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GVGC BOARD MEETING - MINUTES

MONDAY November 7, 2016 7:00 pm

Los Angeles Valley College, Fireside Room.

5800 Fulton Avenue, Valley Glen, CA 91401

OFFICERS

- **Carlos Ferreyra - PRESIDENT**
- **Sloan Myrick - VICE-PRESIDENT**
- **Joanne D'Antonio - SECRETARY**
- **Rich Pisani - TREASURER**

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BOARD MEMBERS

Alan Aklean	Douglas Breidenbach
Roberto Celis	Jean Chadwick
Joanne D'Antonio	Maria Denis
Carlos Ferreyra	Stanley Friedman
Walter Hall	Zev Hurwitz
Mickey Jannol	Malky Kertis
Sloan Myrick	Mario Navas
Rich Pisani	Linda Wehrli

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- GVGC QUORUM IS 13 BOARD MEMBERS -

(Secretary's note: #s of items below match #s in published agenda for this meeting – duplicate #s in agenda)

1. Call to Order by C. Ferreyra at 7:11 p.m. Pledge of Allegiance

3 public attendees + 2 Senior Lead Officers Carol Sawamura and Justin Bergmann, DONE Representative Barry Stone, CD 2 Field Representative Sahag Yedelian

2. Board Roll Call (12 Present: A. Aklean (aka A. Aklyan) D. Breidenbach, R. Celis, J. Chadwick, J. D'Antonio, C. Ferreyra, S. Friedman, W. Hall, M. Jannol, S. Myrick, R. Pisani, W. Wehrli). No Quorum.

4. Presentation by Matt Szabo, LA City Deputy Mayor of Budget– Budget presentation. Budget is a year-long process with the fiscal year beginning on 7/1. 10,000 Police officers have been funded and hiring is taking place now. This year \$135 million will go toward dealing with the homeless. The building under Proposition HHH that was passed will be primarily on City property on the West Side. Discussion of street repair and MyLA311 App problems.

5. Presentation by Ana Huizar, Management Assistant, Office of Community Beautification. Her office oversees graffiti removal contractors, litter removal, and weed abatement (utilizing removal and vinegar). Report need to MyLA311. Can provide tools for clean-ups, but not in parks and free paint for graffiti removal.

7:40 Malky Kertis arrived. Quorum Achieved.

7. L.A.P.D. Senior Lead Reports –

Officer C. Sawamura could not give details on child homicide due to child present in the room. There will be a meeting Nov. 14 at Ethel and Atoll dealing with this crime.

Officer J. Bergmann will be on vacation next month. He reported on increased delivered package thefts.

3. Presentation by State Senator Hertzberg – Legislative Update

Shared ideas for the future: Voting centers to extend poll access days. Amnesty for drivers license. Plan to stop dumping used water in ocean – replenish ground water instead. (Orange County reuses 62% of its water.) Storm water capture in catch basins. Water markets to incentivize farmers. Put sensors on trees to indicate when tree needs water. Create borough system to bring government closer to the people. Sen. Hertzberg is Chair of the Governance and Finance Committee.

8. Motions made under Committee.-

Planning and Land Use – Doug Breidenbach, Chair –

a. Motion for Board approval of renewal of Sale of Liquor license for Vallarta Supermarket. Brett Engstrom representing Vallarta Supermarket. D. Breidenbach moved and J. Chadwick seconded motion to renew. There will be a slight change in the hours and mechanical equipment considerations. Motion passed unanimously. (13 yes, 0 no, 3 absent 0 ineligible) D. Breidenbach to sign approval.

9. President's comments.

b. Motion for Board approval of the expenditure of no more than \$500.00 for food and t-shirts for Greater Valley Glen Clean-Up Day on Saturday November 12, 2016, 8:00 AM to Noon. VGNA organizing event. VGNA now has 501C3 non-profit status. C. Ferreyra moved and S. Myrick seconded motion for up to \$500 expenditure. Motion passed. (10 yes, 0 no, 3 absent, 3 ineligible: A. Aklean, S. Friedman, M. Kertis)



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8. Treasurer's Report

C R. Pisani moved and S. Myrick seconded approval of October MERs treasurer's report. Approved. (10 yes, 0 no, 3 absent, 3 ineligible: A. Aklean, S. Friedman, M. Kertis)

8. Motions made under Committee.-

Outreach and Safety Committee– J. Chadwick, Chair.

a. Committee report.

b. **Motion for Board approval** of new web services of DONE approved provider, Moore Business. The Board will be able to be trained to access to website. Motion passed unanimously (13 yes, 0 no, 3 absent, 0 ineligible)

8. Treasurer's Report (continuation)

Neighborhood Council budgets will be updated to an additional \$5,000. There is a Council File for this City Council motion.

6. Government Representatives Reports. -

S. Yedelian -- CD 2:

Topics included Clean Streets Challenge, movies at elementary schools, paid parking districts (PPDs), Rhodes Ave park where trees are dying from lack of irrigation. No update on Valley Glen Park renovation, which should have started by November.

B. Stone – DONE:

Neighborhood Councils have until May to change bylaws.

BONC has an application to subdivide our NC to split off Laurel Grove. There is an issue of 20,000 minimum number of residents.

Quorum lost at approx. 9:20 p.m. when L. Wehrli left.

7. Board approval of September and October, 2016 minutes postponed due to lack of quorum.

8. Treasurer's Report (continuation)

b) Budget Advocate report: Brandon Pender, Neighborhood Council Budget Advocate reported on homeless plan, allotted amount of time to speak at meetings. NCBALA.com Meetings held 3rd Saturday of the month.

8. Motions made under Committee.-

Parks, Community Improvements and Medians – S. Myrick, Chair No motions or reports.

Arts and Education – L. Wehrli, Chair No motions or reports.

Government Relations – W. Hall, Chair

VANC report – W. Hall reported for Vic Viereck that VANC thanks GVGNC for its financial support and that those wishing to attend the Planning Forum on Nov. 10 should make their reservations with VANC.

DWP report -- W. Hall reported that DWP commissioner Funderburk presented on DWP's Equity Metrics Initiative; J. Humpreville (City Watch) reported on his opposition to DWP renting office space at Figueroa Plaza from the City; Director of the Office of Public Accountability Fred Pickel defended his authorship of the ballot statement in support of measure RRR for not including that his budget would increase.

NCSA report – J. D'Antonio reported that the NCSA Trees Committee met in October but no actions to report.

11. Adjournment motion. C. Ferreyra moved and S. Myrick seconded. Passed unanimously. Meeting adjourned at approximately 9:45p.m.

**Next GVGNC Board meeting will be held Monday, December 5, 2016 Los Angeles Valley College, Campus Center, Fireside Room
5800 Fulton Avenue, Valley Glen, CA 91401(Location subject to change)**