

# Granada Hills South Neighborhood Council

## Bylaws Committee

Report from February 25, 2009

Meeting called to order at 7:02pm. The following committee members were present:

Jerry Askew (Chair)  
Bonnie Bursk  
Eric Mansker  
Joshua Barbosa  
Dave Beauvais (Ex-officio)

The following committee members were absent:

Norbert Soski

The following non-members were present:

Jim Summers.

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## Report

### ***Posting locations update:***

The GHSNC previously approved an update to our posting locations. The new list of locations was approved by DONE on December 22, 2008. A change to the bylaws is pending to correct the number of posting locations from seven to five to match the number of approved posting locations.

### ***Clarification of committee assignments***

*Motion by Jerry Askew, second by Bonnie Bursk, approved by unanimous vote*

The current language in the bylaws makes it unclear whether stakeholders can be appointed to NC committees.

### ***Expansion of the definition for Education Director***

*Motion by Jerry Askew, second by Joshua Barbosa, approved by unanimous vote*

The Director position for Education has been traditionally difficult to fill due to the requirement that the Director work at a school within the NC boundaries. The NC and the community will be better served by broadening the requirements to also allow an educator who resides within the NC boundaries to fill the position.

## **Combination of Parks and Cultural Arts Representation Category**

*Motion by Eric Mansker, second by Dave Beauvais, approved by unanimous vote*

The director position for Cultural Arts is currently vacant. Due to a lack of qualifying organizations within the GHSNC boundaries, the position is difficult to fill and does not have a solid base of residents to represent.

### **Requirements for board member participation on committees; removal for non-participation.**

This issue was initially raised in 2008 to address the effect that unexcused absences were having on the establishment of a quorum in committee meetings. Following the installation of the new NC Board and reappointment of committee members, it was suggested that this item be tabled. The issue can be considered in the future if committee attendance again becomes problematic.

This issue tabled by a 4 to 1 vote.

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## **Bylaws Changes**

### **Article VII (Directors):**

Items A&B unchanged

- C. Number of Directors: Change directors from 23 to 21
- D. Official Action and Quorum: Change directors from 23 to 21 and quorum from 12 to 11
- F. At Large Directors: Change at-large directors from 11 to 10
- G. Special Interest Directors: Change special interest directors from 12 to 11

*Changes in items C-G with the proviso that the numbers will be reduced at the time, and to the extent that the corresponding Director position(s) become vacant.*

3. Education. This Director shall work (full or part-time) for schools, adult-schools, day-care centers, pre-schools, or other educational groups (an Educational Institution) and shall reside within the boundaries of the Neighborhood Council ; or this Director shall work for an Educational Institution ~~that are~~ located within the boundaries of the Neighborhood Council and whose area of interest is primarily education.

4. Parks. This Director shall be a member of a parks organization or Cultural Arts organization (e.g. libraries, historical societies, theater groups, museums, musical arts, and others) that meets regularly (at least four times a year) and shall reside within the boundaries of the Neighborhood Council; or this Director shall be a member of a parks organization or Cultural Arts organization (as above) that meets regularly (at least four times a year) within the boundaries of the Neighborhood Council. This Director shall also report on issues affecting the environment.

11. Cultural Affairs <Delete this item and renumber all subsequent>

*Items 4 (Parks) and 11 (Cultural Affairs) with the proviso that the changes shall take effect at such time as the Cultural Affairs Special Interest Director position is vacant.*

**Article IX**

B The President shall:

1. Preside over all Neighborhood Council General Meetings and Special Meetings and determine whether a quorum of the Board of Directors is present;

2. Appoint all Standing Committee Chairs ~~and Standing Committee members~~ from the Board of Directors with the approval of the Board of Directors.

3. Appoint all Standing Committee members, Adhoc Committee Chairs and Adhoc Committee members from Stakeholders (including the Board of Directors) with the approval of the Board of Directors.

Items 4-6 unchanged.

**Article X**

B Ad Hoc Committees

It is anticipated the President and the Board of Directors may wish to create Ad Hoc Committees and appoint Stakeholders (including Directors) as head of those committees. This action should be done with the approval of a majority of Board members during a regular meeting.

**Article XI**

Change the minimum number of posting locations from seven to five in paragraphs A(3), A(4) and B.