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GVGC BOARD MEETING - MINUTES

MONDAY October 10, 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**

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.)

1. **Call to Order by C. Ferreyra at 7:06 p.m. Pledge of Allegiance**
1 public attendee + Senior Lead Officers K. Pascal and J. DuVally.
 2. **Board Roll Call (12 Present: A. Aklean (aka A. Aklyan) D. Breidenbach, R. Celis, J. Chadwick, J. D'Antonio, M. Denis, C. Ferreyra, W. Hall, Z. Hurwitz, S. Myrick, M. Navas, R. Pisani).**
 5. **L.A.P.D. Senior Lead Reports – Officers K. Pascal and J DuVally**
7:25 p.m. S. Friedman arrived. Quorum achieved.
 3. **Minutes** C. Ferreyra postponed minutes approval until next meeting when print outs would be provided. Minutes draft of September 12 meeting has been emailed to Board members.
 4. **Treasurer's Report**
 - a) C. Ferreyra moved and R. Pisani approval of September MERs treasurer's report. Approved unanimously (12 yes, 0 no, 3 absent, 1 ineligible)
 - b) R. Pisani moved and S. Myrick seconded motion to approve previously approved expenditure for Bulletin Board now an NPG as per DONE requirements. Motion approved (11 yes, 0 no, 1 recused, 3 absent, 1 ineligible)
 - c) R. Pisani moved and J. Chadwick moved to approve payment to Aaron DeVandry due balance for previous work done on website. Motion approved (12 yes, 0 no, 3 absent, 1 ineligible)
 6. **Government Representatives Reports. None**
 7. **Public Comments on Items not on the Agenda.** Myrna Fleming of Jack London School reported with photos on use of our funding.
 8. **Motions Made under Committee –**
Parks, Community Improvements and Medians – S. Myrick, Chair
 - a. Sign up for working last Movie in the Park for season October 29th. Movie is "Young Frankenstein". May have to buy own equipment for future to show non-Universal movies.
Sahag has no update on Park renovation Laurel Grove was delayed two years, but situation was very different
 - Outreach and Safety Committee– J. Chadwick, Chair. (2 committees now combined)**
 - a. Website report – pros and cons of four webmaster companies considered – still need quote from Moore.
- Rest of this committee's agenda moved to president's comments and VANC report**

Government Relations – W. Hall, Chair

- a. **Motion for Board approval and C.I.S.** stating that the Greater Valley Glen Council agrees with the City Council that climate change is



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the most significant issue facing Earth today. We favor its directive to the Department of Water and Power to initiate a joint study as specified in CF 16-0243 with the distinction that its objective should be to determine what investments and technologies *could*, as opposed to should, be made to achieve a 100% renewable portfolio for LADWP. Integral to the study must be consideration of the costs that could be incurred. (CF 16-0243).

W. Hall moved and J. D'Antonio seconded. Motion passed unanimously. (13 yes, 0 no, 3 absent)

b. Motion for Board approval and C.I.S. stating that the Greater Valley Glen Council cannot take a position on the Charter changes as they affect the governance of the Department of Water and Power (Measure RRR) that will appear on the ballot at the General Election on November 8, 2016. The Omnibus nature of the proposed changes leaves us with uncertainty concerning their long-term implications. How the proposed Charter changes will work and why they are necessary need greater analysis and explanation.

W. Hall moved and J. Chadwick seconded. Motion passed unanimously. (13 yes, 0 no, 3 absent)

c. Motion for Board approval and C.I.S. stating that the Greater Valley Glen Council endorses the City Council Motion, CF 16-0143, directing the City Administrative Officer to report on what City-owned spaces can be made available for use for neighborhood council board and committee meetings and the circumstances under which priority can be given to the councils for their use of them. We further ask that the City Attorney determine, consistent with the Brown Act, whether such space, when just outside the neighborhood council's covered area, can be used when none other is available within, except through payment for its use. (CF 16-0298).

W. Hall moved and C. Ferreyra seconded. Motion passed unanimously. (13 yes, 0 no, 3 absent)

Secretary's note: The Council File number was deemed incorrect by the City Clerk. Secretary corrected to CF 16-0298. W. Hall confirmed the correction, and the CIS was filed under that number.

d., e., and f were typos and should not have been on the agenda as they were addressed at a previous Board meeting.

e. DWP, VANC and NCSA reports --

DWP Report: W. Hall said meeting was held in Grenada Hills because the meeting could not be held on City property in order for Ratepayer Advocate Fred Pickel to express his support for measure RRR, but it does increase his budget.

NC Sustainability Alliance Report: J. D'Antonio reported that the Trees and Leaf blower Committees met but are in research stages.

VANC report: C. Ferreyra brought up the motion listed under Outreach in the agenda to fund the Nov. 10 Planning Meeting to be held at Carla's Café. C. Ferreyra moved to allocate \$250 to this and D. Breidenbach seconded. Motion passed unanimously. (12 yes, 0 no, 3 absent, 1 ineligible).

**C. Ferreyra moved and S. Myrick seconded to suspend regular Board meeting for Special Meeting at 8:10.
Motion passed unanimously.**

Regular Board meeting recalled to order at 8:20 p.m. No change in attendance.

Planning and Land Use – Doug Breidenbach, Chair - No motions

Arts and Education – Linda Wehrli (absent)

C. Ferreyra reported that there is interest in exhibiting our horse at Victory and Ethel

9. Board member comments on items not on agenda - None

10. President's comments.

a. Ethics certification update -- all Board members must have this up to date and a full 2 hours must be spent in the training. Send copy of Certificate of Completion to Carlos

b. Community Organization Representative status – Request to replace Judy Price has been sent to VGNA

c. Report on NC Congress – C. Ferreyra and M. Navas attended. Union Bank may not renew our contract -- puts our credit cards at risk

d. Community announcements –

VGNA newsletter article acknowledges S. Myrick's work getting our park trees watered.

C. Ferreyra moved and J. Chadwick seconded to get signs to discourage speeding. No visuals provided. Motion passed. (10 yes, 2 no (J. D'Antonio and M. Denis), 0 abstain, 3 absent, 1 ineligible)

13. Adjournment motion. C. Ferreyra moved and S. Myrick seconded. Unanimous. Meeting adjourned at 8:40 p.m.

**Next GVGNC Board meeting will be held Monday, November 7, 2016 Los Angeles Valley College, Campus Center, Fireside Room
5800 Fulton Avenue, Valley Glen, CA 91401 (Location subject to change)**