

# CITY OF LOS ANGELES GREATER VALLEY GLEN COUNCIL

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Terry Anderson	Aram Alepyan
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Douglas Breidenbach	Maria Denis
Carlos Ferreyra	William Fishman
Stanley Friedman	Ted Goldberg
Matthew Giaba	Steven Hamm
Eli Kademian	Hafeed Kardouh
Charlotte Laws	Montie Mazo
Chris Mushyan	Gary Popenoe
Kathleen Schwartz	Bruce Thomas
Karo Torossian	Chris Ueland
Vic Viereck	Abdul Zohbi

## MINUTES GVGC BOARD MEETING

Monday, October 6<sup>th</sup>, 2008

Los Valley College, Cafeteria Conference Room  
5800 Fulton Avenue, Valley Glen, Ca 91401

AGENDA ITEMS 1: Meeting called to order by Council President, Terry Anderson at 7:00PM, followed by Pledge of Allegiance and Roll Call.

Roll Call of Members, Present: Terry Anderson, Fernando Ayala, Douglas Breidenbach, Maria Denis, Carlos Ferreyra, William Fishman, Stanley Friedman, Ted Goldberg, Steven Hamm, Eli Kademian, Hafeed Kardouh, Charlotte Laws, Montie Mazo, Chris Mushyan, Gary Popenoe, Kathleen Schwartz, Bruce Thomas, Chris Ueland, Vic Viereck, Absent: A. Alepyan, K. Bada, M. Giaba, Karo Torossian, Abdul Zohbi

AGENDA ITEM 2: Public Comments: Judy Price stated that all Public Comments should have the name of the speaker and a brief summary of their comments as part of Minutes of the Board Meeting.

AGENDA ITEM 3: Laura Davidson, Field Representative of Councilperson Wendy Greuel spoke of upcoming Community Events: Community Fair on Sunday October 19 at Valley Glen Park, City and County of Los Angeles sponsored Children's Day on November 22, Senior Action Fair on Friday November 7 at Van Nuys-Sherman Oaks Park from 8:30AM to PM, Children's Health Services at Laurel Park on October 11 from 10AM to 2PM

NOTE: The voting on Motions in the following agenda items were preceded by discussion among the Board Members and General Public followed by a motion to vote on the original motion which originated the discussion.



AGENDA ITEM 4: Motion by Charlotte Laws and seconded by Vic Viereck that the Minutes of the September 8, 2008 be approved as amended. Motion Passed

AGENDA ITEM 5: The Treasurers Report was presented with line review by Vic Viereck. The dates on which encumbrances were authorized were omitted. Judy Price said she will work with Vic Viereck on establishing the dates they were authorized. Carlos Ferreyra moved and Douglas Breidenbach seconded that the Treasurers Report be accepted. Motion Passed

AGENDA ITEM 6: Senior Lead Officer Report: Officer Ron Carter was not present. Senior Lead Officer DuVally addressed the crime issues in the Greater Valley Glen Area: Crimes in general are down 66 to 57 incidents when the months of October and to September are compared to each other, there were 4 robberies around Laurel Park, a number of car break-ins, a Task Force is being formed to address the issues at Cambridge Farms, homeless people are still a problem, and there was double homicide in the area. See Agenda Item 10

AGENDA ITEM 7: President Terry Anderson address the following issues as they effect the Community and the Board: more active in the Community, Board Member participation and attendance at Committee Meetings and the problem of absence, without a quorum the Committees can't function and that is a great inconvenience to the members that do show up, that absence from 3 meetings is grounds for removal from the Board, the Board will continue to meet in the Cafeteria Board Room through the end of the year and then move to a different room as yet undetermined , and other miscellaneous items.

AGENDA ITEM 8: Board Member Comments:

Charlotte Laws suggested that Stakeholders be allowed to address the Board earlier in the meeting.

Bruce Thomas would like the Board to support various causes that impact the Greater Valley Glen area.

Carlos Ferreyra vision statements should be very specific and discussed earlier in the meeting.

Hafeed Kardouh would like to see the Board reach out to community businesses.

Kathleen Schwartz would like to see the Board support local causes. (see Agenda Item 14)

AGENDA ITEM 9: Vision and Specific Goals Statement:

- a) Public Safety Committee: Steven Hamm and Bruce Thomas expanded on agencies to be part of outreach. Carlos Ferreyra suggested that Neighborhood Watch programs should also be part of outreach. Judy Price commented on various items in the Statement. Carlos Ferreyra moved and Douglas Breidenbach seconded that the Public Safety Committee statement be accepted. Motion Passed.

***Vision And Specific Goals Statements Attached As Exhibit A.***

- b) Community Outreach Committee: Chris Ueland expanded on the presentation items. Chris Ueland moved and Charlotte Laws seconded the Vision and Specific Goals statement be accepted. Motion Passed

***Vision And Specific Goals Statements Attached As Exhibit B.***

- c) Government Relations Committee: Charlotte Laws reviewed the Statement. Carlos Ferreyra suggested that the Statement should include some reference to reach out to Stakeholders, Gary Popenoe should state what it is trying to do, Montie Mazo suggested

that the Committee should hold open houses so various interest could address the Community; Terry Anderson stated that it didn't have real outreach statement to the Stakeholders. Charlotte Laws then proposed amendments to the statement. Charlotte Laws moved and Gary Poponoe moved that the Statement be accepted as amended. Passed

***Vision And Specific Goals Statements Attached As Exhibit C.***

- d) Business and Promotion & Development Committee: Carlos Ferreyra explained the intent of the statement. Moved by Carlos Ferreyra and seconded by Montie Mazo to accept the Statement. Motion Passed

***Vision And Specific Goals Statements Attached As Exhibit D.***

- e) Beautification Committee: No presentation, deferred to November meeting.
- f) Planning and Land Use Committee: Douglas Breidenbach stated that it is difficult to define specific goals as this Committee reacts to construction and other land use issues as they occur. It was referred back to Committee.

AGENDA ITEM 10: Report on Ad Hoc Committee re Cambridge Farms Recycling Issue Maria Denis indicated that the City Attorney's Office and the Los Angeles Police Department have formed a Task Force to address the issues and are in discussion with the owners of Cambridge Farms. Tim Siato of the City Attorney's Office stated that this is a quality of life issue and steps are being taken to correct the problems, but it will take some time. See Agenda Item 6

AGENDA ITEM 11: Taneda K. Larios, DONE Project Manager was not present

On Saturday, October 11, 2008 will be the Mayor of Los Angeles will be Mayors Budget Day which will take place at City Hall in the Council Chambers from 7:30AM to 10:45AM.

On the same day, at 9:30AM to 3PM will be a meeting of Congress of Neighborhood Councils also at City Hall.

AGENDA ITEM 12: Report Council Member Greuel's Office. See Agenda Item 3 for Report by Laura Davidson, Field Deputy for the Council Member.

AGENDA ITEM 14: A Public Safety Committee

1. Bruce Thomas moved, and Steven Hamm, seconded, on behalf of said Committee that the Council authorizes the purchase of an additional 100 Neighborhood Watch Signs for \$2,479.00. Judy Price asked if that was a fixed price and was assured by Terry Anderson that it was. Motion Passed
2. Motion made and seconded that the Greater Valley Glen Council authorize the Public Safety Committee to work with the Senior Lead Officers in putting together a Neighborhood Watch Welcoming Basket for new Neighborhood Watches in the Greater Valley Glen area and further authorize the Committee to write letters and make appropriate contacts to accomplish this goal; budget not to exceed \$1,000; Unanimously approved.

3. Steven Hamm, moved and Douglas Breidenbach, seconded that Greater Valley Glen Council work with the Los Angeles City Fire Department to name Fire Station 102, on Burbank Boulevard, The Valley Glen Fire Station and name Fire Engine 102 the Valley Glen Fire Engine and to organize a dedication/presentation ceremony and public reception and present the United States and California Flags, so generously presented to the GVGC by Assembly Member Krekorian to Fire Station 102, appropriately encased and a plaque noting the flags as a gift from Assembly Member Krekorian, and the Greater Valley Glen Council. Assembly Member Krekorian, Mayor Villarogosa, Council Member Greuel and other Community Leaders will be invited to participate in the Ceremony. Committee be given the authority to write appropriate letters and make necessary contacts to ensure the success of this presentation. The cost not to exceed \$500.00. Motion Carried: 18 yes, 1 no, no abstentions.
4. Bruce Thomas, moved, and Steven Hamm, seconded, that the Greater Valley Glen Council sponsor a Greater Valley Glen Community Safety Fair and Pancake Breakfast in April/May 2009 with the Safety Fair hosted at Valley College and opening the Safety Fair with a Community Pancake Breakfast hosted at LA Fire Station 102 across the street from the Safety Fair: with proceeds from the Pancake Breakfast to be used to supplement personal supplies and needs for Fire Station 102. Details and budget to be submitted to the Board subsequently, authority to write appropriate letters and make appropriate contacts requested, budget to be submitted at a later date. Motion passed

#### B Government Relations Committee

1. FORMS 52/700: Charlotte Laws stated that the GVGC oppose any requirement that Neighborhood Council Board Members fill out Form 52 or Form 700. The Neighborhood Councils are advisory in nature and Board Members are unpaid volunteers. Requirements related to Form 52/ or Form 700 would hinder participation in the Neighborhood Council system. Douglas Breidenbach, moved, and Carlos Ferreyra, seconded, the recommendation of the GVGC oppose any requirements on Form 52 Form 700. Motion passed
2. GVGC sponsor California Clean Money Workshop  
Clay McFarland and Judy Branfman spoke and explained the purpose and goals of the California Clean Money proposal was to publicly fund elections and remove the influence of remove the influence of parties with agendas to contribute money to Political Candidates. Judy Price questioned whether GVGC funds can be used for such a purpose.

Charlotte Laws, moved, and Carlos Ferreyra, seconded, that the Council support such an effort. Motion carried: For 18, Against 1, Abstentions 0

Terry Anderson, relinquished the gavel, and moved that prior motion be amended to include "such Workshop be held in Valley Glen", Charlotte Laws seconded. Motion passed

### C Beautification Committee Report

Committee did not meet due Jewish and Muslim holidays

### D Planning & Land Use Committee

The Barbara Ann Appeal against the construction of the apartment complex was successful, as it was ruled the permit was issued in error. However, the builder is appealing the ruling.

### E Community Outreach & Neighborhoods Committee

MOTION ITEM: Chris Ueland, moved, and Kathleen Schwartz, seconded, that the Greater Valley Glen Council Community Outreach and Neighborhoods Committee be given \$1,500.00 for promotional items and fliers to be ordered subject to prior Committee approval. Once these funds have been spent, the Committee may come back for to the Board for additional funds. Committee will report to the Board on expenditures monthly. In addition to Board Member comments, Clay McFarland and Judy Price spoke in support of the Motion. Motion passed.

### Valley Community Fair

Chris Ueland reported on the Fair which was sponsored by Assembly Member Krekorian and Council Member Wendy Greuel.

He stated that in addition to himself, William Fishman, Terry Anderson, Carlos Ferreyra and Steve Gonzales helped out.

### AGENDA ITEM 15: Committee Restructuring Report

Plum Committee recommendation withdrawn

President recommends that the Rules & Bylaws Committee be a standing committee which will meet on irregular basis. Moved by William Fishman and seconded by Ted Geldberg, recommendation passed

President recommends that Bruce Thomas and Steven Hamm be Co-Chair of the Public Safety Committee. Moved by by Douglas Breidenbach and seconded by Ted Gledberg that the Presidents recommendation be approved. Motion passed

### AGENDA ITEM 16: Disposition of Neighborhood Council (NC) election material.

Carlos Ferreyra stated that he has possession of the election material.

Moved by William Fishman and seconded by Chris Ueland, that Carlos Ferreyra maintain custody of the election material. Motion passed

AGENDA ITEM 17: Next Board meeting will be on November 3, 2008 at 7PM, please be on time

Meeting adjourned at 9:45PM

- Exhibit A -

## **PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE**

### COMMITTEE VISION STATEMENT

To create an open communication between all of the public safety entities and the stakeholders of the Greater Valley Glen Community; to promote and inspire involvement and new and existing Neighborhood Watch groups; and to engage, sponsor and co-sponsor Community outreach programs to these ends.

### COMMITTEE SPECIFIC GOALS STATEMENT

(SPECIFIC PROJECTS AND EVENTS TO BE ACCOMPLISHED IN THE NEXT 2 YEARS)

1. To promote local Public Safety Entities to all Stakeholders;
2. To raise Stakeholder awareness of programs offered by Public Safety Entities;
3. To work with Public Safety Officials to bring about a Partnership between Stakeholders, the Community and all of the Public Safety Entities serving them;
4. To develop Neighborhood Watch groups in every neighborhood in Greater Valley Glen;
5. To encourage Emergency Preparedness programs for Stakeholders through the Neighborhood Watch groups;
6. To encourage Earthquake Emergency preparedness for Stakeholders through the Neighborhood Watch groups;
7. To support, co-sponsor and provide financial assistance to National Night Out Programs held in Greater Valley Glen through the local Neighborhood Watch groups;
8. To sponsor a Greater Valley Glen Safety Fair and Community Pancake Breakfast benefiting Valley Glen Fire Station 102

- Exhibit B -  
Community Outreach and Neighborhoods Committee  
GVGC COMMITTEE

COMMITTEE VISION STATEMENT

Facilitate communication with the stakeholders of Greater Valley Glen  
by creating community awareness and encouraging participation.

COMMITTEE SPECIFIC GOALS STATEMENT  
(SPECIFIC PROJECTS AND EVENTS TO BE ACCOMPLISHED IN THE NEXT 2 YEARS)

1. Grow the e-mail list. Currently @ 250 - 400 February '09 - 600 June '09 - 750  
February '10 - 900 June '10
2. Keep website current and up to date
3. Promote town hall events in conjunction with other committees
4. E-mail agendas and news flashes to the email list
5. Conduct "Public Officials night"
6. Introduce the neighborhood to community organizations - like ARC

- Exhibit C –  
- **Government Relations Committee**  
Submitted by Charlotte Laws, Chair

COMMITTEE VISION STATEMENT

The Greater Valley Glen Council's Government Relations Committee empowers stakeholders with opportunities to weigh in on public policy and government-related issues. The full Greater Valley Glen Council will then send recommendations to local and state officials in the form of community impact statements as well as written and verbal correspondence.

COMMITTEE MISSION STATEMENT OF SPECIFIC PROJECTS AND EVENTS TO BE  
ACCOMPLISHED IN THE NEXT TWO YEARS

The GVGC Government Relations Committee will:

1. Keep up-to-date on City Council proposals and agenda items.
2. Weigh in on important issues.
3. Write proposals as needed.
4. Host public events and workshops in Greater Valley Glen Council to accomplish the above vision statement;
5. Periodically reevaluate the committee's mission statement and make changes as needed.

- Exhibit D -  
Business Promotion and Development  
GVGC COMMITTEE

COMMITTEE VISION STATEMENT

To create a channel for communication between the Business Community, the Greater Valley Glen Council and all Stakeholders.

COMMITTEE SPECIFIC GOALS STATEMENT  
(SPECIFIC PROJECTS AND EVENTS TO BE ACCOMPLISHED IN THE NEXT 2 YEARS)

1. To promote the businesses of the Greater Valley Glen Council area to all stakeholders and to determine the number of Commercial and Home based businesses in Greater Valley Glen;
2. To raise awareness of the stakeholder status of the business community in the Greater Valley Glen Council;
  - A. Identify business/merchant leader for ethnic business community; and
  - B. Sponsor and conduct "Q" conditions seminar (affects Valley Glen area only).
    - a. Develop Q condition violation procedure.
3. To work with government agencies and commercial enterprise to bring unique and desirous businesses to the Greater Valley Glen Council area.
  - A. Appoint committee member representative to VICA/Economic Alliance
    - a. Carlos Ferreyra chosen by committee.
4. To work with other Greater Valley Glen Council. committees for business outreach opportunities.