I. Call to Order and the Pledge of Allegiance
   Vice-President Jerry Askew called the Meeting to order at 6:40 p.m. The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Cindy Wu Freedman.

II. Roll Call
   Roll Call was taken by Mr. Askew. Thirteen of the 18 Board Members were present at the beginning of the Meeting: Jerry Askew, Michael Benedetto, Bonnie Bursk, Jett Dunlap, Gina Greschner, Varun Khurana, Sally Kolstad, Deron Lopez, Eric Mansker, Jim Summers, Rene Trinidad, Ross Turmell and Cindy Wu Freedman. Brandon Schindelheim arrived later. Board Members absent: Krisna Crawford-Velasco, Arthur Daush, Anthony Matthews and Brad Smith (all excused). The GHSNC quorum (the minimum number of Board Members needing to be present to take binding votes on Agendized Items) is 11 (see http://empowerla.org/wp-content/uploads/2012/09/GranadaHillsSouthNC-Bylaws.pdf), so the Board could take such votes. Eighteen of the 21 Board Seats were filled. Three Board Seats (Community Organizations; Member at Large; and Faith-Based) were vacant. Also attending: 34 Stakeholders and Guests.
III. Minutes Approval

MOTION (by Ms. Greschner, seconded by Mr. Mansker): The Granada Hills South Neighborhood Council approves the Minutes of its April 13, 2014 General Board Meeting with the following correction: page four, Safety and Public Health: “A volunteer team are acting as crosswalk guards” should read “It was discussed that a volunteer team could act as crosswalk guards.”

MOTION PASSED by a hand vote with 11 in favor; two abstained (Lopez and Wu Freedman).

MOTION (by Mr. Mansker, seconded by Ms. Greschner): The Granada Hills South Neighborhood Council approves the Minutes of its May 1, 2014 General Board Meeting with the following corrections: page one, Roll Call: Sally Kolstad and Deron Lopez were both absent (excused), not present; page two, Public Comments: “William Cuzman” should read “William Kuzmin”; page two, Council District 12: “SOLED pancake breakfast” should read “SOLID pancake breakfast”; and page three, Officer’s Reports Item #1. d.: “Director Askew” should read “Director Smith.”

Board Member Brandon Schindelheim arrived at this time, making 14 Board Members present (the GHSNC quorum is 11).

MOTION PASSED by a hand vote with 11 in favor; one abstained (Lopez).

IV. Public Comment

Mr. Askew reported that the PLUM Committee met last night. He indicated that this Agenda’s Items VIII F. c) through i) are removed from this Agenda. Stakeholder Anthony Miland of the Valley Academy of Arts and Sciences Robotics Program said that last year the GHSNC allocated $1,000 in funding to them, which was used for materials. He will be asking for funding of up to $3,200. Mr. Askew explained the need to first ask and Mr. Miland agreed to contact the Education Committee. Ms. Wu Freedman requested and Mr. Miland agreed to provide more information and present again. Stakeholder William Kuzmin believed that his October 2, 2013 Grievance recommendations regarding the Bylaws are “still not addressed.” Dave Beauvais, President, Old Granada Hills Residents Group, reported that the May 18th Citrus Sunday was “a great event . . . with . . . Food Forward . . . they collected over 12,000 pounds of fresh fruit” and nine other Neighborhood Councils collected another 12,000 pounds for a total of around 24,000 pounds distributed to a local food bank.

V. Community Speakers

(1) Council District 12 – Tania Oronez

Ms. Oronez was not present and there was no report.

(2) LAPD Senior Lead Officer- Dario Del Core

Dario Del Core, LAPD Devonshire Division Senior Lead Officer (office 818-756-9011, x1727, mobile/text phone 818-634-0577; 27286@LAPD.LACity.org), introduced LAPD Lt. Boe Adams (818.832.0296; 25933@lapd.lacity.org) of the Gang Impact Team. Lt. Adams said “Devonshire continues to do very well . . . vehicle thefts and residential burglaries . . . have greatly decreased this year . . . Granada Hills is standing out in particular as a real safe place to be.” He explained that the federal definition of “aggravated assaults” changed to include more crimes. He reported that “gang crimes” are less than half of the amount last year. The
LAPD is “forming Community Impact Teams” and they want feedback “about what you perceive the problems to be.” He cautioned that “anytime you sign up for anything . . . there’s multiple websites” on which your information can be found; anyone “can find out . . . about anybody in here.” Lt. Adams encouraged reporting graffiti by calling 818.832.1131. Officer Del Core confirmed that if a teacher is assaulted on the job it can be reported like any other crime. Mr. Askew reminded that the Police have Basic Car Meetings every month.

(3) Discussion with the Office of the City Attorney regarding the Brown Act, including tips on preparing and writing an agenda. This discussion may also include a general question and answer session with the Office of the City Attorney on rules impacting the Neighborhood Council, including the Public Records Act, the conflict of interest rules, the City Charter, the City’s Administrative Codes, and the Plan for a Citywide System of Neighborhood Councils.

Darren Martinez, L.A. Deputy City Attorney, Neighborhood Council Advice Division (213-978-8132; Darren.Martinez@LACity.org; http://atty.LACity.org/Community_Services/Neighborhood_Councils/index.htm), accompanied by fellow Deputy City Attorney Alois Phillips (213-978-8132; Alois.Phillips@LACity.org), distributed copies of “Neighborhood Council Agenda Preparation” and about the Brown Act and conflict of interest laws. Mr. Martinez reminded that “with the Brown Act everything requires a notice.” He encouraged accurate description of Agenda items, including who, what, when, why and how much funding. He described all the ways to count Motion votes so that not every name needs to be called, for example, by first asking for opposing and abstention votes. Mr. Kuzmin asked questions to which Mr. Martinez agreed to later respond.

Joe Hari, L.A. Dept. of Neighborhood Empowerment (DONE) (213-978-1551; Joseph.Hari@LACity.org), confirmed that Agendas can continue being posted at five physical locations or at one physical location and the GHSNC website and “send it to NCSupport@LACity.org at least 72 hours in advance.” Mr. Martinez added that “you’re not required to take Minutes at the Committee level . . . though it’s a good practice.”

VI. Board Issues and Updates
1. Oath of office and/or appointment and confirmation of new Board Members/assignments.

Member at Large – Jeffrey Bohrer and Member at Large Community Interest – Cindy Wu Freedman. As per Neighborhood Council election rules, Ms. Wu has been designated as the Community Interest representative, leaving a vacancy in the At-Large seat category, and as the next runner-up candidate based on the election results, Mr. Bohrer will occupy that At-Large seat vacancy.

Member at Large: Pending
Faith-Based: Pending

Mr. Askew explained that Jeffrey Bohrer is the Board Member at Large and that the Board Member at Large Community Interest is Cindy Wu Freedman. Mr. Bohrer was unable to attend this Meeting; he will be administered the Oath of Office at the next Board Meeting.

2. Review and approval of: Monthly Expenditure Report (MER), including Purchase Card bank statement for the month of May; may include potential reallocations/unencumbrances to existing budget. See attachment and Budget Committee report for detailed information. (Schindelheim).

Mr. Schindelheim reviewed recent expenses and funding reallocations.
FUNDING MOTION (by Mr. Schindelheim, seconded by Mr. Turmell): The Granada Hills South Neighborhood Council approved its updated Budget Report and its May Monthly Expenditure Report.

DISCUSSION: Mr. Hari explained that leftover funds would be swept back to the City and may or may not be redistributed to DONE, possibly for increased staffing.

FUNDING MOTION PASSED unanimously by a roll call vote of the 13 eligible voters present with all 13 in favor (“Yes” or “Aye”) (Askew, Benedetto, Bursk, Dunlap, Greschner, Kolstad, Lopez, Mansker, Schindelheim, Summers, Trinidad, Turmell, Wu Freedman). Mr. Khurana was ineligible to vote due to not yet being of age (18) to vote on financial matters.

3. Presentation by GHHS Basketball Camp staff and students; note that this is a community recreation program that has been supported by the GHSNC in the past. No financial allocation; will be referred to Education Committee. (Lopez)

Mr. Lopez introduced Assistant Coach Alex Ferozni. Mr. Ferozni described the program “open to all skill levels” and its benefits. The GHSNC logo would be on various materials including basketballs and shirts. Last year they had “about 85” participants. It is staffed by paid coaches and volunteers. Mr. Lopez said that “local businesses” will fund it and CD12 will be asked for funding. A Neighborhood Purposes Grant (NPG) application has been completed for the GHSNC. Mr. Schindelheim explained that this will be considered for funding from next Fiscal Year’s [starting July 1st] Budget.

VII. Officers’ Reports
1. President – absent; excused. Please note that President has met with representatives of Council District 12, California State University Northridge, Granada Hills Chamber of Commerce, Granada Hills Business Improvement District, and Valley Academy of Arts and Sciences in the past weeks. President also volunteered at Citrus Sunday drive May 5; GHSNC banner was displayed. Mr. Askew indicated that there were no officers’ reports other than the above.

2. Vice-President: Discussion of GHSNC agenda email policy (see related item VIII-C-d).
   See VII. 1.

3. Treasurer
   See VII. 1.

4. Secretary:
   See VII. 1.

VIII. Committee Reports
A. Beautification
   a) Report from the Beautification Committee. There will not be any Board action on this item.
   There was no report at this time.
B. Budget
   a) Report from the Budget Committee (May 29 meeting) on the proposed Budget for
      the Fiscal Year 2014-15, including a recommendation on allocating $37,000 to
      several budget categories, including, [see the below Motion]. Possible action by
      the Board on the Budget Committee recommendations, including adoption of a
      Attached is the Fiscal Year 2013-14 Budget and April 2014 Budget Report.  
      [This Agenda Item was addressed after Item #VIII F. b)] Mr. Schindelheim
      reviewed proposed allocations. Mr. Hari announced that DONE will be requiring
      the annual strategic plan and outreach budget “by the end of August.”

      **FUNDING MOTION** (by the Committee): The Granada Hills South Neighborhood
      Council approves its proposed Fiscal Year 2014-2015 Budget, including a
      recommendation on allocating $37,000 to several budget categories, including,
      but not limited to, operations, outreach, improvement projects, neighborhood
      purposes grants, and for hiring a Minutes Taker and Accountant through the
      authorized temporary staffing services of the Department of Neighborhood
      Empowerment (“DONE”).

      **DISCUSSION:** Mr. Schindelheim and Mr. Askew described the increased
      workload on the Treasurer and Secretary due to increased requirements. There
      was extensive discussion of merits and concerns of paying for Minutes writing
      and Treasurer help.

      **MOTION to CALL FOR THE QUESTION** (by Mr. Lopez, seconded by Ms. Wu
      Freedman).

      **MOTION to CALL FOR THE QUESTION PASSED** by a hand vote with 12 in
      favor (“Yes” or “Aye”); two abstained (Benedetto and Trinidad).

      **MOTION to AMEND** (by Mr. Smith, seconded by Mr. Mansker).

      **AMENDMENT to the FUNDING MOTION PASSED** by a roll call vote of the 13
      eligible voters present with 11 in favor (“Yes” or “Aye”) (Askew, Bursk, Dunlap,
      Kolstad, Lopez, Mansker, Schindelheim, Summers, Trinidad, Turmell and Wu
      Freedman); two abstained (“No” or “Nay”) (Benedetto and Greschner). Mr.
      Khurana was ineligible to vote due to not yet being of age (18) to vote on
      financial matters.

      **AMENDED FUNDING MOTION PASSED** unanimously by a roll call vote of the
      13 eligible voters present with all 13 in favor (“Yes” or “Aye”) (Askew, Benedetto,
      Bursk, Dunlap, Greschner, Kolstad, Lopez, Mansker, Schindelheim, Summers,
      Trinidad, Turmell and Wu Freedman). Mr. Khurana was ineligible to vote due to
      not yet being of age (18) to vote on financial matters.

C. Bylaws and Rules
   a) Report from the Bylaws and Rules Committee. Recommendation from Bylaws
      Committee passed a Motion to approve the current Bylaws dated 01/26/2014.
      Bonnie Bursk made the Motion to approve the Bylaws and Rules dated
      01/26/2014 (2nd by Dave Beauvais) Motion Carried.
      Mr. Mansker reported that the “Factual Basis Stakeholder” definition was
      replaced by the City Attorney by an “at large community interest” definition in the
Bylaws Article IV pages four and five. He described other required revisions and the need to adopt the January 26, 2014 Bylaws version provided by DONE.

**MOTION** (by the Committee): The Granada Hills South Neighborhood Council accepts the recommendation from its Bylaws Committee to approve the current Bylaws dated 01/26/2014.

**MOTION PASSED** by a roll call vote of the 14 eligible voters present with 13 in favor (“Yes” or “Aye”) (Askew, Benedetto, Bursk, Dunlap, Greschner, Khurana, Kolstad, Lopez, Mansker, Schindelheim, Trinidad, Turmell, Wu Freedman); one abstained (Summers).

Mr. Askew requested and Mr. Mansker agreed to send the January 26, 2014 version of the Bylaws to the Webmaster for website posting.

**D. Education**

a) Report from the Education Committee. There will not be any Board action on this item. Ms. Kolstad indicated that there was no report at this time.

**E. Outreach**

a. Report by chair regarding Amgraph payment - Possible Board action [see the below Motion].

**FUNDING MOTION** (by Mr. Summers, seconded by Mr. Dunlap): The Granada Hills South Neighborhood Council authorizes a $285 payment to the Amgraph Group, Ontario, California; for City of Los Angeles permit fee for GHSNC banners on street lamp poles.

**FUNDING MOTION PASSED** unanimously by a roll call vote of the 13 eligible voters present with all 13 in favor (“Yes” or “Aye”) (Askew, Benedetto, Bursk, Dunlap, Greschner, Kolstad, Lopez, Mansker, Schindelheim, Summers, Trinidad, Turmell, Wu Freedman). Mr. Khurana was ineligible to vote due to not yet being of age (18) to vote on financial matters.

b. Report regarding the GHSNC summer movie night status and schedule. Possible Labor Day.

A report was made.

**F. Planning and Land Use** - On each of the reports listed below, the Board may take possible action conveying the Board’s recommendation to the City of Los Angeles.

a) **Report** (June 4 Committee meeting) regarding proposal for Chatsworth & Zelzah - Los Angeles People St. program. - Consideration of a proposal to repurpose the right turn bypass lane serving the SE corner of Chatsworth and Zelzah as a pedestrian oriented public space under the City’s “People St.” initiative.  

[This Agenda Item was addressed after Item #VI 3.] Mr. Askew reported that there was a great “People Street Plaza” proposal meeting. Stakeholder Jake, a local business owner, expressed that he and others are opposed to the project because he believes related street closures will reduce their business and cause safety and security problems. Mr. Askew noted that funding could help the BID (Business Improvement District), the establishment and maintenance of parklets...
and crosswalks, and beautification projects on Chatsworth Street and more. Ms. Bursk reported that the Granada Hills Improvement Association “voted against the project”; she described long-term efforts of local businesses to shape and maintain the area. Stakeholder Carl reported that the Granada Hills Rotary Association also opposes the project. Mr. Askew indicated that this Item will be further considered in Committee and re-Agendized for Board consideration.


Mr. Askew reported that the project was presented to the Planning and Land Use Committee. Walter Gaworecki of Synergy Development Services (818.840.0808; WGaworecki@synergy.com), a Verizon Wireless representative, distributed copies of project photos and diagrams. He reported that he received feedback at the Committee Meeting that the location is good because foliage will help hide the 45-foot tall cell tower. He described mitigations that they will do and that the tower would be located “by the corner of Woodley and Devonshire, one property north at the Woodley Community Church.” He relayed that Verizon “told the Church that they will repair” the existing cell tower covering originally erected by AT&T and now owned by Crown Castle, which had fallen into disrepair, “to look like a natural tree.” If Verizon does not, “the Planning Department can pull the Permit and make them take down the tree.” He explained that the public notification process is through other private companies. There will be a July 1st Hearing. Mr. Gaworecki said “we abide by the FCC guidelines” and offered to provide health-related information. He indicated that the towers are engineered to City guidelines about the ability of cell towers to withstand wind gusts of up to 90 miles per hour.

**MOTION** (by the Committee): The Granada Hills South Neighborhood Council has no opposition to the proposed cell tower at 10341 N. Woodley Ave. (ZA-2014-1075-CUW) with the following stipulations:
1. Require socks to cover and improve the camouflage of the antenna elements.
2. Require foliage to cover the CMU enclosure.
3. Require 20’ setback of equipment enclosure from property line.
4. Require maintenance of the tower to retain quality of camouflage.

This language is tentative pending any stakeholder input at the General Board Meeting.

**DISCUSSION:** Mr. Askew explained the stipulations.

**MOTION to AMEND** (by Mr. Mansker, seconded by Ms. Bursk): to remove the final sentence so that the main Motion reads: The Granada Hills South Neighborhood Council has no opposition to the proposed cell tower at 10341 N. Woodley Ave. (ZA-2014-1075-CUW) with the following stipulations:
1. Require socks to cover and improve the camouflage of the antenna elements.
2. Require foliage to cover the CMU enclosure.
3. Require 20’ setback of equipment enclosure from property line.
4. Require maintenance of the tower to retain quality of camouflage.
**AMENDMENT to the MOTION PASSED** by a roll call vote of the 14 eligible voters present with eight in favor (“Yes” or “Aye”) (Askew, Benedetto, Bursk, Khurana, Lopez, Mansker, Schindelheim and Trinidad); six opposed (“No” or “Nay”) (Dunlap, Greschner, Kolstad, Summers, Turmell and Wu Freedman).

**DISCUSSION:** Mr. Askew clarified that a “yes” vote on the main Motion would allow stipulations to be communicated to the City.

**AMENDED MOTION PASSED** by a roll call vote of the 14 eligible voters present with 12 in favor (“Yes” or “Aye”) (Askew, Benedetto, Bursk, Dunlap, Greschner, Khurana, Kolstad, Lopez, Mansker, Schindelheim, Trinidad and Turmell); one opposed (“No” or “Nay”) (Summers); one abstained (Wu Freedman).

c) **Report** regarding Citywide Zoning Code Revision (CPC-2014-1582-CA) Regarding comprehensive revision of the City's 1946 zoning code to implement the City's general plan and other long range planning goals.  
Mr. Askew said in above Item #IV. Public Comment that this Agenda Item is removed from this Agenda.

d) **Report** regarding City Planning Condition Compliance Unit - Report on the Department of City Planning's Condition Compliance Unit (CCU). The CCU's primary function is to provide oversight over entitlements, including Conditional Use Permits. Possible Board action conveying the Board's recommendation to the City of Los Angeles on this project. 
Mr. Askew said in above Item #IV. Public Comment that this Agenda Item is removed from this Agenda.

e) **Report** regarding Above Ground Facilities ordinance - Report on the status of revisions to the City's Above Ground Facilities (AGF) ordinance. Possible Board action conveying the Board's recommendation to the City of Los Angeles on this project. 
Mr. Askew said in above Item #IV. Public Comment that this Agenda Item is removed from this Agenda.

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g) **Report** regarding Code LA - Report on City efforts to revamp the Los Angeles Zoning, Planning and Building / Safety code. 
Mr. Askew said in above Item #IV. Public Comment that this Agenda Item is removed from this Agenda.

h) **Report** regarding Granada Hills Knollwood Community Plan - current status of the new Community Plan. Discussion and possible action to research elements of the plan and/or establish / express the Neighborhood Council’s position with respect to elements of the plan.  
Mr. Askew said in above Item #IV. Public Comment that this Agenda Item is removed from this Agenda.
i) Report regarding Community Care Facilities Ordinance (CCFO) - current status of the CCFO. Discussion and possible action to research elements of the ordinance and/or establish / express the Neighborhood Council’s position with respect to elements of the ordinance. Mr. Askew said in above Item #IV. Public Comment that this Agenda Item is removed from this Agenda.

G. Public Safety and Emergency Preparedness
   a) Report on Committee’s accomplishments during the past two years, including but not limited to our prior CERT Classes, the recent pedestrian activated crosswalk at Chatsworth and Yarmouth and interactions with various departments in the City of Los Angeles. Mr. Turmell noted the above.

   b) Report on Committee’s web page found on the internet at: http://ghsnc.org/Committees/publicsafety-and-emergency-preparedness/ and Committee recommendations on improvements to the GHSNC Public Safety and Emergency Preparedness section of the GHSNC website, possible Board action approving editing or adding information to the website. Mr. Turmell described proposed website changes.

   MOTION (by the Committee): The Granada Hills South Neighborhood Council to authorize Board Member Ross Turmell to make changes to the website regarding Public Safety and Emergency Preparedness activities.

   MOTION PASSED unanimously by a roll call vote of the 14 eligible voters present with all 14 in favor (“Yes” or “Aye”) (Askew, Benedetto, Bursk, Dunlap, Greschner, Khurana, Kolstad, Lopez, Mansker, Schindelheim, Summers, Trinidad, Turmell and Wu Freedman).

   c) Report on Committee’s recommendations regarding Community Emergency Response Teams (CERT) classes. CERT classes are taught by Fire Department and provide first-aid training. The Committees recommendation may include proposed dates and locations for the CERT classes. Possible Board action [see the below Motion].

   FUNDING MOTION (by the Committee): The Granada Hills South Neighborhood Council approves support for conducting CERT classes, including allocating an amount not to exceed $500 for the class.

   DISCUSSION: Mr. Turmell described the administration of the class.

   FUNDING MOTION PASSED unanimously by a roll call vote of the 13 eligible voters present with all 13 in favor (“Yes” or “Aye”) (Askew, Benedetto, Bursk, Dunlap, Greschner, Kolstad, Lopez, Mansker, Schindelheim, Summers, Trinidad, Turmell, Wu Freedman). Mr. Khurana was ineligible to vote due to not yet being of age (18) to vote on financial matters.

   d) Report on Committee’s recommendations for a GHSNC Public Safety and Emergency Preparedness Committee Member as a representative at the following neighborhood watch meetings that each happen once a month. Senior
IX. **Board Member comments**, announcements and agenda Items for next general meeting and Committee meetings.
Ms. Kolstad commented that Arthur Daush received a community service award. Ms. Bursk encouraged responding to electronic bullying of local businesses and people about the proposed Streetscape project or other issues. Mr. Dunlap noted the outreach challenge of having Board Meetings here versus the former Pavilion location which had much more foot traffic; he encouraged efficiency of Meetings. Mr. Askew agreed and encouraged Committees to have discussion that do not need to happen at Board Meetings. He relayed from Mr. Smith a reminder that the Bylaws require a minimum of Board Meetings attendance by Board Members. Mr. Mansker reported that some funds can be rolled over to the next Fiscal Year if certain qualifications are met and approved by DONE; he will report back to the Board. Ms. Wu Freedman encouraged having literature at the front of the Meeting room where Stakeholders arrive. Mr. Turmell encouraged letting him know of traffic safety concerns, especially about food trucks. Mr. Benedetto recommended distributing Stakeholder surveys at events such as food truck nights rather than using more expensive U.S. Postal Service mailing. Mr. Summers offered to assist in maximizing outreach work.

X. **Adjournment**

    **MOTION** to ADJOURN (by Mr. Khurana, seconded by Mr. Mansker).

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

    The Meeting was **ADJOURNED** at 9:58 p.m.

Minutes written by DL, edited by GHSNC Board.

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**Approved by Board Secretary**  
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