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Terry Anderson	Fernando Ayala
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Charlotte Laws	Larry G. Jorgenson
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Gary Popenoe	Kathleen Schwartz
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MINUTES

7:00 PM

MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 14, 2009

VALLEY COLLEGE

FACULTY LOUNGE CONFERENCE ROOM

5800 FULTON AVENUE

VALLEY GLEN, CALIFORNIA 91401

1. Call to Order at 7:15PM, followed by the Pledge of Allegiance, and Roll Call; Present: Terry Anderson, Doug Breidenbach, Malky Kertis, Maria Denis, Stanley Friedman, Ted Geldberg, Larry Jorgenson, Hafeed Kardouh, Charlotte Laws, Montie Mazo, Chris Mushyan, Kathleen Schwartz, Karo Torossian, Chris Ueland, Vic Viereck. Absent: Fernando Ayla, Carlos Ferreyra, William Fishman, Eli Kademian, Cary Popenoe, Bruce Thomas.

NOTE: On all voting matters, APPROVED means by “unanimous vote” and CARRIED by “majority vote”

2 Presentation of City Resolutions of Appreciation to Abdul Zohbi and Benjamin Goldblatt for service to the GVGC Board and Community by Antonio Sanchez, East Valley Director for Mayor Antonio Villaraigosa postponed as Mr. Sanchez was delayed and will be rescheduled.

3. Other Special Presentations: Terry Anderson informed Capt. James that arrangements have been made with VGNA to issue 4 checks requested (totaling \$1,484.94 with a remaining balance of \$1,276.06) from the April 25, 2008 Pancake Breakfast.

4. Guest Speaker: **Laurette Healy** – the Community Leader who championed the successful effort to incorporate the southern area of Van Nuys (which adjoins Greater Valley Glen on our West side) into Sherman Oaks. She also announced that Grants are available to retrain people in the Renewable Energy field.

5. LAPD Senior Lead Officers’ Reports; None

6. Reading of Outstanding Minutes: of July 6 and 14, 2009; possible motions; Minutes of July 6 were withdrawn as there was no quorum present.

Moved by Ted Geldberg and seconded by Charlotte Laws that Minutes of July 14, 2009 be accepted as presented. Motion Carried.



7. Treasurer's Report: possible motions:

No financial report for September 2009

Treasurer, Vic Viereck presented a report "Budget and Expenditure" report for the Fiscal Year ended June 30, 2009.

Vic Viereck moved and Doug Breidenbach seconded: The Minutes of the July 14, 2009 Meeting authorized expenditures not to exceed \$250.00 for the National Night Out Program to be held on or about August 4, 2009. The Neighborhood Block Party on Sunday August 9, 2009 was included in that authorization. Approved: For 13 Against 0 Abstain 1

8. Government Reports:

Council District 2 Report: Field Deputy Laura Davidson indicated that she is leaving to go attend school. Call the Council District if in need of help. Laura Davidson then spoke about the CD2 's annual Community Clean Up Day on Saturday, September 26, 2009 with the kick-off at Valley College. Everyone is invited to participate.

State Assemblymember Paul Kerkorian's Report: Karo Tarossian reported that our representative sponsored a number of bills including renewable energy, talent scam prevention and safe street forum.

State Senator Alex Padilla: Special Assistant Lara L Larramendi reported that the Special Session of the Legislature dealt with Water Issues, Bond Financing, interest problems on bond issued and sponsored a bill dealing with "emergency preparedness re Mobile Home Parks and issues dealing with the upcoming National Census.

Done Report: Taneda Lanos, Project Coordinator. Discussed the delay in payment indicting That there are 3 people involved in the process and have been overwhelmed, Outreach for upcoming Neighborhood Council elections, the need to send in picture copy of the Neighborhood Watch sign and how to promote upcoming National Census.

Other Government Reports: None

9. Presidents Report: Welcomed Board Members for 2009/2010 season.

Indicted that there still vacancies on the Board (2 Business Seats, 1 Education Seat, 1 Youth Seat and Area 4 Homeowner Seat). All suggestions are welcome.

President Anderson nominated/moved Malky Kertis for the Homeowners Seat Area 4 and seconded by Maria Denis. Motion Carried.

Board and Committee Meeting Rooms will be emailed to all members within the week.

Committee assignment changes: Kathleen Schwartz to Land Use, Hafeed Kardouh will be reassigned to another Committee. In case of conflict of interest in the Land Use Committee, Vince Stamboni will replace Kathleen Schwartz and Chris Ueland will replace Christopher Allen respectively as designated alternate in matters pertaining to the Dasher Lawless project.

Restructuring of Committees: The President recommends and it was moved by Montie and seconded by Karo Torossian that Committee restructuring and assignment changes as follows:

1. Merge Business Promotion & Development and Government Relations Committees into one new Committee = Government and Business Relations Committee:
Charlotte Laws, Chair and Carlos Ferreyra, Co-Chair;
Newly formatted Committee to conform more closely to local issues relating to the City, the Valley and Valley Glen; and to present at monthly Board Meetings copies of all Council File items filed; to monitor the City Council on all matters relating to the Community or Citywide and report on same to the Board; to liaison with the local business community as to the business community's concerns and to develop a strong local business community. The Committee Members of both Committees will be members of the new Committee;
2. Refer all matters relating to Q conditions and Q Conditions enforcement into the Planning and Land Use Committee; and require the Committee to develop a web site outline of the Q Conditions and a complaint form for Q Conditions violations on the GVGC web site;
3. Chris Ueland to Chair South East Valley Development Committee;
4. Public Safety: Jean Sinatra nominated as Co-Chair.
Public Comments: None
Board Member Comments: None
Motion approved

Budget Day Representatives: Chris Mushyan moved and Charlotte Laws moved that Vic Viereck and Montie Mazo are the GVGC Representatives. Carried

Valley Glen Bridge/Wash: Terry Anderson stated that construction was delayed for 8 months due to State Budget cuts but the monies have been restored.

10. Public Comments: None
11. Board Member Comments: None
12. Consent Calendar:
 - A. **PLANNING AND LAND USE:** The Greater Valley Glen Council strongly opposes the Motion (Council File#09-1784) on the part of Councilmember Jose Huizar (14th district) that proposes an in-lieu fee that would be paid by developers in order to reduce the required number of parking stalls at future developments, that would be placed in a special fund within the DOT for public transit improvements. Councilmember Huizar moves that the Council request that DOT report on the feasibility of such a plan.
 - B. **GOVERNMENT RELATIONS:** That the Greater Valley Glen Council hereby demands that before any increase in parking meters and/or fees, the city conducts a thorough survey of the potential costs and effects of such changes, and submits the reports of such studies to neighborhood councils and chambers of commerce in the affected areas;

C. **ELECTION:** That the GVGC Board approves and ratifies the following items relating to the 2010 Election and authorizes that this approval be forwarded to the Los Angeles City Clerk: The attached map of the Greater Valley Glen Council boundaries is true and correct and endorsed by the GVGC Board.

1. GVGC election sites of Los Angeles Valley College and/or Erwin Street Elementary School for the 2010 elections submitted on August 11, 2009; and
2. The attached map of the Greater Valley Glen Council boundaries is true and correct and endorsed by the GVGC Board.

D. **OUTREACH:** That the Greater Valley Glen Council approve and authorize that we replenish the Community Outreach Account in the amount of \$1,500 to be expended by resolution of the Community Outreach and Neighborhoods Committee for general and miscellaneous items pertaining to Outreach; and That all said specific expenses shall be paid pursuant to approval of the GVGC Community Outreach and Neighborhoods Committee by Committee Resolution forwarded to the GVGC Treasurer.

Public Comments: None

Board Comments: Doug Breidenbach and Vic Viereck spoke to the issue of items.

Doug Briedenbach moved and Larry Jorgenson seconded. Carried.

13. Community Outreach and Neighborhoods Report;

A. General Committee Status Report; None

B. **PROPOSED MOTION:** that the Greater Valley Glen Council authorize GVGC co-sponsorship of a candidate debate or forum between the 2 finalists candidates, in the event that a run-off election is required after the September 22, 2009 election, for the 2nd District Council seat set for Valley College Monarch Hall on Monday, November 30, 2009 or such other date(s) as negotiated by the participating Neighborhood Council Presidents and Valley College Associated Students Union, and That the proposed candidate debate or forum may be co-sponsored by other Neighborhood Councils and Valley College Associated Student Union.

That a sum not to exceed \$3,500 be appropriated for the total GVGC costs associated with the proposed event, and that said sum shall also include the expenses associates with some Community Outreach which also will highlight other upcoming GVGC programs, activities and events as well as the costs actually associated with co-sponsorship of the proposed Candidate debate or forum; and That all said specific expenses shall be paid pursuant to approval of the GVGC Community Outreach and Neighborhoods Committee by Committee Resolution forwarded to the GVGC Treasurer. So moved by Terry Anderson and seconded by Ted Geldberg.

Public Comments: None

Board Members Comment: Doug Breidenbach, Karo Torossian, Vic Viereck,
Montie Mazo

Motion Approved

- C. Terry Anderson moved and Chris Ueland seconded that the Greater Valley Glen Council approve and authorize a Fall/Winter Newsletter highlighting events, activities and programs of the Greater Valley Glen Council and welcoming community involvement with the GVGC as well as initial outreach of information for the upcoming GVGC election in May, 2010; and
The expenditure shall not exceed \$5,000; and
That all said specific expenses shall be paid pursuant to approval of the GVGC Community Outreach and Neighborhoods Committee by Committee Resolution forwarded to the GVGC Treasurer.

Public Comments: None

Board Members Comment: None

Motion Approved

- D. Terry Anderson moved and Larry Jorgensen seconded, that the Greater Valley Glen Council expend the total amount of \$6,000 in Neighborhood Purposes Grants for Public Schools in the Greater Valley Glen Council Jurisdiction to be used to maintain and/or retain academic programs, and said money is to be appropriated as follows; \$1,500 FOR Erwin Street School; \$1,000 for John B. Monlux Elementary School; \$1,000 for Kittridge Elementary School; and \$1,000 for Grant High School; and \$1,500 for Los Angeles Valley College; and that the additional \$500 amounts authorized for Erwin Street Elementary School and also for Los Angeles Valley College are in recognition of the GVGC's extensive use of their facilities for meetings use; and

Upon completion of the Neighborhood Purposes Grant application in a form acceptable to the President, said application shall be submitted to the GVGC Board for approval and submittal to Empower LA. So moved by Terry Anderson and seconded by Larry Jorgenson.

Public Comments: None

Board Comments: Kathleen Schwartz, Terry Anderson, Doug Breidenbach

Motion Carried For 12 Against 1 Abstain 0

14. Cambridge Farms Recycling Issue Committee Report, Maria Denis, Chair
General Committee Status Report: Maria Denis reported operating hours Monday thru Friday 9AM to 5PM, Saturday and Sunday's 9 AM to 3PM. Additional containers to be installed and that a Recycling Expert will be attending the next Committee meeting.
15. Beautification Committee Report: Ted Geldberg, Co-Chair
 - A. General Committee Status Report; None
 - B. Review of Grant Application re: PLAYGROUND EQUIPMENT and other Valley Glen Community Park improvements. Terry Anderson reported that the Grant Application Had been timely filed and that a site review was made by the City Engineer's office.
 - C. Status of other grant possibilities: No report.
 - D. Victory/Whitsett Medians Update. The site does not look good and we will have to seek a private contractor to maintain it.
 - E. Fulton/Vanowen Triangle – SPRINT TOWER REPORT; None

Public Comments: Didn't fill out speaker cards, Myrna Pajuelo and Jennifer Read

Board Members Comment: Terry Anderson asked to Committee Chair for a full report on all projects at the October Meeting for both short and long term plans.

16. Ad Hoc Civic Town Hall Meeting Committee Report; Karo Torossian, Chr.
General Committee Status Report: No report for this month but a report promised for the next meeting.
17. Southeast Valley Development Committee: Chris Ueland, Chr.
General Committee Status Report: None
18. Government Relations Committee: Charlotte Laws, Chair
 - A. General Committee Status Report: Committee meets monthly and addresses issues pertinent to GVG area.
 - B. Charlotte Laws moved and Montie Mazo seconded: The GVGC supports the NC/DOT MOU as presented to the Dept of Transportation on August 15, 2009;
Public Comments: None
Board Members Comment: Doug Breidenbach

Motion Approved

- C. LAUSD needs reform. The Greater Valley Glen Council supports the Resolution for Public School Choice, which allows organizations other than LAUSD to submit proposals to run 50 new schools in the district; So moved by Charlotte Laws and seconded by Montie Mazo.

Public Comments: None

Board Members Comment; Doug Breidenbach, Karo Torossian, Montie Mazo

Motion approved

- D. Other Government Relations Reports(These reports were made prior to close of meeting as there was no quorum and reported form information purposes only)
- a. DWP NC MOU Report; Montie Mazo
 - b. Parking Day LA Report: Charlotte Laws;
 - c. Status of Council Files Report to Charlotte Laws
 - d. LANCC by Charlotte Laws General Report. Comments by Ted Geldberg, Doug Breidenbach and Terry Anderson
 - e. Update on Valley Alliance by Vic Viereck;

Public Comments: None

Board Member Comments: As note above

19. Planning & Land Use Committee: Doug Breidenbach, Chr.;

- A. General Committee Status Report: None
- B. DASHER LAWLESS Project Update: None
- C. The Greater Valley Glen Council strongly supports the Neighborhood Council of Valley Village in regards to two appeals (DIR-2008-1178-SPP and ENV-2008-1179-MND) for the proposed development located at 11933 Magnolia Blvd. The appeals reflect opposition to the use of the City of Los Angeles's enabling ordinances with regard to SB 1818: Moved by Doug Breidenbach and seconded by Ted Geldberg.

Public Comments: Jennifer Read

Board Members Comment: Stanley Friedman and Doug Breidenbach
Motion Approved

20. Public Safety Committee Report; Bruce Thomas, Chr.

In that the GVGC Board approved a motion at its July 14, 2009 meeting authorizing the GVGC Public Safety Committee to spend an amount that shall not exceed \$1950 for customized Neighborhood Watch stickers for home or business windows, the GVGC Board clarifies the wording of the approved motion to specifically include the purchase of other Neighborhood Watch materials including but not limited to the purchase of handbooks and other materials that assist in organizing and operating Neighborhood Watch groups; and

In any event, the GVGC Board now authorizes the GVGC Public Safety Committee to purchase Neighborhood Watch materials including but not limited to the purchase of handbooks and other materials that assist in organizing and operating Neighborhood Watch groups; and that all such expenses shall be confirmed by the Committee Chair as being in conformance with the Committees rules and

That payment of all Public Safety Committee authorized expenditures pursuant to the July 14, 2009 approved motion or this motion shall be made upon submitted forms, signed by the Chair of the Public Safety Committee and acceptable to the GVGC Treasurer

So moved by Karo Torossian and seconded by Doug Breidenbach.

Board Members Comments: None

Public Comments: None

Motion Approved

21. Adjournment at 9:21PM.

Next scheduled meeting October 5, 2009 at 7:00 pm.

***** Please see attached Motions; Approval of any motion also includes approval of the motion and the entire Committee Motion Form and all information set forth therein except as amended.***