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GVGC BOARD MEETING - MINUTES

MONDAY March 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 Iversen	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 7:05 p.m. Pledge of Allegiance

6 public attendees and Rep.; Talene Demenjian of Assemblyman Nazarian's office, Fortunato Tapis of LAUSD, Sr. Lead officer Justin Bergmann (S. Yedalian of Councilman Kerkorian's office and DONE Budget Advocate arrived after adjournment)

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

3. Minutes C. Ferreyra moved and J. Chadwick seconded approval of February 6, 2017 Board meeting minutes. Approved unanimously.

4. Treasurer's Report R. Pisani moved and C. Ferreyra seconded approval of February 2017 MERS. Approved unanimously

5. Senior Lead Officer Report: Justin Bergman 9% increase in crime. UPS and Fedex package thefts. Houses for sale used as homeless crash pads.

(M. Jannol arrived 7:15 14 present)

5. Government Representatives Reports. Talene Demenjian for Assemblyman Nazarian announced she will no longer be our rep – Steven Butcher taking over our area starting 3/13. She will still work with us regarding trees and Caltrans.

Fortunato Tapis of LAUSD announced public meeting March 16 to go over concepts for Grant High School Renovation.

6. No public comments on non-agenda items

7. Motions made under Committee-

Planning and Land Use – Doug Breidenbach, Chair –

No motions submitted. Reported that Chipotle has applied for a full liquor license for indoor service only at proposed Victory Plaza location.

Outreach and Safety Committee– J. Chadwick, Chair.

Committee report: No quorum at committee meeting. Banners to be approved. Adding Facebook page. New website proof to be presented to Board and info sent to DONE. Problems with Aaron DeVandry having moved our website to his server. Carlos has not been able to update our calendar.

Government Relations – W. Hall, Chair

a. Motion for Board approval of a letter stating that the Ordinance No. 184526 adding Section 22.819 to the Los Angeles Administrative Code establishing a procedure for stakeholders to create a certified Neighborhood Council within the boundaries of one or more existing certified Neighborhood Councils is deficient and is in need of amendment. With respect to neighborhood council subdivision as created by this ordinance, review and approval of procedures, rules and regulations made by the Department of Neighborhood Empowerment (DONE) and decisions made in accordance with those procedures, rules and regulations should be subject to approval by and /or appeal to the Bureau of Neighborhood Councils. Presently, procedures and rules now in place as promulgated by DONE are in variance with the regulations for neighborhood council creation as set forth in Ordinance No.176704. Additionally, neighborhood councils affected by a proposed subdivision should be duly notified of such subdivision submittal but remain neutral in the process prior to the election determining approval of the proposed subdivision. Furthermore, subdivision submittals accepted by DONE but found to be deficient shall remain in effect with the submitting entity given the opportunity to correct any deficiencies necessary to meet subdivision requirements as needed to move on to the election stage. Committee Chair and Council President to determine recipients of the letter.



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W. Hall moved and C. Ferreyra seconded. Motion passed unanimously.

b. Motion for Board approval of the C.I.S. stated below supporting the Code Amendment per Council File Number 13-1339 to add the toyon, the official plant of the City of Los Angeles, and the Mexican Elderberry to the City's list of Protected Trees. Additionally, should there be cause to remove any protected tree, the toyon or Mexican Elderberry shall not be used as substitutions for any other type of protected tree. (Council File Number 13-1339)

COMMUNITY/IMPROVEMENT IMPACT STATEMENT: The Greater Valley Glen Council supports the Code Amendment per Council File Number 13-1339 to add the toyon, the official plant of the City of Los Angeles, and the Mexican Elderberry to the City's list of Protected Trees. Additionally, should there be cause to remove any protected tree, the toyon or Mexican Elderberry shall not be used as substitutions for any other type of protected tree.

W. Hall moved and J. D'Antonio seconded. Motion passed unanimously

c. Motion for Board approval of a statement supporting passage of Proposition S on the March 7, 2017 ballot. We are concerned that possible large-scale projects in our immediate surroundings will unduly negatively affect both street and freeway traffic and the general ambience of our neighborhoods. The proposition's two-year moratorium on projects seeking General Plan exceptions and spot-zoning; its public review of the General Plan every five years; its requirement that Environmental Impact Reports be conducted independently of the developer/applicant; and its requirement that parking variances be limited will result in future large-scale projects that will better complement the existing cityscape and better recognize and mitigate their effect on existing residents, property owners and businesses.

W. Hall moved and L. Wehrli seconded. Motion failed (4 yes, 8 no D. Breidenbach, J. Chadwick, C. Ferreyra, D. Iverson, M. Jannol, M. Kertis, S. Myrick, R. Pisani, 1 abstain S. Friedman, 2 absent M. Navas, A. Aklyan)

b. DWP representative report passed out to Board members. W. Hall

c. City Sustainability representative report passed out to Board members. J. D'Antonio

d. No VANC report. Reminder of VANC 14th Anniversary mixer March 9.

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

Committee report. Doing grant for park playground shade cloth. Valley Glen Park closed for renovations. Round up to be used on medians. No motions submitted.

Arts and Education – L. Wehrli, Chair

Committee report. No motions submitted. GVGC logo to be included in artwork for Utility box design. Horse may be get a display place at Victory Plaza. Winter Enrichment Works performances at Erwin Street and Kittridge Elementary schools were completed. Linda Wehrli to confirm if schools want to book Spring Enrichment works performances

8. Board member comments on items not on agenda. C. Ferreyra: no committees meetings at Erwin – not paid beyond this time. J. Chadwick: alternative library ideas to be presented at next meeting to fulfill DONE requests.

9. President comments:

Neighborhood will be getting additional \$5,000. Resubmitting budget to DONE adding this money to Outreach, though it can be moved. City Clerk looking to extending Neighborhood Council terms to 2019. We have empty seats to fill

Bylaws Committee will be meeting this month.

Fiscal year ends in June. Expenditure motions need to be made at April meeting.

10. Adjournment motion. R. Pisani moved and S. Myrick seconded. Passed unanimously Meeting adjourned at 8:25 p.m.

***Next GVGC Board meeting will be held Monday, April 3, 2017 Los Angeles Valley College, Campus Center, Fireside Room
5800 Fulton Avenue, Valley Glen, CA 91401(Location subject to change)***