Minutes of the General Board Meeting of the
GRANADA HILLS SOUTH NEIGHBORHOOD COUNCIL (GHSNC)
March 6th, 2014
Granada Hills Charter High School

Call to Order
President Dave Beauvais called the meeting to order at 6:35 p.m. Held in room A5 as Rawley Hall was double-booked.

Roll Call
Roll Call was taken by Secretary Anthony Matthews.

| P | President: Dave Beauvais (Community Org.) | A | Suraj Khurana (Students) |
| P | Vice President: Brad Smith (Member-at-Large) | P | Sally Kolstad (Education) |
| P | Secretary: Anthony Matthews (Member-at-Large) | P | Joel M. Lyle (Member-at-Large) |
| P | Treasurer: Brandon Schindelheim (Member-at-Large) | P | Deron Lopez (Youth Organizations) |
| P | Jerry Askew (Business) | P | Bob Luszczak (Member-at-Large) |
| P | Bonnie M. Bursk (Commercial Prop. Owners) | P | Eric Mansker (Homeowners) |
| P | Krisna Crawford-Velosco (Member-at-Large) | E | Ross Turmell (Member-at-Large) |
| P | Arthur A. Daush (Seniors) | A | Daniel Wall (Member-at-Large) |
| P | Jett Dunlap (Member-at-Large) | P | Cindy Wu Freedman (Member-at-Large) |
| P | Gina Greschner (Renters) | P | Debbie Wubben (Recreation/Cultural Arts) |
| P | Bob Hudson (Faith Based) | A | Michael J. Kabo (Parliamentarian) |

P: Present, E: Excused, A: Absent
Approval of Minutes

Motion to approve minutes of the February 6, 2014 General meetings (Mansker/Bursk) approved unanimously by voice vote.

Public Comment:

Dave noted that four of the newly elected board members were in attendance: Varun Khurana, Mike Benedetto, Rene Trinidad, and Jim Summers.

Andrea Reynolds, from El Oroway Elementary, spoke seeking a board NPG for the school P.E. program. It was stated that funding for this fiscal year was largely allocated, and that a grant could be considered in July. (This comment applies to all other speakers today requesting NPG funding).

Ernie Hilger spoke about the DSS County program where individuals can fund college for youths in foster care.

John Cicarelli from the GH Business Improvement District spoke about the initiative at the Chatsworth/White Oak intersection. They are close to getting a permit for the project but there have been cost overruns due to required safety improvements and also the addition of a plan for a Town Clock. John will return in July to remake the request.

Debbie Forstall came to discuss funding for a July 4th event.

Becky Leveque from Supporters of Law Enforcement at Devonshire came to talk about the refurbishment of the Community Policing Center. The trailer needs $40K, of which they have already raised $15K. She discussed the SOLED pancake breakfast.

Anthony Milanes of Valley Academy of Arts and Sciences came to thank GHSNC for its previous NPG of $1000, and to report that with the aid of these funds, the Robotics Program was going to attend the State championship next weekend. He hopes to continue this work with additional funding.

Community Speakers:

Council District 12 – Tania Oronoz

Tanya spoke on the LA City Council’s activities. The Council supports banning the use of E-Cigarettes as with other types of smoking. The Council supports SB 3676 banning cell phone use on commercial airplanes. The Council supports the Earthquake Affordability Act which guarantees debts for catastrophic losses. The Council is looking at distributing free smoke detectors. The Council has supported the LAFD’s development of a metric system tracking response effectiveness (similar to the successful program implemented by LAPD). The City Attorney is seeking mediators and will provide free training. The Councilmember is taking the initiative to get to know each area in the District.

VI. Officer’s Reports

President Dave Beauvais noted that Ethics training is required for new Board Members.

Secretary Anthony Matthews confirmed that he will be on the Board next year.

DONE Representative Melvin Canas noted that finance/funding training is also required of new Board Members.
Board Issues & Updates:

1. Review and approval of U.S. Bank purchasing card transactions, bank statement, February monthly expenditures and budget report including potential reallocations and unencumbrances to existing budget (Brandon Schindelheim). (Schindelheim/ Luszczak) Passed 14/0/0.

2. Report on election results from March 1st, 2014. DONE Representative Melvin Canas informed the Board that a challenge had been filed to the recent election results, and that he hoped this would be resolved in time to seat the new Board at the next Board Meeting.

3. Discussion and possible Board Action to approve up to $100 for the joint-Council Faith-based luncheon scheduled for March 12, 2014. (Hudson/Matthews) passed 16/0/0.

4. Discussion and possible Board Action to approve an additional $1500 funding for Friends of the Granada Hills Library. Funding will go to purchase of additional books for the Granada Hills Library. (Wu Freedman/Mansker) Passed 14/0/1, Matthews, Wubben recusing.

5. Discussion and possible Board Action to approve up to $800 for an Eagle Scout project at Granada Hills Charter High School. Funds will be dedicated to purchase of materials to landscape the planter running along Zelzah Ave. on the NE side of the school. (Matthews/Lopez) Passed 16/0/1, Smith recusing.

6. Discussion and possible Board Action to approve up to $500 for Citrus Sunday. Funds will be dedicated to advertising the event in targeted areas of Granada Hills. (Mansker/Hudson) Passed 16/0/1.

7. Discussion and possible Board Action to approve up to $500 for the Granada Hills Recreation Center’s Spring Egg Hunt on April 12, 2014. Funds will be dedicated to decorations and materials for the event. (Crawford-Velesco/Wubben) Passed 17/0/0.

8. Discussion and possible Board Action to approve up to $2000 to support the Valley Academy of Arts and Sciences’ Lacrosse team. Nami Wang and her son Brian speaking for the team. Funds will be dedicated to the sports program. (Lyle/Mansker) Passed 16/0/2.

9. Discussion and possible Board action to approve up to $2000 to support Granada Hills Charter High School’s Spring production of “Into the Woods”. Funds will be dedicated to purchase of costumes for the musical. Jennifer de Costa speaks for the school. (Lopez/Luszczak) Passed 16/0/1.


11. Discussion and possible Board action to approve response to William Kuzmin’s grievance dated February 8, 2014. (Beauvais/ Crawford-Velesco) Passed 15/0/3.

Motion to adjourn 9.35 pm (Smith/Wubben) unanimous.

Respectfully submitted

Anthony Matthews, Board Secretary