

MINUTES

GVGC BOARD MEETING

MONDAY, DECEMBER 1, 2014, 7:00pm

Los Angeles Valley College, Campus Center, Room 104
5800 Fulton Avenue, Valley Glen, CA 91401

1. Call to order and Pledge of Allegiance.
2. Board Roll Call: Absent members; A. Aklyan, J. D'Antonio, M. Denis, W. Fishman, M. Kertis, K. Roberts, A. Simon, L. Wehrli. Quorum present.
3. Board approval of November 3, 2014 Board minutes, via unanimous voice vote.
4. Public comments on issues not on current agenda: J. Ackerman spoke representing G. Bailey for College Board Trustee campaign. J. Lindblad, Candidate for City Council, CD2.
5. Government Representatives reports;
 - a. Nikki Ezhari from CD2 gave notice of the Community Holiday Party, Tuesday, December 8 at Fire Station 89.
6. L.A.P.D. Senior lead officer reports:
 - a. Van Nuys Division: SLO Underwood reported on a decrease of crime statistics in Valley Glen area and reminded everyone to be mindful that during holidays theft goes up.
 - b. North Hollywood Division: none.
7. Treasurers report and motions:
 - a. Motion to monthly expenditure report to DONE for October, 2014, made by L. Samson, second C. Samson.
Approved 13 Yes, 0 No, 0 Abstentions, 1 Ineligible.
 - b. Motion to monthly expenditure report to DONE for November, 2014, made by L. Samson, second C. Ferreyra.
Approved 13 Yes, 0 No, 0 Abstentions, 1 Eligible.
 - b. Monthly expenditure approval deferred until next Board meeting due to absence of Treasurer.
8. Committee Reports;
 - Parks, Community Improvements and Medians. Sloan Myrick, Chair,**
 - a. Motion stating that the Greater Valley Glen Council Board supports the following Best Landscape Award mission statement: *In order to promote and encourage outstanding landscaping in Greater Valley Glen, and to foster community pride, the Parks & Improvement Committee of the GVGC shall nominate a "Best Landscape" award periodically to residential, commercial and other properties in each of the six districts. Due to the current drought conditions, the Committee shall give special consideration to landscapes that include drought tolerant planting and promote water conservation* made by S. Myrick, second C. Ferreyra.
Approved unanimously via voice vote.
 - Community Outreach and Neighborhoods, Kari Roberts, Chair**
 - a. Motion to approve the expenditure of \$250.00 to iContact for the period of one year to continue email services made by C. Ferreyra, second C. Samson.
Approved 13 Yes, 0 No, 0 Abstentions, 1 Ineligible.
 - b. Motion regards tagline removed.

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 supports the Budget Advocate's letter dated 11/10/2014 (see Addendum A) and the Board of Neighborhood Commissioners (BONC) letter dated 11/12/2014, requesting 7 new Exempt or Emergency Appointment positions be allocated to DONE. DONE is severely under staffed with only 1 Supervisor and 5 field staff to cover and support 95 neighborhood councils and has experienced a 70% cut in staff since 2004. (Council File 14-0600-S142.
Public comment: W. Kuzmill spoke in favor of motion.
 - Motion approved unanimously via voice vote.

Proposed Community Impact Statement: Council File 14-0600-S142 – The Greater Valley Glen Council supports 7 new Exempt or Emergency Appointment positions be allocated to the Department of Neighborhood Empowerment (DONE). DONE has experienced a 70% cut in staff since 2004 and has reached the point where it may not be able to fulfill its Charter mandated responsibilities to foster and support Neighborhood Councils.

- b. DWP Oversight Committee report – J. D'Antonio
No report
- c. VANC report – V. Viereck.
VANC will be sponsoring a Planning Forum at CBS Studios on December 11, 2014.

Safety Committee–Nicholas Lambert, Chair

a. No motions submitted.

Arts and Education Committee–Linda Wehrli, Chair

a. No motions submitted

9. Board member comments on non-agenda items.

J. Price; The VGNA reminded Board of the VGNA's Holiday Party December 9th. starting at 7:00PM.

10. President's comments.

Motion to approve a NPG for New Directions for Youth in the amount of \$1000.00 to assist with equipment to continue to serve the community in wiping out graffiti made by C. Ferreyra, second K. Schwartz.

- Motion approved 13 YES, 0 no, 0 Abstain, 1 ineligible.

11. Adjournment at 8:40PM.

Next GVGNC Board meeting will be held Monday, January 5, 2015, 7:00pm. Los Angeles Valley College, Campus Center, room 104. 5800 Fulton Avenue, Valley Glen, CA 91401 (Location subject to change)