

**Minutes of the General Board Meeting of the
GRANADA HILLS SOUTH NEIGHBORHOOD COUNCIL (GHSNC)
Thursday, February 9, 2012 (Approved)**

VALLEY ACADEMY OF ARTS & SCIENCES, 10445 Balboa Blvd., Granada Hills, CA 91344

I. Call to Order

President Dave Beauvais called the meeting to order at 6:40 p.m.

II. Roll Call

Roll Call was taken by Secretary Julie Carson. Board Members present:

Dave Beauvais, President	Julie Carson, Secretary
Brad Smith, Vice President	Jerry Askew, Business
Brandon Schindelheim, Treasurer	
Julie A. Carson, Member-at-Large	Jett M. Dunlap, Member-at-Large
Debbie Wubben, Member-at-Large	Deron Lopez, Youth Activities
Gina Greschner, Renters	
Sally Kolstad, Education	
Joel M. Lyle, Member-at-Large	
Michael Phillips, Member-at-Large	

Board Members absent: Krisna Crawford-Velasco, Member-at-Large;
Alexia Cirino, Faith Based; Robert Stevens, Member at Large (excused);
Bonnie M. Bursk, Com. Prop. Owners; Tiwinkle Khurana, Students;
Arthur A. Daush, Seniors.

A quorum was present at the start of the meeting (13 of 21 Board members)

Ross Turmell, Factual Basis, arrived at 6:45 p.m.
Erick Mansker, Homeowners, arrived at 7:42 p.m.

Approximately 3 stakeholders and guests were in attendance.

III. Approval of the Minutes

Minutes of January 2012 meeting will be approved at February meeting.

IV. Public Comment

Dave Takus, Music director, from Valley Academy of Arts & Science made a request for funding for 3 areas of need for his program: instructional festival, instruments, sheet music. He also brought another request from Lynn Ryan, teacher, for art materials: matt cutter and mat board to frame student work. Both were referred to Education Committee.

V. Community Speakers

Dario Del Core, LAPD Sr. Lead Officer for Devonshire Division: He reported that burglaries are up in GH and Porter Ranch. Neighborhood watch meeting is coming up. Property crimes have really increased over the last period. The perpetrator knocks on the door, if there's no answer, they break a window. They're casing. The last 10 days it's slowed down to a couple of break ins in the last 2 weeks. It was going at a pace of 5-6 a day. What's going on is definitely outside of the norm. The Division has been given extra resources, temporarily. Board houses have expanded. 15% decrease in crime last year (violent/property) is only down 3% now and may be going up. LAPDOnline.org to sign up for e-police.

Megan Cottier, District Director for CD 12 City Council member Mitch Englander. The CM is Chair of Public Safety, Vice Chair of Budget and Finance, sits on Planning & Land Use. Herb Wesson is the new City Council president. City of L.A. redistricting going on now. Ms. Cottier reported that the last medical marijuana facility in our area has been closed.

VI. Officer Reports

President: We have one vacancies in the Youth Activities position, and will probably have another - Member at Large (Bob Stevens' position). Patrick O'Flaherty interested. Dave Beauvais took training and submitted paperwork and now has the purchase card. Re move to Presbyterian Church: we're approved by them to use their facility. Cost will be the same as Pavilion \$125/mo.

Treasurers Report: We have \$16,500 approximately left in our budget, with \$7,600 encumbered in addition to 16,500. DONE sent out memo for timeline. We can push the timeline to May 15 to spend our money but it is a hard deadline – so we have a little bit longer, but no leeway. B Schindelheim recommended that we keep April as deadline. Last day for purchasing on card is June 15 (no funds can be spent from June 16-July 5)

VII. Board Issues & Updates

Review and approval of U.S. Bank purchasing card transactions, bank statement and budget report, including release of encumbered funds and reallocation of budgeted funds. Joel Lyle moved to disencumber funds in the amount of \$3,500 for the consultant on the specific plan; Brad Smith seconded. Passed unanimously.

Motion to approve budget report and purchasing card transactions: Lyle/Smith. Unanimously approved.

Discussion and possible Board action to support the lighting project for Veteran's Memorial Park, not to exceed \$2,200. Smith/Kolstad moved and seconded. Passed unanimously. Funds are to come from Community improvement.

Discussion and possible Board action to oppose the Farmers Market Ordinance in its present form supporting Old Granada Hills Residents Group and filing of Community Impact Statement. Moved and seconded by Askew/Smith. Passed unanimously.

Discussion and possible Board action to support the community Care Facility Ordinance as presented in the September 13, 2011 report from the city Attorney. Motion to approve: Lyle/Smith J Askew made an amendment: “which includes the parolee and probationer restrictions.” Vote on amendment passed unanimously. J Askew made a second amendment with E Mansker seconding to file a community impact statement: Passed unanimously. The main motion passed unanimously.

Referral of a request for funding from Tulsa Elementary School to the Beautification Committee for a report and recommendation at the March Board meeting. Moved and seconded by Askew/Mansker. Passed w/ one abstention: Wubbon.

Preliminary request for funding for a Basketball camp co-sponsored by the Department of Recreation and Parks and Granada Hills Charter High School brought by Darren Lopez in the amount of \$3,000.

Discussion and possible Board action to approve a resolution supporting Adult Education and sending letters of support to LAUSD school board members and local elected officials. Moved and seconded by Phillips/Lyle: Schindelheim amendment to change the word “significant” to “sufficient” J Carson recused herself from the vote. Amendment and main motion passed unanimously with Carson recusal.

Discussion and possible Board approval to sponsor Congressional Candidate Forum on Thursday, April 12, 2012. Moved and seconded by Lyle/Turmel (in place of our April meeting) No cost to council. Motion passed unanimously.

VIII. Committee Reports

Outreach: Proposal for June 23 Movie Night, funding in the amount of up to \$1500. Motion from committee (no second needed). Passed unanimously

Spring Newsletter: Submissions need to be completed by May 14. We’ve already budgeted \$3,500

J Dunlap talked about a “brand” for Granada Hills South NC and suggested we revisit the idea of doing banners in the community again – but this time with bright colors.

IX. Board Member comments, announcements and future agenda items

Board member comments: Kolstad: reported that she was harassed at Shell gas station. Philips: re LAUSD money \$\$; Lyle: perhaps we should do “adopt a banner”; suggested purchasing our own popcorn machine, and city proposal for ban on plastic bags; Lopez – thanks for basketball camp; Wubbon: offered help with vetting proposal for Tulsa mural; Dunlap: re adult ed; Beauvais: if DONE does the election, they would need a lead time of 1 yr.

Linda Romney suggested acknowledgement of Gene Berhns for what he does to maintain the grounds and garden at Veteran’s Park.

X. Adjournment

Moved and seconded to adjourn by Carson/Smith. Meeting adjourned at 9:01 p.m.

