

**Minutes of the General Board Meeting of the
GRANADA HILLS SOUTH NEIGHBORHOOD COUNCIL (GHSNC)
Thursday, October 11, 2012 (Proposed)
Granada Hills Charter High School**

I. Call to Order

President Dave Beauvais called the meeting to order at 6:37 p.m.

II. Roll Call

Roll Call was taken by Secretary Julie Carson.

Board Members present:

Arthur Daush, Deron Lopez, Debbie Wubben, Erick Mansker, Joel Lyle, Brandon Schindelheim, Bonnie Bursk, Jerry Askew, Daniel Wall, Ross Turmell, Dave Beauvais, Julie Carson, Suraj Khurana, Cindy Wu Freedman, Michael Kabo (Parliamentarian)

Excused absences: Anthony Matthews

Unexcused absences: Brad Smith, Alexia Cirino, Krisna Crawford-Velasco*

Bob Luszczak arrives at 6:49.

III. Approval of the Minutes

Minutes of July and August meetings will be available for approval next month.

IV. Public Comment

Anthony Milanes from Valley Academy of Arts and Sciences provided new information on the request for the VAAS Robotics program request

Tino Julian, the new president of North Hills West Neighborhood Council, introduced himself: 12 out of 13 members on that council are new, so he came to observe and learn.

Dave Beauvais announced that sadly and unexpectedly Rob Norris passed away on October 4. Rob was our Treasurer when the council first formed. He was only 51.

V. Community Speakers

Paul O'Connor from the Greater L.A. County Vector District spoke on West Nile Virus. The GLACVD formed in 1956 to control mosquito born diseases. West Nile Virus is a bird/mosquito virus that showed up in NY in 1999. Mid-summer to fall is primary season for arbo viruses. We have technicians assigned certain areas to deal with treating gutters or standing water to control mosquitoes. There are many backyard sources that they can't get to and need help from residents with. The GLACVD also provides mosquito fish to those with ponds to help control mosquitoes.

Megan Cottier: District Director for Mitch Englander. On October 2, there was a hubbub in City Council re medical marijuana. The Council voted to appeal the existing soft ban, because voters in the area had collected enough signatures to put it on the ballot, so Council went ahead to repeal it. Planning code doesn't allow for store shops that sell pot for cash. There is a new motion to enforce current building and safety codes. The City Council has asked for state legislators to take some action. There was a question about the documentary transfer tax; Megan said that Councilmember Englander opposed doubling of documentary transfer tax – we don't need to stifle home sales. There will be a Chatsworth Park South open house to talk about reopening the park on Thursday, October 18 at Mason Park, 6-7:30 p.m.

Matt Margoiles from Brad Sherman's office let us know that they can be of assistance on Social Security benefits issues, VA administration issues; immigration issues. They are the liaison between constituent and federal agencies. Mr. Margoiles complimented us on the Disaster Preparedness event.

VI. Officer Reports

None

VII. Board Issues & Updates

Review and approval of U.S. Bank purchasing card transactions, bank statement and October budget report. Motion to approve the report made by Schindelheim/Mansker. Motion carries unanimously.

Appointment and Board confirmation of Mike Kabo as Parliamentarian. Mansker/Lopez. Motion passes unanimously.

Appointment and Board confirmation of Deron Lopez to Youth Activities Director. Raj Khurana is taking Student position although he won that seat and this one. Askew/Luzszczak. Motion passes unanimously.

Appointment and Board confirmation of Debbie Wubben to Parks and Cultural Arts Director. Debbie will move from At Large. Lopez/Mansker. Motion passes unanimously.

Appointment and Board confirmation of Jett Dunlap to Member-at- Large Director. Lyle/Carson. Motion passes unanimously.

Appointment and Board confirmation of Gina Greschner to Renters Director. Lopez/Wubben. Motion passes unanimously.

We now have 21 members on the board.

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Appointment and Board confirmation of Chairpersons and members to the following Committees: Outreach, Planning and Land Use Management, Budget, Public Safety and Health, Beautification, By-Law and Rules.

Outreach: Jett Dunlap appointed as Chair. Mansker/Lyle. Unanimously approved with J. Dunlap abstaining. Committee members appointed: Joel Lyle, Anthony Matthews, Krisna Velasco-Crawford, Debbie Wubben, Mark Hovater. Askew/Mansker. Unanimously approved.

PLUM: Jerry Askew appointed as Chair. Mansker/Luszczak. Unanimously approved with Jerry Askew abstaining. Committee members appointed: Eric Mansker, Dan Wall, Bob Luzczak, Cindy Freedman. Maria Fisk and John Seletos (stakeholders) also appointed. Mansker/Schindelheim. Unanimously approved.

Budget: Brandon Schindelheim appointed as Chair: Lyle/Askew. Unanimously approved. Committee members appointed: Brad Smith, Alexia Cirino, Julie Carson, Bob Luzczak. Mansker/Lopez. Unanimously approved.

Public Safety & Health: Ross Turmell appointed as Chair. Luzczak/Lyle. Unanimously approved. Committee members appointed: Arthur Daush, Deron Lopez, Suraj Khurana. Askew/Mansker. Unanimously approved.

Beautification: Bob Luzscak appointed as Chair. Askew/Mansker. Unanimously approved. Committee members appointed: Bonnie Bursk, Krisna Crawford-Velasco. Askew/Wubben. Unanimously approved.

Education: Julie Carson appointed as Chair. Dunlap/Luzczak. Unanimously approved. Committee members appointed: Gina Greschner, Sally Kolstad (stakeholder), Suraj Khurana, Julie Kim (stakeholder). Mansker/Lyle. Unanimously approved.

By-Laws and Rules: Eric Mansker appointed as Chair. Dunlap/Askew. Unanimously approved. Committee members appointed: Brad Smith, Anthony Matthews, Jerry Askew, Bonnie Bursk. Lyle/Greschner. Unanimously approved.

Discussion and possible Board action to send a letter to CBS Outdoor, Clear Channel and Los Angeles Dept. of Public Works opposing any trimming of trees in the Granada Shopping Village corridor without prior approval by the Granada Hills Business Improvement District.

Letter will include the deodar trees. We ask for stronger enforcement of permits by Dept of Public Works also. Motion was made to send a strong letter to (agents) opposing any trimming of the trees along Chatsworth Street and work with BID and also send a letter to Dept of Public Works not to issue a permit. Also deodars are historic, not to be trimmed except by city certified arborist.

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Askew/Mansker. J. Lyle suggested to include our City Councilmember .
Unanimously approved.

Discussion and possible Board action to canvass Directors regarding availability for an alternative meeting night. Dave asked Jett to survey board to find an alternate night.

Discussion and possible Board action to participate in GHCHS College Career Fair on October 30, 2012. Brad Smith, Debbie Wubben volunteered to staff the table at the fair from 11:00-2:00 p.m.

Discussion and possible Board action to provide holiday lighting at Veteran's Memorial Park not to exceed \$3500. Mansker/Askew. Question called by Carson. 12/0/1 (Khurana abstains).

Discussion and possible Board action to support Proposition 37. Also support City Council motion from Koretz/Englander. Lyle/Turmell. Comments from Andy Schrader re genetically engineered food. Motion passes 8/6/0.

Discussion and possible Board action to re-encumber \$3500 for a consultant to assist with review of the Granada Hills/Knollwood community Plan.
Askew/Mansker. 11/1/2

*Krisna Crawford-Velasco arrived at 8:16 p.m.

VII. Board Member comments, announcements and future agenda items

Many members continued the seemingly controversial subject of the issue around Prop 37.

Meeting adjourned approximately: 8:50 p.m.