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GVGC BOARD MEETING - AGENDA

MONDAY, February 6, 2017, 7:00 pm

*Los Angeles Valley College,
Campus Center, FIRESIDE ROOM.
5800 Fulton Avenue, Valley Glen, CA 91401*

Public Parking Allowed in Lot "B" Only.

****PUBLIC INPUT AT NEIGHBORHOOD COUNCIL MEETINGS** – While not necessary, the public is requested to fill out a "Speaker Card" to address the Board on any agenda item before the Board takes an 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 are within the Board's jurisdiction will be heard during the General Public Comment period. Please note that under the Brown Act, the Board is prevented from acting on a matter that you bring to its attention during the General Public Comment period; however, the issue raised by a member of the public may become the subject of a future Board meeting. Public comment is limited to 2 minutes per speaker, unless adjusted by the presiding officer.

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1. Call to Order and Pledge of Allegiance.
2. Board Roll Call.
3. Board approval of Special Board meeting, January 23, 2107 minutes.
4. Treasurer's report:
 - a) **Motion for Board approval** of MERs, if any, to be approved.
 - b) Budget Advocate report: **Possible motion**
5. Government Representatives Reports. -
6. Public Comments on Items not on the Agenda. -
7. Motions made under Committee.-

Planning and Land Use – Doug Breidenbach, Chair –

- a. Committee report. No motions submitted.

Outreach and Safety Committee– J. Chadwick, Chair.

- a. Committee report.

Government Relations – W. Hall, Chair

- a. Committee report –

Motion for Board approval stating that the Greater Valley Glen Council supports the Neighborhood Council Sustainability Alliance letter to Mayor Garcetti advocating the transition of the DWP to 100% renewable energy by 2030, with no new non-renewable projects to be undertaken between now and that time.

- b. **Motion for Board approval** for a C.I.S. stating that the Greater Valley Glen Council supports efforts to sustain a thriving urban forest within our city orders and to develop a more robust and comprehensive program for urban forestry management. We particularly endorse the accounting of the net losses and increases in tree canopy that result from tree removal and replacement policies. Residents on affected blocks must play an authoritative role relative to the implementation of tree removal, tree replacement, tree maintenance (including tree trimming and root pruning) and tree preservation. (CF 15-0467-S6)

PROPOSED COMMUNITY/ IMPROVEMENT IMPACT STATEMENT:

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b. Motion for Board approval stating that The Greater Valley Glen Council endorses the Motion (CF 15-1022-S2) made at City Council suspending the use of online voting for future Neighborhood Council elections until otherwise authorized. Such use of online voting in the past has exposed voters' personal information, such as social security numbers to easy public viewing, and has failed to provide for necessary verification of all ballots cast by online voters. As California Elections Code Section 19217 prohibits online voting, such online voting for Neighborhood Councils, which are empowered to spend monies from Los Angeles' general fund, is on its face inappropriate. Leaving aside the matter of its very legality, until such online voting is thoroughly vetted and a comprehensive system/methodology is developed for its implementation which is thoroughly tested in both a simulated vote and a pilot election and the results attested to by an independent party, its use in Neighborhood Council elections should be suspended. We also take exception to recommendations from DONE to the City Council in their report on online voting dated January 17, 2017. To mandate a voting age as young as 12 years old is interfering with a Neighborhood Council's autonomy and is not in the spirit of the City Charter. Each Neighborhood Council should have the right to make this determination, not DONE. Likewise, to limit the number of ballots to three for Neighborhood Council elections also erodes Neighborhood Council autonomy. Although, the GVGC allows only one ballot per voter, other Neighborhood Councils allow voters a ballot for each category in which they are eligible. To restrict them for the convenience of DONE and the City Clerk in elections is an unreasonable solution and further compromises the Neighborhood Council's ability to self govern. **Motion includes approval of the CIS below.**

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- b. DWP representative report
- c. City Sustainability representative report
- d. VANC report.

Parks, Community Improvements and Medians – S. Myrick, Chair

- a. Motion for Board approval** of payment to the BMC Landscape Management Inc. no more than \$2500 (\$325/month) to provide monthly maintenance of Victory Blvd medians between Goodland and Babcock Streets.
- b. Possible Motion for Board approval** of the expenditure of no more \$10,000 with a matching CD2 matching Beautification grant of \$10,000 (total of \$20,000) to be spent to purchase and installation of additional shade cloth covering within Valley Glen Community Park Playground area. Additional shade cloth is required to cover the sandbox area

Arts and Education – L. Wehrli, Chair

- a. Motion for Board approval** approving the expenditure of no more than \$1,250.00 for a Call to Artists Utility Box Design Competition, open to artists who live, work or study in Greater Valley Glen, to cover a \$500 stipend, paint and tools and graffiti coating. Design theme will be "Native Plants" and must include prominent placement of the GVGC logo.

8. President comments:

- a. Meeting re-structuring
- b. Available board seats

9. Board member comments on items not on agenda.

10. Adjournment motion.

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**Next GVGNC Board meeting will be held Monday, March 6, 2017
Los Angeles Valley College, Campus Center, Fireside Room
5800 Fulton Avenue, Valley Glen, CA 91401 (Location and Date subject to change).**