





Greater Valley Glen Council ("GVGC")

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REGULAR BOARD MEETING MINUTES

November 6, 2017, 7:00 p.m.

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

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Douglas ChadwickAt-Large RepSloan MyrickRep District 5Jean ChadwickRep District 2Thomas NewtonCommunity Organizations Rep

Joanne D'Antonio Rep District 1 Rich Pisani Rep District 4

Carlos FerreyraRep District 2Dorothea SargentAt-Large RepSeptember ForsythAt-Large RepLinda WehrliCommercial Property Owner Rep

Stanley Friedman Religious Institutions 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.

- 1. <u>Board Roll Call.</u> 17 members present: Ashkinadze, Barmettler, Breidenbach, Celis, D. Chadwick, J. Chadwick, D'Antonio, Ferreyra, Forsyth, Hall, Iversen, Jannol, Kertis, Myrick, Pisani, Sargent, and Wehrli. 1 member, Friedman, absent: A quorum was achieved.
- 2. Possible Nomination and Board Approval of new Board members. Motion for Board approval to seat Thomas Newton as Community Organizations Rep. Motion made by Myrick. Seconded by J. Chadwick.

Public Comment. Speaking as a member of the public, Thomas Newton introduced himself. Thomas is currently on the Board of the Valley Glen Neighborhood Association (VGNA), a non-profit organization representing the interests of residents and commercial businesses in Valley Glen. Board Comment. President Myrick indicated that VGNA President Bruce Gaims indicated that the VGNA Board met and selected Newton to be considered for the open Community Organizations Rep seat on the GVGC Board. President Myrick commented that Newton has completed all training. Sargent commented that VGNA's representation would contribute to GVGC and VGNA working together on Valley Glen matters. Question called. Voice Vote. 16 Ayes, 0 Nos, 0 Abstentions. Motion passes.

Note: Newton was seated on the Board. Attendance is now 18 members present out of a total of 19 members. The Board has 6 vacancies to fill: two seats in District 3, two seats in District 6, and two Merchant seats. 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. <u>Board approval of July 2017 minutes.</u> Motion made by Jannol. Seconded by Breidenbach. Public Comment. None. Board Comment. Minor modification. Question called. Voice Vote. 17 Ayes, 0 Abstentions, 0 Nos, 1 Ineligible (Ashkinadze). Motion passes.

5. Treasurer's Report

- A. Motion for Board approval of expenditures of \$124.48 to reimburse Sloan Myrick of out of pocket expenditures for food and beverages for Valley Glen Neighborhood Association clean-up day (Reapproved Parks Motion 8/7/2017). Motion made by Pisani. Seconded by J. Chadwick. Public Comment. None. Board Comment. None. Question called. Roll Call Vote: 16 Ayes, 0 Nos, 1 Abstention (Barmettler), 1 Ineligible (Ashkinadze). Motion passes.
- **B. Motion for Board approval** of expenditures of \$25.64 to reimburse Sloan Myrick of out of pocket expenditures for food and beverages at recent council functions. Motion made by Pisani. Seconded by Forsyth. Public Comment. None. Board Comment. Ferreyra suggested use of "council functions" vs. "committee meetings" which was accepted by Pisani and without objection by the Board. Question called. Roll Call Vote: 17 Ayes, 0 Nos, (Abstentions, 1 Ineligible (Ashkinadze).
- **C. Motion for Board approval** of expenditures of \$737.11 to reimburse Sloan Myrick of out of pocket expenditures for the recent Movie Night. Motion made by Pisani. Seconded by Wehrli. Public Comment. None. Board Comment. None. Question called. Roll Call Vote: 17 Ayes, 0 Nos, (Abstentions, 1 Ineligible (Ashkinadze).
- **D. Motion for Board approval** of September MERs as per DONE requirements. Motion made by Pisani. Seconded by Ferreyra. Public Comment. None. Board Comment. None. Question called. Roll Call Vote: 17 Ayes, 0 Nos, (Abstentions, 1 Ineligible (Ashkinadze).
- E. Budget Advocate Report. No Report.
- 6. <u>LAPD Senior Lead Officer ("SLO") Reports.</u> SLO Bailey was not present but Board member Ferreyra spoke on his behalf to announce that the Bailey family has welcomed a new boy into the world. Mother and Baby are fine. Details to follow. Public Comment. None. Board Comment. Ferreyra commented that SLO Bailey wanted the Board to know that there was a shooting at the 6700 block of Greenbush Ave. and that it is being investigated. D'Antonio mentioned that information has come out that North Hollywood Division has been under-reporting crime.







7. Government Representatives Reports.

- A. Office of EMPOWER LA, represented by Semee Park, Director of Operations. Park indicated that Rep Vanessa Serrano is being transferred and that GVGC's new EMPOWER LA Rep will be Betty Wong Oyama. Park said she was pleased to see GVGC's motions on Council Files. She encouraged all Board members to attend Civic U on 12/15/17. Board Members can register via the EMPOWER LA website. Park also indicated that the Board Action Certification Form will be used instead of the Funding Form for payment authorizations, thus streamlining the process. Public Comment. None. Board Comment. Ferreyra wanted the Board to consider whether to revisit who has authorization to communicate Board actions on Council Files. Currently, authorized signers are Ferreyra, D'Antonio, and Hall.
- B. Office of LA City Councilmember Paul Krekorian, District 2. Field Deputy Sahag Yedalian reported that speed humps are being installed on Ethel Ave. north of Erwin St. and south of Victory Blvd. The next round of speed hump applications will open on 2/15/17. Yedalian stated that he would have an update next month as to when the shade cloth structure for the playground at Valley Glen Community Park will be installed. Target is for installation in early 2018 but the paperwork process has been slow. Yedalian turned the discussion to requesting GVGC to consider supporting a Federal grant application 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 he needed to leave early but wanted to speak in favor of GVGC's possible consideration of support for the Council Office's possible application of a Federal grant to install sidewalks on Ethel Avenue between Erwin Avenue and Victory Blvd. There was no Public or Board comment. Yedalian concluded his presentation with awarding Certificates of Recognition to Board member Kertis and Stakeholder Naomi Burn for their extraordinary support of the October 28, 2017 Movie Night.
- C. Office of Congressmember Tony Cardenas. Nigel, speaking on behalf of the Congressmember, encouraged all to attend the Veteran's Reception 11/11/17 at Airtel Plaza Hotel 4-7 p.m. Nigel also indicated that on 11/18/17, there will be an Affordable Care Act Fair at David Herrick Recreation Center in Pacoima. There was no Public or Board comment.
- D. Office of Assemblymember Adrin Nazarian. No representative present to report.
- 8. Guest Speaker. Senator Bob Hertzberg addressed the audience. He indicated that the 12 cents per gallon gas tax is now in effect. It was designed to fund transportation improvements. He moved on to give his view of the California economy. Hertzberg commented that he believes that California has a 10-year economic cycle. During most of those 10 years, the economy does well. However, by the 10th year, a recession tales place. Hertzberg believes that, after expansion that commenced in 2010, after the Great Recession of 2008, a recession is coming in 2018-2019. Factors influencing his thinking includes the pending Federal Tax Reform legislation and proposed Federal Budget that will cause California to likely lose wealth and funding; wealth due to the proposed elimination of State Tax deduction, and funding for to the current party-in-power not being favorable towards providing Federal funds to big "Blue" States like California for infrastructure, public health, housing, and education projects. California has been able to develop some reserves to mitigate this, but the reserves are only \$10 billion against an annual budget of over \$300 billion. Hertzberg commented that while he sees this trend taking hold by 2019, California is still receiving a good amount of funding for infrastructure. He asked the Board to consider championing a local effort to identify where this money should be spent. Funds will be available for road replacement or repair (potholes), including creation of more bicycle paths. Hertzberg then commented on GVGC's pending motion on small cells/cell towers. He said he understood the concerns, but that further wireless development is needed as the trend is to move off landlines and use the technology to its maximum level. Hertzberg noted that we may be seeing more of CalTrans making improvements to medians near Freeways and on-ramps at Freeway. These improvements are consisting of concrete as opposed to landscaping. Their goal is to use concrete as an uncomfortable resting area for the homeless to keep them away from high-traffic areas. Hertzberg then concluded his remarks by indicating that 2018 will likely not be a major year for legislation at the State level as there will be a significant Governor's race to replace Governor Brown who retires after 2 terms in office (the second time around). He encouraged everybody to become familiar with all the candidates and to vote in the 2018 elections. Aside from minor back-and-forth during the Senator's talk, there was no significant Public or Board comment.







Note: Without objection, President Myrick recessed the meeting to initiate the Special Meeting. The meeting was in recess at 8:05 p.m.

The Regular Meeting was called back to order at 8:30 p.m. Roll Call 16 members present: Ashkinadze, Barmettler, Celis, D. Chadwick, J. Chadwick, D'Antonio, Ferreyra, Forsyth, Hall, Jannol, Kertis, Myrick, Newton, Pisani, Sargent, and Wehrli. 3 members, Breidenbach, Friedman, and Iversen, absent. Iversen departed during the Special Meeting. Breidenbach departed after the Special Meeting. A quorum was achieved, and the regular Agenda resumed.

9. Public Comments on Items not on the Agenda. Stakeholder Cosmo Moore commented that there are two sobriety houses near the corner of Oxnard Street and Sunnyslope Ave. that appear to have lots of traffic with some individuals bothering adjacent homeowners. He asked what could be done about this. President Myrick suggested he attend the next GVGC Public Safety Committee meeting to discuss this further.

10. Planning and Land Use Committee (PLUC) - D. Chadwick, Chair

- A. Committee Report. No report.
- B. Motions for Board approval. There were no motions.

11. Community Outreach Committee - J. Chadwick, Chair

A. Committee report. Motion for school supplies for children will be revisited in Spring 2018. Literacy Club has given away 3,000 books year-to-date to the LAPD Library and Village Family Services. Chair Chadwick passed around marketing flyers for the Board members and Public to review and comment on as necessary.

B. Motions for Board approval:

B.1. Motion for an additional not to exceed \$250 to buy business cards for all board members. This is in addition to the \$700 originally approved. **This Item was withdrawn by the Chair, without objection**.

12. Government Relations - W. Hall, Chair

A. Committee report. Hall indicate that much work goes into these motions as they are very detailed as to what the Committee favors and does not favor regarding a Council File, etc. As such, Hall requests questions from Board memos, and also welcomes input from those voting against a particular motion.

B. Motions for Board approval.

B.1. The parking of oversized vehicles is a chronic problem within the footprint of the Greater Valley Glen Council and that of our neighboring neighborhood councils. The parking of such vehicles creates unsafe conditions as they impair lines of sight and constrict both vehicular and bike lines. We (GVGC) support the effort, limited as it is, as proposed in Resolution 17-1163, to prevent parking of vehicles over 7 feet in height and/or 22 feet in length, between 2 a.m. and 6 a.m., on Burbank Boulevard between Fulton and Whitsett, Sherman Road from Radford west to its dead end, and on the Case Avenue/Gault Street/Fair Avenue cul-de-sac south of Sherman Way. While such restrictions are helpful, we otherwise endorse a 24-hour parking restriction for such vehicles as most vehicle and bike traffic occurs outside the limited time window in the motion. We additionally express that enforcement of the proposed parking restrictions and all existing parking restrictions be routinely enforced and not need be initiated by citizen reporting of violations to Parking Enforcement. Motion made by Hall. Seconded by Myrick.

Public Comment. Concern about this motion revolved around the unintended consequence of moving vehicles off Burbank Blvd. will cause them to park on side streets. Also, there was Public comment as to whether other streets in Greater Valley Glen should be addressed. Board Comment. Discussion revolved around a need to move these large vehicles from Burbank Blvd. and other busy streets where apartment residents/condo owners are trying to get on to Burbank Blvd. from their garage and encounter difficulty in seeing oncoming traffic to these large profile vehicles. Question called. Voice Vote allowed but Secretary Jannol requested (without objection) a Roll Call Vote be taken to record the variety of votes. 8 Ayes, 6 Nos, 1 Abstention (Jannol), 1 Ineligible (Ashkinadze) Motion passes.







B.2. The Greater Valley Glen Council supports the position taken in Motion 17-1169, presented by Councilmember Krekorian, that the infrastructure that Los Angeles has constructed and maintained for use by its citizens and businesses remain under its control and, as such, voices concerns regarding California Senate Bill 649 that, if passed could infringe on the City's authority to exercise its property rights over the utility poles and other vertical infrastructure belonging to the City, including the determination of charges for attachments to that property. SB 649 would remove local control over siting decisions for cellular network hardware known as "small cells." While Governor Brown has vetoed SB 1169, similar legislation is likely to appear again in future years and as such we endorse the position taken in Motion 17-1169 that supports maintenance of local control over City infrastructure. Motion made by Hall. Seconded by D. Chadwick.

Public Comment. None. Board Comment. Question called. Voice Vote allowed but Secretary Jannol requested (without objection) a Roll Call Vote be taken to record the variety of votes. 3 Ayes, 11 Nos, 1 Abstention (Kertis), 1 Ineligible (Ashkinadze). Motion fails.

- **B.3.** Amend GVGC's previous motion regarding measures to mitigate the City's efforts to combat the heat-island phenomenon by asking for the suspension of cool-pavement efforts until proven viable. **This Item was withdrawn by the Chair, without objection.**
- **B.4.** Approve transmittal of letters to the Mayor, City Council Members and the LADWP regarding the deleterious, if unintended, effects that the Save the Drop directive and the turf reduction initiative of the LADWP have had on the urban forest. The need for educating the public about proper tree watering will be included. Motion made by D'Antonio. Seconded by Myrick. A Motion to Table was made by Pisani and seconded by Newton. No Public or Board Comment on the Motion to Table. Voice Vote. 2 Ayes, 13 Nos, 1 Ineligible (Ashkinadze). Discussion returns to main motion.

Public Comment. None. Board Comment. Question called. Voice Vote allowed but Secretary Jannol requested (without objection) a Roll Call Vote be taken to record the variety of votes. 14 Ayes, 1 No (J. Chadwick), 0 Abstentions, 1 Ineligible (Ashkinadze). Motion passes.

Note. Board member Wehrli departed the meeting and the Quorum count was 15 members present.

- C. DWP representative report. Hall submitted report.
- D. City Sustainability representative report. D'Antonio submitted report.
- **E. VANC report.** Barmettler submitted report.

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

- A. Committee report. Myrick thanked all for making Movie night a success.
- B. Motions for Board approval.
- **B.1** The Parks & Improvements Committee is requesting the Greater Valley Glen Board (GVGC) approve allocation up to \$200 to tune up the gas generator so we don't have choke/idling issues.

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

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

- A. Committee report. No report
- **B. Motions for Board approval.** There were no motions.







15. Community Safety Committee - C. Ferreyra, Chair

- A. Committee report. No report
- B. Motions for Board approval.

B.1 The Community Safety Committee has approved the following Mission Statement and seeks full GVGC Board approval: "The Community Safety Committee reviews items dealing with all aspects of the public safety of the area served by the Greater Valley Glen Council (GVGC), including emergency planning, disaster preparedness, homelessness, as well as Police and Fire operations. The Committee is composed of GVGC Board members as well as stakeholders of the community. The committee also works with City, State and Federal entities to provide resources and tools for improved safety within its borders. Motion made by Ferreyra. Seconded by Jannol.

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

- 16. Board member comments on items not on agenda. None.
- 17. President's Motions. There were no motions.
- 18. Adjournment. Motion to Adjourn made by Myrick. Seconded by Pisani.

Public Comment. None. Board Comment. None. Question called. Voice Vote: Voice Vote. 14 Ayes, 0 Nos, 0 Nos, 0 Abstentions, 1 Ineligible (Ashkinadze). Motion passes. Meeting adjourned at 9:30 p.m. Next Board meeting (unless preceded by any Special Meeting) is December 4, 2017, 7:00 p.m., Los Angeles Valley College, Campus Center, Fireside Room. Location and date subject to change.

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Submitted December 3, 2017

Mickey Jannol Board Secretary

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