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**CITY OF LOS ANGELES**

13654 Victory Blvd., #136  
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**GVGC BOARD MEETING - AGENDA**

**MONDAY, November 5, 2018 @ 7:00 pm**

*Los Angeles Valley College,  
Administration Building, Room 2504  
5800 Fulton Avenue, Valley Glen, CA 91401*

*Public Parking: Use Parking Structure Roof Level*

**OFFICERS**

- Sloan Myrick **PRESIDENT**
- Derek Iversen **VICE-PRESIDENT**
- Mickey Jannol **SECRETARY**
- James Casey **TREASURER**

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**BOARD MEMBERS**

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| Michael Ashkinadze | Linda Wehrli      |
| Malky Kertis       | Joseph Barmettler |
| Joanne D’Antonio   | Stanley Friedman  |
| September Forsyth  | Walter Hall       |
| Derek Iversen      | Mickey Jannol     |
| Sloan Myrick       | Tom Newton        |
| Julie Casey        | Christopher Moore |
| James Casey        | Jon Pelletier     |
| Dianna Rose        | Carlos Ferreyra   |

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*~ GVGC QUORUM IS 13 BOARD MEMBERS ~*

Call to Order and Pledge of Allegiance. (2 minutes)

1. Board Roll Call. (2 minutes)

2. **President Comments Part 1** (2 minutes)

Board Resignation(s)

Nomination of new members:

District 1 Resident: Alex Silva

District 2 Resident: Marco Recio

3. Board approval of August 2018 minutes. (2 minutes)

4. Treasurer’s report– **J. Casey , Treasurer.** (5 minutes)

A. **Motion for Board approval** of Sept 2018 MERs for as per DONE requirements.

<https://cityclerk.lacity.org/NCFundPortal/display.cfm?id=1385&type=5>

B. Budget Advocate report: Freddy Cupen-Ames (2 minutes)

5. LAPD Senior Lead reports. (5 minutes)

Officer Justin Bergmann ([32052@lapd.lacity.org](mailto:32052@lapd.lacity.org))

Officer Jennifer Duvally ([30991@lapd.lacity.org](mailto:30991@lapd.lacity.org))

Officer Mike Perez ( [@lapd.lacity.org](mailto:@lapd.lacity.org))

6. Guest speaker(s)

Senator Robert Hertzberg, 18th Senate District (15 minutes- includes Q&A)

7. Government Representatives Reports.

A. DONE Rep (2 minutes) (*Vanessa Serrano*)

B. LA City Councilmember Paul Krekorian, District 2 (2 minutes) (*Sahag Yedalian*)

C. Office of Congressman Tony Cárdenas (CA-29) (2 minutes) (*Nigel Sanchez*)

D. Office of Assemblymember Adrin Nazarian (2 minutes) (*Vanessa Carr*)

E. *Other Government Reps*

8. Public Comments on Items not on the Agenda. (2 minutes per speaker)

**Committee Reports:**

10. **Planning and Land Use – J. Pelletier, Chair –** (2 minutes)

A. Committee report



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**B. Motion for Board approval:**

- a. *Motion 1: Requests that GVGC Board approve the motion to support congregate living family facility at 11401 Archwood St. Request is to expand existing facility to 12 beds.*

**11. Community Outreach Committee – C Ferreyra, Chair. (5 minutes)**

A. Committee report

**B. Motion for Board approval:**

- a. Motion 1: Request for Board approval for the expenditure of no more than \$300.00 for two display banners for meetings and events”. **Note:** *This motion was previously approved by the Board in January 2018 but not acted upon.*
- b. Request the Board approve new Outreach Committee mission statement to as follows: **“To increase awareness among stakeholders and the community at large of the Greater Valley Glen Council (GVGC) and it's Board meetings, community projects, and interaction with City and State officials. To interact with stakeholders at community events and and through available means to encourage active participation from stakeholders who live, work, or have an interest in the area served by the GVGC”.**

**12. Government Relations – W. Hall, Chair. (5 minutes)**

A. Committee report

**B. Motions for Board Approval:**

**a. Motion 1 and CIS**

The Greater Valley Glen Council supports the recommendations made in CF 18-0467 on Neighborhood Council Subdivision Reform but with these caveats:

- No new neighborhood councils should be created by subdivision or otherwise until the issue of equity funding of neighborhood councils, caused by the wide disparity in council sizes, is addressed and resolved.
- The 10,000 resident minimum size should be additionally conditioned with a demonstration of a unifying commonality in the new council.

**b. Motion 2 and CIS**

The Greater Valley Glen Council is deeply concerned with the declining condition of the City’s urban forest and canopy. There have been a number of motions in the past several years to address the deficiencies in the management of our Urban Forest that have been adopted by City council, but have gone nowhere. Our City has not kept up with new changes and trends in arboriculture and urban forest management. We endorse: efforts to hire a Director of Community Forestry along with supporting staff (CF 18-0988); the development of the various reports back to Council in support of the preservation of private trees affected by development projects (CF 18-0499-S1); and the development of the various reports from the Bureau of Street Services regarding the maintenance of existing and the planting of additional City trees as well as prioritization of the preservation of healthy City trees affected by sidewalk repairs (CF 15-0467-S8.) In addition, HOWEVER, these efforts require the assistance of a qualified outside professional consultancy service specializing in urban arboriculture (for example, Arbor Pro or Davey Trees); with due attention to other cities’ successful implementation of programs that support their urban forests; and that the various reports as called for, after consultation with the affected entities and personages involved, be completed by a deadline certain as agreed to.

**c. Motion 3 and CIS**

The Greater Valley Glen Council supports preparation of an Ordinance establishing procedures that implement the right to appeal CEQA-related actions taken by a non-elected decision-making body or individual to the City Council as set forth in Public Resources Code section 21151 (c) and as proposed in CF 14-0090-S1.

**d. Motion 4 and CIS**

Given the large number of mature trees being removed from our City’s tree canopy for new driveways, home/building development, new public transit, street widening, electrical installations, sidewalk installations, and now sidewalk repair, the Greater Valley Glen Council has concerns that heat island effect and decline of air quality will be the unintended consequence of the loss of the valuable ecosystem services of the large trees removed for sidewalk repair. Because their value cannot be mitigated by replacement saplings, we therefore disagree with the denial of the appeal under the California Environmental Quality Act, and do not agree that this large removal of trees is “exempt” from CEQA. We are against proceeding with tree removals for sidewalk repair until an EIR is in place, and the ramifications of this loss of canopy and its effect on respiratory health and energy utility needs/cost is fully calculated. Furthermore we recommend consulting other cities such as Seattle, Santa Monica, Beverly Hills and Pasadena, which successfully repair their sidewalks without removing trees. [CFs 18-0725 and 18-0142]

**e. Motion 5 and CIS**



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The Greater Valley Glen Council supports the instruction to BSS to find a solution to repair of the sidewalk on Cherokee Avenue that preserves trees.

[Plus the Motion 4 above.] [CF 18-0707]

- C. DWP representative report: **\*\*no report submitted**
- D. City Sustainability report: **\*\*no report submitted**
- E. VANC report: **\*\*no report submitted**

**13. Parks, Community Improvements and Medians – S. Myrick, Chair. (5 minutes)**

- A. Committee report  
*Cinemark property blight--official letter awaiting proper copy*
- B. **Motion for Board approval:**

**14. Arts and Education – J. Casey, Chair. (5 minutes)**

- A. Committee report
- B. **Motions for Board Approval:**  
*No Motions submitted*

**15. Community Safety Committee– T. Newton, Chair. (5 minutes)**

- A. Committee report
- B. **Motions for Board Approval:**  
*No Motions submitted*

**16. By-Laws Committee– T. Newton, Chair. (5 minutes)**

- A. Committee report
- B. **Motions for Board Approval:**  
*No Motions submitted*

**17. Board member comments on items not on agenda. (5 minutes)**

**18. President's Motion(s)**

- A. **Motion 1:** President requests the Board approve Jon Pelletier as Chair of newly created ad-hoc “Board Nomination Vetting” Committee
- B. **Motion 2:** President requests the Board approve expenditure up to \$200 for GVGC business cards for Carlos Ferreyra and Thomas Newton

**19. President Comments Part 2 (5 minutes)**

*December 3rd meeting? Retreat?*

**20. Adjournment motion.**

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**Next GVGC Board meeting will be held Monday, December 3, 2018 @ LAVC**