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GVGC BOARD MEETING - MINUTES

MONDAY AUGUST 3, 2015 @ 7:00pm

**Los Angeles Valley College
Campus Center Room 104**

5800 Fulton Avenue, Valley Glen, California 91401

OFFICERS

- **Carlos Ferreyra - PRESIDENT**
- **Charles Samson - VICE-PRESIDENT**
- **Michael Brassem - SECRETARY**
- **Rich Pisani - TREASURER**

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Alan Aklyan	Douglas Breidenbach
Michael Brassem	Maria Denis
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Nicholas Lambert	Rich Pisani
Judy Price	Charles Samson
Lisa Samson	Kathleen Schwartz
Arline Simon	Linda Wehrli

~ GVGC QUORUM IS 13 BOARD MEMBERS ~

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Agenda is posted for public review at: on the website www.gvgc.us, Erwin Street Elementary School, 13400 Erwin Street, Valley Glen, CA; As a covered entity under Title 11 of the Americans with Disabilities Act, the City of Los Angeles does not discriminate on the basis of disability and upon request, will provide reasonable accommodation to ensure equal access to its programs, services and activities. Sign language interpreters, assistive listening devices, or other auxiliary aids and/or services may be provided upon request. To ensure availability of services, please make your request at least 3 business days (72 hours) prior to the meeting you wish to attend by contacting the Department of Neighborhood Empowerment at **(866) LA-HELPS or (866) 584-3577**.

1. Call to order and Pledge of Allegiance
2. Board roll call. Absent Members: C. Samson, S. Myrick
3. July 2015 minutes delayed for approval due to recent elections.
4. **L.A.P.D. SENIOR LEAD OFFICER REPORTS:**
 - Van Nuys Division; SLOs Paschal and Bergmann, crime is up 31.3% and currently the highest in the entire division. 336 crimes to date. Theft from vehicles and homes increasing. Front gate motors continue to be stolen in area. Reminded public to lock it and hide it.
 - North Hollywood Division; SLO Duvally, Noho neighborhood cleanup happened in July and was a success. Car break ins are increasing but 2 suspected gang members were recently arrested and tied to multiple break ins.
- a. C. Ferreyra raised issue regarding recent shooting at Kittridge / Woodman and the need for the public to know what is being done about the gangs. Advised that gang unit is not sharing information with other divisions
- GOVERNMENT REPRESENTATIVES REPORTS:**
 - b. Tamar Galatza – Neighborhood Prosecutor. GVGC sponsoring Q&A with CPT Neiman on Tuesday, August 11 @ 6:00PM.
 - c. Kenny LaSalle, Congressman Cardenas' Office – Currently filming recaps of rumors and what happened during congressional sessions and being posted online and on Congressman Cardenas' Facebook page. Congressman Cardenas is also working on more solar panels for low income housing and incentivizing solar panels for new construction. Constituent services available through office.
- TREASURERS REPORT AND MOTIONS: Rich Pisani, Treasurer.**
 - d. Motion to approve monthly expenditure reports to DONE for July, 2015 by C. Ferreyra, second R. Pisani.
 - Motion approved via roll call – 13 Yes, 0 No, 1 Abstain, 1 Ineligible, 2 Absent.
 - e. Motion to approve \$168.00 P, O, Box 12 month rental. Vendor, West Coast Mail Ctr.
 - Motion approved via roll call – 13 Yes, 0 No, 1 Abstain, 1 Ineligible, 2 Absent.
 - f. Motion to approve \$1750 storage unit 12 month rental. Vendor, Personal Storage.
 - Motion approved via roll call – 13 Yes, 0 No, 1 Abstain, 1 Ineligible, 2 Absent.
 - g. 2015-2016 GVGC Budget update. C. Ferreyra advised that DUNN restated the annual budget from \$37k to \$42k.



5. PUBLIC COMMENTS ON ISSUES NOT ON CURRENT AGENDA

- a. Scott Schmerelson—presentation from LAUSD Board member working for active parent center to encourage parent participation
- b. Victor Viereck—announced Valley Alliance (VANC) meeting at Sherman Oaks Hospital on Thursday, August 13 @ 6:30PM.
- c. Myrna Fleming—teacher at CHS at Grant High School presented information about what they do and possible sponsorship opportunities for the Arts & Education Department.

6. COMMITTEE REPORTS

Community Outreach and Neighborhoods Committee: Michael Brassem, Chair

- a. Motion to approve expenditure of no more than \$1000 to sponsor the International Teen Summit held at LAVCC by C. Ferreyra, second L. Wehri.
 - i. Motion approval via roll call— 12 yes, 0 no, 2 Abstain, 1 Ineligible, 2 Absent,
- b. Status of open seats.

Government Relations Committee -Judy Price, Chair

- a. Motion stating that the Greater Valley Glen Council supports the review of programs and/or regulations that could facilitate the expansion of animal adoptions by tenants in residential rental properties; (CF 15-0843). No kill shelters have problem of pets not allowed in apartment complexes. Motion by J.D'Antonio, second J. Price.
 - i. Motion approved via roll call— 12 yes, 0 no, 2 Abstain, 2 Absent
- b. Motion stating that the Greater Valley Glen Council supports the motion for the Watershed Approach to the drought where water is Captured, Conserved, and Reused. (CF 15-0768)
 - i. Motion approved via roll call— 14 Yes, 0 No, 2 Absent
- c. The Greater Valley Glen Council supports the motion for a program to develop economic incentive area/zones throughout the city called Jobs and Economic Development Incentive (JEDI) Zones, to lure new business and industry to revitalize underserved communities while also providing economic development benefits and employment of local residents with the provision that there be meaningful input from the impacted communities being considered for a JEDI Zone. (CF 13-0934-S2) by J. Price, second M. Jannol.
 - i. Motion approved via voice vote— 13 yes, 0 no, 1 Abstain, 2 Absent
- d. Motion stating that the Greater Valley Glen Council does not support any new regulations on street vending and/or vending and camping in public parks. (CF 13-1493-S1/CF 13-1493-S2/CF 14-1062) by J. Price, second L. Wehri.
 - i. Motion approved via roll call— 10 yes, 5 no, 1 abstain, 2 absent

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

- a. Motion approving payment to the LA Corp of Conservation no more than \$6000 to provide maintenance including watering to 35 trees planted by LA Parks and Rec Dept within Valley Glen Community Park and/or Laurel Grove Park seconded by C. Ferreyra
 - i. Motion approved via voice vote— 14 yes, 0 no, 2 Absent

Planning and Land Use Committee - Charles Samson, Chair.

- a. Motion stating that the Greater Valley Glen Council Board supports Zoning Case CPC 2015-2361-ZC-HD-SPR at 13103-13225 Victory Blvd., Valley Glen to obtain a Zone and Height District Change, and Site Plan Review for a Small Lot Subdivision. The project will include 63 single family dwellings, parking in individual garages with 2 spaces per unit, and 17 guest parking spaces by C. Ferreyra, second M. Brassem.
 - i. Motion approved via voice vote— 14 yes, 0 no, 2 Absent
 - ii. Discussion about DWP not wanting below ground wiring. Requested to discuss further with DWP as initial approval was conditional to burying wires underground
- b. Motion stating that the Greater Valley Glen Council Board supports Zoning Case ZA-2009-3177-CUW-PA at 14051 Burbank Blvd., Valley Glen to obtain a Plan Approval of the existing Conditional Use Permit, for the installation and operation of a new Verizon Wireless Telecommunications Facility (WTF) at an existing office building, consisting of twelve new rooftop antennas in three sectors that will be screened. The corresponding radio equipment (two equipment cabinets and one emergency backup generator) will be located on the ground. The approval is subject to the applicant reaching out to the two adjacent single family neighbors to the north seconded by L. Samson.
 - i. Discussion over proper notification of affected homes in the area.
 - ii. Motion approved via voice vote— 13 yes, 0 no, 1 abstain, 2 absent



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Arts and Education Committee-Linda Wehrli, Chair

- a. No motions submitted
- b. Updates - Diane Johnson Allen, Hands for Hope – Low Income single families offering counseling for teens, and families in Valley Glen. Looking at CDS Grant and asking GVGC to write letter of recommendations. Possible motions for next month.

Safety Committee-Carlos Ferreyra, Chair

- a. Updates – Looking to revitalize the Neighborhood Watch Program and possibly an Apartment Watch Program for citizens concerns about increase in crime and gang activity.

7. BOARD MEMBER COMMENTS ON ITEMS NOT ON AGENDA.

- a. Joanne D'Antonio – DWP Report, DWP announced they will be increasing rates thru the end of the year. Average increase will be \$4 or more per month and switching to a 4 tier program instead of a two tier. Average use is 200 gallons per day. LA City has managed to cut use by 27%. Worst offenders are in Beverly Hills and the West Side.
- b. August 18 is the Valley Glen Neighborhood Association and Paul Kerkorian will be speaking at 6:30PM at Kittridge Elementary. C. Ferreyra raised the issue of equal time to speak at their association meeting. He wants GVGC to be added to the agenda on a regular basis. Requested Judy to take up the issue of equal time at their meeting.
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8. PRESIDENT'S COMMENTS.

- a. Update on National Night Out 2015 – Hot dogs, chips, giveaways for National Night Out on August 4 @ 6:00PM. Council member Paul Kerkorian will be there at 7:00PM

9. SPECIAL GUEST SPEAKER – SENATOR BOB HERZBERG

- a. Represents San Fernando Valley, working on revenue generation for San Fernando, problems of voting, voting by mail. Working on amnesty program for moving violations back to 2013. Ideas include reducing ticket cost by 50%, low income reductions, service tax proposals.

10. ADJOURNMENT @ 9:07PM

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