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MINUTES

GVGC BOARD MEETING
MONDAY MAY 4, 2015,
7:00pm
Los Angeles Valley College
Campus Center Room 104
5800 Fulton Avenue
VALLEY GLEN, CALIFORNIA 91401

Board Members

Alan Aklyan	Douglas Breidenbach
Michael Brassens	Maria Denis
Joanne D'Antonio	Carlos Ferreyra
Eli Friedman	Stanley Friedman
Mickey Jannol	Sloan Myrick
Malky Kertis	Nicholas Lambert
Rich Pisani	Judy Price
Charles Samson	Lisa Samson
Kathleen Schwartz	Arline Simon
Linda Wehrli	

GVGC Quorum is 13 Board members

1. Call to order and Pledge of Allegiance AT 7:05 pm
2. Board roll call. N. Lambert, K. Schwartz, A. Simon absent. Quorum present.
3. Board approval of April, 2015 minutes via voice vote with corrections.
- 4 L.A.P.D. Senior lead officer reports:
 - a. Van Nuys Division – Officer Underwood reported that vehicle break-ins are on the rise and recommended keeping valuables out of sight. A gun buy-back event will take place May 9, 2015. Officer Smith discussed pedestrian safety as an issue of vital importance to the community.
5. North Hollywood Division – None.
6. Treasurers report and motions:
 - a. Motion to approve monthly expenditure reports to DONE for April, 2015 by L. Samson, second C. Ferreyra approved 13 YES, 0 NO, 0 Abstentions, 3 Ineligible.
7. Government Representatives reports.
 - a. Talene Dermejian, Field Representative, Assembly District 46, reported on Desalination event to be presented at Valley College, May 29, 2015 starting at 10:00AM.
 - b. Nikki Ezhari, Field Representative, CD2, has made arrangements for the pick-up of outdoor movie equipment for the upcoming Movie in The Park.
8. Public comments on issues not on current agenda (please see requirements in paragraph above).
 - a. Tamar Galatzan, candidate for LAUSD Board seat spoke regards her candidacy.
 - b. Stacy Sanchez for S.C. Gas Co. spoke about the ongoing installation of “smart” meters throughout the community.
 - c. Steve Schmerelson, candidate for LAUSD Board seat spoke regards his candidacy.
9. Board discussion of Election Stipulation Letter.
 - a. Motion to approve final ESL by C. Ferreyra, second D. Breidenbach passed via voice vote, 2 NO votes (J. D’Antonio, J. Price).
10. Committee Reports;
 - Community Outreach and Neighborhoods Committee.**
 - a. Addition of Michael Brassens to committee.
 - b. Status of open seats with Resident District 2 and Merchant/Business Rep. (2) open.
 - c. Special committee meeting, May 14, 2015, location TBA.

Government Relations Committee – Judy Price, Chair

- a. Motion stating that the Greater Valley Glen Council supports the City Council Motion to prepare an ordinance amending the Los Angeles Municipal Code to eliminate any fees associated with the installation of approved “simple” graywater systems by homeowners in Los Angeles. (Council File #15-0458-S1), by J Price, second M. Denis. Approved via voice vote unanimously.

Community Impact Statement: With the historic drought and water supplies dwindling, it is imperative to find creative solutions in the City of Los Angeles. Every incentive should be afforded the homeowner to encourage water-saving measures. To eliminate any fees associated with the installation of DWP approved “simple” graywater systems would encourage people to recycle water at their homes with graywater systems. (Council File #15-0458-S1).

- b. Motion stating that the Greater Valley Glen Council supports the City Council Resolution opposing the State Assembly Bill AB 1220 (Harper) which would prohibit local governments, cities, and counties, including charter cities, from levying local hotel taxes on “short term rentals”. (Council File #15-0002-S31) by J. Price, second L. Samson approved via voice vote.

Community Impact Statement: State Assembly Bill AB 1220 would eliminate local authority to collect revenue on short term rental, thereby undermining local control, local budgets, regulatory authority and land use control, and ultimately the principle of home rule. (Council File #15-0002-S31)

- c. Motion stating that the Greater Valley Glen Council supports the proposal to instruct the City Administrative Officer to review the recommendations in the Neighborhood Council Budget Advocates’ 2015 White Paper and provide additional feedback for consideration in the budget process for the 2015-16 Fiscal Year. (Council File #15- 0273) by J. Price, second C. Samson approved via voice vote.

Community Impact Statement: The Neighborhood Council Budget Advocates are in the unique position of determining the budget priorities for the Neighborhood Councils along with suggestions for improving City services. This perspective should be utilized as the valuable tool that it is in determining the budget for the 2015- 2016 Fiscal Year. (Council File #15-0273)

- d. Motion approving the allocation of the following amounts of any unallocated or unused funds from our 2014-2015 budget:
 - a. 1. \$1000. to the Congress of Neighborhood Councils 2015.
 - b. 2. \$ 250. to the Neighborhood Council Budget Advocates.by J. Price, second C. Ferreyra, approved 13 YES, 0 No, 0 Abstentions, 3 Ineligible.

VANC – Vic Viereck – no report.

DWP Oversight committee – J. D’Antonio

LANC – J. D’Antonio

Parks, Community Improvements and Medians Committee. Sloan Myrick, Chair.

- a. Motion approving payment to BMC Landscape Company up to \$4800 to do weed removal and sub-soil reconditioning treatments to the following medians: Victory (between Goodland Ave and Babcock Ave), Whitsett Medians (between Hamlin and Victory), and Coldwater/Burbank median, and Vanowen/Fulton medians by S. Myrick, second M. Jannol approved 12 YES, 1 NO (J. D’Antonio), 0 Abstentions, 3 Ineligible.
- b. Motion approving payment to the LA Corp of Conservation up to \$4900 to provide maintenance including watering to 20 trees within Laurel Grove Park as well as 30 young immature trees, planted by LA Parks and Rec Dept, within Valley Glen Community Park by S. Myrick, second M. Jannol approved 13 YES, 0 NO, 0 Abstentions, 3 Ineligible.

Planning and Land Use Committee – Charles Samson, Chair.

No motions submitted.

Arts and Education Committee – Linda Wherli, Chair

No motions submitted

Safety Committee – Nicholas Lambert Chair

No motions submitted

9. Board member comments on items not on agenda.

- a. Saturday 5/9/15 LAFD Open House
- b. USPS Food Drive taking place Saturday 5/9/15.
- c. Grant High School “Arts On Sidewalk”, Friday 5/15/15 starting at 5PM, tickets available on site.

10. President’s comments.

- a. Motion to clarify previously approved addition to By Laws, ARTICLE X, Section 3 voting age section to read “except for Youth Representative” by C. Ferreyra, second J. Price approved via voice vote.
- b. Announcement of the resignation of A. Messeroll-Wong from the Board.

11. Adjournment, 8:40 PM.

Next GVGNC Board meeting will be held Monday, June 1, 7:00 pm. Los Angeles Valley College, Campus Center, room 104. 5800 Fulton Avenue, Valley Glen, CA 91401(Location subject to change)