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**MINUTES
7:00 PM
MONDAY, APRIL 5, 2010
VALLEY COLLEGE
FACULTY LOUNGE
5800 FULTON AVENUE
VALLEY GLEN, CALIFORNIA 91401
Free Parking in Parking Lot B Only**

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- 1. CALL TO ORDER @ 7:07PM, PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE AND ROLL CALL; PRESENT**
Terry Anderson, Fernando Ayala, Erwin Cervantes, Doug Briedenbach, Malky Kertis, Maria Denis, Carlos Ferreyra, William Fishman, Ted Goldberg, Stephen Gonzalez, Larry Jorgenson, Charlotte Laws, Montie Mazo, Chris Mushyan, Bruce Thomas, Chris Ueland, Vic Viereck.
ABSENT: Josef Essavi, Stanley Friedman, Eli Kademian, Gary Popenoe, Kathleen Schwartz
- 2. GUEST: HON. PAUL KREKORIAN, COUNCIL MEMBER FOR 2ND DISTRICT**
After opening remarks, the Council Member engaged in dialogue discussion with the GVGC Board regarding the key issues below:

Discussed the various problems facing the City including the Budget, Dept of Water and Power transfer of \$73 million dollars and rate increases, layoffs of City workers, financial rating downgrade, 2010-2011 Budget and possible bankruptcy.

Funding for the Vitory Medians is waiting for City Council approval.

Meet with Sprint and informed them that they must meet their commitments made regarding the Fulton/Van Owen Triangle before approval of any additional towers in Council District 2. Response from Sprint appears to favorable.



DONE budget will be cut. Input from Neighborhood Councils is important and a means of staying in touch with District Constituents but some Council Members are opposed to funding of Neighborhood Councils. Elimination of NC's could revive the Succession Movement.

In closing, the Councilmember stated that more input from Department Heads in terms of Budget needs is important, Los Angeles economy must be stimulated to increase revenue, City must be more business friendly, improve the efficiency of all City Departments, possibly reduce service hours. Sale of City Assets like the Zoo, DWP, Convention Center would have an immediate financial benefit but in long run could increase costs of service.

The Councilman then responded to questions posed by Board Members and the Public.

3. LAPD SENIOR LEAD OFFICERS' REPORTS; None Present

4. DASHER LAWLESS/VICTORY GLENS & PLAZA UPDATE: Christopher Alan explained that it took 4 ½ years to get City Planning approval and during this time the housing market took a downturn and funding in general disappeared. Now funding must increase the return to investors and well as to better serve the needs of the Community. The Plaza may be rental only. Vallarta, CVS, Citibank and Bally's will remain and the other stores will be replaced by restaurants and new tenants, new leases are being negotiated. Construction is planned to start at the end of the year. The Glen at a cost of approximately \$6 ½ million will have a different exterior then originally planned;

BOARD COMMENTS: Vic Viereck, Carlos Ferreyra

PUBLIC COMMENTS: None

5. READING OF OUTSTANDING MINUTES: of March 1, 2010;

Moved by Ted Geldberg and seconded by Bruce Thomas that the Minutes be approved as presented. PASSED

6. TREASURER'S REPORT:

Moved by Carlos Ferreyra and seconded by Ted Geldberg that the Treasurer's Report be approved as presented. PASSED

DONE RECONCILIATION REPORT/ROLL OVER FUNDS; No change

Wendy Gruel \$500 contribution towards Firefighter's Pancake Breakfast. No Change

7. GOVERNMENT REPORTS:

NO REPORTS: DONE, STATE SENATORS PADILLA AND LIU OR ANY OTHER GOVERNMENTAL REPRESENTATIVES.

COUNCIL DISTRICT 2, ERIC MENJIVAR: PARKING RESTRICTIONS ARE BEING LOOKED INTO AT THE LOCAL PARKS DUE GANG ACTIVITY, PROLIFERATION OF FIXED AND MOVABLE BILLBOARDS. COUNCIL MEMBERS KREKORIAN AND KORETZ ARE CO-SPONSORING "FREE TAX PREPARATION SERVICES ON APRIL 8 AND VALLEY WATER EXPO.

8. PRESIDENTS REPORT

STATUS OF UPCOMING NEIGHBORHOOD COUNCIL ELECTIONS:

Clarification: the City Council voted to continue with the City Clerk conducting all Neighborhood Council elections in 2010;

- Official Candidate List;
- Write-in Candidate Period – now open to April 27, 2010 by submitting by Fax at 213-978-0376 or e-mail to: clerk.election@lacity.org ; general election information at 213-978-0444
- Volunteers to assist in election;

9. **General Public Comment:** Michael McCue

10. **Board Member comments:** Ted Geldberg

11. CONSENT CALENDAR:

- a. **Proposed Motion:** that the GVGC Board approve the attached invoice/contract No. C83-2010/11 with Personal Storage Garages for the time period of April 7, 2010 through April 7, 2011 in the amount of \$1,260 for the storage of GVGC equipment and supplies; Attachment 11-a;
- b. **Proposed Motion:** WITHDRAWN
- c. **Proposed Motion:** that the GVGC Board approve the attached invoice/contract No. 1069 with Sorcerer's Workshop for the time period May 1, 2010 through April 30, 2011 in the amount of \$840 for website design services and maintenance; Attachment 11-c;
 - ITEMS a, b and c above:
 - **BUDGET EXPENDITURE:** as noted on each item;
 - **COMMUNITY BENEFIT STATEMENT:** each of these items provides the GVGC with the means to outreach to the Community and stakeholders regarding activities and programs of the GCGC.

- d. **Proposed Motion (Planning & Land Use):** Approval of the proposed increase in enrollment from 75 to 82 students at the Exploring Minds Montessori School at 6047 Fulton Ave. Also, the approval of a request to increase the height of the fence along Fulton to 6'-0" and the installation of two sliding gates at the entry and exit of the driveway; Attachment 11-d;
- e. **Proposed Motion (Planning & Land Use):** Approval of the request for a Categorical Exemption and Yard Modifications for the conversion of an existing garage to a recreation room and the construction of a two car carport in the side yard at 6608 Colbath Ave., upon receipt of a letter of approval from the adjacent neighbor; Attachment 11-e;
- f. **Proposed Motion (Planning & Land Use):** Committee recommendation for GVGC Board to oppose application for a transfer of a full line of alcoholic beverage sales at a neighborhood market on Victory Boulevard, a main thoroughfare, to a property that extends from 6412 Matilija Avenue to 6423 Mammoth Avenue, readily abutting a residentially zoned property, as requested in case #ENV-2010-665-EAF. This issue was previously reviewed and opposed by the GVGC Board in 2008. Attachment 11-f;
- g. **Proposed Motion:** that the GVGC Board authorize the GVGC Bylaws & Election Committee to formulate and implement rules and procedures establishing and governing the 2010 Neighborhood Council Election Caucus's to elect GVGC Board Members for the Religious Institutions (1), Educational Institutions (1) and Community Organizations (2) seats on the GVGC Board; further, such rules and regulations shall parallel the rules and regulations applicable to the 2007 Neighborhood Council election except for necessary changes to accommodate dates and location applicable to the 2010 Neighborhood Council election; further, Board members elected at the referenced caucus's above shall be seated at the same time and place as the GVGC Board Members elected in the election managed by the Los Angeles City Clerk.

Moved by Doug Breidenbach and seconded by Charlotte Laws

Public Comments: none

Board Members Comment; Carlos Ferreyra, Bruce Thomas

PASSED

10. PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE REPORT; Jean Sinatra and Bruce Thomas, Joint-Chairs
A. General Committee report; Bruce Thomas, Joint Chair; Plans are moving all well. IHOP

will participate, Farmers Insurance will contribute \$200 and possibly more. Arrangements have been completed for the Band, entrance to sites, cotton candy, snow cones etc. Banners will be put up during this week.

B. Firefighter's Pancake Breakfast and Community Safety Fair Report: Jean Sinatra, Joint Chr. **FLYER ATTACHED.**

C. APPROVAL OF FOLLOWING CONTRACTS;

1. Review and approval of total budget for 2010 GVGC Valley Glen Firefighter's Pancake Breakfast and Community Safety Fair; said Final Budget will be presented at the GVGC Board Meeting;
2. AMERICAN RENT ALL: Contract Job No. 1055-1 for Equipment Supplies of tables, chairs, canopies, stages, etc. as listed on attached contract in the amount of \$5,930.80; See Exhibit 12.C.2 attached;
3. Authorization to expend an amount not to exceed \$2,100 on GVGC City Issued credit card for the purchase of food and supplies for the Greater VALLEY GLEN FIREFIGHTER'S PANCAKE BREAKFAST & COMMUNITY SAFETY FAIR as listed on the attached Exhibit 12.C.3 attached;
4. Authority to expend \$94.34 on the GVGC City Issued Credit Card towards the purchase of Kid's Police Badges from Adapt Consulting, Inc., 13618 Lemay Street, Valley Glen, Ca. 91401 as give-aways; See Exhibit 12.C.4 attached;
5. Authority to expend \$434.52 on the GVGC City Issued Credit Card towards the purchase of Kid's Firefighter Helmets from Adapt Consulting, Inc., 13618 Lemay Street, Valley Glen, Ca. 91401 as give-aways; See Exhibit 12.C.5 attached;
6. Approve the use of sponsor funding in the amount of \$690.82 for the purchase of GVGC Tote Bags from Adapt Consulting, Inc., 13618 Lemay Street, Valley Glen, Ca. 91401 as give-aways; See Exhibit 12.C.6 attached;
7. Approve the use of sponsor funding in the amount of \$359.18 for the purchase of Kid's Police Badges from Adapt Consulting, Inc., 13618 Lemay Street, Valley Glen, Ca. 91401 as give-aways; See Exhibit 12.C.4 attached;
8. Approve the use of sponsor funding in the amount of \$767.70 for the purchase of 50 GVGC Polo Shirts for GVGC Board Members and other volunteers at the Greater Valley Glen Firefighter's Pancake Breakfast & Community Safety Fair from Logo Woman LLC, 6101 Ethel Avenue, Valley Glen, Ca. 91401; See Exhibit 12.C.8 attached;
9. Approve Invoice No. 1111 for \$600 for Air Design Band c/o Joe Camky per attached invoice/contract to perform at the Community Safety Fair; This contract is for live music to be played by Mr. Joe Camky and his Band. Music shall be played from the hours of 10:00 am to 2:00 pm. All music shall be live, featuring current songs and those from a list to be furnished at a future date. See Attachment 12.C.9
10. Authority to expend an amount not to exceed \$750 on the GVGC City Issued Credit Card or be Demand Warrant for miscellaneous expenses incurred for the

Greater Valley Glen Firefighter's Pancake Breakfast & Community Safety Fair;

- **Regarding Items 12.C.1 through 9:**
- **Proposed Budget Expenditure:** as noted in each item requiring an expenditure from the GVGC budget;
- **Community Benefit Statement:** each item authorized above supports the 2nd Annual Greater Valley Glen Council Firefighter's Pancake Breakfast and Community Safety Fair allowing greater Community and Stakeholder outreach by the GVGC while supporting a Community Event enhancing public safety, home security and Community Policing.

B. Moved by Terry Anderson and seconded by William Fishman

C. Public Comments: None

D. Board Comments: Ted Geldberg, Terry Anderson, Carlos Ferreyra

PASSED

E. Board Members Comment;

13. BEAUTIFICATION COMMITTEE REPORT: FERNANDO AYALA, CHAIR

A. General Committee Status Report;

Grant Application re: **PLAYGROUND EQUIPMENT** and other Valley Glen Community Park improvements and Status of other grant applications:
In Process

B. Fulton/Vanowen Triangle – SPRINT TOWER REPORT;

Status of Sprint's lack of completion of the promised monument sign, bench and landscaping at the Vanowen/Fulton Triangle and Sprint's new request for installation of equipment at 13050 Vanowen Street; Fiona Hilyer was retained by Sprint to resolve the problems.

C. Status of Victory and Whitsett Median clean-up;

Status Report re plan to arrange for placing artificial grass in the Victory medians by a private company at no cost to the GVGC and allow that company to place signs advertizing its product; and to work with Councilmember Krekorian and his staff in establishing these arrangements and obtaining all required City approvals.

Vic Viereck to follow up as why Voluteers of America have not been paid for the work.

Working with CD2 Councilmember Paul Krekorian office on this issue.

D. Public Comments: None

E. Board Members Comment: Montie Mazo, Ted Geldberg, Terry Anderson

14. COMMUNITY OUTREACH AND NEIGHBORHOODS REPORT; Terry Anderson, Chr,

A. Committee Report: Chair;

1. PROPOSED MOTION: That the GVGC Board modify motions approved at the February 1, 2010 GVGC Board Meeting by authorizing the \$10,000 approved at that meeting for Community Safety Fair and GVGC Neighborhood Council Election mailing Outreach to also include the amount of \$1,150 for the distribution of the GVGC Spring Vanguard Newsletter promoting both the upcoming GVGC Neighborhood Council election and the 2010 Firefighters Pancake Breakfast and Community Safety Fair;

Further the GVGC Board approves the Academy Addressing & Mailing Invoice, dated April 2, 2010, in the amount of \$8,194.00 plus an additional \$415 for an additional 5,000 flyers; See Attachment 14.A.1.a attached;

Further the GVGC Board approves the CBS Advertising Distribution Invoice No. 9001 in the amount of \$1,150 for the distribution of 9,000 GVGC Spring Vanguard promoting both the upcoming GVGC Neighborhood Council election and the 2010 Firefighters Pancake Breakfast and Community Safety Fair; See Attachment 14.A.1.b;

Provided that the total amount expended shall not exceed \$10,000.

Moved by Terry Anderson and seconded by Bruce Thomas

● **Proposed Budget Expenditure:** Not to exceed \$10,000.

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● **Community Benefit Statement:** the items authorized above supports the 2nd Annual Greater Valley Glen Council Firefighter's Pancake Breakfast and Community Safety Fair allowing greater Community and Stakeholder outreach by the GVGC while supporting a Community Event enhancing public safety, home security and Community Policing; and also support Community and Stakeholder outreach for the Neighborhood Council election set for May 27, 2010

AMENDMENT MOVED BY TERRY ANDERSON AND SECONDED BY WILLIAM FISHMAN – AMENDMENT ACCEPTED BY ORIGINAL MOVERS.

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Public Comments: None

Board Members Comment: None

PASSED

15. AD HOC CIVIC TOWN HALL MEETING COMMITTEE REPORT; Karo Torossian, Chr.

➤ Report on plans for upcoming... No Report

VALLEY GLEN ELECTED PUBLIC OFFICIALS NIGHT

16. GOVERNMENT AND BUSINESS RELATIONS COMMITTEE

A. General Committee Status Report: See below

B. Status of previously **approved motions for Council Files:**

➤ Rate Advocate Motion:Deferred to next month

➤ LAUSD Parcel Tax issue: No Report

C. **MOTION:** "The Greater Valley Glen Council (GVGC) opposes an electric rate hike. At a time of economic crisis, unemployment and residential foreclosures, all tax, fee and rate increases should be avoided by the city and DWP. The General Manager of the DWP did not mention any rate hikes or wage increases when presenting the 2010-2011 budget to the DWP-MOU Committee. Input from Neighborhood Councils and the DWP-MOU Committee should be considered before any increases are made."

Moved by Charlotte Laws and seconded by Ted Geldberg

Public Comments: Cliff Jacobs

Board Members Comment: Terry Anderson, Bruce Thomas

PASSED

D. **PROPOSED MOTION:** "The Greater Valley Glen Council (GVGC) supports SB 1277 introduced on Feb 19, 2010 by CA State Senator Dean Florez and encourages the LA City Council to support it as well. The bill would create a state online registry for felony animal abusers and would operate in much the same way as the sex offender and arsonist databases. The registry would help to better protect both animals and people. There is overwhelming evidence to show that human abusers, murderers or violent criminals began their abuse first with their own pets. The database would also be valuable in tracking those who run dog-fighting or cock-fighting rings."

Moved by Charlotte and seconded by Montie Mazo

Public Comments: Cliff Jacobs

Board Member Comments: Terry Anderson, Charlotte Laws, Bruce Thomas

CARRIED: For 10 Against 2 Abstain 3

E. **PROPOSED MOTION:** "The Greater Valley Glen Council (GVGC) is aware of the recent suspension of the City's spay/neuter and trap-neuter-return (TNR) programs for feral cats pending the conclusion of the lawsuit Urban WildlandsGroup vs City of Los Angeles (LASC BS15483)).

That the GVGC Board believes spay/neuter and TNR are lifesaving programs, and the best course of action for feral cats. These programs help reduce the population of free-roaming cats and prevent impounds in the City's seven animal shelters where thousands of healthy cats and kittens are killed annually at considerable expense to the City.

Regardless of the outcome of the litigation, the GVGC Board asks that best efforts be expended to see that feral cat spay/neuter funding resumes and that Trap-Neuter-Return education continues as soon as possible."

Move by Charlotte and seconded by William Fishman

Public Comments: Cliff Jacobs

Board Member Comments: Ted Geldberg

PASSED

F. Other Government and Business Relations Reports:

1. DWP NC MOU Report; Montie Mazo Reported that the Committee had met the prior Saturday, April 3. They passed a number of motions pertaining to the DWP and will present them at the next meeting.

2. Update on Valley Alliance by Vic Viereck:

Public Comments: None

Board Members Comment: None

17. PLANNING & LAND USE COMMITTEE: Doug Breidenbach, Chr.

A. General Committee Status Report: Chair will follow up on Carlos Ferreyra request about closing of median on Victory Blvd.

B. Committee participation in PlanCheckNC; Doug Briedenbach;
No Report

C. Draft Bicycle Plan Update: Malky Kertis: No Change

D. Status of expanding **Valley Glen "Q" Conditions** to entire area of Greater Valley Glen: Planning Department says that they do not have the manpower to enforce or expand same. Will contact Karo Torrossian of CD2 to see what the Council Persons office can do in this matter.

E. Committee consists of Doug Breidenbach, Ted Gledberg and Terry Anderson.

18. CAMBRIDGE FARMS RECYCLING ISSUE COMMITTEE REPORT; Maria Denis, Chr.;
No Report

19. SOUTHEAST VALLEY DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE; Chris Ueland, Chr.
➤ No report this month...

5. ADJOURNMENT @ 10:00PM ON MOTION BY MARIA DENNSI AND SECONDED BY DOUG BREIDENBACH. PASSED.

*Next scheduled meeting at **MAY 3, 2010 at 7:00 pm.***

**** Please see attached Motions; unless otherwise stated, approval of any motion also includes approval of the motion and the entire Committee Motion Form and all information set forth therein except as motion and/or submitted motion form is amended.**