



## Greater Valley Glen Council ("GVGC")

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### REGULAR BOARD MEETING MINUTES

October 2, 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
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<b>Rich Pisani</b>	Treasurer
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<b>Michael Ashkinadze</b>	Youth Rep	<b>Stanley Friedman</b>	Religious Institutions Rep At-
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<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>	At-Large Rep	<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.

**Call to Order** was at 7:05 p.m. Pledge of Allegiance. Moment of Silence in memory of lives lost in the Las Vegas attack and in consideration of other victims and first-responders of this tragedy.

1. **Board Roll Call.** 17 members present: Ashkinadze, Barmettler, Breidenbach, D. Chadwick, J. Chadwick, D'Antonio, Ferreyra, Forsyth, Friedman, Hall, Iversen, Jannol, Kertis, Myrick, Pisani, Sargent, and Wehrli. 1 member, Celis, absent: A quorum was achieved.
2. **Possible Nomination and Board Approval of new Board members.** There were no nominations, Note: The Board has 7 vacancies to fill: two seats in District 3, two seats in District 6, two Merchant seats, and one Community Organization 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.
3. **President's Comments.** Deferred to Item #15.
4. **Board approval of July 2017 minutes.** Motion made by Jannol. Seconded by J.Chadwick. Public Comment. None. Board Comment. Minor modification. Question called. Voice Vote. 17 Ayes, 0 Nos. Motion passes.
5. **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 Ferreyra. Public Comment. None. Board Comment. None. Question called. Roll Call Vote: 16 Ayes, 0 Nos, 0 Abstentions, 1 Ineligible (Ashkinadze). Motion passes.
  - B. **Budget Advocate Report.** No Report.
6. **LAPD Senior Lead Officer ("SLO") Reports.** SLO Bailey was present and thanked the Board for the moment of silence for the Las Vegas attack. He indicated he knew people who were present at the Las Vegas concert. He went on to discuss how Traffic Division is monitoring "high-risk" commercial corners such as Coldwater Canyon Blvd. and Victory Blvd. where there were two accidents. Sahag Yedalian of Councilman Krekorian's office indicated that Department of Transportation has approved the installation of a left turn arrow for east-west traffic on Coldwater turning on to Victory. SLO Bailey also indicated that Traffic Division would like input on any residential "hot spots" where speeding may be occurring.

**Note:** Board member Breidenbach left the meeting. Members present became 16 vs. 17 at the start of the meeting. A quorum was still maintained.

7. **Government Representatives Reports.**
  - A. **Office of EMPOWER LA**, represented by Vanessa Serrano. Serrano indicated she is still following up with City Attorney's office on questions brought up by the Board Secretary about amendments to motions and an inconsistency in the definition of Merchant seat. She asked for Board members to consider attending the next Board of Neighborhood Commissioners meeting on 10/3/17 as the Commission will award GVGC with a 15-year certification anniversary.
  - B. **Office of LA City Councilmember Paul Krekorian**, District 2. Field Deputy Sahag Yedalian reported that the Valley Glen Community Park is targeted to open on 10/19/17 with a grand re-opening ceremony hosted by Councilmember Krekorian. He indicated that the recent round of speed hump applications was oversubscribed. The next round of applications will open up in 2018 at a date to be announced. Yedalian indicated that those neighborhoods who did not get to apply for speed humps this time around will receive on email in 2018 as to when the new round of applications will open. Interested neighborhoods should be ready to file their application immediately once the new round is announced. Yedalian went on to report that Department of Recreation and Parks determined that the proposed-additional shade cloth structure for the playground at Valley Glen Community Park would cost close to \$28,000, well above the \$9,500 approved by GVGC and the \$9,500 approved by Councilmember Krekorian's office. However, Department of Recreation and Parks agreed to use Quimby funds to fund the extra cost. The hope is that the shade clothe will be installed in early 2018. Yedalian turned the discussion to the homeless problem at the Tujunga Wash waling path near LA Fitness and at the 170 Freeway



overpass and Concorde College. The Councilmember's office will study what to do about cleanup and safety issues at these locations. He noted that there is a tentatively scheduled City-wide homeless summit on 1/23/18 to discuss homelessness and pertinent issues. He will have more information at future GVGC meetings. Yedalian indicated that he was working on a grant to get sidewalks on Ethel Avenue and Fulton Ave. between Erwin Street, sidewalks on Erwin St. between Ethel Ave. and Longridge Ave. and for sidewalks on Fulton Ave. between Erwin St. and Oxnard St. He noted that he would like a support letter from GVGC for his grant application. Yedalian also noted that the Councilmember's office was instrumental in getting the City to trim trees on Atoll and Mary Ellen Ave. between Oxnard St. and Victory Blvd.

**C. Office of Congressman Tony Cardenas.** No representative present to report.

**D. Office of Assemblymember Adrin Nazarian.** No representative present to report.

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

**9. Public Comments on Items not on the Agenda.** There were no public comments.

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

**1. Motion for Board approval** of the President's nomination of Doug Chadwick as Planning Land Use Committee Chair as the current Chair will step down. Motion made by Myrick. Seconded by Pisani.

Public Comment. None. Board Comment. Board members thanked Breidenbach for his many years of service as Chair. Question called. Voice Vote. 16 Ayes, 0 Nos, 0 Abstentions. Motion passes.

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

**1. Committee report.** J. Chadwick reported that the Take on the Streets event is going to be on 10/8/17 at North Hollywood Park from 8:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. She indicated GVGC will have a booth at the event. This being an excellent opportunity to conduct outreach to parts of North Hollywood within the GVGC boundaries, J. Chadwick encouraged Board members to man the GVGC booth at the event. She passed around a sign-up sheet for volunteers to indicate which time slots they would sign up for.

**2. Motion for Board approval** to spend \$2,000 to purchase toys for underserved kids in the Greater Valley Glen community that will be participating in the LAPD Van Nuys "Toys on Patrol" Holiday Event on 12/9/17. Each toy will include the GVGC logo and/or GVGC outreach info flyer will be attached. Motion made by J. Chadwick. Seconded by Myrick.

Public Comment. None. Board Comment. Discussion revolved around the importance of participation in this event even though some may believe this event has more to do with Van Nuys Division, outside of GVGC area. However, GVGC is serviced by LAPD Van Nuys and North Hollywood Divisions. There also was discussion on the need to affix the GVGC logo to toys. Ferreyra offered a Friendly Amendment to strike the last sentence of the motion related to affixing the logo. J. Chadwick accepted the Friendly Amendment. Question called. Roll Call Vote. 13 Ayes, 2 Nos (Barnettler and D'Antonio), 0 Abstentions, and 1 Ineligible (Ashkinadze). Motion passes.

**12. Government Relations - W. Hall, Chair**

**1. Committee report.** No report.

**2. Motion 1 for Board approval.** After reviewing the Draft Environmental Impact Statement/Draft Environmental Impact Report for Metro's proposed East Valley Transit Corridor Project, the Greater Valley Glen Council expresses its preference for a Bus Rapid Transit (BRT) alternative as meeting project's goals; being cost effective, operationally flexible, and least disruptive to adjoining residences and business; and realizable in a timely manner. Furthermore, all due consideration should be given for the use of all-electric buses in place of those powered by compressed natural gas (CNG). This position is to be forwarded to Metro before the October 16, 2017 deadline for comments on the DEIS/DEIR. Motion made by Hall. Seconded by D'Antonio.

Public Comment. None. Board Comment. Discussion revolved around environmental impacts and long term value of a BRT vs. Rail. Question called. Voice Vote. 7 Ayes, 8 Nos, 1 Abstention (Sargent) Motion fails.



**Motion 2 for Board approval.** The Government Relations committee is requesting the Greater Valley Glen Board (GVGC) approve spending of \$250 in support of the VANC Planning Forum on November 9, 2017 to be held at CBS Radford Studios (In order to acknowledge GVGC's contribution to the Planning Forum in its program, it must be committed by the October 15, 2017 deadline.) Motion made by Barmettler. Seconded by Ferreyra.

Public Comment. None. Board Comment. Discussion revolved GVGC's historic participation in VANC events and the benefits of exchanging information on activities and best practices. Question called. Roll Call Vote. 15 Ayes, 0 Nos, 0 Abstentions and 1 Ineligible (Ashkinadze). Motion passes.

**Motion 3 for Board approval.** The Government Relations committee is requesting the Greater Valley Glen Board (GVGC) approve spending of \$250 contribution in support of VANC's March Mixer to be held in March 2018. Motion made by Barmettler. Seconded by J. Chadwick.

Public Comment. None. Board Comment. None. Question called. Roll Call Vote. 15 Ayes, 0 Nos, 0 Abstentions and 1 Ineligible (Ashkinadze). Motion passes.

3. **Los Angeles Department of Water & Power (DWP) Rep report** was submitted by D'Antonio and is to be posted on GVGC website.
4. **City Sustainability Rep report** was submitted by D'Antonio and is to be posted on GVGC website.
5. **Valley Alliance of Neighborhood Councils (VANC) Rep report.** Barmettler attended the recent VANC meeting. He reported that VANC is asking neighborhood councils to voice opinions on legalization/commercialization of Marijuana. As well, VANC is encouraging neighborhood councils to apply for City of Los Angeles Clean Street grants.

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

1. **Committee report.** No report.

2. **Motions for Board approval** of up to \$2,000 for the Autumn Family Movie Night on to be shown in October 28, 2017 at either the Valley Glen Community Park or the Laurel Grove Park. This Motion shall be considered as SUPERSEDING the Parks motion for Movie Night approved by the Board at its August 7, 2017 Board Meeting.

- a) Up to \$900 for promotion and swag handouts
- b) Up to \$800 food, refreshments and other
- c) Up to \$35 for food for volunteers
- d) \$15 for movie
- e) \$250 for portable toilet rental including ADA compliant toilet

Motion made by Myrick. Seconded by Pisani.

Public Comment. None. Board Comment. Preference for Valley Glen Community Park as the event location. Barmettler indicated sound at Laurel Grove Park would include 170 Freeway noise. Myrick indicated Laurel Grove Park would be used as a back-up location if Valley Glen Community Park's reopening is delayed. Wehrli, D. Chadwick, and J. Chadwick will be out of town on the day of the event. Question called. Roll Call Vote. 13 Ayes, 0 Nos, 2 Abstentions (D'Antonio and Sargent), and 1 Ineligible (Ashkinadze). Motion passes.

### **14. Arts and Education Committee - L. Wehrli, Chair**

1. **Committee report.** No report.

**Motion 1 for Board approval** of an expenditure of up to \$5,000 to purchase school supplies, books and backpacks for kids, for distribution at an LAPD Community Event in early August 2018. GVGC logo stickers will be placed inside the books and GVGC logo tags will be attached to the backpacks. Matching funds from Council Member Paul Krekorian's office to be requested. Motion made by Wehrli. Seconded by Myrick.



Public Comment. None. Board Comment. Clarification as to whether this motion goes forward without a match. Discussion about the merits of this request given this request represents 1/8 of the total GVGC annual budget. After further discussion, Wehrli offered to withdraw the motion. Without objection, the motion was considered withdrawn.

**Motion 2 for Board approval** of an expenditure of up to \$1,250 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 Birds" and must include prominent placement of the GVGC logo. Motion made by Wehrli. Seconded by Myrick.

Public Comment. None. Board Comment. Clarification as to proposed location. It will be Southwest corner of Fulton Ave. and Oxnard St. Council District 2 to assist in obtaining LA Dept. of Transportation approval. Question called. Roll Call Vote. 13 Ayes, 0 Nos, 2 Abstentions (Barmettler and D'Antonio), and 1 Ineligible (Ashkinadze). Motion passes.

15. **Board member comments on items not on agenda.** Myrick reminded Board members to be mindful of food expenses paid for by GVGC at various committee meetings held at Valley Glen restaurants. Sargent indicated that she participated in a well-attended Valley Glen Neighborhood Association (VGNA) Clean Team event on 9/30/17. Much cleanup was done on Ethel Ave. at the Valley Glen Community Park. She also inquired as to when VGNA would be reimbursed for food expenses for this event that were approved by GVGC at its 9/17 Board meeting. Hall discussed that Barmettler be made the VANC Rep since he has been attending meetings. Iversen agreed to be an alternate VANC Rep. Ferreyra brought up the Los Angeles Neighborhood Council Alliance (LAANC) which is the consortium of neighborhood councils for all of Los Angeles vs. VANC, which is the consortium of neighborhood councils for the San Fernando Valley. He asked if anyone had interest in being a Rep to this organization. There was no immediate interest so Myrick responded that he would follow up on this.

16. **President's Motions.**

**A. Motion for Board approval** to dissolve the current Outreach and Safety Committee as the President desires, in another motion, to establish two separate committees: The Community Outreach Committee and the Public Safety committee. Motion made by Myrick. Seconded by Barmettler.

Public Comment. None. Board Comment. None. Question called. Roll Call Vote. 16 Ayes, 0 Nos, 0 Abstentions. Motion passes.

**B. Motion for Board approval** to establish a GVGC Community Outreach Committee. Motion made by Myrick. Seconded by Iversen.

Public Comment. None. Board Comment. None. Question called. Roll Call Vote. 16 Ayes, 0 Nos, 0 Abstentions. Motion passes.

**C. Motion for Board approval** to establish a GVGC Community Public Safety Committee. Motion made by Myrick. Seconded by Wehrli.

Public Comment. None. Board Comment. None. Question called. Roll Call Vote. 16 Ayes, 0 Nos, 0 Abstentions. Motion passes.

**D. Motion for Board approval** of the President's nomination of Jean Chadwick to Chair the Community Outreach Committee. Motion made by Myrick. Seconded by Ferreyra.

Public Comment. None. Board Comment. None. Question called. Roll Call Vote. 16 Ayes, 0 Nos, 0 Abstentions. Motion passes

**E. Motion for Board approval** of the President's nomination of Carlos Ferreyra to Chair the Community Public Safety Committee. Motion made by Myrick. Seconded by J. Chadwick.

Public Comment. None. Board Comment. None. Question called. Roll Call Vote. 16 Ayes, 0 Nos, 0 Abstentions. Motion passes



17. **Adjournment.** Motion to Adjourn made by Pisani. Seconded by Myrick.

Public Comment. None. Board Comment. None. Question called. Voice Vote: Voice Vote. 16 Ayes, 0 Nos, 0 Abstentions. Motion passes. Meeting adjourned at 9:30 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 October 30, 2017

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Board Secretary

