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BOARD MEMBERS

Joseph Barmettler	Douglas Breidenbach
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September Forsyth	Stanley Friedman
Walter Hall	Derek Iverson
Mickey Jannol	Malky Kertis
John Mazlumyan	Sloan Myrick
Rich Pisani	Linda Wehrli

~ GVGC QUORUM IS 13 BOARD MEMBERS ~

GVGC BOARD MEETING - MINUTES

MONDAY July 10, 2017 7:00 pm

*Los Angeles Valley College, Fireside Room.
5800 Fulton Avenue, Valley Glen, CA 91401*

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(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

15 public attendees. Also present Sahag Yedalian of Councilman Kerkorian's Office, Vanessa Serrano, D.O.N.E. Advocate, and Nigel Sanchez of Representative Cardenas' Office

2. Board Roll Call (11 Present: J. Barmettler, J. Chadwick, J. D'Antonio, C. Ferreyra, S. Forsyth, W. Hall, D. Iverson, M. Jannol, S. Myrick, R. Pisani, L. Wehrli).

7. Government Representatives Reports V. Serrano, of D.O.N.E. reported that it was approved that our number of Business Representatives on our Board is decreased to 2 and that we have one more at-large seat Board seat.

7:13 p.m. S. Friedman arrived.

C. Ferreyra has asked to have our posting place changed from Erwin School since our notices are not staying up long enough there. D.O.N.E. will work with us on this.

S. Yedalian reported that Valley Glen Park is still closed due to replanting and expects re-opening sometime in September. Encourages support of NoHo Summer Nights at North Hollywood Park. City has a new contractor that may help our medians look better soon. Plan/venue for National Night Out in August?

7:30 p.m. Roberto Celis arrived. (Quorum achieved)

3. Board approval of June 2017 minutes. C. Ferreyra moved. S. Myrick seconded. Minutes approved w/ spelling correction "weed whackers".

4. **Motion to approve Youth representative** to Board. C. Ferreyra moved and J. Chadwick seconded to seat Michael Ashkinadze as Youth Representative on our Board. Motion passed unanimously. (13 yes, 0 no, 0 abstain, 3 absent, 0 ineligible)

5. Treasurer's report:

a) **Motion for Board approval** of MERs for as per DONE requirements. R. Pisani moved, C. Ferreyra seconded.

Motion passed (13 yes, 0 no, 0 abstain, 3 absent, 1 ineligible)

b) **Motion for Board approval** of 2017-2018 Budget. C. Ferreyra moved and J. Chadwick seconded approval of proposed budget. Motion passed. (13 yes, 0 no, 0 abstain, 3 absent, 1 ineligible)

c) **Motion for Board approval** of an expenditure of up to \$7000 to various vendors for operating expenses that include, but are not limited to food and beverages for board meetings and committee meetings, Mail box rental, Storage rental and photocopying expenses.

R. Pisani moved and S. Myrick seconded. Motion passed. (13 yes, 0 no, 0 abstain, 3 absent, 1 ineligible)

d) **Motion for Board approval of an expenditure** of up to \$6000 to Moore Business Results and other vendors for website maintenance, board member training, web hosting and any other expenditures regarding our website greatervalleyglencouncil.org for the fiscal year of 2017-2018. The GVGC website is essential to maintaining contact with the Greater Valley Glen Stakeholders. R. Pisani moved and S. Myrick seconded. Motion passed. 12 yes, 0 no, 1 abstain J. D'Antonio, 3 absent, 1 ineligible)

f) **Budget Advocate report:** Adria Brodie. Is the newly elected Budget Advocate for Region 4 for the 2017-2018 fiscal year and the current Vice President of the NoHo Neighborhood Council (formerly Mid-Town North Hollywood NC).



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6. No LAPD Senior Lead reports due to meeting date change.
8. Guest speaker – Maureen (Mo) – Homeless Speaker – desire to work together to get homes for the homeless in this area
Guest speaker – Victoria Shulem – Save Coldwater Canyon – presented environmental and traffic problems that could affect Coldwater Canyon if this project goes through in this R-1 zone. Upcoming hearing at Van Nuys City Hall July 24 (Secretary's note: this public hearing was subsequently postponed to August 8 at 9:00 a.m. at Van Nuys City Hall.) Councilman Krekorian has not committed.
9. Public Comments on Items not on the Agenda – none
10. Motions made under Committee

Planning and Land Use

- a. No committee report.
- b. Motion For Board approval** of a liquor license for in-house consumption at Blaze Pizza located at 13075 Victory Blvd. Valerie Sacks spoke in favor of the license. C. Ferreyra moved and S. Myrick seconded motion to approve. Motion passed. (12 yes, 0 no, 2

Pisani and J. Barmettler, 3 absent, 0 ineligible)

Outreach and Safety Committee– J. Chadwick, Chair

- a. Committee report –
- b. Motion for Board approval** for the expenditure of no more than \$2500 sponsorship of The Village Family Services Community Festival Oct 8 from 9 to 2. The sponsorship includes booth, advertising, banner placement. The festival is focused on raising community Awareness of what Village Family Services is doing with foster and at risk kids and raises awareness of GVGC. J. Chadwick moved and C. Ferreyra seconded. Motion passed. (13 yes, 0 no, 0 abstain, 3 absent, 1 ineligible)

Government Relations – W. Hall, Chair

b. Motion for Board approval: The Greater Valley Glen Council finds that the ongoing processes and procedures to amend and update the General Plan fail to include adequate and substantive input from City residents. Mayor Garcetti has said that City residents must have “a sense of ownership of the development of our communities.” PLUM committee chairman, Councilmember Jose Huizar, has pledged to bring “accountability and transparency back into our General Plan and Community Plan processes.” As such we ask that all ongoing and future Planning Department Work Group meetings addressing the Los Angeles General Plan immediately be scheduled during weekday evenings or weekends in order to accommodate the general public and adequately hear out shared ideas and ideals; that all neighborhood alliances be specifically invited to attend the meetings; and in the case of the nearly completed Open Space Work Group, that it be expanded from the four meetings completed in closed-door sessions to four extra meetings and conducted consistent with the requirements above. We additionally request that the Mayor's ongoing Planning Task Force and Transportation Infrastructure Steering Committee for the General Plan update be fully transparent; eliminate future closed-door meetings; schedule additional future meetings as in the above; and be open to the general public. The council President, with support from the Government Relations committee, will appropriately communicate these positions and policies to Mayor Garcetti and Planning Director Bertoni and include the need to substantively address the need to reforest Los Angeles' urban tree canopy in the ongoing OurLA2040 effort updating elements in the General Plan. W. Hall moved and C. Ferreyra seconded. Motion passed unanimously (14 yes, 0 no, 0 abstain, 0 ineligible)

c. Motion for Board approval: The City of Los Angeles Community Forest Advisory Committee (CFAC) is an official bridge for communication about trees and the urban forest. CFAC connects dedicated residents, Los Angeles's elected officials, and many Departments whose work affects the urban forest, such as Public Works, Water and Power, and Recreation and Parks. It is important that Council District 2 have a representative on the CFAC who lives within the CD and who can thus best represent our CD's special concerns. As such, the GVGC board authorizes its President, with support from the Government Relations committee, to communicate to our Councilmember, Paul Krekorian, its strong desire that he appoint as CD 2's alternate representative to the CFAC an individual who lives within its boundaries and who additionally has demonstrable horticultural knowledge. We are aware of such an individual, Diana Zogran, and will urge Councilman Krekorian to consider her as CD 2 CFAC alternate representative. W. Hall moved and C. Ferreyra seconded. Motion passed unanimously (14 yes, 0 no, 0 abstain, 0 ineligible)

d. Motion for Board approval including CIP: The Greater Valley Glen Council shares the concerns expressed in the City Council motion of January 10, 2017 enumerating the untoward influence that developers and their principals can have on decisions made by the City through the unrestricted monetary donations that they can make to candidates seeking City office and to City officials holding office. As such we endorse the restrictions sought in the motion and ask that the ordinances and reports called for in the motion be forthcoming and that, where they can be identified, that developers likely to submit plans for future projects be also similarly restricted. (CF 17-0042)
PROPOSED COMMUNITY/IMPROVEMENT IMPACT STATEMENT: The Greater Valley Glen Council shares the concerns expressed in the City Council motion of January 10, 2017 enumerating the untoward influence that developers and their principals can have on decisions made by the City through the unrestricted monetary donations that they can make to candidates seeking City office and to City officials holding office. As such we endorse the restrictions sought in the motion and ask that the ordinances and reports called for in the motion be forthcoming and that, where they can be identified, that developers likely to submit plans for future projects be also similarly restricted. (CF 17-0042) W. Hall moved and J. D'Antonio seconded. Motion passed unanimously (14 yes, 0 no, 0 abstain, 0 ineligible)

- e. DWP representative report passed out to Board members and will be put on web with minutes.
- f. City Sustainability representative report passed out to Board members and will be put on web with minutes.
- g. VANC report passed out to Board members.



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

- a. Committee report - S. Myrick and W. Hall to communicate re: possibility of CD 2 matching grant for shade structure at Laurelgrove Park.
- b. **Motion for Board approval** of the payment to the BMC Landscape Management Inc. no more than \$3900 to provide periodic maintenance of Victory Blvd medians between Goodland and Babcock Streets". S. Myrick moved and J. Chadwick seconded. Motion passed. (12 yes, 1 no J. D'Antonio, 0 abstain, 3 absent, 1 ineligible)
- c. **Motion for Board approval** the expenditure of up to \$2450 for 1-time maintenance (tree trimming, trash removal) of Whitsett Ave medians between Kittridge and Gilmore Streets. S. Myrick moved, M. Jannol seconded. Motion passed. (12 yes, 0 no, 1 abstain J. D'Antonio, 3 absent, 1 ineligible)
- d. **Motion for Board approval** spending up to \$900 to purchase three (3) "Com-hole Regulation bean bag toss board game sets". Each set will be embossed with GVGC art. These games can be quickly set up at any GVGC event and provides entertainment for Attendees. Motion failed.

Arts and Education – L. Wehrl, Chair

- b. **Motion for Board approval** of a \$500.00 payment to the artist selected for the painting of the LADOT Utility box at the corner of Burbank and Fulton. This is a resubmittal of an expenditure approved last fiscal year. Motion passed. (13 yes, 0 no, 0 abstain, 3 absent, 1 ineligible) Burbank and Fulton. This is a resubmittal of an expenditure approved last fiscal year.

11. Board member comments on items not on agenda.

12. President Comments

Wendy Moore has changed passwords on website so previous webmaster should no longer have access. J. D'Antonio reported his continuing to monitor and respond to persons contacting website.

13. Nomination and Election of new GVGC Executive officers

J. Chadwick moved and R. Pisani seconded Sloan Myrick for President. Motion passed by voice vote.

R. Pisani moved and S. Myrick seconded Jean Chadwick for Vice President. Motion passed by voice vote.

S. Myrick moved and J. Chadwick seconded Rich Pisani for Treasurer. Motion passed by voice vote.

J. D'Antonio moved and S. Myrick seconded Mickey Jannol for Secretary. Motion passed by voice vote.

5. e) Motion for Board approval of Rich Pisani as Card Holder (GVGC credit card) Motion passed. (13 yes, 0 no, 0 abstain, 3 absent, 1 ineligible).

R. Pisani's phone # on Board roster may be incorrect.

14. Adjournment motion. Meeting adjourned at approx. 9:15 p.m.

***Next GVGC Board meeting will be held Monday, August 7, 2017
Los Angeles Valley College, Campus Center, Fireside Room
5800 Fulton Avenue, Valley Glen, CA 91401 (Location and Date subject to change).***