

**Minutes of the General Board Meeting of the
GRANADA HILLS SOUTH NEIGHBORHOOD COUNCIL (GHSNC)
Thursday, January 10, 2013 (Proposed)**

Granada Hills Charter H.S. Rawley Hall, 10535 Zelzah, Granada Hills, CA 91344

I. Call to Order

President Dave Beauvais called the meeting to order at 6:45 p.m.

II. Roll Call

Board Members present:

Dave Beauvais, Brad Smith, Brandon Schindleheim, Jerry Askew, Bonnie Bursk, Arthur Daush, Jett Dunlap, Gina Greschner, Suraj Khurana, Joel Lyle, Deron Lopez, Eric Mansker, Anthony Matthews, Ross Turmell (arrived 7:50), Cindy Wu Freedman, Debbie Wubben, 15/21 present for start of meeting, which constituted a quorum.

Board Members absent:

Julie Carson (excused), Alexia Cirino (excused), Krisna Crawford-Velasco (Unexcused), Bob Luszczak, Daniel Wall (excused), Mike Kabo (excused).

Approximately 10 members of the public were also in attendance.

III. Approval of the Minutes

November 2012 Minutes- Brad Smith called for the approval with Eric Mansker's second; passed with one abstention (Jerry Askew).

December 2012 Minutes- Jerry Askew had two corrections, Bonnie Bursk called for the approval with Jett Dunlap's second; passed with one abstention (Debbie Wubenn).

IV. Public Comment

Eric Mansker expressed a desire to discuss propositions that may be on the upcoming ballot.

Bonnie Bursk encouraged attendance in Chamber of Commerce meeting and participation in the annual citizen of the year application.

Jerry mentioned North Hills' desire to change their name to Granada Hills; remarked on bond issues; upcoming court ruling on digital billboards.

V. Community Speakers

(1) Megan Cottier, District Director for Councilmember Mitch Englander (CD 12): Megan reported on the status of the Community Care Facilities Ordinance. Motion was heard in committee, The full City Council will vote on the CCFO soon. She also discussed a proposed fund for street improvements. The initiative could raise \$3 billion by adding additional property tax of \$34 per \$100,000 of property value.

(2) Dario Del Core, Senior Lead Officer LAPD: Dario reviewed the Devonshire division's summary of valley area crimes for 2012. His goal for 2013 is to focus on residential burglaries, most of which occur North of the 118 freeway. He also mentioned the LAPD Devonshire Semi-Annual District Meeting (Thurs. Jan, 17)

VI. Officer Reports

Vice President (B.Smith): For Granada Hills Charter High School's event celebrating 10 years as a charter school on January 12, we will not be having an outreach booth.

President (D. Beauvais): Reminder to complete ethics training; available on the Empower LA website.

VII. Board Issues & Updates

Review and approval of U. S. Bank purchasing card transactions, bank statement and January budget report (B. Schindleheim). Motion to approve by Schindleheim/Brad Smith. Unanimously approved.

SFV wirking group on neighborhood council restructure. Motion for Brad Smith to be our representative by Eric Mansker, seconded by Deron Lopez, and met with unanimous approval.

Discussion regarding the GHSNC meeting night. OGHRG may be able to switch, if so our meeting would move to the first Thursday of the month. The change would not occur until April, since the meeting space is not available on the first Thursday in March. Formal vote will take place during the Febuary general meeting. Joel brought up a possible change in meeting venue.

Friends on the Library requested \$2,000 for the purchase of additional books (\$1,000 buys 40 books), Debbie Wubben gave an overview of the program and called the motion, Deron Lopez seconded. Mary Slotnick of Friends of the Library gave examples of what they do, their programs, homework center, and lamented that book sales (which are their main fundraising measure) are generating much less money and so they our seeking our assistance. Eric Mansker was opposed to the amount of the contribution due to our limited budget and called for a motion for a lesser amount, but it died for lack of a second. Ross Turmell arrived. Cindy Wu Freedman wished to ammend the motion to increase the amount to \$2,500 (second by Anthony Matthews). Ammendment passed 10 to 1 with 3 abstaining and the chair not voting. Main motion was then passed with 13 and 2 abstentions.

Motion to contribute \$1,500 for the maintainance of Veteran's Memorial Park with the Rotary Foundation. Motion by Eric Mansker/Bonnie Bursk. Jerry moved to ammend amount to \$2,000, Bonnie Bursk seconded. Ammendment passed with 14 for/1 abstention. Ammended motion passed with 14 for/0 against/1 abstention and the chair not voting.

Holiday lights- Motion to buy additional lights (consistent with the existing style/color), not to exceed \$2,000. Motion by Jerry Askew/Eric Mansker passed with 14 for and 2 abstaining.

VIII. Committee Reports

Outreach (Dunlap)

No outreach meeting in January. Informal on new polo shirt color (black or green). By hand vote, 12 voted for black. Shirts will be ordered in black with white embroidery.

Safety and Public Health (Ross Turmell)

No meeting last month. There is ongoing work to replace old neighborhood watch signs. From now onward, Ross and anyone who wishes to volunteer will be replacing signs on Sundays at 2:00 pm. There may be another cert class offered, possibly a level 2 cert class if there is enough interest.

IX. Board Member comments, announcements and future agenda Items

Ross reminded everyone to use hand sanitizer and other measures against illness due to the bad flu bug going around.

Megan reminded everyone of the Oakridge Estate presentation on Jan. 26th at the GH Library at 1:00 pm and praised the GH Holiday Parade video.

X. Adjournment

Motion by Brad Smith/Eric Mansker to adjourn approved.