



# Greater Valley Glen Council

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### **AGENDA**

GVGC BOARD MEETING  
MONDAY, April 6, 2015, 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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Judy Price	Charles Samson
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Arline Simon	Linda Wehrli

**GVGC Quorum is 13 Board members**

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Agenda is posted for public review at: on the website [www.gvgc.us](http://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 March, 2015 minutes
4. Guest Speaker: Dr. Erika Endrijonas, President, Valley College.
- 4 Government Representatives reports.
  - Nikki Hezarian, Field Deputy, CD2
  - Talene Dermenjian, Field Deputy Assembly District 46, presentation on AB-24, Public Safety Transportation Bill dealing with programs like Uber.
5. L.A.P.D. Senior lead officer reports:
  - a. Van Nuys Division
    - Officer Michelle Smith, Valley Traffic will speak pedestrian safety.
  - b. North Hollywood Division
6. Treasurers report and motions:
  - a. Motion to approve monthly expenditure report to DONE for March, 2015.
7. Public comments on issues not on current agenda (please see requirements in paragraph above).
8. Committee Reports:
  - Parks, Community Improvements and Medians. Sloan Myrick, Chair.**
    - a. Motion to approve allocation of no more than \$1,500 for the *Movie Night at the Park* on May 9, 2015 at 8:00 p.m. at Valley Glen Community Park (the "Park"). Movies to be decided by the Committee. Budget detail for the \$1,500 is:
      - 1) \$500 for flyer production: up to 5,000 printed flyers to be delivered to Erwin, Kittridge and Monlux Elementary Schools and areas nearby the Park by board members. Delivery via schools and board members saves the cost of Walking Man delivery (\$500 to \$1,000);
      - 2) \$200 for refreshments;
      - 3) \$300 for portable toilet rental including ADA compliant toilet; and
      - 4) \$500 for promotional items, e.g. 400 LED Finger Lights @ \$1.20 per unit to be handed out to the attendees along with GVGC bags and other promotional material.
  - Community Impact Statement:** *Movie Night at the Park* has proven its success as an outreach event; attracting a variety of 300-400 stakeholders, especially young families in the Park area (mostly low to moderate income household census tracts that can enjoy a free movie). GVGC is able to advertise itself and promote use of the Park; the latter aspect enhancing public safety of the Park.

b. Motion to approve allocation of no more than \$250 to purchase up to twenty (20) 5-gallon buckets (with lids) and two (2) 50-foot hoses. Purpose is to provide volunteers the ability to water the young trees at Valley Glen Community Park (the "Park") during the spring and summer months.

**Community Impact Statement:** The Park has lost a lot of trees over the past 10 years and the GVGC and the City have paid to plant several (over a dozen) "replacement" trees. The Park receives minimal watering due to drought and the younger trees need additional water. Stakeholder/Volunteers in the Park neighborhood desire to bring their own water to ensure that the young-replacement trees are able to receive supplemental water to support the growth of these younger trees. This achieves a goal of community beautification while ensuring that a re-planting will not be needed.

**Community Outreach and Neighborhoods, Carlos Ferreyra, Chair.**

a. Introduction of and seating vote request for potential new Board members.

**Planning and Land Use Committee – Charles Samson, Chair**

a. Motion stating that the Greater Valley Glen Council Board supports Zoning Case ZA-2014-4688-CUW at 13069 Victory Blvd., Valley Glen to obtain a Conditional Use Permit by Verizon Wireless for the installation in the parking lot of a shopping center of an unmanned 45 ft. tall faux palm tree monopole and UL listed equipment cabinets & standby generator on a concrete pad surrounded by bollards; subject to the following conditions: 1) that the heaviest density and thickness available for palm fronds be used; 2) that the equipment attached to the tree be painted to match the tree or foliage; and 3) that the parabolic microwave dish be excluded.

**Government Relations – Judy Price, Chair**

a. Motion stating that the Greater Valley Glen Council supports the City Council Resolution opposing the State Legislation SB 608 (Liu) which would prohibit local jurisdictions from enforcing laws against camping on sidewalks, in parks and in vehicles on public streets. Council File #15-0002-S21.

**COMMUNITY IMPACT STATEMENT:** SB 608 would drastically curtail law enforcement's ability to deal with problem homeless populations, in particular those with drug addiction problems and those suffering mental illness. This bill does not balance public safety needs with the needs of the homeless and does not address the causes of homelessness or offer any solutions to this problem, but instead poses a threat to public safety. Council File #15-0002-S21

b. Motion stating that the Greater Valley Glen Council is strongly opposed to the new DONE requirement that Neighborhood Councils must use a Website Vendor that is on the approved list provided by DONE.

**COMMUNITY IMPACT STATEMENT:** The GVGC has had the same Vendor for a number of years and is very happy with the service and cost. The ten Vendors on the approved list are considerably more expensive. We are also very disappointed that our Vendor, Aaron Devandry was not given the opportunity to be on the list. He provides website service to a number of Neighborhood Councils so has a depth of knowledge and understanding of our mission. When such a drastic measure is imposed on Neighborhood Councils, we should have an opportunity to be part of the discussion before a decision is made. We should be given more notice and ample time to address such a change. We request a reversal of this mandate.

d. DWP Oversight Committee report – J. D'Antonio

e. VANC report – Vic Viereck

**Arts and Education Committee – Linda Wehrli, Chair**

a. Board approval for temporary storage of Horse for Horses of the Valley from GVGC be temporarily stored at the San Fernando Valley Arts and Culture Center.

**Safety Committee – Nicholas Lambert, Chair**

Guest speaker : Jon Brown, Disaster Program Manager, American Red Cross, on free installation of smoke alarms for the community GVGC xerves.

10. Board member comments on non-agenda items

11. President's comments.

a. Motion to approve the expenditure of no more than \$1000.00 for the Emergency Preparedness Event on April 25<sup>th</sup>. Costs to cover booth space and give-aways.

b. update on online voting for NC elections.

c. update on other issues not discussed earlier.

12. Adjournment.

*Next GVGNC Board meeting will be held Monday, May 4, 7:00 pm. Los Angeles Valley College, Campus Center, room 104. 5800 Fulton Avenue, Valley Glen, CA 91401 (Location subject to change)*