

5-16-13 GENERAL BOARD MEETING MINUTES – NEW HORIZONS – SAM’S CAFÉ
TAKEN BY MINUTE TAKER – DEBBY WAGGER

1. Call meeting to order – Robin Tyler 6:30PM
 - a. Pledge of Allegiance – Led by Robin Tyler
 - b. Officer/board member roll call
Robin Tyler/Present
Marina Adlivankina/Present
Mary Armenteros/Present
Anita Goldbaum/Present
David Hyman/Present
Frank Klein/Present
John McGovern/Present
Deborah Stevens/Present
Nancy Xander/Present
Debra Francisco/Present
Jaynee Thorne/Absent
Tino Julian/Absent

Residents/Stakeholders in attendance – count – 24
Mike Kabo/Parliamentarian/Present
 - c. Approval of Minutes 4-18-13 GBM
The minutes were approved unanimously.

2. PRESENTATIONS

Conner Evert of the Southern California Watershed Alliance gave an outline of the Water Tunnel Project. This is a rehash of a 1982 proposal which was defeated by voters. Governor Brown wants to build two giant tunnels which would be 40 feet high, 35 miles long, and 150 feet underground to ferry water from the Sacramento Delta area southward. Los Angeles ratepayers would pay 75% of the cost which will run into the billions, but it will not benefit them. The water will benefit agribusiness, new development, and fracking in the Central Valley. Conner gave his website, deltatunnelsboondoggle.com, for more information.

3. PUBLIC SPEAKERS

- a. Realtor Mike Galieote reported on real estate trends in North Hills. Inventory of homes for sale is historically low. Interest rates are good and there is strong demand. Home values have gone up about 17% to 18% from this time last year. It’s a seller’s market with sellers receiving multiple offers. The percentage of foreclosed homes for sale has declined. Rental demand is also strong.

b. Representatives from GHSNC to update and advise on the Granada Hills/Knollwood Community Plan/boundary change/Devonshire Street on the north, Lassen Street on the south, 405 Freeway on the east and Balboa Blvd. on the west and possible impact on NHWNC Council File #13-0460. Council File Title: Granada Hills/Community Naming or Renaming

Sam Kwasman announced that they had gotten over 560 signatures on a petition to change boundaries and name from North Hills to Granada Hills and respectfully asked for a letter of support from NHWNC. The area in question is part of the Granada Hills/Knollwood Community Plan so it was a mistake for it to be known as North Hills. There is no cost to remove several signs.

Jerry Askew of GHSNC's Planning & Land Use Committee said there were no objections from GHSNC to this change.

c. New Horizons/Aida - Aida was not present.

d. Representative from Congressman Tony Cardenas Office - The representative was not present.

e. Mindy Lake of State Assemblyman Adrin Nazarian's office reported on a fracking bill, AB 649, which would mandate no use of fresh water for fracking. The bill went to the Appropriations Committee. There are four proposed bills on fracking which may be combined.

f. Megan Cottier from Mitch Englander's office said that he is busy this time of year as the Vice Chair of the Finance Committee. At the upcoming Valley Family Festival, stakeholder Peggy Burgess will receive an award.

4. OFFICER REPORTS

a. President
Tino Julian was not present

b. Vice President/Acting President

Robin Tyler noted that one of the secretary's jobs is to respond to urgent emails and mentioned that the Rules & Elections Committee (REC) must make any changes by June 1st. There are two REC meetings scheduled on May 17th and May 22nd, both at the Balboa Fire Station from 6:30 p.m. to 9:00 p.m.

c. Rules & Elections Committee

Chair Nancy Xander printed copies of the draft bylaws and welcomed input. Bylaw changes are due by June 1st.

Glenn Bailey advised that at the next meeting of BONC they will ask for a deadline extension for 30 days because of the upcoming elections.

c. Secretary Debra Francisco had no report.

d. Treasurer

Mary Armenteros said that there is \$1,347 left in this year's budget. Projected expenses are about \$500 so there will be some \$800 left.

1. Motion to approve April 2013 NHWNC expenditures, p-card statement and other financial matters.

Anita Goldbaum made the motion, seconded by Deborah Stevens – 10-Yes – 0-No – 0-Abstentions
It passed unanimously.

5. MAYOR'S BUDGET REPORT (ADVISORY INFORMATION)

a. Budget Advocate Glenn Bailey received an email from Co-chair Jay Handel saying that the City Council approved funding for Budget Advocates and BONC. There will be a training session on Saturday which Mary Armenteros and Anita Goldbaum will attend.

6. PUBLIC COMMENTS ON NON-AGENDIZED ITEMS

Stakeholder Jim Cockerell expressed disappointment about the board's fighting. Mort Goldstein stated his disappointment regarding the board's great start and disappointment in the board's disagreement.

7. OLD BUSINESS

a. Discussion and possible action/motion regarding the mural ordinance CF-11-0923

Robin Tyler moved: NHWNC strongly objects to murals on single family homes and duplexes, and will send a letter to Councilmember Englander. The motion was seconded by Debra Francisco. It passed by a vote of Yes: 9, No: 0, and Abstain: 1.

- b. Discussion and possible action/motion regarding the Water Tunnel Project

Robin Tyler moved: NHWNC opposes the Water Tunnel Project and strongly states that Los Angeles County citizens should not pay for water they are not getting – 10-Yes – 0-No – 0-Abstentions The motion passed unanimously.

- c. Motion to permanently combine both the Emergency Preparedness and Public Safety Committee into one. Deborah Stevens made the motion, with a second by John McGovern – 10-Yes – 0-No – 0-Abstentions. The motion passed unanimously.

- d. Motion to disencumber the allocation for the \$1,800 to publish the Westsider so that funds can be spent on other needed items before the end of the fiscal year

Anita Goldbaum explained that the Westsider will not be ready for print by June 14th so the money should be used for other things such as for advertising & outreach, such as promotional items for the Greek Festival, Valley Family Festival and Senior Dance.

Anita moved: NHWNC disencumbers the Westsider allocation of \$1,800 because it is not ready for print. Debra Francisco seconded.

Nancy Xander moved to table the motion because she has written the Westsider and is working with Mike Khalid to put photos in and get it printed by next month. David Hyman seconded. The motion passed by a vote of Yes: 6 and No: 4, so the prior motion was tabled.

- e. Motion to approve \$200 to create a design and make a new banner for NHWNC

Robin Tyler made the motion, with a second by Debra Francisco – 10-Yes – 0-No – 0-Abstentions. The motion passed unanimously.

- f. Motion to reallocate the \$1,800 to Outreach/Advertising for promotional items including new banners, T-shirts, hats for board members and volunteers and Public Safety promotional items. This motion was withdrawn.

- g. Motion to disencumber the allocation for \$600 for Beautification

Mary Armenteros made the motion, with a second by Debra Francisco. 10-Yes – 0-No – 0-Abstentions. It passed unanimously.

- h. Motion to reallocate the \$600 to Operational Expenses for new laptop for Treasurer and/or other Operations categories including additional funds for Retreat if needed - Mary Armenteros made the motion, with a second by Debra Francisco – 10-Yes – 0-No – 0-Abstentions. It passed unanimously.

8. NEW BUSINESS

a. Discussion and possible action send letter to Fire Station #87 advising that Northridge East NC and North Hills West NC will share their facility for meetings

This is not a required action but a matter of courtesy per Grace Liu. Robin Tyler moved that NHWNC should send letters to DONE and NENC, with a second by Deborah Stevens. – 10-Yes – 0-No – 0-Abstentions It passed unanimously.

b. Motion to create a new permanent Legislative Committee

Robin Tyler made the motion with a second by Anita Goldbaum. Stakeholder Garry Fordyce opposed the idea. David Hyman stated that a board of 12 people is too small to have another committee. The vote was Yes: 5 and No: 5, which meant that it failed according to the parliamentarian.

c. Motion to appoint Robin Tyler as Chair of the Legislative Committee The motion was withdrawn.

d. Motion to approve the factual basis stakeholder resolution as proposed by DONE/BONC and send letter. Robin Tyler made the motion, with a second by Nancy Xander 10-Yes – 0-No – 0-Abstentions. It passed unanimously.

e. Discussion and possible action/motion to establish a monthly committee night, wherein all committees will meet at one location, at various time intervals in lieu of separate committee meetings/note there will be a 5 minute break between the start of each meeting and there will be no overlap

Debra Francisco made the motion, with a second by Mary Armenteros 10-Yes – 0-No – 0-Abstentions. It passed unanimously.

f. Motion to create an Ad Hoc Board Retreat Committee to organize a Board Retreat scheduled for June 29th Mary Armenteros made the motion, seconded by Anita Goldbaum 10-Yes – 0-No – 0-Abstentions. It passed unanimously.

g. Motion to appoint Mary Armenteros as Chair of the Board Retreat Committee Anita Goldbaum made the motion, seconded by Deborah Stevens 10-Yes – 0-No – 0-Abstentions It passed unanimously.

h. Motion to use any excess funds anticipated by May 31, 2013 by the Treasurer to be allocated to Budget Advocates and Congress of Neighborhoods in equal portions up to \$250 each Mary Armenteros made the motion with a second by Anita Goldbaum 10-Yes – 0-No – 0-Abstentions It passed unanimously.

9. COMMITTEE REPORTS

PLANNING AND LAND USE (PLUC)

a. Update and advise regarding developer Mordichai Brafman's proposal to build 10 houses located at 15717 Tupper St. Case # APCNV-2013-1276-ZC-ZAA. John McGovern reported on a PLUC meeting with the developer. PLUC is opposed to this project. The project will be discussed again at the next GBM.

b. Update and advise on Holy Martyrs School regarding request to expand This matter was tabled.

EMERGENCY PREPAREDNESS/PUBLIC SAFETY

a. Update and advise on CERT pilot training program

Deborah Stevens is still working on setting up the program with the City and will ask for volunteers to sign up at the next GBM.

b. Update and advise to post class schedules available to residents/stakeholders on our website. In addition to sending email about classes, the information will also be posted on the website.

EVENTS/MARKETING/OUTREACH

a. Update and advise on other areas of concern discussed at the committee meeting Anita Goldbaum is working on a brochure about NHWNC and getting two quotes from printers. Volunteers are needed to staff the booth at the Greek Festival from May 25th to 27th. May 31st is the Senior Dance and people are encouraged to attend and support Peggy Burgess. NHWNC will have a booth at the Family Fest on June 1st and 2nd. Volunteers are needed to staff this booth also.

10. ADJOURNMENT - The meeting was adjourned at 9:08 p.m.