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GREATER VALLEY GLEN COUNCIL AGENDA

Monday, October 1, 2007, 7:00 PM

Los Angeles Valley College, Cafeteria Conference Room

5800 Fulton Avenue

Valley Glen, CA 91401

The public is requested to fill out a “**Speaker Card**” (per individual item) to address the Board on any item of the agenda prior to the Board taking action on an item. Comments from the public on Agenda items will be heard only when the respective item is being considered. Comments from the public on other matters not appearing on the Agenda that is within the Board’s subject matter jurisdiction will be heard during the Public Comment period. Public comment is limited to 2 minutes per speaker, unless waived by the presiding officer of the Board. Presiding officer reserves the right to limit further, depending on number of speakers. No person may assign their speaking time to another person. Period for comment not to exceed 15 minutes.

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1. Call to Order, Pledge of Allegiance, and Roll Call
2. Introduction of Officials
3. Public Comments – See rules above
4. Review of Minutes for 9/10/07 and **Motion to approve** – Carlos Ferreyra
5. Treasurer’s Report – Vic Viereck
 - Financial Report and proposal for consolidation of categories – **Possible Motion(s)**
 - **Motion to approve** September 25, 2007 renewal of GoDaddy on line calendar for GVGC website - \$29.99 for one year
6. Board Member comments – Comments from Board on non-agenda item subject matters within the Board jurisdiction.
7. President’s comments
 - Reminder for board members regarding Ethics Training, required every two years – online at <http://ethics.lacity.org/education/ethics2007>

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

8. Public Safety and Government Relations - Terry Anderson, Chairperson
 - Committee recommendation regarding death of Senior Lead Officer George Flores and organizing a volunteer non-GVGC fund to purchase an appropriate plaque for the family of Officer Flores with any remaining donations to be given to his family – **Possible Motion(s)**
 - Recommendation that the Board approve up to \$2500 for the purchase of 50 Neighborhood Watch signs that will include LAPD phone number and the GVGC name and website address. **Possible Motion(s)**
 - Committee recommends that the Board endorse Councilwoman Wendy Greuel’s Safety Valet program for elementary schools in Greater Valley Glen – **Possible Motion(s)**
 - Discussion and **Possible Motion(s)** regarding appointment of additional persons to be designated for submitting Community Impact Statements. Councils are allowed 5 individuals, currently Carlos Ferreyra is GVGC designee.

- Special Order 40: Committee recommends GVGC Board approve a motion urging the Mayor, City Council and Police Commission to rescind Special Order 40 pertaining to illegal aliens –**Possible Motion(s)**
 - Recommendation that the GVGC Board oppose the recommended DWP Rate Increase proposed by Los Angeles DWP on June 5, 2007 and support the Opposition to the rate increase as outlined in the Letter of Resolution of September 3, 2007 prepared by the Neighborhood Council MOU Oversight Committee - **Possible Motion(s)**
 - Review and discussion on status of 912 Commission Report and **Possible Motion(s)** as proposed by committee:
 - that the GVGC Board restate its previous motion regarding neighborhood councils being authorized to file land-use appeals per Finding #6 of the Report where the 912 Commission took no position
 - that the GVGC Board restate its previous motion which supports Neighborhood Councils being empowered to initiate Council File items per Recommendation #3 of the Report
 - that the GVGC Board oppose the entire Grievance Procedure outline in Recommendation #37 and, instead, supports allowing the current Grievance Procedure to remain in place
 - that the GVGC Board oppose the entire Election Challenge Procedure outlined in Recommendations #55 and #56 and instead recommends a continuation of the non-appealable decisions of Final Decision Makers (FDM's) with the additional suggestion that DONE create a Final Decision Maker Panel as previously outlined by DONE
 - that the GVGC Board oppose the Stakeholder definition set forth in Recommendation #42 as being too broad and loose and opening the door to rampant fraud, and urge that the City adopt a more restrictive definition.
 - that the GVGC Board oppose Recommendation #70 allowing neighborhood councils to establish non-profit entities for additional (financial) support as this would pit neighborhood councils in direct competition with numerous local community, chamber, homeowner and resident organizations
 - Report and **Possible Motion(s)** regarding Film Permits in Neighborhoods – Martin Donabedian
9. Arts and Education: Linda Wehrli, Chairperson
- Update and **Possible Motion(s)** regarding Serenity Garden Signs
10. Beautification: Arline Simon, Chairperson
- Update on Whitsett and Victory medians
11. Planning and Land Use: Co-Chairpersons, Douglas Breidenbach & Ted Goldberg
- Referral to committee to investigate a Specific Plan and Community Plan overlay for Valley Glen
 - Referral to committee to review "Q" conditions and violations/enforcement in Valley Glen
 - Update on Dasher Lawless mixed use development at 13103-13225 Victory Blvd. - **Possible Motion(s)**
12. Density Bonus Ad Hoc Committee: Charlotte Laws, Chairperson
- Referral to committee to review latest city proposal on Density Bonus and review Supervisor Zev Yaroslavsky's suggested counterproposal
12. Next scheduled meeting **Monday, November 5, 2007 – 7:00 P.M.**
13. Adjournment

GRIEVANCE PROCEDURE

A written complaint regarding the Greater Valley Glen Council shall be submitted to the Board of Directors. The Board will then refer the matter to an ad hoc grievance panel comprised of 5 Stakeholders randomly selected by the Council Secretary from a list of stakeholders who have expressed an interest in serving on such a panel. The Secretary will coordinate a time and place for the panel to meet with the person(s) submitting a grievance and to discuss dispute resolution. Thereafter, a panel member shall prepare a written report within two (2) months to be forwarded by the Secretary to the Board outlining the panel's recommendations for resolving the grievance. The matter shall be heard at the next regular meeting of the Board pursuant to the Brown Act.

The formal grievance process is intended to address matters involving procedural disputes, e.g., the Board's failure to comply with Board Rules or these Bylaws, or its failure to comply with the Plan, local ordinances and/or State and federal law. If the grievance cannot be resolved through the grievance process then the complainant has the right to appeal to the Department of Neighborhood Empowerment (Plan, Article 6 Section 4).

Upcoming events:

- Effective Oct. 1, Household Bulky Item Collection expanded to include apartment complexes and reported abandoned bulky items –800 773 2489 or 3-1-1
- Wed. Oct. 3 – Mayor's Stakeholder Forum on Housing in L.A. -6pm –14410 Sylvan St., 2nd Floor, Van Nuys
- Fri. Oct 5 – City Council meets in the Valley –10:00am – Marvin Braude Bldg, 6262 Van Nuys Blvd.
- Sat. Oct. 6 – Councilwoman Wendy Greuel's Child Health & Safety Fair/picnic - 10:00am-2:00pm – Valley Plaza Recreation Center, 6451 Saint Clair Ave., North Hollywood
- Sat. Oct. 6 – NoHoScene, Festival of the NoHo Arts District - 11:00am-10:00pm – Lankershim Bl. at Magnolia Bl., North Hollywood
- Sat. Oct. 13 – Mayor's Budget Day, Fiscal Year 2008-2009 - 8:00am (registration) 9:00am-12:00pm – City Hall, 200 N. Spring St., L.A.
- Mon. Oct. 22 – Neighborhood Watch Meeting, 7:00 p.m. Linda Wehrli's studio, 13615 Burbank Blvd, Valley Glen
- Sat. Oct. 27 – Congress of Neighborhoods - 8:00am (registration) 9:30am-12:15pm – L.A. Convention Center, L.A.
- Tues. Oct. 30 – 2:00pm – Council District Two "Apartment Owner and Manager Rental Property Training, L.A. Valley College Cafeteria Conference Room, 5800 Fulton Ave., Valley Glen