



# Greater Valley Glen Council ("GVGC")

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## REGULAR BOARD MEETING MINUTES

September 11, 2017, 7:00 p.m.

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

### Officers

<b>Sloan Myrick</b>	President
<b>Jean Chadwick</b>	Vice President
<b>Rich Pisani</b>	Treasurer
<b>Mickey Jannol</b>	Secretary

### Board Members

<b>Michael Ashkinadze</b>	Youth Rep	<b>Stanley Friedman</b>	Religious Institutions Rep
<b>Joseph Barmettler</b>	Community Organization Rep	<b>Walter Hall</b>	Community Organizations Rep
<b>Douglas Breidenbach</b>	Rep District 1	<b>Derek Iversen</b>	Rep District 5
<b>Roberto Celis</b>	Education Institutions Rep	<b>Mickey Jannol</b>	Commercial Property Owner Rep
<b>Douglas Chadwick</b>	At-Large Rep	<b>Malky Kertis</b>	Rep District 4
<b>Jean Chadwick</b>	Rep District 2	<b>Sloan Myrick</b>	Rep District 5
<b>Joanne D'Antonio</b>	Rep District 1	<b>Rich Pisani</b>	Rep District 4
<b>Carlos Ferreyra</b>	Rep District 2	<b>Dorothea Sargent</b>	At-Large Rep
<b>September Forsyth</b>	Rep District 3	<b>Linda Wehrli</b>	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. Moment of Silence in memory of lives lost in the terrorist attacks on the World Trade Center Towers in New York City, the Pentagon in Alexandria County, VA/Washington, D.C. and aboard downed UA Flight 93 Shanksville, Pennsylvania on September 11, 2001, and the terrorist attack on US Government facilities in Benghazi, Libya, on September 11, 2012.
2. **Board Roll Call.** 14 members present: Ashkinadze, Barmettler, Chadwick, D'Antonio, Ferreyra, Forsyth, Friedman, Hall, Iversen, Jannol, Kertis, Myrick, Pisani, and Wehrli. 3 members absent: Breidenbach, Celis, and Sargent. It was noted that Mazlumyan resigned prior to the meeting. A quorum was achieved.
3. **Possible Nomination and Board Approval of new Board members.** Before proceeding, President Myrick announced Board seat realignments: Barmettler to move from Community Organization seat to At-Large seat to reflect current stakeholder status. Jannol to move from At-Large seat to Commercial Property Owner seat to open an At-large seat. An updated Board Roster is to be sent to DONE.

**Motion to nominate Douglas Chadwick for the vacant At-Large seat.** Motion made by Myrick. Seconded by Iversen. It was noted that Douglas Chadwick is the husband of Board Member Jean Chadwick. Public Comment. Doug Chadwick spoke about his background, involvement in his neighborhood, and his interest in joining the Board. Public Comment. Vanessa Serrano of Department of Neighborhood Empowerment ("DONE") indicated that Bylaws and DONE policy show no prohibition on husband and wife serving on same Board but Brown Act should be observed. She also indicated Mr. Chadwick has not taken training necessary to vote on any motions. Board Comment. None. Question called. Voice Vote. 13 Ayes, 0 Nos, 0 Abstentions, 0 Ineligible, and 1 Recusal (J. Chadwick). Motion passes.

Note: D. Chadwick joined the Board. Total Present became 15 and remained at this level to Adjournment. D. Chadwick will be listed as Ineligible for every vote until he completes the necessary training. The Board has 7 vacancies to fill: two seats in District 6, two Merchant seats, one seat in District 3, one Community Organization 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 as required of elected Board Members.

4. **President's Comments Part 1.** President Myrick deferred comments to Agenda Item # 17.
5. **Board approval of July 2017 minutes.** Motion made by Myrick. Seconded by J. Chadwick. Public Comment. None. Board Comment. Minor corrections. Question called. Voice Vote. 13 Ayes, 0 Nos, 1 Abstention (D'Antonio), and 1 Ineligible (D. Chadwick). Motion passes.
6. **Treasurer's Report**
  - a. **Motion for Board approval** of August Monthly Expenditure reports {"MERs"} for as per DONE requirements. Motion made by Pisani. Seconded by J. Chadwick. Public Comment. None. Board Comment. No Significant Comment (hereafter abbreviated as "NSC"). Question called. Roll Call Vote: 13 Ayes, 0 Nos, 0 Abstentions, 2 Ineligible (Ashkinadze and D. Chadwick). Motion passes.
  - b. **Motion for Board approval** of \$142.03 to reimburse Sloan Myrick for out-of-pocket expenditures for food and beverages at recent committee meetings. Motion made by Pisani. Seconded by Myrick. Public Comment. None. Board Comment. NSC. Question called. Roll Call Vote: 12 Ayes, 0 Nos, 1 Abstention (Myrick), 2 Ineligible (Ashkinadze and D. Chadwick). Motion passes.
  - c. **Motion for Board approval** of \$74.57 to reimburse Rich Pisani for out-of-pocket expenditures for printing services. Motion made by Pisani. Seconded by Wehrli. Public Comment. None. Board Comment. NSC. Question called. Roll Call Vote: 12 Ayes, 0 Nos, 1 Abstention (Pisani), 2 Ineligible (Ashkinadze and D. Chadwick). Motion passes.
  - d. Budget Advocate Report. No Report.
7. **LAPD Senior Lead Officer ("SLO") Reports.** None present. No reports.
8. **Government Representatives Reports.**
  - a. EMPOWER LA, represented by Vanessa Serrano. Serrano indicated the 9/9/17 Congress of Neighborhoods was well-attended with over 550 RSVPs and 40 workshops. The City Clerk has moved elections to 2019. Board Member terms will end in 2019, instead of 2018, unless otherwise petitioned (for earlier election) by the Board, Serrano encouraged Board members to take the Empower LA diversity survey on the



Empower LA website. Serrano noted concerns the Board had about reaching Jeff Brill to allow payment for GVGC's storage. She will follow up.

- b. LA City Councilmember Paul Krekorian, District 2. Field Deputy Sahag Yedalian to arrive later.
- c. Office of Congressman Tony Cardenas. No representative present to report.
- d. Office of Assemblymember Adrin Nazarian. No representative present to report.

9. **Guest Speakers.** There were no guest speakers

10. **Public Comments on Items not on the Agenda.** Stakeholder Colin Meyer from District 5 discussed his concerns about suspected drug dealing at Laurel Grove Park.

11. **Planning and Land Use Committee (PLUC) - Doug Breidenbach, Chair (Absent)**

a. **Committee report.** No report.

b. **Motion for Board approval** to adopt PLUC's recommendation of approval of a proposed 5-unit development at 5616 Hazeltine Ave. Motion made by Myrick. Seconded by Ferreyra.

Public Comment. Questions regarding details of the proposed project; height, variances requested, and whether these are for-sale condos or apartments. Board Comment. Board members indicated that they did not have adequate information to answer questions from Public. Without objection, President Myrick tabled the motion.

12. **Outreach and Safety Committee- Jean Chadwick, Chair**

a. **Committee report.** J. Chadwick reported that the 9/10/17 Food Truck Night was successful. It was well attended by the Public, Board, and Government officials. It was a strong outreach event as there were many sign-ups to the GVGC email list. Public Comment. None. Board Comment agreed with J. Chadwick's positive report.

b. **Motion for Board approval** to split the Outreach and Safety Committee into two separate committees. Based on Point of Order inquiry made by Ferreyra, President Myrick ruled the motion out of order. Only the President can establish, dissolve, and appoint Committees. Without objection, President Myrick withdrew the motion.

c. **Motion for Board approval** asking Board President Myrick to send a letter to Assemblymember Adrin Nazarian's office regarding the status of the sound wall on the 170 Freeway near Laurel Grove Park. Motion made by J. Chadwick. Seconded by Ferreyra.

Public Comment. Council District 2 Field Deputy Sahag Yedalian arrived and discussed the background of the sound wall. This wall is an MTA Metro project and not the State's matter. The job has been put out to bid. Bids were submitted but MTA determined that none qualified. A new round of bids was solicited with five bids received by close date of 8/31/17. Award to be made by end of 2017. This project is receiving the attention of Councilmember Krekorian. Board Comment discussed the hill near the proposed sound wall as it slopes down to Laurel Grove Park. The hill and landscaping issues are managed by CalTrans. Board Comment. NSC. Given the comments of Yedalian, the makers of the motion offered to withdraw the motion. Without objection, the motion was withdrawn.

**Return to Item 8d.** Without objection, President Myrick, allowed Yedalian to continue comments on other matters as per Item 8d of the Agenda. Yedalian spoke on the Shade Cloth structure for park playground cost estimates. They are coming in at \$26.5K for Valley Glen Community Park, well above original estimate of \$19K to be paid 50% by GVGC and 50% Council District 2. Yedalian will ask LA Dept. of Rec. and parks to make up difference. As to Shade Cloth structure for Laurel Grove, Yedalian suggested using Quimby Funds. Yedalian reported that the latest news from LA Dept. of Rec. and Parks is that the Valley Glen Community park is set to open 9/30/17 but that is not a hard date. Yedalian reported that the 2017 round of speed hump applications closed. Out of 30 applications in CD2, one location in GVGC was selected; Ethel Ave. north of Erwin Street and south of Victory Blvd. Petitions were successful and speed humps to be installed by end of 2017. The 2018 round for speed hump applications will open 9/22/17. Neighborhoods have 45 days from this date to submit applications. Sahag to email application forms to the Board.



### **13. Government Relations - W. Hall, Chair**

- a. **Committee report.** Hall indicated that GVGC was in the 7/30/17 edition of local newspapers regarding its position on developer contributions.
- b. **Motion for Board approval.** The Greater Valley Glen Council supports the proposal to form a study and make recommendations concerning mitigation of the urban heat-island phenomenon in our City. Such mitigation is necessary as we fight the predicted ever-increasing effects of temperature rise associated with global warming. While we favor all the objectives as set forth in Council File 15-0198-S1, we specifically endorse the implementation of cool-pavement targets and the establishment of an enforceable minimum tree canopy requirement for Los Angeles' urban forest. (CF 15-0198-S1). Motion made by Hall. Seconded by Iversen.

Public Comment. None. Board Comment. None. Question called. Voice Vote. Question called. Voice Vote. 14 Ayes, 0 Nos, 0 Abstentions, and 1 Ineligible (D. Chadwick). Motion passes.

- c. **Motion for Board approval.** Whereas the Harvard-Westlake PSA project, as proposed, will:
- Increase traffic congestion and delays on a major commuting artery out of Valley Glen during its 30+ month construction period
  - Have a negative impact on traffic flow on Coldwater Canyon even after its construction is finished,
  - Set an unwelcome precedent of a private bridge over the scenic roadway with no public benefit
  - Create unmitigable noise impacts and potential air quality impacts through the release of Valley fever spores and other soil toxins, GHG and particulate emissions from the 30,000+ diesel truck trips through the canyon,
  - Is incompatible with current land use on the West side of Coldwater Canyon, the General Plan and Community Plan
  - Have a significant and unmitigable negative impact on the oak and walnut woodland of the designated desirable open space land West of Coldwater and South of Ventura,
  - And whereas there are numerous more reasonable alternatives with superior environmental impacts, for example a half-size field with one-story addition on the existing campus footprint (e.g., the Senior Lot),

The Board of the Greater Valley Glen Neighborhood Council hereby advises Councilmember Krekorian to oppose the Harvard-Westlake parking expansion project and advises that the Planning Commission should deny the application in its entirety. Motion made by D'Antonio. Seconded by Myrick.

Public Comment. None. Board Comment. Hall indicated that Harvard-Westlake was invited to the Committee meeting but did not respond. Question called. Voice Vote. 11 Ayes, 1 No, 2 Abstentions (Ferreya and Pisani), and 1 Ineligible (D. Chadwick). Motion passes.

- d. **Motion for Board approval.** The Board of the Greater Valley Glen Council endorses the motion passed at the August 3, 2017 Community Forest Advisory Committee meeting that no further trees be removed for sidewalk repair until a full EIR is completed and final EIR approved and the final EIR approved. In the interim, before final approval, any sidewalk repair that is done should not involve the removal of any healthy trees. The EIR should address the effects on the air quality and heat island effect brought on by such a potentially large removal of the urban canopy. The pace of tree removal needs to be addressed and a plan for large tree planting trees that will mature to a size providing tall tree canopy must be in place before irreparable damage is done. Substantial amounts of tree removal done too quickly could affect the human health and have economic impact since trees clean the air and provide shelter from the heat. A detailed tree inventory and master tree plan needs to be done by a professional independent professional entity, as well as an assessment of the number of trees that need to be removed for sidewalk repair. Motion made by Hall. Seconded by Iversen.

Public Comment. None. Board Comment. None. Question called. Voice Vote. 11 Ayes, 0 Nos, 3 Abstentions (J. Chadwick, Ferreyra and Pisani), and 1 Ineligible (D. Chadwick). Motion passes.

- e. **Motion for Board approval.** All residents, workers, students and visitors to Los Angeles are entitled to and have the right to a safe and healthy environment. To the extent that the comprehensive analysis called for in the report associated with Council File 17-0447 finds that adverse health and environmental impacts are associated within a to-be-determined distance from petroleum and gas wells, then we endorse imposition of a setback/buffer from such wells that is necessary to mitigate those impacts. Any recommendations emerging from this analysis should be subject to review by the public and affected owners before any such imposition is



created. As recognized in the report, the implications of this effort to establish a setback as proposed has the potential to have a significant economic impact on the City treasury. If measures other than a setback can reasonably be implemented that would result in the same safety and health benefits, they should be considered. Motion made by Hall. Seconded by Iversen.

Public Comment. None. Board Comment. Concerns about physical ramifications were discussed, i.e. would setbacks involve a "taking?". Question called. Voice Vote. 10 Ayes, 1 No (D'Antonio), 3 Abstentions (J. Chadwick, Myrick, and Wehrl), and 1 Ineligible (D. Chadwick). Motion passes.

f. DWP Rep report. No report.

g. City Sustainability Rep report. Report by D'Antonio submitted.

h. VANC Rep report. Barmettler submitted report of the 8/10/17 VANC meeting.

#### **14. Parks, Community Improvements and Medians Committee - S. Myrick, Chair**

a. **Committee report.** Movie Night scheduled for 10/28/17 at Valley Glen Community Park. No report.

b. **Motions for Board approval.** No motions.

#### **15. Arts and Education Committee - L. Wehrl, Chair**

a. Committee report. Wehrl reported that the 9/10/17 opening ceremony of the utility box was well attended and will coordinate posting of publicity with Outreach and Safety Chair J. Chadwick.

b. **Motion for Board approval.** No motions.

16. **Board member comments on items not on agenda.** Ferreyra mentioned that a stakeholder/stakeholder group within the boundaries of an existing Neighborhood Council can form a new one. There is a process that is followed and DONE will act as coordinator of the process. However, BONC will be the deciding body (no longer DONE) as to approval and certification of that new council.

17. **President's Comments Part 2.** President Myrick had no comments.

18. **Adjournment.** Motion to Adjourn made by Pisani. Seconded by Myrick. Public Comment. None. Board Comment. None. Question called. Voice Vote: Voice Vote. 14 Ayes, 0 Nos, 0 Abstentions, and 1 Ineligible (D. Chadwick). Motion passes. Meeting adjourned at 8:35 p.m. Next Board meeting (unless preceded by any Special Meeting) is November 6, 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 29, 2017

Mickey Jannol Board  
Secretary

