

**DRAFT GRVNC BUDGET COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES**  
**12/8/2005**

1. Meeting called to order by CJ Cole at 8:45 am.
2. In attendance: Committee Members - CJ Cole, DeDe Audet, Challis Macpherson, Sylviane Dungan. Absent: Richard Myers, Suzanne Thompson, Edward Ferrer. Public: None.
3. The Minutes of the 11/10/2005 meeting of the Budget Committee were approved as written.
4. Requests from Board Members and Committee Chairs for budget allocations:
  - a. Sylviane requested business cards for each Board member. It was brought up that DONE may provide business cards to Neighborhood Council Board members. CJ will contact DONE for further information on how to request and the cost. Sylviane would like to see the map of her district on the back of her cards.
5. Old Business:
  - a. CJ reported that she has received part of the required documentation and is waiting for the remainder from Suzanne Thompson in order to submit the Demand Warrant Request to DONE for payment of the outstanding commitments made by the 2003-2004 GRVNC Board to Cafe 50's for Thanksgiving Dinners (\$600 paid by Don Geagon) and to SPARC for a Holiday Presentation (\$1000) as approved by the current Board at their 11/15/05 meeting.
  - b. Challis expressed the need to purchase the direct-feed recorder that was approved in the 2nd Quarter Budget at the last Budget Committee meeting and by the Board on 11/15/05. Challis will work with Phil Rader to procure the equipment.
6. Public Comment:

None
7. New Business:
  - a. The Committee discussed a concept of monthly educational seminars (possibly combined with other neighboring Councils) for Board members. Challis proposed that we have the first one on "Understanding the City Planning Department - the Planning Process and Planning Guidelines." Knowledgeable outside speakers (perhaps a forum) could be utilized. It was suggested that they be on a Saturday morning followed with afternoon break-out sessions that were community specific. The concept was referred to the Events Committee Chair, Naomi Nightingale.
  - b. Sylviane described her concept for a "Trash Can" Community Project that would involve a competition between the Venice High School art students and local artists to design the receptacles that would be distributed throughout Venice. She will present an outline of her proposal at the next Budget Committee meeting. There would be a need for additional funding for the program. Challis will work on a list of grant possibilities for this project (and other future projects).
  - c. The need for more visible/interesting posting places for GRVNC bulletins was discussed. The idea of centrally-located kiosks was suggested. The Library has dedicated a portion of their bulletin board to GRVNC ... giving it an "identity" was discussed.
8. The meeting was adjourned at 10:15 am.