



Greater Valley Glen Council (“GVGC”)

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REGULAR BOARD MEETING MINUTES

August 7, 2017, 7:00 p.m.

Los Angeles Valley College Campus Center, Fireside Room
5800 Fulton Avenue, Valley Glen, CA 91401

Officers

Sloan Myrick	President
Jean Chadwick	Vice President
Rich Pisani	Treasurer
Mickey Jannol	Secretary

Board Members

Michael Ashkinadze	Youth Rep	Walter Hall	Community Organizations Rep
Joseph Barmettler	Community Organization Rep	Derek Iversen	Rep District 5
Douglas Breidenbach	Rep District 1	Mickey Jannol	At-Large Rep
Roberto Celis	Education Institutions Rep	Malky Kertis	Rep District 4
Jean Chadwick	Rep District 2	John Mazlumyan	At-Large Rep
Joanne D’Antonio	Rep District 1	Sloan Myrick	Rep District 5
Carlos Ferreyra	Rep District 2	Rich Pisani	Rep District 4
September Forsyth	Rep District 3	Dorothea Sargent	At-Large Rep
Stanley Friedman	Religious Institutions Rep	Linda Wehrli	Commercial Property Owner Rep

Board of Neighborhood Commissioners Required Disclosures:

- 1) A Quorum is 13 Board Members.
- 2) Motions pass with a Majority of the sum of Aye (Yes) and No votes cast.
- 3) The attached Vote Tally Sheet shows how each Board Member voted.

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Secretary's note: Each item # below matches the item # that appeared in the published agenda for this meeting.

1. **Call to Order** was at 7:05 p.m. Pledge of Allegiance led by Carlos Ferreyra.
2. **Board Roll Call.** 13 members present: Ashkinadze, Barmettler, Breidenbach, Chadwick, Ferreyra, Forsyth, Friedman, Hall, Iversen, Jannol, Kertis, Myrick, 4 members absent: D'Antonio, Celis, Mazlumyan, and Wehrli. Total Present is 13. A quorum was achieved.
3. **Board approval of Sloan Myrick as Second Signer.** Motion made by Myrick. Seconded by Chadwick. For clarification, this is for Second Signer on the GVGC credit card. Public Comment. None. Board Comment. None. Question called. Roll Call Vote: 12 Ayes, 0 Nos, and 0 Abstentions, 1 Ineligible. Motion passes.
4. **Possible Nomination and Board Approval of new Board members.** Motion to nominate Dorothea Sargent for the vacant At-Large position. Motion made by Myrick. Seconded by Pisani. Public Comment. Sargent spoke about her background, involvement in her neighborhood, and her interest in joining the Board. Vanessa Serrano of Department of Neighborhood Empowerment ("DONE") indicated that Ms. Sargent took training necessary to serve on the Board and vote on money motions. Board Comment. None. Question called. Voice Vote. Motion passes unanimously.

Note: Sargent joined the Board. Total Present is 14. The Board now has 7 vacancies to fill: two seats in District 6, two Merchant seats, one seat in District 3, one Commercial Property Owner seat, and one At-Large seat. Board Members may nominate a stakeholder to the President and the President will submit the nomination to the Board for confirmation. Nominated Stakeholders shall meet the same eligibility requirements that apply to the position they would fill, as are required of elected Board Members.

5. **President's Comments Part 1.** President Myrick wants to manage meeting time so that the public and Board members can finish business by approximately 9:00 p.m. Public Comment. None. Board Comment. Be mindful of the Brown Act; meeting time length should not be curtailed at the expense of the public's need to comment.

Note: Board Members Celis and Mazlumyan arrived at 7:15 p.m. as discussion on Item #5 ended. Mazlumyan has not yet taken Ethics Training and is ineligible to vote on money issues. Total Present became 16 and this attendance remained throughout the rest of the meeting.

6. **Board approval of July 2017 minutes.** Motion made by Hall. Seconded by Pisani. Public Comment. None. Board Comment. Minor corrections. Question called. Voice Vote. Motion passes unanimously.

7. **Treasurer's Report**

- a. **Motion for Board approval** of Monthly Expenditure reports ("MERS") for as per DONE requirements. Motion made by Pisani. Seconded by Chadwick. Public Comment. None. Board Comment. No Significant Comment (hereafter abbreviated as "NSC"). Question called. Roll Call Vote: 14 Ayes, 0 Nos, 0 Abstentions, 2 Ineligible. Motion passes.
- b. **Motion for Board approval** of \$175.24 to reimburse Sloan Myrick of out of pocket expenditures for food and beverages at recent committee meetings. Motion made by Pisani. Seconded by Chadwick. Public Comment. None. Board Comment. NSC. Question called. Roll Call Vote: 14 Ayes, 0 Nos, 0 Abstentions, 2 Ineligible. Motion passes.
- c. **Motion for Board approval** of \$89.00 to **The Amgraph Group** for permits to install the city street banners which were approved and paid for in Fiscal year 2015-2016. Motion made by Pisani. Seconded by Sargent. Public Comment. None. Board Comment. NSC. Question called. Roll Call Vote: 14 Ayes, 0



Nos, 0 Abstentions, 2 Ineligible. Motion passes.

d. Budget Advocate Report. No Report.

8. LAPD Senior Lead Officer (“SLO”) Reports.

SLO John Bailey was present and received substantial public comment on two recent 2-car accidents at the intersection of Coldwater Blvd. and Victory Blvd. In each case, a westbound car on Victory turning left to go south on Coldwater was met by an eastbound car on Victory. Both cars collided with one of the cars running into Starbucks causing property damage and injuries. Public and Board comments requested SLO Bailey to request more patrols of this intersection. SLO Bailey indicated he would convey the community’s concern to Van Nuys Traffic Division.

9. Government Representatives Reports.

- a. DONE, represented by Vanessa Campos. Campos encouraged attendance at the Congress of Neighborhoods 9/9/17, 7:45 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. at LA City Hall, 3rd floor. Numerous workshops will be available to participants. Also, Vanessa indicated that if Board members have questions on how to interpret Bylaws and DONE-stated procedures, they should call Elise Rudell, the Assistant City Attorney specializing in these matters. She may be reached at 213.978.8133.
- b. LA City Councilmember Paul Krekorian, District 2. No representative present to report.
- c. Office of Congressman Tony Cárdenas. No representative present to report.
- d. Office of Assemblymember Adrin Nazarian, represented by Field Deputy Stephen Butcher. Butcher urged attendance at Government Day 8/19/17, 10:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m., Panorama City Mall at 8401 Van Nuys Blvd., Panorama City. Lots of Government Agencies will be present to meet you.
- e. Los Angeles Recreation and Parks Department, represented by Chris Allencio and Thurmond Callaway. Both reported that work on the SMART Irrigation project at Valley Glen Community Park should be completed by October 2017.

10. Guest Speakers. There were no guest speakers.

11. Motion for Board approval to update “public review” Board Agenda posting location; currently Erwin Street Elementary School (“Erwin”). Proposed new location is Uncle Tony's Pizzeria, 13007 Victory Blvd Valley Glen, CA 91606. Motion made by Myrick. Seconded by Ferreyra. Public Comment. None. Board Comment. Comment made as to difficulty posting at Erwin because administration no longer able to accommodate postings. Question called. Voice Vote. Motion passes unanimously.

12. Motion for Board approval to establish a new ad-hoc “Executive Committee” consisting of Sloan Myrick, Jean Chadwick, Rich Pisani and Mickey Jannol whose purpose is to periodically review Board issues such as time management, process workflows, communication channel effectiveness, etc. Motion made by Myrick. Seconded by Ferreyra. Public Comment. None. Board Comment. None. Question called. Voice Vote. Motion passes unanimously.

13. Public Comments on Items not on the Agenda. Stakeholders Cosmo and Heidi Moore spoke regarding need for lighted crosswalks at Sylvan and Fulton, Oxnard and Varna, and Oxnard and Sunnyslope. Stakeholder Naomi Burns had to leave early but wanted to comment on Item 14b Arts and Education Committee’s request for funds for Parents, Educators/Teachers & Students in Action's (PESA). Burns commented positively on PESA’s programs and spoke in favor of the request.

14. Committee Reports and Motions made under Committee.

Planning and Land Use Committee – Doug Breidenbach, Chair

a. Committee report. Committee was approached by a developer applying for a variance to build a Small Lot Subdivision at 5166 Hazeltine Ave. However, the Committee had insufficient information on project specifics and requested the developer to come back to the Committee with more detailed information.

b. Motion for Board approval. No motions

Outreach and Safety Committee– Jean Chadwick, Chair

a. Committee report – Proceeded to motions.

b. Motion for Board approval of an expenditure not to exceed budget of \$2,500 for the Family Food Truck Night. Budget breakdown:

Bounce obstacle course and slide - \$500

Giveaways (snacks, drinks, etc.) - \$600

Promotion of the event (flyer creation, printing, etc.) - \$300

Lighting, permits, etc. - \$700

Music (DJ) - \$400

TOTAL (not to exceed) \$2,500. Motion made by Chadwick. Seconded by Ferreyra.

Public Comment. None. Board Comment. Focus on outreach strategy. Question called. Roll Call Vote: 14 Ayes, 0 Nos, 0 Abstentions, 2 Ineligible. Motion passes.

c. Motion for Board approval of an expenditure not to exceed \$100 for sign fasteners for the Neighborhood Watch signs. Recommended vendor signsdirect.co. Motion made by Chadwick. Seconded by Ferreyra.

Public Comment. None. Board Comment. These are hard-to-remove fasteners needed to hang signs that neighborhoods request. Question called. Roll Call Vote: 14 Ayes, 0 Nos, 0 Abstentions, 2 Ineligible. Motion passes.

d. Motion for Board approval of an expenditure not to exceed \$700 for business cards to be ordered for all board members. Motion made by Chadwick. Seconded by Ferreyra.

Public Comment. None. Board Comment. NSC. Question called. Roll Call Vote: 14 Ayes, 0 Nos, 0 Abstentions, 2 Ineligible. Motion passes.

Government Relations – W. Hall, Chair

a. Committee report. No report.

b. Motion for Board approval. No motions.

c. DWP Rep report. Hall submitted a report of the 8/6/17 DWP/NC meeting.

d. City Sustainability Rep report. No report.

e. VANC Rep report. Barmettler and D'Antonio will attend the 8/10/17 VANC meeting.



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

a. Committee report. Proceeded to motions.

b. **Motion for Board approval** of the expenditure of no more than \$500 for the purchase of food and refreshments for members of the Valley Glen Neighborhood Association (“VGNA”) to support its Clean Team program that cleans up projects within Valley Glen, e.g. Whitsett medians, neighborhood signage, medians, etc. Motion made by Myrick. Seconded by Ferreyra.

Public Comment. VGNA President Bruce Gaims described Clean Team’s monthly cleanup activities. Stakeholder Judy Price spoke in favor of the support for the VGNA’s cleanup effort. Board Comment. Positive beautification impact noted. Question called. Roll Call Vote: 14 Ayes 0 Nos, 0 Abstentions, 2 Ineligible. Motion passes.

c. **Motion for Board approval** of the expenditure of no more than \$10,000 with assumption of matching CD2 Beautification grant of \$10,000 (total of \$20,000) to purchase and install a shade cloth and/or shade cloth structure with the goal of covering the playground within the Laurel Grove Community Park. Motion made by Myrick. Seconded by Ferreyra.

Public Comment. None. Board Comment. NSC. Question called. Roll Call Vote: 14 Ayes, 0 Nos, 0 Abstentions, 2 Ineligible. Motion passes.

d. **Motion for Board approval** of a non-funding motion opposing opening of the redesigned Valley Glen Community Park (“Park”) before LA Recreation and Parks Department’s recommended opening date as opening the park before vegetation is given an opportunity to establish itself may cause irreversible damage. Motion made by Myrick. Seconded by Ferreyra.

Public Comment. None. Board Comment. It was noted Park neighbors who want the Park to open as soon as possible were invited to attend Board meeting but none were present. There was also concern as to whether Board action was needed in light of presentation by Recreation and Park Dept. representatives. Question called. Voice Vote: 15 Ayes, 0 Nos, 1 Abstention. Motion passes.

e. **Motion for Board approval** of the expenditure up to \$1,000 for the Movie Night at the Park to be shown in 10/2017 at Valley Glen Community Park. Date and Movie to be decided by Committee.

Flyer production and delivery - \$400

Refreshments - \$300

Food for volunteers - \$45

Movie rental - \$15

Portable toilet rental including ADA compliant toilet - \$250

TOTAL (not to exceed) \$1,000. Motion made by Myrick. Seconded by Ferreyra.

Public Comment. None. Board Comment. 1) Clarified event be scheduled in late October to ensure Park has already opened. 2) Discussion regarding night temperature in late October. Question called. Roll Call Vote: 12 Ayes, 0 Nos, 2 Abstentions, and 2 Ineligible. Motion passes.

Arts and Education Committee – R. Celis reporting for L. Wehrli, Chair

a. Committee report. Celis reported that painting on the utility box at Fulton Ave. and Burbank Blvd. is progressing and will likely be completed end of August.



b. Motion for Board approval of a (not to exceed) \$2,000 Neighborhood Purpose Grant (“NPG”) for Parents, Educators/Teachers & Students in Action’s (“PESA”) Stopping Hate and Delinquency by Empowering Students’ (“SHADES”) program. This NPG’s purpose would be to support part of the \$5,000 total cost of the SHADES training program at the LA Museum of Tolerance. PESA will be funding \$3,000 of the total cost and the budget for the \$2,000 NPG is as follows:

- Printing of City of Angels Training Handbook - \$900
- Distribution of City of Angels Training Handbook to the GVGC area - \$500
- Transportation- \$500
- Administrative supplies - \$100
- TOTAL** (not to exceed) \$2,000. Motion made by Celis. Seconded by Ferreyra.

Public Comment. None. Board Comment. 1) Celis noted PESA is a 501c3 established in cooperation with the Los Angeles Superior Court to fund justice programs for teens primarily its Teen Court program at high schools including US Grant High School (“USGHS”). To become a Teen Court juror, participants must complete the SHADES program which includes a week-long training program at the LA Museum of Tolerance. The program educates students regarding hate crimes and tolerance. PESA also offers GVGC USGHS-student participation at GVGC events. The attached NPG application contains a community impact statement and statements regarding public purpose and benefit. 2) Ashkinadze noted the Teen Court program is very popular at USGHS. Question called. Roll Call Vote: 14 Ayes, 0 Nos, 0 Abstentions, 2 Ineligible. Motion passes.

15. Board member comments on items not on agenda. Ferreyra mentioned that we should follow the City Clerk’s discussion of online voting for the 2018 Board elections. Barmettler encouraged attendance at the Congress of Neighborhood Councils. Treasurer Pisani urged Board members whose pictures and bios are not on the website to submit them to President Myrick. Chadwick indicated Douglas Chadwick will take pictures. Ferreyra indicated that President Myrick is the sole point of contact for submissions to the webmaster.

16. President’s Comments Part 2. President Myrick presented Bruce Gaims, President of the VGNA with a Certificate of Appreciation recognizing the VGNA’s Clean Team program.

17. Adjournment. Motion to Adjourn made by Ferreyra. Seconded by Chadwick. Public Comment. None. Board Comment. None. Question called. Voice Vote: Motion passes unanimously. Board adjourned at 9:00 p.m. until earlier of any to be scheduled Special Meeting or regularly scheduled monthly Board meeting September 11, 2017, 7:00 p.m., Los Angeles Valley College, Campus Center, Fireside room (location and Date subject to change).

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Submitted September 8, 2017

Mickey Jannol
Board Secretary

