



Greater Valley Glen Council ("GVGC")

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REGULAR BOARD MEETING MINUTES

December 4, 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	Stanley Friedman	Religious Institutions Rep
Joseph Barmettler	At-Large Rep	Walter Hall	Community Organizations Rep
Douglas Breidenbach	District 1 Rep	Derek Iversen	District 5 Rep
James Casey	District 6 Rep	Mickey Jannol	Commercial Property Rep
Julie Casey	District 6 Rep	Malky Kertis	District 4 Rep
Roberto Celis	Educational Institutions Rep	Sloan Myrick	District 5 Rep
Doug Chadwick	At-Large Rep	Thomas Newton	Community Organizations Rep
Jean Chadwick	District 2 Rep	Rich Pisani	District 4 Rep
Joanne D'Antonio	District 1 Rep	Dorothea Sargent	At-Large Rep
Carlos Ferreyra	District 2 Rep	Linda Wehrli	Commercial Property Rep
September Forsyth	At-Large Rep		

Board of Neighborhood Commissioners Required Disclosures:

- 1) A Quorum for any GVGC Board Meeting is 13 Board Members.
- 2) Motions (or Official Actions) pass with a Majority of the sum of Yes and No votes cast.
- 3) The attached Vote Tally Sheet shows how each Board Member voted at this Board Meeting.



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

Call to Order was at 7:00 p.m. Pledge of Allegiance.

1. **Board Roll Call.** 14 members present: Ashkinadze, Barmettler, Breidenbach, D. Chadwick, J. Chadwick, D'Antonio, Friedman, Forsyth, Hall, Iversen, Jannol, Kertis, Myrick, Newton. 5 members absent, Celis, Ferreyra, Pisani, Sargent, Wehrli, absent: A quorum was achieved.
2. **Possible Nomination and Board Approval of new Board members. Motion for Board approval** to seat James Casey and Julie Casey as District 6 Reps. Motion made by Myrick. Seconded by Forsyth. Public Comment. Speaking as members of the public, James and Julie Casey introduced themselves as residents of District 6. The District has had no representation on the Board for several years and the Caseys are interested in representing their neighborhood's interests on the GVGC Board. Board Comment. It was noted that the Caseys took the required training to vote on all Board matters. Without objection, the Chair called the question and requested one vote for both applicants. Voice Vote. 14 Ayes, 0 Nos, 0 Abstentions. Motion passes.

Note: James Casey and Julie Casey were seated on the Board. Attendance is now 16 members present out of a total of 21 members. The Board has 4 vacancies to fill: two Merchant seats, and two District 3 Rep seats (area north of Victory Blvd., south of Vanowen Blvd., east of the Tujunga Wash, west of the 170 Freeway). 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.** To give the webmaster enough notice to post agendas to the website, President Myrick asked Committee Chairs to submit their meeting agendas to the webmaster 5 business days in advance of the Committee's proposed meeting date.
4. **Board approval of November 2017 minutes.** Motion made by Myrick. Seconded by Forsyth. Public Comment. None. Board Comment. Minor modification. Without objection, the Chair called the question. Voice Vote. 16 Ayes, 0 Abstentions, 0 Nos, 0 Ineligible. Motion passes. Secretary Jannol discussed the procedure of "calling the question" to make sure the Board is aware that Rosenberg's Rules of Order (Rules) covers matters not called out by the Bylaws. The Rules indicate that the calling of the question (or stopping) prevails with a 2/3 vote rather than a simple majority. This "higher bar" was created by the Rules since the calling of a question stops both Board debate and further Public comment on a motion. To prevent constant voice votes for these matters, the Chair will determine whether, at the calling of each question, 2/3 of the Board has no objection before closing discussion and proceeding to a vote. There were no objections or questions on this matter. Rosenberg's Rules of Order can be found at the following link:

https://www.cacities.org/Resources/Open-Government/RosenbergText_2011.aspx.

5. **Treasurer's Report**

A. Motion for Board approval of September MERs as per DONE requirements. Motion made by Myrick. Seconded by Forsyth. Public Comment. None. Board Comment. None. Without objection, the Chair called the question. Roll Call Vote: 15 Ayes, 0 Nos, 0 Abstentions, 1 Ineligible (Ashkinadze). Motion passes.

B. Budget Advocate Report. Budget Advocate Freddy Cupen-Ames encouraged Board Members to attend Neighborhood Council Budget Advocates Regional Budget Day at City Hall Monday 1/8/18 at 7:00 p.m., or other days during the 1st quarter of 2018 per the website **www.ncbala.com**. Budget Day is an excellent opportunity for Neighborhood Councils to provide input on City budget priorities.

6. **LAPD Senior Lead Officer ("SLO") Reports.** SLO Bailey shared his public cell phone # and email address as follows: 818-731-2566 and 33445@lapd.online. He introduced Interim SLO Larry Schwartz, presently filling in for SLO Bergmann which SLO Bergmann is on vacation. SLO Bailey reported crime statistics for November 2017 (compared to prior month) as follows: Part 1 Crimes, no significant change. Vehicle break-ins were up 10.3%, mostly in subterranean parking structures and on busy streets. He reminded everyone to make sure unattended cars are locked and that no items are visible. SLO Bailey reported that Residential Burglaries are down 20%. This is due to residents leaving lights on and using timers, posting cameras, and reporting suspicious activity on Nextdoor.com. LAPD observes web-traffic on Nextdoor.com but does not respond/comment on Nextdoor.com. SLO Bailey reminded everyone to be aware of package deliveries. If you are not home, make arrangements for packages to be delivered to your neighbors. Also, consider tracking packages. SLO Bailey took questions from the Public and Board Members.
7. **Government Representatives Reports.**
- A. **Office of EMPOWER LA**, represented by Semee Park, Director of Operations. Park announced the launch of IgniteLA, a program for young women, ages 14 – 24, with classes that build civic knowledge and leadership skills to bolster civic engagement. Classes will occur the first and second Mondays of each month, for three months from 2/18 through 4/18 5:00 p.m. - 7:30 p.m. at regional locations to be announced. Angelenas may apply to this program by completing an application by 1/15/18. For more details, please visit www.empowerla.org/ignitela. Park also announced that EMPOWER LA will once again collaborate with the Mayor's Office and the Pat Brown Institute (PBI) for Public Affairs at Cal State LA to host Civic University (Civic U 2.0) at LA City Council chamber on Mondays, January 8, 22, 29, 2018 and February 5, 2018 6:00 p.m. - 9:00 p.m. EMPOWER LA is seeking one male and one female Board member from each neighborhood council, GVGC, to attend Civic University. Board member Barmettler indicated interest. Park indicated that Bylaw amendments are due by the end of 2/18. Board Secretary Jannol asked about how to resolve an inconsistency in definition of eligibility for Merchant Rep seat that appeared in two different places in the 6/17 approved Bylaws. One part of the Bylaws says a Merchant may designate an owner's representative to serve while another part of the Bylaws states that only owners or employees are eligible. Given owners and employees of businesses find it difficult to attend Board and Committee meetings, it appeared more logical and inclusive, that an owner of a business could designate a representative for this seat. Park advised that since this may have been a typographical inconsistency, the Board (on its own) should determine what the prevailing definition should be. There were no Public comments or further Board member comments.
- B. **Office of LA City Councilmember Paul Krekorian**, Council District 2 (CD2). Field Deputy Sahag Yedalian reported that he completed his 5th year with CD2. Yedalian indicated paperwork for the shade structure at Valley Glen Community Park (Park) is in process, with \$9,000 coming from GVGC, \$11,000 from CD2, and \$4,000 coming from Dept. of Recreation and Parks. Yedalian estimated that construction on the shade cloth structure would begin in the summer of 2018. Yedalian encouraged all to participate in the Holiday Food and Toy Drive on 12/14/17 at First Christian Church at Colfax Ave. and Moorpark Ave. He also announced that CD2 is working with the City on having a Homelessness Town Hall, tentatively scheduled for 1/18/17 from 6:30 p.m. – 9:00 p.m. at LA Valley College, Monarch Hall. More details and an ability to RSVP appear on the website www.paulkrekorian.org/cd2townhall. Yedalian reminded all that the 2018 round of speed hump applications will open on 2/15/18. There will be 30 speed humps projects awarded in the entire City of LA. There was no Public comment. Board member Julie Casey asked about what possibilities existed for City funds to be used to fix sidewalks in her District. Yedalian responded that the City has money to fix sidewalks and that there are three ways to get them fixed. One way is to make a service request vial 311. Another way, if this is a sidewalk in need of reconstruction, is to apply to www.sidewalks.lacity.org. You can apply for up to \$10,000 reimbursement to fix a sidewalk by yourself. Of course, you will need to go through City permitting. Finally, in the event one or more members of a household abutting a damaged sidewalk is disabled, the City will rebuild the sidewalk at no cost to the homeowner. For streets without sidewalks and curbs, the City's sidewalk repair/replacement funds are not available but Federal and State funds may be available. There were no Public comments or further Board member comments.
- C. **Office of Congressman Tony Cardenas**. No representative present to report.
- D. **Office of Assemblymember Adrin Nazarian**. No representative present to report.



8. **Guest Speaker.** There was no guest speaker.

9. **Public Comments on Items not on the Agenda.** Freddy Cupen-Ames from the Congress of Neighborhood Councils (NCs) spoke to announce that the next Congress will be on Saturday 9/22/18. Freddie is outreaching to all NCs early to promote attendance at the Congress. He indicated that there would be several breakout sessions on various matters related to NCs. Please visit www.nccongressla.com for more information. Board Member D'Antonio indicated she attended 4 breakout sessions and Hall attended 5 breakout sessions at the last Congress. No Public comments or further Board comments.

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

A. Committee Report. No report. No Public or Board Comment.

B. Motions for Board approval. There were no motions.

Note: Doug Breidenbach left the meeting. Board attendance declined from 16 members to 15 members. A Quorum was still maintained.

11. **Community Outreach Committee – J. Chadwick, Chair**

A. Committee report. Chair J. Chadwick reported that the Board business cards order is in process. She will let the Board know when cards arrive. Additionally, J. Chadwick indicated that The Literacy Club, through funds from the GVGC, continues to successfully distribute books throughout the Greater Valley Glen area. There was no Public Comment. Board member Hall asked the Chair to consider reviewing the Committee's mission statement per an earlier email sent to the Chair. J. Chadwick indicated that she would review Hall's email.

B. Motions for Board approval. There were no motions.

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

A. Committee report. Chair Hall moved to the motion.

B. Motion for Board approval.

B.1. Loud and unruly gatherings are an occasional problem for those living within the footprint of Valley Glen Neighborhood Council and for some specific locations, termed party houses, it is a chronic one. We favor passage of the ordinance as proposed in Council File 12-1824-S1 but with (1) illegal use or consumption of controlled substances, (2) use or consumption of illegal drugs, and (3) illegal use of fireworks added to the list of specific conducts as listed in "Loud and Unruly Conduct." Motion made by Hall. Seconded by Myrick.

Public Comment. None. Board Comment. Some concern was expressed about privacy issues and the precise definition of loud and unruly conduct. Without objection, the Chair called the question. Voice Vote allowed but Secretary Jannol requested (without objection) a Roll Call Vote be taken to facilitate recording the votes. 10 Ayes, 5 Nos, 0 Abstentions, 0 Ineligible. Motion passes. See attached Vote Tally sheet for Board member votes.

C. DWP representative report. Chair Hall submitted report.

D. City Sustainability representative report. Board member D'Antonio submitted report. She discussed a complaint call she received from a stakeholder about the way trees along Woodman Ave. between Chandler Blvd. and Burbank Blvd. were being trimmed. D'Antonio responded to the call and drove out to the site. She reported she saw City contractor, Thrifty, Inc., trimming trees improperly. D'Antonio spoke to on-site supervisory staff about the correct method to trim trees. The contractor, with the approval of the Urban Forestry Supervisor of the job site, complied and the trees were trimmed properly.

E. VANC report. Board member Barmettler indicated there was nothing to report.



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

A. Committee report. Chair Myrick indicated that the Valley Glen Community Park's grass issues have been corrected and the grass is now green.

B. Motions for Board approval.

Motion B.1 The Committee requests GVGC Board approve allocation up to \$750 to paint the walls & fences along the South border of the Valley Glen Park. Painting will only be performed if all fence-adjacent homeowners approve the activity and paint color. Approved monies will be used for paint, supplies, and refreshments for volunteers. Motion made by Myrick. Seconded by Jannol.

Public Comment. Semee Park of EMPOWER LA commented that the fences abutting a park where a neighborhood council wants to perform activity such as painting a fence, must be deemed public property or City-owned property to mitigate liability issues. Semee Park indicated she would research whether these fences are considered public or private property and report back to the Chair. There was no Public Comment or Board Comment. Based on Semee Park's information, the Chair, without objection, withdrew the motion.

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

A. Committee report. No report as Chair was absent. No Public Comments. Board members commented that the Utility Box at Burbank Blvd. and Fulton Ave. was tagged with graffiti. Apparently, the graffiti coat that was used on this box was not robust enough. President Myrick will find out what kind of graffiti coat is best for these surfaces.

B. Motions for Board approval. There were no motions.

15. Community Safety Committee – C. Ferreyra, Chair

A. Committee report. No report as Chair was absent. No Public Comments. President Myrick commented that he was informed the Committee had its first meeting and seven stakeholders attended.

B. Motions for Board approval. There were no motions.

16. Board member comments on items not on agenda. Board member Barmettler commented on the deferred maintenance condition of the *Welcome to Valley Glen* sign at Coldwater Canyon and Burbank Blvd. The sign is suffering from chipped paint and looks old and fragile. President Myrick gathered other Board comments on this matter, including suggestions that a contractor would be needed to repair and rehab the sign, as well as an idea to have a "painting event" for the public, assuming the City would approve of such an event. President Myrick recommended the matter be should be discussed at a future Parks Committee meeting. Board member J. Chadwick indicated that the GVGC website has recently been updated and that Board members are encouraged to view it.

17. President's Motions. There were no motions. President Myrick thanked the Board for their attendance during this Holiday Season.

18. Adjournment. Motion to Adjourn made by Myrick. Seconded by Jannol.

Public Comment. None. Board Comment. None. Without objection, the Chair called the question. Voice Vote: 15 Ayes, 0 Nos, 0 Nos, 0 Abstentions, 0 Ineligible (Ashkinadze). Motion passes. Meeting adjourned at 8:40 p.m. Next Board meeting (unless preceded by any Special Meeting) is January 8, 2018, 7:00p.m., Los Angeles Valley College, Campus Center, Fireside Room. Location and dates subject to change.

Submitted January 4, 2018,

Mickey Jannol
Board Secretary

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See the Following Page for Vote Tally Sheet for Board Member Votes.

12-04-2017 VOTE TALLY SHEET (Regular Meeting) by Agenda item #						
Legend: P = Present Y = Aye or Yes N = No A = Abstain I = Present but Ineligible to Vote R = Recused ■ = Absent, or not yet seated						
Board Member Roll Call for:	Roll Call 1	Nomination 2	Minutes 4	Treasurer's 5A	Gov't. 12.B.1	Adjournment 18
Michael Ashkinadze	P	Y	Y	I	Y	Y
Joseph Barmettler	P	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y
Douglas Breidenbach	P	Y	Y	Y		
James Casey			Y	Y	N	Y
Julie Casey			Y	Y	Y	Y
Roberto Celis						
Douglas Chadwick	P	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y
Jean Chadwick	P	Y	Y	Y	N	Y
Joanne D'Antonio	P	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y
Carlos Ferreyra						
September Forsyth	P	Y	Y	Y	N	Y
Stanley Friedman	P	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y
Walter Hall	P	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y
Derek Iversen	P	Y	Y	Y	N	Y
Mickey Jannol	P	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y
Malky Kertis	P	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y
Sloan Myrick	P	Y	Y	Y	N	Y
Thomas Newton	P	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y
Rich Pisani						
Dorothea Sargent						
Linda Wehrli						
Present	14					
Yes	0	14	16	15	10	15
No	0	0	0	0	5	0
Abstentions	0	0	0	0	0	0
Ineligible	0	0	0	1	0	0
Recused	0	0	0	0	0	0
Sum of Yes and No Votes	0	14	16	15	15	15
Required Yes Votes to Pass	N/A	8	9	8	8	8
Pass/Fail	N/A	Pass	Pass	Pass	Pass	Pass
Quorum Count	14	14	16	16	15	15