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MINUTES

PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE MEETING SEPTEMBER 30, 2008,

Los Angeles Valley College, Campus Center Room CC 104
5800 Fulton Avenue, Valley Glen, CA 91401

1. Roll Call
ELI KADEMIAN ABSENT; all other Committee Members present.
2. Public Comment (see rules above) NONE
3. Board Member comments:
 - Thomas discussed Cambridge Farm Recycling Center problems.
 - Laws discussed Calvert House with 4 Sex Offenders;
 - SLO Hamilton said that LAPD has investigated but found no violations as yet but will continue to monitor the locale;
 - It was suggested that Building & Safety also needs to investigate...maybe through the PACE program.
4. Chair Comments NONE
5. Senior Lead Officer Lucas Hamilton and discussion re: crime in Greater Valley Glen area;
 - SLO Hamilton provided a thorough report on crime in GVGC area and the encouraging downturn from previous years; many questions from Committee and all were answered.
6. Review of Neighborhood Watch programs and structure in Greater Valley Glen and means & methods of strengthening GVGC support; possible motions;
Motion moved by Bruce Thomas, seconded by Jim McDivitt and approved by unanimous vote that the GVGC Public Safety Committee recommends that the Greater Valley Glen Council authorize the Committee to work with the Senior Lead Officers in putting together a Neighborhood Watch Welcoming Package for new Neighborhood Watches in the Greater Valley Glen area;
COMMUNITY BENEFIT STATEMENT Neighborhood Watch programs are a proven deterrent to crime in neighborhoods and ENCOURAGING new Neighborhood Watch groups is the key to developing new Neighborhood Watch groups; at the suggestion of Senior Lead Officer Lucas Hamilton, the idea of Neighborhood Watch Welcome Package will assist and encourage new Neighborhood Watch groups; authority to write appropriate letters and make appropriate contacts requested;

The Chair appointed Bruce Thomas and Jean Sinatra as Co-Chair.



7. Purchase of an additional 100 Neighborhood Watch signs not to exceed \$2500; possible motions; **Motion** moved by Bruce Thomas, seconded by Steve Hamm and approved by unanimous vote that the GVGC Public Safety Committee recommends that the Greater Valley Glen Council purchase an additional 100 Neighborhood Watch Signs in an amount of \$2,479.00;

COMMUNITY BENEFIT STATEMENT: Neighborhood Watch programs are a proven deterrent to crime in neighborhoods and posting Neighborhood Watch signs encourages criminals to avoid these neighborhoods because of obvious neighborhood vigilance and ready contact with LAPD.

8. Review of reconfiguration of Fire Station 102, new name, rededication and flag presentation; possible motions;

Motion moved by Bruce Thomas, seconded by Steve Hamm and approved by unanimous vote that the GVGC Public Safety Committee recommends that the Greater Valley Glen Council organize a joint effort with the Los Angeles City Fire Department to name Fire Station 102 on Burbank Boulevard the Valley Glen Fire Station and name the Fire Engine located at Fire Station 102 the Valley Glen Fire Engine and to organize a dedication/presentation ceremony and public reception and present the United States and California State flags, so generously presented to the GVGC by Assemblymember Paul Krekorian, to Fire Station 102, appropriately encased, as gifts from Assemblymember Paul Krekorian and the Greater Valley Glen Council. Mayor Villarogosa, Councilmember Wendy Greuel and other Community Leaders will be invited to participate; amount not to exceed \$500 is requested; authority to write appropriate letters and make appropriate contacts requested;

COMMUNITY BENEFIT STATEMENT: This recognition of the Fire Services Department and its members re-enforces the Community's Commitment to protecting and safeguarding Greater Valley Glen stakeholders by providing stakeholders with the opportunity to meet and know the Fire Service Members and Paramedics assigned to our Community, and to further show the Community's appreciation for the extraordinary effort by the employees of the Los Angeles City Fire Department.

Steve Hamm and Jim McDivitt to co-chair effort.

Motion moved by Bruce Thomas, seconded by Jean Sinatra and Jim McDivitt and approved by unanimous vote that the GVGC Public Safety Committee recommends 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 over at L.A. 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 the Fire Station at Fire Station 102; details and budget to be submitted to the Board subsequently; authority to write appropriate letters and make appropriate contacts requested;

COMMUNITY BENEFIT STATEMENT: Community Safety Fairs encourage stakeholders to be more educated, vigilant and concerned about protecting neighborhood and household safety and provides the support and assistance needed to empower stakeholders in this regard. Also, Community Safety Fairs serve as a key outreach to stakeholders. The Pancake Breakfast will raise funds

to assist the Fire Station in providing for personal needs such as furniture, coffee makers, etc. to make the Fire House more comfortable and usable and also serve as a key stakeholder outreach component.

Chair appointed Steve Hamm as Chair of Greater Valley Glen Safety Fair and Pancake Breakfast Subcommittee with Bruce Thomas and Jean Sinatra on the Subcommittee.

9. Vision Statement; possible motions

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.

Moved by Jim McDivett, seconded by Jean Sinatra and approved by Unanimous vote.

10. Specific Goals Statement; possible motions;

Moved by Bruce Thomas, seconded by Jim McDivett and approved by unanimous vote, the Committee approved the following Statement of Specific Goals:

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

11. Next scheduled meeting **October 28, 2008 at 7:00 pm;**

12. Adjournment Moved by Jim McDivett to adjourn, seconded by Steve Hamm, and unanimously approved.