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MINUTES GVGC BOARD MEETING

Monday, November 3th, 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 7:05PM, followed by Pledge of Allegiance and Roll Call.

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

AGENDA ITEM 2: PUBLIC COMMENTS: Judy Price addressed the issue of the By-Laws, Kathleen Schwartz, speaking as a Stakeholder, spoke on her opposition to the Dasher-Lawless Victory Blvd Phase 2 project as presently constituted.

AGENDA ITEM 3: SPECIAL GUEST: Rabbi Amram Gabay of Adat Yeshurubn Congregation spoke about this Congregation and what it has to offer to the Community and its participation in Valley Glen Community activities.

AGENDA ITEM 4: MINUTES; On motion by Carlos Ferreyra and seconded by Douglas Breidenbach the Minutes of the October 6, 2008 Meeting of the Greater Valley Glen Council were passed as corrected. For 14, Against 0, Abstain 2



AGENDA ITEM 5: TREASURERS REPORT: On motion by Charlotte Laws and seconded by Carlos Ferreyra that the Treasurers Report be accepted as presented. Passed.
A Council Resolution made Carlos Ferreyra and seconded by Ted Geldberg that Chrysalis Enterprises be paid \$458.5 for the distribution of Election Flyers. Passed

AGENDA ITEM 6: SENIOR LEADER OFFICERS REPORTS: Senior Lead Officers Ron Carter, Basic Car 9a49 for Van Nuys Area and Senior Lead Officer DuVally, Basic Car 15a33, addressed the Council on crime in their respective enforcement areas. Both indicated crime in general and are working in various areas of the Community to eradicate various items that effect community life. The question was asked about phone numbers directly to North Hollywood and Van Nuys Police Stations and they are 818-623-4016 and 818-734-2223 respectively. Also, 911 calls from cell phones in the Los Angeles will for the most part go to Los Angeles Police Department instead of the California Highway Patrol.
Judy Price asked about sex offenders in our Community and was told that they are being monitored and those that do not belong in the area have and are being removed. Some of the them, by law, can live in the area and those can only be monitored for possible abuse of parole and registration as sex offenders.

AGENDA 7: PRESIDENTS COMMENTS: President Anderson asked all Committee Chairs call Committee Members at least one (1) week before Meetings as a reminder and also the ensure that there will be a quorum so the Committee's business can be conducted. Committee members missing 3 meetings can be removed from the Committee. Committee's must meet once a month unless proper notice of cancellation is made.
The Q-Star Camera sites have been expanded and some of the cameras are being relocated to other trouble spots. It was suggested that "notice" should not be made public where the cameras are as it just relocates the problems to non-camera areas.
Chris Ueland is working a Valley Glen email list to make more information available to Stakeholders and hope to have at least 200 members.
Various notices and letters were distributed to Committee Chairs for their review.
Ted Johnson spoke on the long ongoing repairs being made at 12500 Burbank, west of Whitsett including various items being displayed on clothes racks for sale and blocking the side walk. Referred to PLUM for review and investigation.

AGENDA ITEM 8: PUBLIC OFFICIAL REPORTS: Laura Davidson, Field Representative of Councilperson Wendy Greuel spoke of upcoming 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. Steve Hamm requested a letter from Councilperson Greuel indicating that Valley Glen is a recognized Community in Los Angeles, so that the Los Angeles Fire Department can then formally add the name of Valley Glen to the engines at Station 102. Karo Torrossian spoke on behalf of Assembly Member Paul Krekorian and requested comments from the Community as need that should be addressed by the California Legislature.
Taneda K. Larios, DONE Project Coordinator for GVGC reminded everyone of the need to complete the Conflict of Interest Ethics Review which is available on line at LACITY.com, in addition, LA Budget survey is also available on line and it is an important tool for needs of the City. She mentioned the Financial Disclosure requirements which are being opposed by many of the Neighborhood Councils. There have been no changes to Brown Act. Linda Pruit has an excellent presentation of Earthquake Safety and is available to make a presentation to the Community.

AGENDA ITEM 9: COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Government Relations Committee:

A Charlotte Laws made a motion to oppose the Mayor's 5 billion dollar affordable housing plan, seconded by Vic Viereck. Vic Viereck made a presentation in favor of the plan. Terry Anderson, turned gavel over to Chris Ueland and moved that the discussion be tabled until a representative of Mayor's office is available to discuss and give details of the plan. The motion was seconded by Douglas Breidenbach. For 12, Against 5 Abstentions 0, motion to table Motion Approved

B Charlotte Laws, moved, and Carlos Ferreyra, seconded, that a Memorandum of Understanding (MOUs) should be created between the Department of Transportation (as well as other major city departments and the Neighborhood Councils. See attached copy of motion for details. Motion Passed

C Charlotte Laws, moved, and Montie Mazo, seconded, that the GVGC supports enhanced public comment for stakeholders via video or telephone conferencing of City Council and Committee meetings. Council file number 08-0830 See attached copy of motion for details. Judy Price indicated that the Los Angeles City Council does not pay much attention to those stakeholders who are physically present and address the Council. For 16, Against 1, Abstentions 0 Motion Approved

D Charlotte Laws, moved, and Steve Hamm, seconded, that a competent sheriff should be appointed to effectively and efficiently collect the \$500 million of validly assessed fees and fines owed to the city. Council file number 08-2122. Motion was amended to delete "The cost of collection should not exceed the amount collected". For 7 Against 7 Abstain 2 Motion failed

E Charlotte Laws, moved, and Carlos Ferrayra, seconded, that the GVGC supports public access television and asks the City Council to make sure there are studios, equipment and staff available for the people of Los Angeles Council file number 07-3611 See motion attached for details For 11, Against 4, Abstain 1 Motion approved

F Charlotte Laws, moved, and Douglas Breidenbach, seconded, that the GVGC supports Prop 2, in the November 2008 elections which helps stop the cruel and inhumane treatment of farm animals. See motion attached for details
For 12, Against 3, Abstain 1 Motion approved

Conflict of Interest Form 52/53 and Form 700 to be discussed at next Council meeting
California Clean Money Workshop continued until next meeting for discussion

AGENDA ITEM 10: DWP/MOU Liaison Report: Montie Mazo reported that the DWP had a meeting on November 1, 2008 in which the DWP Committee was formally activated. The Committee by unanimous vote opposed the Los Angeles City Council approval of an effort DWP union to put on the Council agenda a requirement to produce more green/solar power in Los Angeles on the March 2009 ballot. The Los Angeles City Council is to consider the motion at its meeting on November 7, 2008. That the DWP create a Rate Payers Advocate to review, examine and comment on any future rate increases for electricity or water and the funding of the Advocate's office be funded by and independent of the DWP Board of Directors.

The Bureau of Sanitation is holding a series of Workshops around the City for input from Stakeholders regarding the needs in the various communities as it pertains to pickup, both public and private and disposition of the trash.

AGENDA ITEM 11: Vic Viereck spoke on the Valley Alliance meetings

AGENDA ITEM 12: Cambridge Farms Recycling. Lead Officer Carter reported that the situation is being monitored and will be reaching out to the business in the area. Maria Denis will be sending letter to the business to remind them of the ongoing problems and ask for their assistance in policing the area. A motion for the authorization of said letter was deemed not to be necessary.

AGENDA ITEM 13: Business and Promotion Committee did not meet during the month. Terry Anderson reported that he discussed this issue with Deputy City Attorney Tom Griego who advised against doing a business directory since all businesses would be eligible to participate and that this could lead to other problems. He advised it is best left to the business community to do such a directory.

AGENDA ITEM 15: Planning and Land Use Committee did not meet. The Vision and Specific Goals Statement will be presented at the December meeting.

Steve Porus reported that the Barbara Ann Community's appeal to stop the construction of the apartment complex was successful. The builder is appealing that decision.

AGENDA ITEM 16: Community Outreach Committee- Working on a newspaper which will be available shortly. The Committee has committed \$1,500.00 to secure badges for the Council Members, cards, signs and the web site.

AGENDA ITEM 17: Beautification Committee

A Dying trees on Victory Median are being replaced by the supplier.

B Canyon Way Nursery funds according to Mickey Janal seem to have disappeared and he doesn't know where they are.

C Vision and Specific Goals Statement will be presented at the December meeting.

AGENDA ITEM 18: Public Safety Committee

A Neighborhood Watch Signs are now available and anyone who wants them should fill out the request form and turn them into the Committee.

B Neighborhood Watch Welcoming Baskets already available and a motion for fund is not necessary as funds were already approved.

C Neighborhood Watch have been organized in the Buffalo, Hillview Park and Charlesworth, and some other are in early planning stages.

D Fire Station 102 Rededication as Valley Glen is schedule for December.

E Spring Safety Fair and Pancake Breakfast at Fire Station 102 is tentatively scheduled for April 26, 2009. Steve Hamm will discuss with Valley College for access to the parking lot across from the Fire Station on Burbank Blvd. He will also work with other potential suppliers i.e. IHOP and other potential Vendors for participation in the Fair. The date should not conflict with either Passover or Easter.

F Jean Sinatra has been designated as GVGC Representative to the Van Nuys LAPD CPAB.

G Vince Stomboni and Jim McDevitt as GVGC Representative to the North Hollywood LAPD CPAB

AGENDA ITEM 19: Southeast Valley Development Committee

The developer, Snyder of mixed use projects on Laurel Canyon between Oxnard and Victory has submitted 2 new alternative development schemes for consideration in the Draft EIR even though these proposed alternatives have no resemblance to the development plan worked out with Snyder and the surrounding neighborhood. These new plans would substantially increase residential occupancy from 740 units to 1500 units and reduce retail and, thereby nullified, the original agreement.

GVGC President relinquished the gavel and moved that GVGC authorize the President to prepare and file a letter opposing any consideration of the developers proposed two new alternatives to the Draft EIR for the Valley Plaza /Laurel Plaza developments in North Hollywood. Motion was seconded by Douglas Breidenbach. For 15, Against 1, Abstain 0, Motion approved

AGENDA ITEM 20: Adjournment and Memorial GVGC meeting was adjourned at 9:45PM in memory of Rich NuDyke, a long time community and public safety activist, who passed away recently.

Next meeting on December 3, 2008 at 7PM, featuring a SPARC presentation of the new bridge over the wash at Grant High School between Burbank and Oxnard Blvd at Coldwater Canyon