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GVGC BOARD MEETING - MINUTES

MONDAY February 6, 2017 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
Robert Celis	Jean Chadwick
Joanne D'Antonio	Carlos Ferreyra
Stanley Friedman	Walter Hall
Derek Iverson	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 7:09 p.m. Pledge of Allegiance

6 public attendees, plus Barry Stone, DONE Rep.; Talene Demenjian of Assemblyman Nazarian's office; Kenny LaSalle of Congressman Cardenas' office; Tamar Galatzan, Neighborhood Prosecutor (S. Yedalian of Councilman Kerkorian's office arrived later)

2. Board Roll Call (13 Present: D. Breidenbach, J. Chadwick, J. D'Antonio, C. Ferreyra, S. Friedman, W. Hall, D. Iverson, M. Jannol, M. Kertis, S. Myrick, M. Navas, R. Pisani, L. Wehrli).

3. Minutes C. Ferreyra moved and J. Chadwick seconded approval of January 2017 Board meeting minutes. Approved (12 yes, 1 abstain J.D'Antonio)

C. Ferreyra moved and J. Chadwick seconded approval of September 12, 2016, October 10, 2016, and November 7 minutes. Approved with typo corrections. (12 yes, 1 abstain Derek Iverson)

4. Treasurer's Report R. Pisani moved and C. Ferreyra seconded approval of MERS. Approved unanimously

5. Government Representatives Reports. Talene Demenjian for Assemblyman Nazarian. Kenny LaSalle for Congressman Cardenas: announcement of new office in Panarama City. Neighborhood Prosecutor Tamar Galatzan: new ordinance re: people living in cars Senior Lead Officer Duvally – got cameras; Senior Lead Officer Bergmann: car break-ins and garage burglaries

7. Motions made under Committee-

Arts and Education – L. Wehrli, Chair

a. Motion for Board approval approving the expenditure of no more than \$1,250.00 for a Call to Artists Utility Box Design Competition, open to artists who live, work or study in Greater Valley Glen, to cover a \$500 stipend, paint and tools and graffiti coating. Design theme will be "Native Plants" and must include prominent placement of the GVGC logo – to go at the corner of Burbank and Fulton. Motion passed (12 yes, 1 abstain J. D'Antonio)

Parks, Community Improvements and Medians – S. Myrick, Chair

a. Motion for Board approval of payment to the BMC Landscape Management Inc. no more than \$2500 to provide maintenance of Victory Blvd medians between Goodland and Babcock Streets. (motion amended to not indicate "monthly" passed by voice vote.) Motion passed (12 yes, 0 no, 1 abstain J.D'Antonio)

b. Possible Motion for Board approval of the expenditure of no more \$10,000 with a matching CD2 matching Beautification grant of \$10,000 (total of \$20,000) to be spent to purchase and installation of additional shade cloth covering within Valley Glen Community Park Playground area. Additional shade cloth is required to cover the sandbox area. Motion withdrawn.

Government Relations – W. Hall, Chair

a. Motion for Board approval stating that the Greater Valley Glen Council supports the Neighborhood Council Sustainability Alliance letter to Mayor Garcetti advocating the transition of the DWP to 100% renewable energy by 2030, with no new non-renewable projects to be undertaken between now and that time.

W. Hall Moved and D. Iverson seconded. Motion did not pass. (4 yes D. Breidenbach, J. D'Antonio, S. Friedman, D. Iverson; 6 no J. Chadwick, C. Ferreyra, W. Hall, S. Myrick, R. Pisani, L. Wehrli; 1 abstain M. Kertis)

b. Motion for Board approval for a C.I.S. stating that the Greater Valley Glen Council supports efforts to sustain a thriving urban forest



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within our city orders and to develop a more robust and comprehensive program for urban forestry management. We particularly endorse the accounting of the net losses and increases in tree canopy that result from tree removal and replacement policies. Residents on affected blocks shall play an authoritative role relative to the implementation of tree removal, tree replacement, tree maintenance (including tree trimming and root pruning) and tree preservation. (CF 15-0467-S6)

PROPOSED COMMUNITY/ IMPROVEMENT IMPACT STATEMENT:

The Greater Valley Glen Council supports efforts to sustain a thriving urban forest within our city borders and to develop a more robust and comprehensive program for urban forestry management. We particularly endorse the accounting of the net losses and increases in tree canopy that result from tree removal and replacement policies. Residents on affected blocks shall play an authoritative role relative to the implementation of tree removal, tree replacement, tree maintenance (including tree trimming and root pruning) and tree preservation. (CF 15-0467-S6)

W. Hall moved and C. Ferreyra seconded. Motion passed unanimously with friendly amendment to change "must" to "shall".

b. Motion for Board approval stating that The Greater Valley Glen Council endorses the Motion (CF 15-1022-S2) made at City Council suspending the use of online voting for future Neighborhood Council elections until otherwise authorized. Such use of online voting in the past has exposed voters' personal information, such as social security numbers to easy public viewing, and has failed to provide for necessary verification of all ballots cast by online voters. As California Elections Code Section 19217 prohibits online voting, such online voting for Neighborhood Councils, which are empowered to spend monies from Los Angeles' general fund, is on its face inappropriate. Leaving aside the matter of its very legality, until such online voting is thoroughly vetted and a comprehensive system/methodology is developed for its implementation which is thoroughly tested in both a simulated vote and a pilot election and the results attested to by an independent party, its use in Neighborhood Council elections should be suspended. We also take exception to recommendations from DONE to the City Council in their report on online voting dated January 17, 2017. To mandate a voting age as young as 12 years old is interfering with a Neighborhood Council's autonomy and is not in the spirit of the City Charter. Each Neighborhood Council should have the right to make this determination, not DONE. Likewise, to limit the number of ballots to three for Neighborhood Council elections also erodes Neighborhood Council autonomy. Although, the GVGC allows only one ballot per voter, other Neighborhood Councils allow voters a ballot for each category in which they are eligible. To restrict them for the convenience of DONE and the City Clerk in elections is an unreasonable solution and further compromises the Neighborhood Council's ability to self govern. **Motion includes approval of the CIS below.**

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W. Hall moved and M. Jannol seconded. Motion passed to file CIS and also send letter to Councilman Kerkoorian. (12 yes; 1 no D. Iverson)

6. Public Comments on Items not on the Agenda. Samantha Stevens: "yes on M

B. Stone: Budget Advocates Report

Literacy Club Representative presented 2 designs for Little Library/ Bulletin Boards for 2 parks in Valley Glen.

Vote on design of Little Library: Option 2 chosen. (0 for option 1; 9 for option 2; 1 for 1 of each; 1 abstain; 1 recused – J. Chadwick)

S. Yedalian for CD2 reported on schedule for remodel of Valley Glen Park. Park is closed until May.

PPDs coming back but there must be a minimum of 6 blocks and a vote in favor by 75% of neighborhood.

Planning and Land Use – Doug Breidenbach, Chair –

No motions submitted and no information to report

Outreach and Safety Committee– J. Chadwick, Chair.

Committee report: Plan to have quarterly events. Banners artwork found by banner company.

Government Relations – W. Hall, Chair

DWP Report – W. Hall.

NC Sustainability Alliance Report -- J.D'Antonio:

VANC – No report

Arts and Education – L. Wehrli, Chair

Committee report on Erwin event

8. President comments:

a. Meeting re-structuring - Reports need to be in writing and put on web instead of oral reports at meetings; goal to end at 9 p.m.

b. Available board seats- List to be sent to Board members

9. Board member comments on items not on agenda.

10. Adjournment motion. Meeting adjourned approximately 9:45 p.m.

**Next VVGNC Board meeting will be held Monday, March 6, 2017 Los Angeles Valley College, Campus Center, Fireside Room
5800 Fulton Avenue, Valley Glen, CA 91401(Location subject to change)**