

**Minutes of the General Board Meeting of the  
GRANADA HILLS SOUTH NEIGHBORHOOD COUNCIL (GHSNC)**

**Thursday, June 12, 2008**

The First Baptist Church of Granada Hills  
11011 Hayvenhurst Avenue, Granada Hills, CA 91344

**I. Call to order and the Pledge of Allegiance**

Jim Summers, Presiding Officer, called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Board Member Jim Yoder. Mr. Summers noted that, in the absence of Mike Kabo, Josue Barbosa would be the Parliamentarian.

**II. Roll Call**

Roll Call was taken by Secretary Glen Chester. Board Members present:

Jim Summers, President	Brad Smith, Vice-President
Robert Norris, Treasurer	Glen Chester, Secretary
Jerry Askew, Member-at-Large (late)	Dave Beauvais, Community Org's
Bonnie Bursk, Comm. Prop. Owners	Julie Carson, Member-at-Large (late)
Alexia Cirino, Faith-Based Groups (late)	Pamela Finn, Member-at-Large (late)
John Hegedes, Member-at-Lg. (late)	Eric Mansker, Homeowners
Randall Neudeck, Pres. Emeritus/At-Lg.	Sean Rivas, Parks
John Seletos, Youth Organizations	Tamara Seletos, Students
Norbert Soski, Member-at-Large	Lottie Van Emden, Cultural Arts
Jim Yoder, Seniors	

Board Members absent: Shamica Doty, Business (excused); Mike Kabo, Parliamentarian (excused), Christopher Silvers, Member-at-Large (excused); and Karessa Anne Silvers, Education (excused).

Thirteen of the 24 Board Members were present at the beginning of the Meeting, which is a quorum, and the business of the Council could be conducted.

Also present were 10 Stakeholders and Guests.

**III. Approval of the Minutes (3/13/08, 4/10/08, 5/8/08)**

The following corrections to the March 13, 2008 Minutes were requested:

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The word "acclimation" should be "acclamation";

Page 4, Item #G2: " John Seletos" should be " Norbert Soski";

Page nine, Item # VIII, E, 1): "16156 Devonshire should be replaced by "at the same intersection";

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Page nine, Item #VIII, E, 2):"big" should be "large and non-sufficient mitigation plans have been provided";

Page nine, Item #VIII, E, 3):"is" should be replaced with "\_the current GH ICO\_";

Page ten, Item #VIII, E, 4):"in the GHNNC area by Rinaldi Street and Zelzah Avenue" should be "in the GHNNC area"; and

Page 11, Item #VIII, E, 7): the three paragraphs beginning Mr. Seletos explained with "discussion being the last paragraph," and should be moved to Section 3 on page 9 of 12."

**MOTION** (by Mr. Chester, seconded by Mr. Beauvais): to approve the Minutes of the March 13, 2008 General Board Meeting, with the above corrections.

**MOTION PASSED** unanimously by a voice vote.

The following corrections to the April 10, 2008 Minutes were requested:

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The word "acclimation" should be "acclamation";

Page seven, Item #VIII, B, i), "It was noted by M (unknown) that the report" should be "It was noted by Mr. Barrionuevo that the report";

Page eight, Item #, VIII, B, ii): "**MOTION** (by M(unknown), seconded by M(unknown): to allocate funds for a security patrol" should be "**MOTION** (by Mr. Barrionuevo, seconded by M(unknown): to allocate funds for a security patrol"; and

Page eight, Item #VIII, B, ii): "at a cost of \$250.00 per month for three months, \$1,080 total" should be "at a total of \$1,080.00 for three months".

Parliamentarian Mr. Barbosa declared that the NC's Standing Rules determine whether to mention abstentions in the Minutes. Mr. Summers recommended that we keep mentioning who seconds Motions and refer the above question to the Bylaws Committee.

**MOTION** (by Mr. Chester, seconded by Mr. Beauvais): to approve the Minutes of the April 10, 2008 General Board Meeting, with the above corrections.

**MOTION PASSED** unanimously by a voice vote.

The following corrections to the May 8, 2008 Minutes were requested:

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The word "acclamation" should be "acclamation";

Pages two and three, Item #V, C): "Daniel Reese"'s last name is Ruiz.

Page five, Item # VII, D): “October 4<sup>th</sup> from 10:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.” should be “October 4<sup>th</sup> from 11:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.”; and

Page 14, Item #IX, Board Member Comments): “resigning from the Board, effective immediately” should be “resigning from the Board, effective at the end of the Meeting.”

**MOTION** (by Mr. Chester, seconded by Ms. Bursk): to approve the Minutes of the May 8, 2008 General Board Meeting, with the above corrections.

**MOTION PASSED** unanimously by a voice vote.

#### **IV. Public Comment**

Dario Del Core, LAPD Devonshire Division Senior Lead Officer, (818-756-9011, x1727; cell 818-634-0577), reported that three charges were filed against the St. John Baptist de la Salle Church shooting suspect. Also, recent crime statistics show that crime in our Division is down 5% from last year, especially property crimes, though residential burglaries are up. Four vandalism arrests of local juveniles were made last month in the Chatsworth corridor. More VST (Volunteer Surveillance Team) operations are being done. The LAPD “still stands strongly behind [private] security companies” and he’s “going to try to have the [LAPD] send a letter of support.” Burglars sometimes knock on a door until they determine that no one’s home. Call or e-mail if you have a question or see a suspicious activity, such as casing a home.

Carole Lutness, 38<sup>th</sup> State Senate District Democratic Candidate, distributed campaign literature and introduced herself. She spoke about the economy, the environment, transportation, and felon after-release work issues. She also requested “time on a future Agenda to dialogue with [the NC] about pressing issues.”

Pamela Anderson and Max Kiamanesh, of Bankers Life and Casualty Company, distributed a brochure and an information request form for “The California Partnership for Long-Term Care.” The program is a partnership between the State and various insurance companies to help insure and protect assets, and also helps to reduce tax obligations.

#### **V. Community Speakers**

##### **A. D.O.N.E. (Amelia Herrera-Robles)**

Ms. Herrera-Robles encouraged Board Members to complete the Self-Assessment Survey and submit it to DONE (the L.A. Dept. of Neighborhood Empowerment) (213-485-1360; lacityneighborhoods.com) by June 30<sup>th</sup>, to assess a variety of services and what directions to go.

##### **B. Council District 12 (John Bwarie)**

Mr. Summers requested that the Minutes note Mr. Bwarie's absence and said that he'll call the Council Office about having a representative at these Meetings.

**C. Veterans Triangle Update** (Dr. Carl Melnik, Rotary)

Dr. Melnik gave a Rotary Park update and introduced Gene Behrns, landscape architect, "who's done most of the work." Mr. Burns and another landscape architect have been working together to standardize a Spanish-style design throughout Granada Hills. He showed diagrams and graphic depictions. The Chamber of Commerce, the Business Improvement District, and Old Granada Hills Residents Group, and others have contributed. Permits are taking a long time to obtain. They're working with Michael Espinoza, Grants Program Director, to expedite the process. They'll keep the Christmas tree, but it may be utilized differently due to logistics.

**VI. Officer Reports**

**A. President** – Jim Summers (Agenda and Procedures): Update on survey, ethics, meetings and agenda guidelines.

Mr. Summers said that Board Members need to review the Bylaws revisions, which are available on the NC website. NCs are to provide a forum for Stakeholders and government to the community, not just to allocate money. He stressed an "absolute deadline of ten days before the [General Board] Meeting for Board Members to submit Agenda Items," for several reasons. He'll try to have a preliminary Agenda available one week before each General Board Meeting. Mr. Summers added that it's "up to every single Committee to go to the Outreach Committee to approve your plan." He announced that the Granada Hills Anti-Graffiti Group is working with the LAPD and working to install cameras. Also, the Porter Ranch NC is asking each NC in the Devonshire Division area to allocate \$5,000 to replace Division gym equipment. He urged Board Member Area Representatives to be more in touch with their Area Stakeholders and is "looking forward to our Retreat."

**B. Vice-President** - Brad Smith (GHSNC Awards): Motion: To approve funding for GHSNC Awards (plaques, certificates) not to exceed \$50 per month.

Mr. Smith has discussed with Officer Del Core candidates to be honored by the NC; Mr. Smith would like a small allocation made as a "rolling expenditure of no more than \$50 per month" for this. Ms. Herrera-Robles reminded that allocations cannot be used for gifts. Mr. Summers suggested that the NC could use money from the Outreach budget for this.

**MOTION** (by Mr. Smith, seconded by Mr. Mansker): to allocate no more than \$50 per month for the purpose of the NC honoring people who've been of service to the community.

**MOTION PASSED** unanimously, except for Mr. Norris, who was opposed.

**C. Treasurer** - Rob Norris (Financial Report)

Mr. Norris distributed a “[GHSNC] Budget Report 6-12-08” and noted that the Security Patrol needs to be included in the report of \$150 per month.

**D. Secretary** - Glen Chester

Mr. Chester said that there was no report.

**VII. Board Issues & Updates- Discussion and Possible Action**

**A. Board Member Positions**

1. **Motion:** Approve the resignation of “At Large” Board Member Randall Neudeck.

Mr. Summers introduced and thanked Mr. Neudeck, one of the GHSNC founders. Mr. Neudeck thanked the Board for the opportunity to be of service and announced that he is resigning from the Board. Mr. Summers stated that Mr. Neudeck will still be an ex-officio non-voting Board Member. The Board unanimously accepted Randall Neudeck’s resignation.

2. **Motion:** Approve the nomination of Aaron DeVandry as an “At Large” Board Member replacing Randall Neudeck. (Pending DONE approval)

Mr. Summers introduced Mr. DeVandry. Ms. Herrera-Robles explained that “Mr. DeVandry would have to relinquish his [GHSNC] webmaster position to be a Board Member.” Mr. DeVandry declined to do that and Mr. Summers withdrew the Motion.

3. **Motion:** Approve the assignment of Tamara Seletos as a member of the Outreach Committee (Outreach).

Mr. Summers explained the above.

**MOTION** (by Mr. Summers, seconded by Mr. Mansker): to approve the assignment of Tamara Seletos as a member of the Outreach Committee.

**MOTION PASSED** by acclamation.

**B. 2008-2009 Budget Approval**

Mr. Norris distributed a “[GHSNC] Proposed Budget Fiscal Year 7/1/08 – 6/30/09” and explained that the “Rent” expenditure category is included in case the NC finds the office for which it’s been looking. There was discussion of possible expenses.

**MOTION** to **CALL FOR THE QUESTION** (by Mr. Beauvais, seconded by Mr. Rivas).

**MOTION to CALL FOR THE QUESTION** was **PASSED** with nine in favor, six opposed and one abstention.

There was extensive discussion regarding parliamentary procedure.

**MOTION** (by Budget Committee): to approve the proposed GHSNC Budget for the fiscal year 2008-2009.

**MOTION PASSED** with 11 in favor, three opposed and one abstention.

[The following Agenda Item was addressed after Item VIII, C, 3.]

**C. Board Elections:** Election Procedures Update/Approval

**Motion:** Approve an increase of \$1,000 to the Election Budget as a buffer. (Julie Carson – Elections)

Ms. Carson explained that the NC's Election Procedures are due to **DONE** by June 20<sup>th</sup>, and explained the submission procedure. The NC must meet **DONE**'s deadlines or the NC will have to wait until 2010 to have its next election, which would automatically extend each Board Member's term by two years; "right now we're on track." She's sending the required information to Ms. Herrera-Robles and Jerry Kvasnicka, Independent Elections Administrator, and e-mailing it to Board Members. Ms. Carson distributed a "Board of Directors Election News" flyer and noted that the Committee needs volunteers. Mr. Norris explained that the motion was not needed because the budget that was passed included the additional \$1,000 requested by the Election Committee.

[The following Agenda Item was addressed after Item VII, B.]

**D. Board and Committee Participation:**

**1. Board Participation:** All GHSNC Board Members should actively participate in at least one committee.

Mr. Seletos explained that we need more committee participation from Board Members. Mr. Mansker believes each Board Member should be on two committees "to help get things done."

**MOTION to CALL FOR THE QUESTION** (by Mr. Mansker, seconded by Mr. Seletos).

**MOTION to CALL FOR THE QUESTION** was **PASSED** with 11 in favor.

**MOTION** (by PLUC): requiring all GHSNC Board Members to actively participate in at least one committee.

**MOTION PASSED** with 14 in favor and two opposed.

Mr. Summers requested Board Members to contact him regarding joining a Committee.

2. **Board Committee Participation:** Committee members may be considered for removal after three unexcused absences in a one-year period. Mr. Summers explained that this is a “similar situation as in the [NC].” Mr. Mansker agreed, saying that absences from Committee Meetings “should reflect on membership in the [NC] as well.” Mr. Beauvais believes that this should be referred to the Bylaws and Rules Committee, as it relates to the [NC] Bylaws and Rules. There was discussion regarding whether this Motion is appropriate. Parliamentarian Mr. Barbosa declared that the Motion would be out of order. Mr. Seletos agreed. The Motion was referred to the Bylaws and Rules Committee.
3. **Stakeholder Representatives:** GHSNC Stakeholder Representatives shall give a short report/update at every general meeting. Mr. Summers explained this and Mr. Beauvais agreed.

**MOTION** (by Mr. Summers, seconded by Mr. Beauvais): to require that GHSNC Stakeholder Representatives shall give a short report/update at every General Board Meeting.

**MOTION FAILED** with seven in favor and eight opposed.

**E. GHSNC Board Retreat**

Request for \$600 to fund the Retreat cost. Date: Saturday, July 26<sup>th</sup> from 9:00 a.m.-1:00 p.m., location TBD, awaiting approval. Mr. Rivas is “still looking for a location; it may be here . . . on July 26<sup>th</sup> from 9:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.” He’s only received two suggested topics and encouraged Board Members to submit other topics.

**MOTION** (by Mr. Rivas, seconded by Mr. Beauvais): to allocate \$600 to cover the cost of the GHSNC Board Members Retreat on July 26<sup>th</sup> from 9:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m., at a location to be determined.

**MOTION PASSED** with 11 in favor, one opposed and one abstention.

[The following Agenda Item was addressed after Item VII, G.]

- F. **Granada Hills Holiday Parade:** (Alexia Cirino) - Straw poll – parade theme Ms. Cirino led a discussion regarding Holiday Parade participation. There was discussion regarding whether it would be okay for Clergy wearing their garb to be in the parade. Another concern was brought up regarding copyright issues using a protected slogan.

[The following Agenda Item was addressed after Item VII, E.]

**G. Granada Hills Website:** Website and e-mail Update

Mr. Summers. The website spam blocker seems to be working. Mr. DeVandry appreciates Mr. Rivas' work on the website. The web host limits e-mail accounts to seven for the entire NC; Mr. DeVandry will inquire about the cost of adding e-mail accounts. A discussion ensued about the frequency that Board Members are receiving emails from stakeholders. When a Board Member leaves; it'll be easy to switch to the new Board Member.

**H. Official GHSNC Meeting Recordings:**

1. **Minutes Writer:** To discontinue the use of AppleOne services for Minutes writing due to cost and delivery of Minutes.

Mr. Chester noted that the Board voted three months ago about keeping the Minutes Writer; we should first see if recording equipment is successful before considering discontinuing hiring a Minutes Writer. Mr. Mansker noted that the recording equipment is only approved by the Board for two months and Mr. Beauvais agrees that it would be premature to discontinue the Minutes Writer. It was agreed without objection to **TABLE** this discussion until the next General Board Meeting.

2. **Audio Recordings:** To approve the our purchase of recording equipment not to exceed \$5,000. Funds from General GHSNC Outreach budget.

Mr. Mansker noted that the NC agreed to a two-month trial. It was agreed without objection to **TABLE** this discussion until the next General Board Meeting.

- I. **Outreach Item -Mailer to Stakeholders: Motion:** Outreach item to include GHSNC 2008 Survey, 2008 DONE Stakeholder Survey, GHSNC Pamphlet, Election info and GHSNC Newsletter to be mailed by 3<sup>rd</sup> week of June 2008, costs not to exceed \$6,000.

Mr. Summers related that the GHSNC has released only one Survey so far; we need to reach out to the community. Mr. Norris reminded that the NC needs to use budgeted funds; \$7,000 is allocated for a newsletter next year. Mr. Beauvais inquired where the addresses are coming from. Mr. Summers estimated that a mail list would have all the [local] residences and businesses, and reach approximately 10,000 households.

**MOTION to CALL FOR THE QUESTION** (by Mr. Beauvais, seconded by Mr. Norris).

**MOTION to CALL FOR THE QUESTION** was **PASSED** without any objections / unanimously by a voice vote / by acclamation.

**MOTION** (by Mr. Summers, seconded by Mr. Norris): to approve an Outreach

item to include a 2008 GHSNC Board Members Survey, 2008 DONE Stakeholder Survey, GHSNC Pamphlet, election information and GHSNC Newsletter, to be mailed by the 3<sup>rd</sup> week of June 2008, costs not to exceed \$6,000.

**MOTION PASSED** with 14 in favor and one abstention.

Stakeholder Linda Romney expressed that 132 Survey replies out of 10,000 Stakeholders is not good and the NC needs to do better Outreach; it would do better handing out Surveys instead of distributing a pamphlet. There was discussion regarding Ms. Romney joining the Outreach Committee.

- J. Outreach-PLUC Item: Motion:** Outreach item to approve up to \$300 for refreshments for the L.A. Planning Department's Community Plan Workshop, tentatively, July 29, 2008 at GHCHS. Approximately, 100 stakeholders to attend. Mr. Summers mentioned that this would be good outreach.

**MOTION** (by Mr. Summers, seconded by Mr. Beauvais): to approve up to \$300 for refreshments for the L.A. Planning Department's Community Plan Workshop, tentatively, July 29, 2008 at GHCHS.

**DISCUSSION:** Mr. Soski believes that this would be a "waste of money about other people's Stakeholders." Mr. Beauvais contended that this is a "critical workshop; we'll be discussing the Knollwood Community Plan and they're a part of this community."

**MOTION to CALL FOR THE QUESTION** (by Mr. Smith, seconded by Mr. Rivas).

**MOTION to CALL FOR THE QUESTION** was **PASSED** unanimously by a hand vote.

**MOTION PASSED** with 14 in favor and one opposing.

## **VIII. Committee Reports**

### **A. Outreach Committee** (Sean Rivas)

- 1. Motion:** To approve the new design of the GHSNC Tote Bags  
Mr. Rivas reported that he hasn't received the design yet. It was agreed without objection to **TABLE** this Item.
- 2. Motion:** Request for fund not to exceed \$2,000 for the purchase of Giveaway items. ( Will come out of General Outreach Section in Budget)

**DISCUSSION:** There was extensive discussion regarding this idea. Ms. Herrera-Robles clarified that items are okay to give away as general outreach. Mr. Rivas has "gotten quotes from several local businesses" about the items.

Mr. Soski recommended and it was agreed to change the word “giveaway” to “promotional.”

**MOTION** (by Mr. Rivas, seconded by Mr. Norris): to allocate not more than \$2,000 for the purchase of promotional items, with the funds to come out of the General Outreach Section in the Budget, to be approved by the General Board at the next GHSNC General Board Meeting.

**MOTION to CALL FOR THE QUESTION** (by Mr. Beauvais, seconded by Mr. Norris).

**MOTION to CALL FOR THE QUESTION** was **PASSED** by unanimous hand vote.

**MOTION PASSED** by a unanimous hand vote.

3. **Motion:** To approve the design of the GHSNC Lawn Signs  
Mr. Rivas is contacting companies about this. It was agreed without objection to **TABLE** this Item to the next Meeting.
4. **Motion:** To approve additional funding requested by Tulsa Elementary for installment of school garden Sprinkler system. Funds not to exceed \$1250.  
Mr. Rivas explained the above.

**MOTION** (by Mr. Rivas, there was no second): To approve additional funding requested by Tulsa Elementary [School] for installment of a school garden sprinkler system, with funds not to exceed \$1,250.

**MOTION FAILED**, as there was no second to the Motion, therefore, no vote was taken.

5. Request for a Motion to approve sponsorship for bus transportation of a Tulsa Street Elementary school class to the L.A. Natural History Museum in late June 2008 (Jim Summers, SH request May 8, 2008)  
Mr. Summers explained that NCs cannot support bus trips, according to Ms. Herrera-Robles. No Motion was made.
6. **Motion:** To Approve up to \$1500 for Printing of GHSNC Envelopes & Postcards.  
Mr. Rivas explained that 20,000 envelopes with the GHSNC name on them can be printed for \$625; 1,000 postcards can be printed for \$105-\$165, depending upon the format; and \$1,500 can purchase “a mixture of both” postcards and envelopes. He posted this idea on the NC website and e-mailed all the Board Members about it.

**MOTION to CALL FOR THE QUESTION** (by Mr. Soski, seconded by Mr. Beauvais).

**MOTION PASSED** by a unanimous hand vote.

**MOTION** (by Mr. Rivas, seconded by Ms. Seletos): to approve up to \$1,500 for printing of GHSNC envelopes and postcards.

**MOTION FAILED** with five in favor, seven opposed, and three abstentions.

At this time of 9:04 p.m., Mr. Chester wanted the Minutes to show that Mr. Hegedes and Ms. Herrera-Robles left the Meeting.

[The following Agenda Item was addressed after Item #8, A, 11.]

7. **Motion:** to Request Up to \$250 for Snacks and Beverages for Get Outdoors Day at Granada Hills Recreation Center on Saturday, June 14<sup>th</sup> from 9 a.m.-1 p.m. (part 1)

Ms. Seletos explained the above. There was extensive discussion regarding whether Mr. Rivas presenting this Motion represents a conflict of interest, as he is an L.A. City Recreation and Parks Dept. employee.

At this time, Mr. Summers wanted the Minutes to show that Mr. Mansker left and Ms. Carson arrived at the Meeting.

**MOTION** (by Ms. Seletos, seconded by Ms. Carson): to allocate up to \$250 for snacks and beverages for Get Outdoors Day at Granada Hills Recreation Center on Saturday, June 14<sup>th</sup> from 9 a.m.-1 p.m.

**MOTION FAILED** with six in favor, seven opposed and two abstentions.

8. **Motion:** to approve up to \$20 for the purchase and printing of labels. (part 2)  
It was agreed to **TABLE** this Item.

9. **Motion:** to Request \$2000 for the purchase of giveaway Items.  
Mr. Summers requested and it was agreed to strike this Item from the Agenda, as it is a repeat of Item #2 in this Section.

[The following Agenda Item was addressed after Item #8, A, 6.]

10. **Motion:** to request the purchase of New Graffiti Magnets. Funds not to exceed \$454.65.  
Mr. Rivas explained this. There was extensive discussion regarding the design and effectiveness of the magnets. Ms. Cirino is concerned that the design is unreadable. It was noted that the Granada Hills North NC (GHNNC) had similar magnets printed that were mistakenly printed showing

“GHSNC” which could, therefore, be used by the GHSNC, with the GHSNC reimbursing the GHNNC for the cost of the magnets.

**MOTION to CALL FOR THE QUESTION** (by Mr. Seletos, seconded by Mr. Soski).

**MOTION to CALL FOR THE QUESTION** was **PASSED** by a unanimous hand vote.

**MOTION** (by Mr. Rivas, seconded by Ms. Cirino): to purchase [anti-]graffiti magnets, with an allocation not to exceed \$454.65, the allocation to be taken from the “\$2,000 for the purchase of promotional items” mentioned in Item VIII A 2 above.

**MOTION PASSED** with 14 in favor, one opposed and one abstention.

11. **Motion:** to request \$100 for Brochure and flyer organizers.  
Mr. Rivas explained the above.

**MOTION to CALL FOR THE QUESTION** (by Mr. Askew, seconded by Mr. Smith).

**MOTION to CALL FOR THE QUESTION** was **PASSED** by a unanimous hand vote.

**MOTION** (by Mr. Rivas, seconded by Mr. Smith): to allocate \$100 for brochures and flyer organizers.

**MOTION PASSED** with 12 in favor and four opposed.

Mr. Rivas added that the NC was not noted at the recent big Salute to Recreation event because the NC did not allocate any funds to it, missing an outreach opportunity.

- B. Beautification Committee** Chair: Bonnie Bursk - Meeting June 9, 2008.  
Ms. Bursk voiced that volunteer opportunities are available. The Committee meets the third Monday each month at her office at 6:30 p.m.

- C. Public Safety & Emergency Preparedness Committee** Chair: Jim Yoder

1. **Update of CERT:** How it went? Discussion of possibility of our board joining the Lutheran Church at the corner of Hayvenhurst and San Fernando Mission in the development of an Emergency Response POD on their grounds.

Mr. Yoder mentioned that the CERT (Community Emergency Response Team) program (818-756-9674; cert-la.com, lafdcert@lacity.org) finished for

this class, in which 37 of the 47 original enrollees got completion certificates, and it “went very well.” Refreshments cost less than expected. The program can supply POD (Portable on Demand) kits that include food, tents and medical supplies. Mr. Yoder conducted a straw poll regarding this which indicated that the NC would support purchasing PODs for local distribution.

2. **Request for Funds: Motion:** Addition of \$250 for refreshments at current CERT Training Courses due to increased enrollment. (Jim Yoder)  
Mr. Summers suggested and it was agreed to skip this Item in view of Mr. Yoder’s above update.
3. **Request for Funds: Motion:** Request for financial support to aid West Valley Alliance in graffiti removal, not to exceed \$5,000. (Dave Beauvais)  
Mr. Beauvais explained the how the West Valley Alliance operates and improves the quality of life in Granada Hills South. Ms. Bursk indicated that the funds would be used to help in hiring an additional supervisor who allocates tasks for the removal crews.

**MOTION** (by Mr. Beauvais, seconded by Ms. Bursk): to allocate funds not to exceed \$5,000 to aid West Valley Alliance in graffiti removal.

**MOTION to CALL FOR THE QUESTION** (by Ms. Bursk, seconded by Mr. Rivas).

**MOTION to CALL FOR THE QUESTION** was **PASSED** by a unanimous hand vote.

**MOTION PASSED** with 13 in favor, none opposed, and three abstentions.

**D. Planning & Land Use Committee (PLUC)** Chair: John Seletos

**1. Building and Safety Violations – Update**

Mr. Seletos introduced the Item. Mr. Askew explained that there hasn’t been good Community Plan monitoring; he’s started a mediation plan with Frank Bush, Chief Inspector, L.A. Building and Safety Dept. Code Enforcement Bureau (213-252-3930; frank.bush@lacity.org). We don’t want to make it harder on businesses; we’re only focusing on “long-standing issues” and complaints. It’ll take time; a number of businesses are being investigated and Mr. Mansker is putting a list together. Mr. Seletos pointed out that there’re many businesses out of compliance and he’s discussing it with the Chamber of Commerce. Some businesses went all the way through the process to open before a Stakeholder complained and the “businesses were told they can’t operate.” The NC must “work through the vehicle of the Community Plan” and they’re trying to make the process less severe on new businesses.

At this time of 9:50 p.m., Mr. Chester wanted the Minutes to show that Ms. Van Emden

left the Meeting.

2. **Mario de Campos Trail – Mission Point – Previous Motion** Approved by GHSNC 1/10/2008: “GHSNC encourages Michael Antonovich's office to work with Southern California Gas Company and the Granada Hills Neighborhood Councils to improve the Mario de Campos trail for the good of youth and community”. **Status:** May 5, 2008 letter from The Gas Co. to County Supervisor Michael D. Antonovich stating that, “The Gas Company must continue to maintain its facilities for the purposes of assuring the integrity of the gas supply system, but will not undertake to facilitate access to or through its property for other purposes”. Motion for GHSNC, in a desire to support the equestrian, elderly and youth users of the Mario de Campos trail, request The Gas Company consider moving a small portion of their fence to allow easier access to Mission Point. John Seletos (GHSNC Board Member) is willing to exchange property that he owns in the Lankershim Ranch area (APN 2336-019-009) for the land requested which will then be donated for public use. GHSNC is willing to provide up to \$5,000 to The Gas Company for repositioning of their fence (Pending DONE approval).

**MOTION** (by Mr. Smith, seconded by Mr. Beauvais): for the GHSNC, in a desire to support the equestrian, elderly and youth users of the Mario de Campos trail, to request that The Gas Company consider moving a small portion of their fence to allow easier access to Mission Point. John Seletos (GHSNC Board Member) is willing to exchange property that he owns in the Lankershim Ranch area (APN 2336-019-009) for the land requested, which will then be donated for public use. The GHSNC is willing to provide up to \$5,000 to The Gas Company for repositioning their fence, pending DONE approval.

**MOTION to CALL FOR THE QUESTION** (by Mr. Beauvais, seconded by Mr. Rivas).

**MOTION to CALL FOR THE QUESTION** was **PASSED** by a unanimous hand vote.

**MOTION PASSED** with 11 in favor, two opposed, and one abstention.

#### **IX. Board Member Comments**

Ms. Carson said that we need more promotional items and event participation. Mr. Smith would like to adjourn the Meeting later in honor of Mr. Neudeck's community service. Mr. Rivas thanks the Salute to Recreation volunteers. Mr. Norris will resign as Treasurer as soon as there's another volunteer. Mr. Soski related that, at the recent new high school groundbreaking ceremony on Balboa Blvd., the NC was represented by two Board Members. Mr. Yoder reminded that Ms. Anderson and Mr. Kiamanesh left information about their program.

#### **X. Agenda Items for next General Meeting & Committee Meetings**

Mr. Beauvais: an NC Bulk Mail Permit; and, support for an October 4<sup>th</sup> Street Faire booth, not to exceed \$2,500.

Ms. Cirino: the Holiday Parade.

Ms. Carson: election procedures approval.

Ms. Bursk: the private security patrol.

Mr. Rivas: the Retreat; and, he'll present a letter confirming that his presenting the Motion regarding the conflict of interest and his work as the parks representative and an employee of the Department of Recreation and Parks.

**XI. Closing Remarks & Adjournment**

Mr. Summers declared and it was agreed to **ADJOURN** the Meeting at 10:07 p.m.