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MINUTES

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
Marcus Como	Maria Denis
Joanne D'Antonio	Carlos Ferreyra
William Fishman	Eli Friedman
Rachel Friedman	Stanley Friedman
Mickey Jannol	Malky Kertis
Nicholas Lambert	Sloan Myrick
Rich Pisani	Judy Price
Kari Roberts	Charles Samson
Lisa Samson	Kathleen Schwartz
Arline Simon	Linda Wehrli

GVGC Quorum is 13 Board members

1. Call to order and Pledge of Allegiance
2. Board roll call. Absent member: S. Myrick.
3. Board approval of seating of Mike Stathopolous to vacant seat, Merchant/Businessperson Category. Board approved via voice approval.
4. Unanimous Board approval of August 4, 2014 minutes.
5. Public comments on issues not on current agenda: V. Viereck spoke regards the location of the "Welcome to Valley Glen" sign on Coldwater Ave. and Burbank Blvd. and that it is in the wrong neighborhood.
6. Government Representatives reports;
 - a. Talene Dermenjian Field Representative, Assembly member Nazarian of the 46th District, gave an update on Assembly bills: AB 537, 612,617,625,1723, 1825, and 1822.
 - b. David Azevado, representative for LAUSD District 3 Board member T. Galantzan, introduced himself, gave an update on the iPad program and issues for the coming school year.
7. L.A.P.D. Senior lead officer reports:
 - a. Van Nuys Division: SLOs Underwood and Paschal spoke on crime updates for their respective areas, including the increase of domestic violence calls and emphasized the LAPD use of NextDoor.com.
 - b. North Hollywood Division: SLO Duvally spoke on the decrease of aggravate assault and vehicle break-ins, but still an area of concern.
8. Treasurers report and motions:
 - a. Motion to approve payments made for expenditures previously approved by the GVGC Board made by L. Samson, second C. Ferreyra.
 - [this is a new procedure required by DONE Funding]
 - \$750.00 for booth rental at VGNA Community Fair (Outreach), J. Price recused herself.
 - \$350.00 for booth rental at St. Francis Community Fair (Outreach)
 - \$1260.00 for storage space fee for one year rental, Personal Storage Garages.
 Motion approved via roll call by 19 YES, 0 No, 0 abstain, 2 ineligible.
 - b. Motion to approve monthly expenditure report to DONE made by L. Samson, second M. Jannol.
Motion approved via roll call by 19 YES, 0 no, 0 Abstain, 2 ineligible.
 - c. Review of new current funding process presented by Treasurer Lisa Samson.
9. Committee Reports;

Parks, Community Improvements and Medians. Sloan Myrick, Chair, report by M. Jannol.

- a. Motion to approve an expenditure of no more than \$2000 for following items for future outdoor Outreach GVGC events made by M. Jannol, second C. Ferreyra,

- Portable electric generator
- Folding chairs
- Incandescent lanterns
- Light strings
- Electric cords
- LED walkway lighting.
- Insulated, portable storage containers

Motion approved via roll call 19 YES, 0 NO, 0 Abstain, 2 Ineligible

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.*

(M. Denis asked to be excused from remainder of meeting)

Public comment by Roxanne Hoge regards safety concerns at Laurel Grove Park.

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 made by M. Jannol, second C. Samson,

- \$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.

Motion approved via roll call by 18 YES, 0 NO, 0 Abstain, 2 Ineligible

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. made by M. Jannol, second W. Fishman,

Motion approved via roll call by 18 YES, 0 NO, 0 Abstain, 2 Ineligible

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

Presentation by representatives of the DWP, including Greg Bartz, Community Liaison, regards the upcoming City Trunk Line South work affecting areas served by the GVGC and the estimated beginning in early 2016 and ending late 2021.

- 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) made by J. Price, second R. Pisani.

Motion passed via voice vote, 18 YES, 1 NO (L. Samson), 1 Abstain (C. Samson). CIS to be filed.

- 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) made by J. Price, second C. Ferreyra, Motion passed via voice vote, 18 YES, 1 NO (L. Samson), 1 Abstain (D. Breidenbach). CIS to be filed.

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) Made by J. Price, second A. Simon. Motion passed via voice vote, 18 YES, 0 NO, 2 Abstain (K. Schwartz, L. Samson) CIS to be filed.

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. Vic Viereck gave an update on the VANC sponsoring of a debate on Oct. 9 between candidates for County Supervisor Seat, S. Kuel and B Shriver. J. D'Antonio GVGC representative on the DWP Oversight Committee stated that most items discussed were presented by DWP representatives earlier.

Safety Committee – Nicholas Lambert, Chair

- a. No motions submitted. SLO's were asked to work with Chair to coordinate Neighborhood Watch Captain contacts.

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 Section 1: Composition
Delete Category A. Homeowners, 1 seat per District and Category B. Resident Occupants, 1 seat per District and replace with new Category made by C. Ferreyra, second D. Breidenbach

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

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

Motion approved via voice vote unanimously.

10. Board member comments on non-agenda items.

11. President's comments.

- a. All committee agendas to be sent for posting to NCsupport@acity.org as well as the GVGC website and Erwin St. Elementary School.
b. Announcement of the resignation of Education Org. Rep. Rachel Friedman. She resigned in order to concentrate on her Law School studies.
c. Congress of NCs – Saturday, Sept. 20, 2014

12. Adjournment at 9:25PM.

Next GVGC 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)