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AGENDA

GVGC BOARD MEETING
MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 8,
2014, 7:00pm
Los Angeles Valley College
Campus Center Room 104
5800 Fulton Avenue
VALLEY GLEN, CALIFORNIA 91401

Board Members

Alan Aklyan	Douglas Breidenbach
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Rich Pisani	Judy Price
Kari Roberts	Charles Samson
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GVGC Quorum is 13 Board members

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Agenda is posted for public review at: on the website www.gvgc.us, Erwin Street Elementary School, 13400 Erwin Street, Valley Glen, CA; As a covered entity under Title 11 of the Americans with Disabilities Act, the City of Los Angeles does not discriminate on the basis of disability and upon request, will provide reasonable accommodation to ensure equal access to its programs, services and activities. Sign language interpreters, assistive listening devices, or other auxiliary aids and/or services may be provided upon request. To ensure availability of services, please make your request at least 3 business days (72 hours) prior to the meeting you wish to attend by contacting the Department of Neighborhood Empowerment at (866) LA-HELPS, (866) 584-3577.

1. Call to order and Pledge of Allegiance
2. Board roll call.
3. Board approval of August 4, 2014 minutes
4. Public comments on issues not on current agenda (please see requirements in paragraph above)
5. Government Representatives reports.
6. L.A.P.D. Senior lead officer reports:
 - a. Van Nuys Division
 - b. North Hollywood Division
7. Treasurers report and motions:
 - a. Motion to approve payments made for expenditures previously approved by the GVGC Board
 - [this is a new procedure required by DONE Funding]
 - \$750.00 for booth rental at VGNA Community Fair (Outreach)
 - \$350.00 for booth rental at St. Francis Community Fair (Outreach)
 - \$1260.00 for storage space fee for one year rental, Personal Storage Garages.
 - b. Motion to approve monthly expenditure report to DONE.
 - c. review of new current funding process.
8. Committee Reports;

Parks, Community Improvements and Medians. Sloan Myrick, Chair

- a. Motion to approve an expenditure of no more than \$2000 for following items for future outdoor GVGC events.
 - Portable electric generator
 - Folding chairs
 - Incandescent lanterns
 - Light strings
 - Electric cords
 - LED walkway lighting.
 - Insulated, portable storage containers

Community Benefit Statement: *Our outdoor outreach events are popular with stakeholders in the GVGC area. These items will make future events a safer and more pleasant affair for attendees, as well as event staff/volunteers.*

b. Motion to sponsor a "Halloween Movie Night in the Park" in conjunction with LA CD2, P. Krekorian's office on Saturday, October 25, 2014 and an expenditure of no more than \$2000.00 for the following items:

- \$1500.00 for advertising, promotional items and delivery (e.g. walking man)
- \$200.00 for refreshments
- \$300.00 for portable toilet rental, including ADA compliant .

c. Motion to approve an expenditure of no more than \$800.00 for the purchase of up to four (4) mature trees to be planted at Valley Glen Community Park. The tree species to be approved and planted by the L.A. City Parks and Recreation Dept.

Community Benefit Statement: Making the park more enjoyable by increasing shaded areas, helping to retain soil moisture and lowering ambient temperature.

Community Outreach and Neighborhoods, Kari Roberts, Chair

No motion submitted.

Planning and Land Use Committee – Charles Samson, Chair

a. No motions submitted

Government Relations – Judy Price, Chair

- a. Motion stating that the Greater Valley Glen Council does not support proposed motion for a City employee who is convicted of a felony to forfeit their entire pension, which would include that which was earned before or after the felony, was committed. Rather, we support a Motion that is like State law requiring public employees convicted of a felony to give up retirement benefits accrued during the period when their crimes were committed. It would be unfair to the family of the City employee/convicted felon if forfeiture included pension(s) not accrued during the period of the crimes (Council File #14-0435)
- b. Motion stating that the Greater Valley Glen Council supports the proposal for a 50/50 Sidewalk Repair Plan/Sidewalk Repair Trust Fund Proposal for Residential Properties with several stipulations:
1. That this not be a mandatory requirement for the property owner to repair/replace the sidewalk if damage is caused by City trees.
 2. That it is not a requirement to use City Crews to do the work as long as the property owner uses a City approved private contractor.
 3. When tree roots are the cause of the sidewalk damage, that every effort is made to save the tree when cutting the offending roots and that if the tree cannot be saved, if it is on City property such as the parkway, that it be replaced by the City as soon as feasible.
 4. That the City establishes a no-interest revolving loan program (Sidewalk Repair Trust Fund) from which property owners can borrow to make necessary sidewalk repairs.
 5. That the burden of repair not be placed on the property seller or buyer at the point of sale unless to satisfy a loan from the Sidewalk Repair Trust Fund. (Council File #14-0163-S3, 14-0420-S1)

PROPOSED COMMUNITY IMPACT STATEMENT

Public safety is the number one issue regarding the state of disrepair of our sidewalks and the consequential liability. Since most of the sidewalk damage is due to City trees, it is unfair for the burden of repair to be on the property owner. After decades of inaction, it is imperative that the City develop a comprehensive repair program that includes, but is not limited to, a voluntary 50/50 Sidewalk Repair Plan for residential property owners and a Sidewalk Repair Trust Fund allowing property owners to take out no-interest loans from the Fund for their 50% share of the Sidewalk Repair Plan. (Council File #14-0163-S3, 14-0420-S1)

- c. Motion stating that the Greater Valley Glen Council supports the proposed Resolution by City Council for its 2013/2014 State Legislative Program. Resolution: **NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, that by the adoption of this Resolution, With the concurrence of the Mayor, the City of Los Angeles hereby includes in its 2013-2014 State Legislative Program SUPPORT for Proposition 1 (the Water Bond) on the November 4, 2014 statewide general election ballot which seeks to provide funding in the amount of \$7.55 billion to support water quality, water supply and infrastructure projects consistent With the City's local water sustainability objectives. (Council File#14-0002-S90)

PROPOSED COMMUNITY IMPACT STATEMENT

Water quality, supply and infrastructure are critical to each and every one of us statewide. In addition to watershed protection and restoration projects; groundwater remediation/clean-up projects; water recycling, treatment, storage and water conveyance projects; clean, safe and reliable drinking water; water conservation and water-use efficiency projects, including storm water capture/management projects; Prop 1 will assist the City in harnessing local water resource opportunities in order to reduce the City's reliance on imported water and thereby ensure the environmental health and economic well-being of the City and region. (Council File#14-0002-S90)

d. DWP representative report.

Guest Speaker: Greg Bartz, Community Liason, DWP

Safety Committee – Nicholas Lambert, Chair

a. No motions submitted

Arts and Education Committee – Linda Wherli, Chair

a. No motions submitted.

By Laws and Rules Committee – Carlos Ferreyra, Chair

a. Motion to approve the following changes to current By Laws, Article V Section1: Composition

Delete Category A. Homeowners, 1 seat per District and Category B. Resident Occupants, 1 seat per District and replace with new Category:

A. Resident – Two (2) elected Board Members from each of the Districts 1- 6.

Any adult who lives within the GVGNC boundaries, who occupies and either leases, owns or rents their place of residence, whether single or multi-family..

10. Board member comments on non-agenda items.

11. President's comments.

a. Nomination of Mike Stathopolous to vacant seat Merchant/Businessperson Category.

12. Adjournment.

Next GVGNC Board meeting will be held Monday, October 6, 2014, 7:00 pm. Los Angeles Valley College, Campus Center, room 104. 5800 Fulton Avenue, Valley Glen, CA 91401(Location subject to change)