to get to all the tree removals. Mr. Tyson passed out some business cards and mentioned that he will try and help to the best of his ability.

VI. Officer Reports

President Beauvais: Gave an Update on condition of Board Member Eric Mankser and informed the board that his birthday is tomorrow January, 14th. He also informed the board of Board Member David Bereznick's Resignation due to some conflicts with work. Reminded the board that everyone must take the ethics training, and asked for a poll of board members that still need to take the ethics quiz if they would be interested in attending a training that Granada Hills North is looking to put together.

Secretary Rivas: Informed the board about new email response procedures.

VII. Board Issues & Updates

Review and approval of US Bank purchasing card transactions and bank statements. Motion to Table Budget submitted by Treasurer. Motion by Ms. Carson 2nd by Mr. Stevens. Motion PASSED with Unanimous Voice Vote.

Appointment and Board Confirmation of Sean Rivas and Gina Greschner to the Education Committee. Motion by Mr. Dunlap, 2nd by Ms. Carson. Motion PASSED with a Unanimous Voice Vote.

Appointment and Board Confirmation of Deron Lopez to the Public Safety Committee. Motion by Ms. Carson, 2nd by Mr. Rivas. Motion PASSED with Unanimous Voice Vote.

VIII. Committee Reports

Outreach Committee (Sean Rivas, Chair)

Recommendation to advertise for bids to maintain the GHSNC website with a closing date of 3/1/11. Motion from Committee and Mr. Rivas added that all bids need to be submitted on 3/1/11 by 5pm in order for them to be considered at the March 3rd Outreach Committee Meeting. Motion PASSED by Unanimous Voice Vote.

Recommendation to secure storage space of a 5x10, or larger for storage of equipment, supplies and outreach materials. Motion from Committee with a friendly amendment to add allocate up to \$1,000 for 1 years rental costs. Motion PASSED with 13 in favor and 1 abstension.

Recommendation to co-sponsor the January 31 Candidate's Forum, co-sponsor a joint Candidates forum with GHNNC in Mid-February, and co-sponsor a Candidate's Forum with OGHRG on March 3, with a cost not to exceed \$300 for all three forums. Motion PASSED with 13 in favor and 1 abstension.

Planning and Land Use Management Committee (Jerry Askew, Chair)

Recommendation approval on Sprouts Beer and wine CU (ZA-2010-3045-CUB).
Motion from Committee. Motion PASSED with Unanimous Voice Vote.

Recommendation for Planning Commission to continue code amendment CRC-2010-3315-CA updating planned development regulations (note, maybe withdrawn as untimely as planning commission is scheduled to take this up on 1/13/11).
Motion from Committee. Motion PASSED with Unanimous Voice Vote.

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

Mr. Stevens: Welcomed Mr. Lopez to the Safety Committee.

Mr. Beauvais: We have some outreach needs that need to be addressed.

Mr. Rivas: Next Outreach Committee Meeting is on Thursday, February 3rd.

Ms. Carson: Education Committee Meeting is to follow the Outreach Committee Meeting. She also let the board know that she invited teachers from Woodland Hills Academy to make a small presentation about the teaching method that is used at that school.

X. Adjournment

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

MOTION PASSED without any objections.

The Meeting was **ADJOURNED** at 9:03 p.m.