



## Greater Valley Glen Council ("GVGC")

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### REGULAR BOARD MEETING MINUTES

**February 5, 2018, 7:00 p.m.**

Los Angeles Valley College, Campus Center, Fireside Room

5800 Fulton 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>Walter Hall</b>	Community Organizations Rep
<b>Joseph Barmettler</b>	At-Large Rep	<b>Derek Iversen</b>	District 5 Rep
<b>James Casey</b>	District 6 Rep	<b>Mickey Jannol</b>	Commercial Property Rep
<b>Julie Casey</b>	District 6 Rep	<b>Malky Kertis</b>	District 4 Rep
<b>Doug Chadwick</b>	At-Large Rep	<b>Sloan Myrick</b>	District 5 Rep
<b>Jean Chadwick</b>	District 2 Rep	<b>Thomas Newton</b>	Community Organizations Rep
<b>Joanne D'Antonio</b>	District 1 Rep	<b>Rich Pisani</b>	District 4 Rep
<b>Carlos Ferreyra</b>	District 2 Rep	<b>Dorothea Sargent</b>	At-Large Rep
<b>September Forsyth</b>	At-Large Rep	<b>Linda Wehrli</b>	Commercial Property Rep
<b>Stanley Friedman</b>	Religious Institutions 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. and commenced with the Pledge of Allegiance.

1. **Board Roll Call.** 17 members present: Ashkinadze, James Casey, D. Chadwick, J. Chadwick, D'Antonio, Ferreyra, Friedman, Hall, Iversen, Jannol, Kertis, Myrick, Newton, Pisani, Sargent, Wehrli. Two members absent: Barmettler (attending Civic U), and Julie Casey (attending Civic U). Two members submitted their resignations before start of the meeting: Breidenbach and Celis. A quorum was achieved.
2. **Possible Nomination and Board Approval of new Board members.** There were no nominations. Please see the attachment Item 2 (pages 10-12) which appears after the Vote Tally Sheet. This attachment contains a list of the vacant Board seats, the link for eligibility applicable to the seats, how stakeholders can be nominated to fill the seats, and boundary maps for the District Rep seats.
3. **President's Comments Part 1.** President Myrick announced that Treasurer Pisani will be moving out of Greater Valley Glen this month. As such, this will be Pisani's last meeting as both Treasurer and Board member. Treasurer Pisani will still give his Treasurer's Report and motions, and will participate in the remainder of this meeting. Nominations and election of new Treasurer, to take over the Treasurer's position, will become effective after conclusion of Item # 20. Pisani's seat, District 4 Rep, will become vacant after conclusion of this meeting. Board members thanked Pisani for his 6 years of dedicated service to GVGC.
4. **Board approval of January 8, 2018minutes.** Motion made by Jannol. Seconded by J.Chadwick. Public Comment. None. Board Comment. Minor modification. Without objection, President Myrick called the question. Voice Vote. 16 Ayes, 1 No (D'Antonio), 0 Abstentions, 0 Ineligible. See attached Vote Tally for specific votes. Motion passes.
5. **Treasurer's Report**
  - A. **Motion for Board approval** of September MERs as per DONE requirements. MERs are found on the following link: <https://cityclerk.lacity.org/NCFundPortal/display.cfm?id=512&type=5>. Motion made by Pisani. Seconded by Myrick. Public Comment. None. Board Comment. None. Without objection, President Myrick called the question. Funding Action. Roll Call Vote: 16 Ayes, 0 Nos, 0 Abstentions, 1 Ineligible (Ashkinadze). Motion passes.
  - B. **Motion for Board approval** of expenditures of \$125.51 to reimburse Sloan Myrick for out of pocket expenditures for food at the December 2017 Board meeting. Motion made by Myrick. Seconded by Wehrli. Public Comment. None. Board Comment. None. Without objection, President Myrick called the question. Funding Action. Roll Call Vote: 15 Ayes, 0 Nos, 1 Abstention (Myrick), 1 Ineligible (Ashkinadze). Motion passes.
  - C. **Budget Advocate Report.** There was no Budget Advocate present and there was no report.
6. **LAPD Senior Lead Officer ("SLO") Reports.** No SLOs present. Board member Ferreyra reported that SLO Bailey was injured in the line of duty. SLO Bergmann injured his back at work.
7. **Government Representatives Reports.**
  - A. **Office of EMPOWER LA,** Gibson Nyambura from EmpowerLA to reported that he is temporarily our Rep. A determination will be made as to who our new Rep will be as realignments of duties are still being finalized.
  - B. **Office of LA City Councilmember Paul Krekorian,** Council District 2 (CD2). Will be covered in Item # 8.
  - 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. LA City Councilmember Paul Krekorian, Council District 2.**

Councilman Krekorian gave a broad presentation and then took questions from the Public and the Board. Press coverage of Councilman Krekorian's address was covered by the Los Angeles Valley College – Valley Star newspaper.

Paul began his presentation by reviewing a few City accomplishments. Since he began service in 2010, the City has been able to reduce its annual deficit from \$500,000,000 in Fiscal Year 2011 to almost zero. These lower deficits enabled the City to move funds around to better handle priorities, like hiring more police officers and firefighters, with some funds for projects like getting City trees cared for. Noteworthy is that \$31,000,000 of this fiscal year's surplus was allocated to sidewalk repair.

As to more local accomplishments, the NoHo West "Macy's" project at the northeast corner of the 170 Freeway and Oxnard Street is progressing. This will replace the old Laurel Plaza, turned into a low-traffic freestanding Macy's. The area is in need of more commercial space, as well as housing. There was a question from the Valley Star about the amount or lack of low-income units in this project. Paul indicated that while it appears the amount of low-income units may appear low, the developer paid in-lieu fees to extend the targeted count of low-income units for this project to other future projects slated for the area.

Paul noted that crime is down in the Valley Glen area, due in part to the City's ability to achieve and support more than 10,000 police officers. However, car burglaries are on the rise. While there are a number of reasons for this, Paul believes that there ought to be more "cops and traffic cops on the streets" to counter this. As to traffic issues, State law requires speed surveys to be completed periodically to enable LAPD to continue to enforce speed limits. These surveys are almost complete.

Paul commented on the Homelessness Town Hall at LA Valley College on January 18, 2018. The event was attended by over 400 people. Paul appreciated the turnout and the healthy back and forth discussion. Paul indicated to the Board and Public that solutions to Homelessness and substance addiction will take some time. He asked all to have patience and continue the spirit of working together.

Paul took questions and comments from the Public. Concerns were raised about the Erwin Street Elementary School parking lot. The parking lot is not fenced. Cars are pulling into the lot at night and it appears car occupants are conducting illicit activity. It was reported that when residents contacted the school Principal, they were told that there was little the school could do to address the problem. Paul indicated that he will speak to the LAUSD Area Superintendent about prioritizing this matter and that his Deputy Sahag Yedalian will report back.

Public comments continued to a group of residents (about 7 or 8) that brought up the issue of fireworks and possible gun shots in the Woodman Avenue and Erwin Street area. This has continued to happen beyond the holidays. Residents asked how to get LAPD to patrol the area and whether drones can be used to patrol the area. Paul agreed to have further discussions with the group to come up with ways to address this matter.

**9. Public Comments on Items not on the Agenda.** Public Comment came from Tom Dana, a CSUN student living in Greater Valley Glen. HE requested that there be a crosswalk installed at Laurelgrove Avenue and Oxnard Street as residents are crossing (busy) Oxnard Street from Laurelgrove Avenue. As well, Tom requested bike lanes on Oxnard Street to protect bikers.

Judy Price, District 4 Resident, informed those present about the proposed 16 condo project at where the *Oxwood Bar* currently sits west of Woodman Avenue on the north side of Oxnard. The project applied for a height variance (4 stories instead of 3 stories) that could be considered as the project is near the Orange Line. She reported that the developer's application for variance will be heard at the February meeting of the South Valley Planning Commission. However, the Zoning Administrator's recommendation to *approve* the variance noted that the GVGC supported that applicant's request. Judy Price asked if the Board recalled when this matter was heard and voted on by the Board. Board members could not recall. President Myrick indicated he would investigate.

**10. President's Comments.** President Myrick gave a presentation on the Neighborhood Council Code of Conduct and reminded all Board members to be mindful of it. Public Comment. None. Board member Comment. None.



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

**A. Committee Report.** No report

**B. Motions for Board approval.**

**Motion B.1** The Planning, Land use and Zoning committee submits this motion to approve a Master Conditional Use Permit for property owner, 13321 Burbank, LP, for the sale of alcohol by prospective tenants at 13321 Burbank Blvd. Additionally, the Committee recommends that any further landscaping does not add the “urban heat Island effect”. Note: Each individual tenant will make separate application for specific alcohol license. Motion made by D. Chadwick. Seconded by Myrick. Presentation made by 13321 Burbank LP staff. It was further clarified that each tenant, likely a restaurant, would seek approval of a liquor license and that the GVGC would be able to consider each application.

Public Comment. None. Board Comment. None. Without objection, President Myrick called the question. Roll Call Vote: 16 Ayes, 0 Nos, 1 Abstention (Kertis), 0 Ineligible. Motion passes.

**Motion B.2** The Planning, Land use and Zoning committee submits this motion to approve the renewal of the Conditional Use Permit (granted in March 2011) for the continued use of the property located at 13231 Victory Blvd, as a Walgreens. Motion made by D. Chadwick. Seconded by Myrick. Presentation made by Walgreens staff.

Public Comment. None. Board Comment. None. Without objection, President Myrick called the question. Roll Call Vote: 17 Ayes, 0 Nos, 0 Abstentions, 0 Ineligible. Motion passes.

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

**A. Committee report.** Chair J. Chadwick announced that Zachary Scott of Village Family Services will be the Guest Speaker at the GVGC March Board meeting.

**A. Motions for Board approval.** There were no motions.

**13. Government Relations Committee – W. Hall, Chair**

**A. Committee report.** Chair Hall moved to motions.

**B. Motions for Board approval.**

**Motion B.1.** The Greater Valley Glen Council endorses passage of an ordinance that would facilitate the use of existing hotels and motels for Supportive Housing and/or Transitional Housing (CF 17-1432) as well as a proposed ordinance to facilitate the production of Permanent Supportive Housing (CF 17-1422). Motion made by Hall. Seconded by Sargent.

Public Comment. None. Board Comment. None. Without objection, President Myrick called the question. Voice Vote. 14 Ayes, 1 No (Forsyth), 2 Abstentions (Ashkinadze and D. Chadwick), 0 Ineligible. Motion passes.

**Motion B.2.** Short-term rentals booked using online marketplaces, such as VacationRentals.com, Booking.com and Airbnb.com, provide affordable housing opportunities for newcomers to our City as well as for vacationers. They also provide needed income for cash-strapped City homeowners and renters that can allow them to pay the mortgage or rent and not become part of the nation’s homeless. The proposed Home-Sharing Ordinance (CFs 14-1635-S2, 14-1635-S3), as written, is needlessly restrictive and will discourage new entries into the marketplace as well as frighten away existing participants. As examples only, the proposed ordinance would fine mom-and-pop operations for enumerated violations as if they were a large chain hotel enterprise; the 180 days per year



availability restriction is unnecessary and its justification as helping to preserve a neighborhood's residential character not credible; and the elimination of all RSO housing units to home-sharing will in many cases prevent those in need of extra income from gaining it. The stock of RSO units can be otherwise protected from predatory practices by landlord owners without simply eliminating them from short-term renting opportunities. A robust online-enabled market for home-sharing will increase the number of units available and help contain and even drive down rental prices. Potential abuses and safety concerns can be addressed in less draconian ways than as proposed in the Home-Sharing Ordinance.

Chair Hall indicated that he desired to do further research on this motion/matter. Without objection, Motion was tabled by Chair Hall, pending further research on the matter.

**Motion B.3.** The Greater Valley Glen Council supports the intent of the proposed Citywide Cat Program and the preparation of an Environmental Impact Report in anticipation of the approval of a program that would Trap, Neuter and Return "free roaming cats," both feral and strays. The GVGC specifically requests that in the scoping of the EIR, the effect of "free roaming cats" on the local rodent population be included, that possible drug-based neutering be investigated as to its effectiveness and cost, that unintended consequences of similar programs carried out by other jurisdictions, such as flea population explosions, be part of the EIR, and that mandatory consultation and collaboration with an affected neighborhood before any action is taken be part of the ultimate Citywide Cat Program. The GVGC authorizes that this request be communicated to appropriate Department of Animal Services personnel, the Board of Animal Services Commissioners and Councilmembers Koretz and Blumenfield. Motion made by Hall. Seconded by Ferreyra

Public Comment. None. Board Comment. None. Without objection, President Myrick called the question. Voice Vote. 16 Ayes, 0 Nos, 0 Abstentions, 0 Ineligible. Motion passes.

**Note:** Board member Wehrli departed the meeting prior to voting on Motion B.3. Attendance is 16. Quorum was maintained.

**C. DWP representative report.** Chair Hall submitted a report appearing on page 13 as Item 13C.

**D. City Sustainability representative report.** Board member D'Antonio submitted a report appearing on pages 14-15 as Item 13D.

**E. VANC report.** Board member Barmettler submitted a report appearing on pages 16-21 as Item 13E.

#### **14. 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 Parks & Improvements committee is requesting the Greater Valley Glen Board (GVGC) approve allocation up to \$1,000 to paint the walls & fences, belonging to the City of LA, along the South border of the Valley Glen Community 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. This supersedes Motion "1" (Item 14.B.1) that was board-approved on 2018-01-08. Motion made by Myrick. Seconded by Iversen.

Public Comment. None. Board Comment: None. Without objection, President Myrick called the question. Funding Action. Roll Call Vote: 14 Ayes, 0 Nos, 1 Abstention (Pisani), 1 Ineligible (Ashkinadze). Motion passes.

#### **15. Arts and Education Committee – L. Wehrli, Chair**

**A. Committee report.** No report. No Public or Board Comments.

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



**16. Community Safety Committee – C. Ferreyra, Chair**

**A. Committee report.** Chair Ferreyra reported that the Committee is working on a public safety survey. Member of the Public Heidi Moore and Board member Sargent discussed the survey; particularly the relative ranking of safety issues.

Chair Ferreyra reported that the Committee is discussing two other matters. The first is a solution to the parking lot issues at Erwin Street School previously discussed in Item #8. The second matter is the possibility of preferential parking in the Welby Square area in District 3; north of Victory Blvd., west of Coldwater Canyon Blvd. going west to Victory Plaza. The residents in this area have reported a number of cars and RVs from outside of the District parking on their streets.

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

**17. Ad hoc By-Laws Committee – T. Newton, Chair.**

**A. Committee report.** Chair Newton indicated that the deadline for submitting Bylaw changes is now April 15, 2018, extended from February 15, 2018. The Committee will be meeting during February and March to review the Bylaws, identify and evaluate issues, and make recommendations to the Board.

**B. Motions for Board Approval:**

Motion 1B.1. Motion to amend Article V, Section 1.B of the Bylaws of the Greater Valley Glen Council, to redefine Merchants/Businesspersons to allow for Owner's Representatives and all businesses holding a City of Los Angeles business license. Without objection, Chair Newton withdrew the motion given the April 15, 2018 deadline and more time to address Board seat definitions and other Bylaw issues.

**18. Board member comments on items not on agenda.** Board member J/ Chadwick commented that she is for comments on the one-page description of GVGC. She asked that all comments come to her by the end of the week. Board member Iversen commented that we all should promote filling vacant seats on the Board.

**19. President's Motions.**

**A. Motion 1** for Board approval President hereby establishes an ad hoc GVGC "Homelessness" committee whose mission is to bring forth suggestions and possible motions to the GVGC Board pertaining to the Homelessness issue currently plaguing Greater Valley Glen and the Los Angeles City at large. This being an ad hoc committee, the President is empowered to establish ad hoc committees per the Bylaws, Article VII Section 2 which states that Ad Hoc Committees – The President shall have the sole authority to establish a temporary ad-hoc committee. . Thus, the matter is moot.

Public Comment. None. Board Comment. Ferreyra requested that a member of the Public Safety Committee be part of the ad hoc Committee. At this time, President Myrick indicated that he had not decided who will be Chair and who the members would be. Members of the Public were encouraged to join. However, none expressed interest at this time joined at this time. [Secretary's note: if an ad hoc committee is composed exclusively of Board members, then the Brown Act does not need to be adhered to.]

**B. Motion 2** for Board approval. Motion for not to exceed \$3,500 to create a GVGC Spring Festival. The focus of the festival is outreach and free family fun. The event will take place in by mid-May and will be the council's first big event since the Valley Glen Community Park reopened. The event will also have a pay it forward opportunity for residents to bring food and clothing items for the homeless. The funds will be used for DJ, promoting the event, bounce house, SWAG and other supplies. Motion made by Myrick. Seconded by Iversen.

Public Comment. There was suggestion that commencing with the Spring Festival, GVGC ought to start marketing its Movie Night program. Board Comment. None. Without objection, President Myrick called the question. Funding Action. Roll Call Vote. Roll Call Vote: 14 Ayes, 0 Nos, 1 Abstention (Pisani), 1 Ineligible (Ashkinadze). Motion passes.



**C. Motion 3** for Board approval. Motion not to exceed \$300 to pay for Facebook ads to help promote our GVGC Facebook posts. This amount will be spread out over the next 10 months and will be used to help get our information out to our residents and community. Motion made by Myrick. Seconded by D. Chadwick.

Public Comment. None. Some Board Comment on how the Facebook ads work. Without objection, President Myrick called the question. Funding Action. Roll Call Vote: 13 Ayes, 0 Nos, 2 Abstentions (D'Antonio and Pisani), 1 Ineligible (Ashkinadze). Motion passes.

**D. Motion 4** for Board approval. Motion for not to exceed \$125 for business cards for James and Julie Casey Motion made by Myrick. Seconded by Iversen.

Public Comment. None. Board Comment. None. Without objection, President Myrick called the question. Funding Action. Roll Call Vote: 13 Ayes, 0 Nos, 2 Abstentions (James Casey and Pisani), 1 Ineligible (Ashkinadze). Motion passes.

**20. Nomination and Election of new GVGC Treasurer.**

President Myrick announced that nominations were now open for Treasurer given Rich Pisani's departure from the Board after this meeting. Jannol nominated James Casey for Treasurer. D. Chadwick seconded the nomination. There were no other nominations for Treasurer. The resulting motion was to approve of James Casey as GVGC Treasurer.

Public Comment. None. Board Comment. James Casey discussed his background and ability to handle the Treasurer duties. He anticipates completing training by end of February. Without objection, President Myrick called the question. As an abundance of caution, this will be recorded as a Funding Action with a Roll Call Vote): 12 Ayes, 0 Nos, 3 Abstentions (James Casey, Pisani, and Sargent), and 1 Ineligible (Ashkinadze). Motion passes.

**21. Adjournment.** Motion to Adjourn made by Myrick. Seconded by Jannol.

Public Comment. None. Board Comment. None. Without objection, President Myrick called the question. Voice Vote: 16 Ayes, 0 Nos, 0 Nos, 0 Abstentions, 0 Ineligible. Motion passes. Meeting adjourned at 9:20 p.m. Next Board meeting (unless preceded by any Special Meeting) is March 4, 2018, 7:00p.m., Los Angeles Valley College, Campus Center, Fireside Room. Location and date subject to change.

Submitted March 1, 2018,

Mickey Jannol  
Board Secretary



## **Disclosures provided with the Agenda for the February 5, 2018 GVGC Regular Board Meeting:**

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**See the Following Pages for Vote Tally Sheet for Board Member Votes (page 9), Vacancies per Item 2 (pages 10-12), and Government Relations Committee Reports per Items 13C (page 13), 13D (pages 14-15), and 13E (pages 16-21).**



Legend:		02-05-2018 VOTE TALLY SHEET														
		Regular Meeting by Agenda item #														
P = Present Y = Aye or Yes N = No A = Abstain I = Present but Ineligible to Vote R = Recused █ = Absent, or not yet seated		Roll Call 1	Minutes 4	Treasurer's 5A	Treasurer's 5B	Planning 11.B.1	Planning 11.B.2	Gov't. 13.B.1	Gov't. 13.B.3	Parks 14.B.1	Parks 14.B.1	President's 19B	President's 19C	President's 19D	Election of Treasurer 20	Adjournment 21
Board Member Votes for:																
Michael Ashkinadze		P	Y	I	I	Y	Y	A	Y	I	I	I	I	I	I	Y
Joseph Barmettler																
James Casey		P	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	A	A	Y
Julie Casey																
Douglas Chadwick		P	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	A	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y
Jean Chadwick		P	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y
Joanne D'Antonio		P	N	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	A	Y	Y	Y
Carlos Ferreyra		P	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y
September Forsyth		P	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	N	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y
Stanley Friedman		P	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y
Walter Hall		P	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y
Derek Iversen		P	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y
Mickey Jannol		P	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y
Malky Kertis		P	Y	Y	Y	A	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y
Sloan Myrick		P	Y	Y	A	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y
Thomas Newton		P	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y
Rich Pisani		P	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	A	A	A	A	A	A	Y
Dorothea Sargent		P	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	A	Y
Linda Wehrli		P	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y									
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Sum: Yes and No Votes		0	17	16	15	16	17	15	16	14	14	14	13	13	12	16
Required Votes to Pass		N/A	9	9	8	9	9	8	9	8	8	8	7	7	7	9
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## Item 2. Vacancies

The GVGC Board of comprised of 25 members. Presently, there are seven (7) vacancies. 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. Vacancies are as follows:

- 1) One (1) District 1 Rep seat. Area north of Oxnard St., south of Vanowen St., east of Hazeltine Ave., and west of Woodman Ave.,
- 2) One (1) District 4 Rep seat. Area north of Burbank Blvd., south of Victory Blvd., east of Hazeltine Ave., and west of Fulton Ave., but excluding of the area north of Oxnard St, south of Victory Blvd., east of Hazeltine Ave., and west of Woodman Ave.,
- 3) One (1) Educational Institutions Liaison seat,
- 4) Two (2) District 3 Rep seats. Area north of Victory Blvd., south of Vanowen St., east of the Tujunga Wash, west of the 170 Freeway, and
- 5) Two (2) Business/Merchant Liaison seats.

For more particular definitions of these seats and their applicable eligibility, please review pages 3 to 5 of the GVGC Bylaws, per link below.

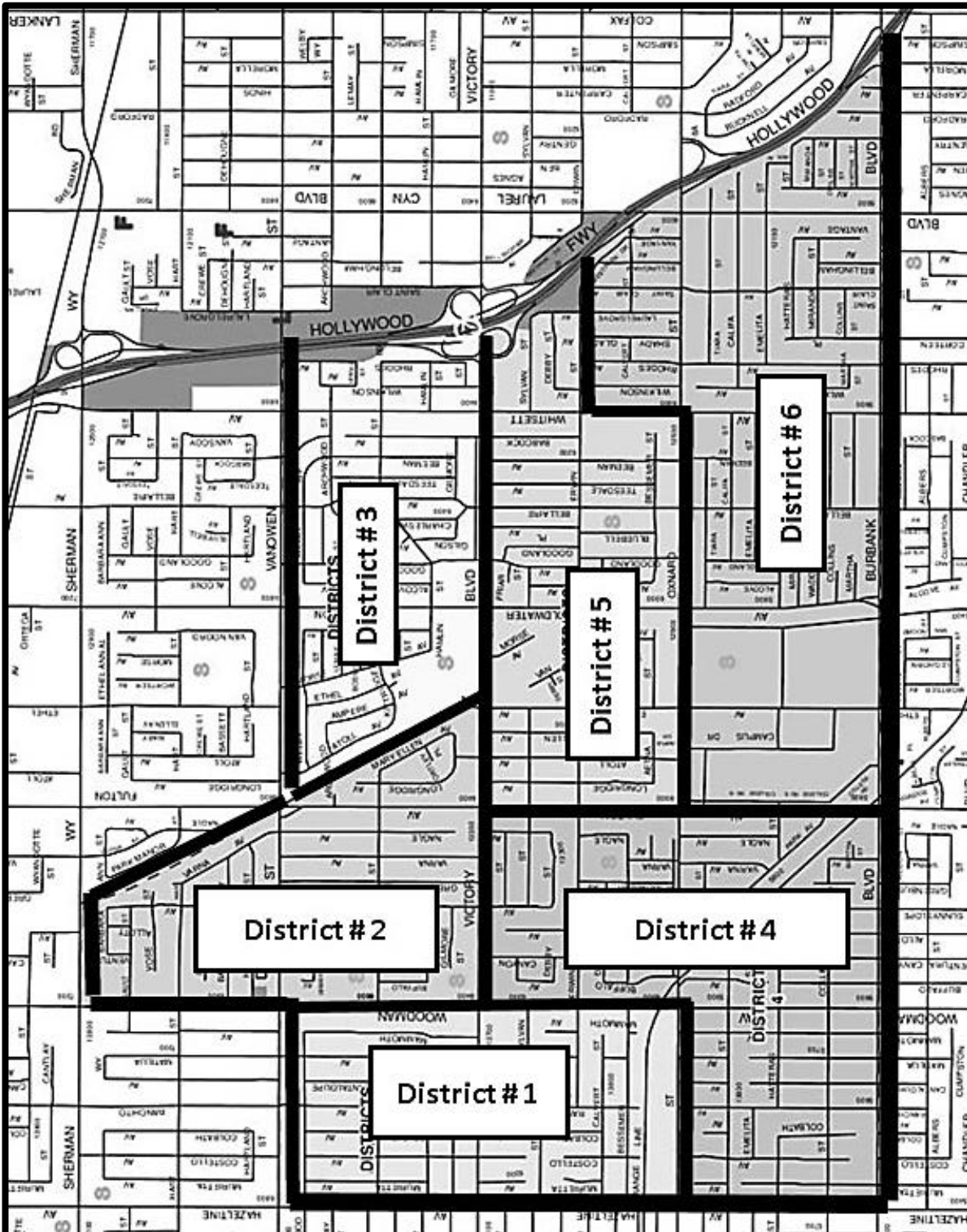
**<http://empowerla.org/wp-content/uploads/2012/06/Greater-Valley-Glen-NC-Bylaws.pdf>**

Note, these the Bylaws appearing on the GVGC website contain an older version of the GVGC Bylaws. However, pages 3 to 5 with regard to definition of the Board seats is accurate.

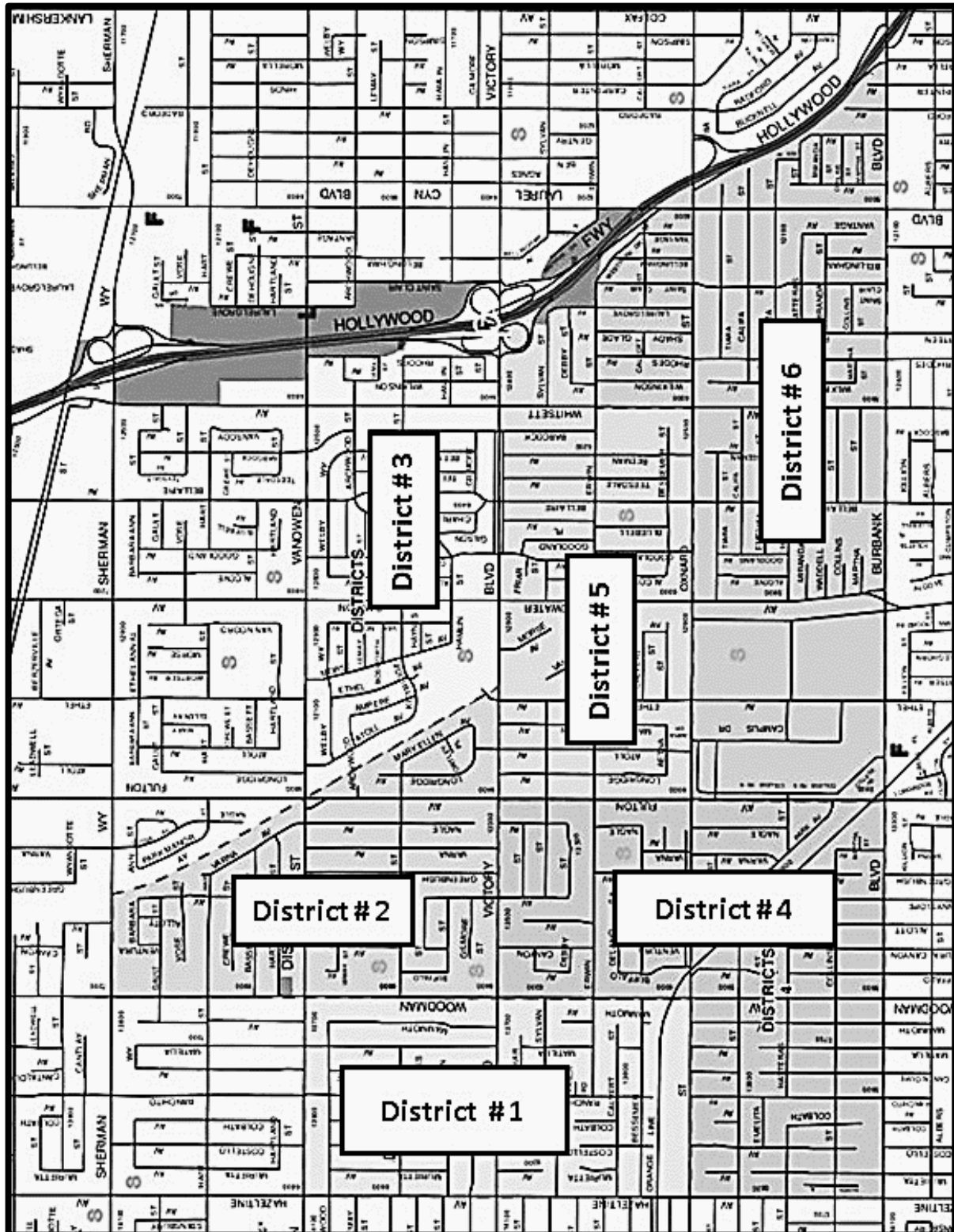
See maps on the next page to provide you with a better visual definition of the District boundaries.

We are looking for energized people with a passion for community service who desire to take advantage of the empowerment offered by the Neighborhood Council concept to support and improve the Greater Valley Glen area and its stakeholders. If you are interested in becoming a Board member and are eligible for the any of the above vacant seats, you may contact any Board member at the GVGC website or President Sloan Myrick at email: **[smyrick@greatervalleyglencouncil.org](mailto:smyrick@greatervalleyglencouncil.org)**

This map is a broad map of the Greater Valley Glen Council District boundaries.



This map provides some definition to the bounded Districts.





## **Item 13C. LA DWP Neighborhood Council Meeting Report**

**February 3, 2018 Highlights**

Evelyn Cortez-Davis, LADWP Manager of Water Recycling Policy & Water Rights, described her department's ongoing efforts to restore the quality of the San Fernando groundwater basin. The construction you may have noticed east of the 170 freeway just south of Sherman Way is a wellhead treatment facility to remove 1, 4-dioxane that is concentrated in the groundwater subterranean in this area. Other sites in and adjacent to the San Fernando Valley (including those seen adjacent to the Whitsett soccer fields and further east on Vanowen Street) are either in-service, under engineering consideration, or waiting approval of funding from the EPA. Cost is the key to further cleanup efforts. Will cleaned-up water from the aquifer as a future resource be cheaper than alternatives, such as additional purchases from the Metropolitan Water District? Present analysis concludes cleanup as the cheapest alternative. Some meeting participants were pushing ocean water desalinization as a future source, but the price for such an alternative, it was claimed by those knowledgeable on the matter, is not presently viable. Visit [www.ladwp.com/remediation](http://www.ladwp.com/remediation) to review the many details associated with this effort.

Fred Pickel, Executive Director, Office of Public Accountability(OPA)/Ratepayer Advocate, made brief remarks pertaining to LA's efforts to obtain Proposition 1 money under the State's Sustainable Groundwater Management Act (2014) and the present status of California's proposed WaterFix Project, the proposal to tunnel beneath the Bay-area delta to bring water to the southern part of the State. As of now, funding for the preferred 2-tunnel alternative is not there and a 1-tunnel alternative is possible.

Tony Wilkinson reported that the effort to fill the office of executive director of the expired term of the OPA is stalled pending appointment of a fifth member to the screening committee. (Pickel now serves on an interim basis.)

Submitted by

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## **Item 13D. Sustainability Report**

### **At PlanCheckNC meeting 2-10-'18**

Joanne D'Antonio, NCSA Trees Committee Chair, will go over the problematic issues in CF 16-0461 which proposes in lieu fees instead of planting requirements and also CF 03-1459-S3 that deals with procedures regarding protected trees.

She will be announcing the availability of UFD's tree removal notices starting in 2018. Listings will be by NC on the NCSA website starting Feb 10.

### **Neighborhood Council Sustainability Alliance Trees Committee 1-10-'18 teleconference**

Examination of Public Records document indicates that Urban Forestry Tree Trimming specifications are not following International Society of Arborists standards that limit safe tree trimming to no more than 20% of a mature tree. Los Angeles City tree practices reported to be violating CEQA laws. NCSA Trees Committee supports the Community Forest Advisory Committee (CFAC) in advocating for a Citywide Trees planner that will follow scientific and environmental guidelines. Trees Committee will bring request to Budget Advocates meetings.

There is interest in getting VANC to support an effort to also get notifications from UFD of tree trimming to post. This will enable stakeholders to intervene, which is allowed, as tree trimmers are supposed to be sensitive to the wishes of the residents.

### **Budget Advocates 1-20-'18 Marvin Braude Center**

Many Budget Reps lodged complaints about Urban Forestry's poor tree trimming practices and tree removals that leave the stump and preventing new tree planting.

### **CFAC Meeting at the Bureau of Public Works, City Hall 2-1-'18**

Kelly Richards of Urban Forestry reports that it is finally getting equipment to plant trees. They have hire 5 more supervisors, but need 20 more tree surgeons. The issue is finding people that can pass the background checks. Their staff is at about half of what it was 10 years ago. They are still waiting to receive equipment for which funding has been approved. It is known how many trees have been removed to date and how many are pending removal but did not have the info for the meeting. UFD was requested by CFAC to provide a paper report of tree removals to date for next month's meeting. UFD does not track what trees have been replanted and says that the City is not required to replace dead trees.

In public comment the issue of lack of stump removals was brought up. UFD reports it had asked for another stump removal crew. In the meantime CFAC suggests that Council Office discretionary funds be requested for stump removals.

Liz Skrzat reported that the Working Group for a Master Tree Plan has hired Dudeck out of Pasadena to be the interim consultant, and the kick-off meeting is February 5 at BOE in City Hall. Dudeck did the Pasadena and Irvine Master Tree Plans. (The NCSA Trees Committee will be represented as an official member of this Working Group.) Unlike other major cities, Los Angeles has never implemented a Master Tree Plan.



A demonstration was given on how to see a map of street trees on Navigate LA by selecting "Bureau of Street Services" and then selecting "Trees".

Robert Vega of the Bureau of Sanitation gave a presentation on the Sidewalk Repair Program with pictures of root pruning and enlarging of tree wells. Tens of thousands of requests have come in for sidewalk repair. The average rebate is \$5500. CFAC wants replacement trees tracked by sidewalk repair permit numbers. UFD says that trees are tracked and can call for specific site for second tree planting. Gator bags for watering are being placed on new trees.

The problem of lack of enforcement of protected tree ordinance was discussed. The City Attorney claims there is no budget to enforce. This could be a good budget item for the upcoming meetings. There is no system for ordinance enforcement.

A CFAC member presented the lengthy Seattle Trees and Sidewalk Operations Plan, which covers ways trees can be preserved when sidewalks repaired. An abridged version will be created to submit here.

CFAC representatives reported on their recent meeting with Tim Tyson, Head of Urban Forestry. UFD's needs were discussed. UFD wants an integration pest management pilot program. UFD needs double their current budget.

UFD has not called the meeting regarding the handling of Protected Trees as required in City Council File CF 03-1459-S3.

A CFAC member reported good tree trimming in Venice by TLC, a subcontractor.

**Joanne D'Antonio**  
**GVGC Sustainability Representative**



## **Item 13E. Notes from VANC Meeting on 1/11/18**

### **VANC Meeting 1/11/18**

Sherman Oaks Hospital, Dr. Conference Room 6:30 - 10:30 PM  
VANC President presiding: Jill Banks Barad. 2nd Chair Judith Daniels.  
GVGC board member attending: J. Barmettler, Govt. Relations Committee

### **SUMMARY HIGHLIGHTS:**

- ITEM 1:** Laila Alequresh, Executive Advisor CAO Office
- ITEM 2:** Sarah Burch, Institute for Public Strategies
- ITEM 3:** DONE report, Semee Park
- ITEM 4:** City Clerk Administrative Services, Andrew Choi
- ITEM 5:** City Planning Department, Lisette Covarubias
- ITEM 6:** Emergency Plan Workshop (hosted by Granada Hills NC)
- ITEM 7:** VANC Mixer "Best Of" Award Nominations
- ITEM 8:** BONC Update: Definition of Stakeholders
- ITEM 9:** Trash Hauling Contracts, Vic Viereck
- ITEM 10:** Animal Welfare Report, Jeffrey Mausner
- ITEM 11:** Glenn Bailey File #s

### **NOTES:**

#### **ITEM 1: Laila Alequresh, Executive Advisor CAO Office.**

Public Works survey results. A summary of the report: Finding ways that the city can improve its management of street-related infrastructure programs. What are your recommendations for CF 17-1311. Laila Alequresh, Executive Advisor, CAO (City Administrative Office), Public Works, Chief Budget Office, made presentation with no PowerPoint due to technical difficulties. Public Works are focused on protecting investments as much as possible. Surveys and investigations to see if inter-Departmental coordination is effective. Her job to see if it's happening and solve the issues if not. L.A.'s street network is one of its largest assets. Every infrastructure program in the City has assets under, on, or over the street, making the street a binding element for multiple departments. She asks for feedback from NCs on how L.A. delivers public services. Survey conducted, in-depth process - infrastructure programs analyzed. This review went down 3 levels to operational managers. 400 Interviews, 200 samples. Summary of project objective: Improved coordination among City departments and external partners; Public works services are delivered in the most efficient and effective manner; improved relationship between residents and their government.

With this survey the department can access info regarding which services to improve. In general, the majority of priorities for Angelinos are Graffiti and trash removal, bulky item removal, metal and household appliance removal. For CD 2 stakeholders poled priorities to be 1.) Street repair, 2.) Street lighting, 3.) Street sweeping. The key theme of investigation is noticing lack of coordination across agencies, internal employees and external vendors. If NCs want to support by commenting on Public Works Survey results.





## **SURVEY RESULTS:**

LA311 was cited as the most improved service.

External Partner Feedback: Need better data management, need better upfront collaboration, need streamlined communication "one contact, not ten", need increased coordination. Key barrier cited across Research Groups: Lack of alignment, lack of communication, lack of coordination, lack of customer focus, lack of data and underuse of technology, lack of planning.

## **Recommendations:**

### **Tier 1: Systems improvements**

1.1 Transfer Taxi and Transportation Commissions to the Board of Public Works so oversight of public right of way (street/sidewalks) and users (multi modal transportation) would be under one government authority.

1.2 Establish Office of Infrastructure Management focused on long term Planning, process improvements, capital planning, synchronization/timing of asset maintenance and upgrades.

### **Tier 2: Tools/activities to support system improvements**

2.1: Convert utility coordination from a manual process to a technology solution to provide visibility to the public, utilities and departments about street improvement activities.

2.2 Prioritize asset management to create a consolidate investor of assets and programs.

2.3 Make enhancements to the LA 211 CRM system.

2.4 update polices affecting street use to protect investments in streets.

2.5 Reinstate Capital Improvement Plan and strengthen the City's capital policy.

2.6 Clarify Bureau and department roles in overlapping programs- Example given re: the handling of Trees, there are 9 agencies touching the one tree involved.

### **Tier 3: Process and Program efficiencies.**

3.1: Update the methodology for resurfacing and slurry seal programs.

3.2 Prioritize training and cross learning across city agencies.

3.3 Post the entire resurfacing plan online for the public.

3.4: Streamline contract processing time and strengthen performance standards.

3.5: Address subcontractor quality that work under permitted.



**ITEM 2: Sarah Burch - Institute for Public Strategies:** Accompanied by four-six other people.

IPS is funded by L.A. City Dept. of Public Health. They are supporting a conditions motion for The City to return to alcohol conditions of CUBs. They want the community voice to return. They think local control is the answer. Changes were made to the code behind closed doors. Martinez and Koretz signed a petition to open motion CF 17-1343. (All you will find is a motion, not ordinance yet). She stated that if L.A. Council makes policy change to not do it behind closed doors. Ron shared history, backed by Leonard Shaffer, on why the CUB law has not been changed or revised: In 1990 Superior Court mandated that L.A. cannot impose CUB laws. In 1996 City Council decided to not appeal CUB regulations, and it was never reversed. Whether Sarah from IPS has knowledge of mentioned cases is uncertain. Also notes that City Attorney cannot impose alcohol laws, only the land and business.

Mentioned that CUB deals with the building and land, not the liquor license. ABC regulates the types of alcohol served, etc. Ask why changes were made and put them back. Glen Bailey suggested putting it out with Plancheck and reference a legal case mandated against the city #C753794. Motion to vote was entertained, but instead VANC board discussed, then voted to table the issue indefinitely.

**ITEM 3: DONE Report:** Seme Park, DONE rep present. Gracie Liu not present.

Jill Banks Barad questioned Seme about the announced Independent City Wide Election Administrator. Jill was not happy with NC's and VANC not being consulted on their position. City Clerk will conduct election workshops and Election training will be provided. Getting feedback from NCs and upcoming workshops will also function as mock polling scenario. Dates will be Feb 12 in the Valley and Workshops will be announced.

City Clerk's Office will administer the election process. DONE will mainly assist in outreach. They are currently revamping their website and asks for NCs to send feedback.

DONE Deadlines and Training: Subdivision Applications due 1/15/18. Bylaw Amendments due 4/15/18. February 12, Election Training for the Valley.

**ITEM 4: City Clerk Administrative Services, Andrew Choi:**

Regarding the NC funding, approximately a quarter of funds are spent. Out of \$4,740,000, there is \$2,867,000 remaining. NCs can go to the website to analyze how much cash they have left. 3 Phase Development for the Funding Program. Regarding project liability concerns for NCs, New training video online. Regarding admin solution for VANC Mixer funding, City Clerk office will make agreements between service providers and City Clerk's office. If checks not cashed then contact them or Vic, as they have had problems with this and not all are resolved. 6 checks were recalled. If NC submitted check, and it was accepted, then do nothing.

If by Jan 15 if any council is missing 3 or more MERs, funds will be frozen. Currently, 22 NCs are lacking MERS.

**ITEM 5: City Planning Department, Lisette Covarubias.**

In June, the city Planning commission (CPC) unanimously recommended approval of the updated South and Southeast Los Angeles Community plans following an extensive multi-year collaboration with community stakeholders. Lisette passed out the Zimas (The Zone Information and Map Access System) brochure, "How To". More info [www.zimas.lacity.org](http://www.zimas.lacity.org). Next workshop is Planning 101 part 2, and will focus on entitlements. There is now a video available. Training in southern part of the valley is TBD in near future. More info: Los Angeles Department of City Planning [www.planning.lacity.org](http://www.planning.lacity.org)



**ITEM 6: Emergency Plan Workshop (hosted by Granada Hills NC)**

Granada Hills NC invites all valley NCs to attend their Emergency Plan Workshop and become prepared to help your community survive disastrous events.

Workshop will be held 2/1/18 6pm 10535 Zelzah Ave., Granada Hills, CA. 6-8:45 PM. A CERT kit will go to each graduate. Some stuff you learn will do: Map your neighborhood, map stakeholders in medical and psychiatric needs, etc. CERT Reps will be LAFD, Pat Hall, Red Cross and Senator Hertzberg will be there.

More info contact: Mike Benedetto (VP) 818-723-8087. [www.ghsnc.org](http://www.ghsnc.org)

**ITEM 7: VANC Mixer "Best Of" Award Nominations:**

VANC will have a March Mixer in March 2018 to be held at CBS Radford Studios and is asking for "Best Of" award nominations. New Nomination deadline is 2/23/18. Good opportunity for new board members to network with other NCs. Event is open to all NC board members. Nominees for the award do not have to be from an NC, no set categories, open to everything. VANC looks at nominations and adjusts award accordingly. How to nominate: Write 1 page on project, event, person(s), organization, etc., and tell us what was extraordinary. Include contact name of nominating person, photos of what it is, why it is extraordinary and unusual. No nomination is too small or too large. Judith Daniels gave example of how Granada Hills NC and other community organizations teamed together to conduct a massive cleanup in their neighborhood. Submit to VANC's "Best Of" award at [vanc@empowerla.org](mailto:vanc@empowerla.org) or to Jill Banks Barad.

**ITEM 8: BONC Update: Definition of Stakeholders:**

L.A. City Council formed Ad hoc committee to define definition of "stakeholder" and BONC solicits all NC's to participate. Definition of "Community Interest" stakeholder. There is no further update than they had a phone meeting so far. You can voice this issue to [Leonard.shaffer@lacity.org](mailto:Leonard.shaffer@lacity.org) or you can send to [commission@empowerla.org](mailto:commission@empowerla.org), and the entire commission will receive your email.

**ITEM 9: Vic Viereck - Trash Hauling Contracts**

Vic spoke about the excessive cost increases and poor service many apartment and business owners are now subjected to because of the new City of Los Angeles Exclusive Trash Hauling ordinance. Because of LA's rent control many apartment owners cannot pass through any of the cost increases imposed on them. It also horribly affects commercial property owners, tenant businesses, and their customers (everybody). Although the Mayor and City Council members espouse the need for more affordable housing, they imposed the exclusive trash hauling program, which contradicts their supposed campaign for affordable housing. Many of the remaining attendees also complained about the same problems caused by the Exclusive Trash Hauling ordinance.

**ITEM 10: Animal Welfare Report:**

VANC Animal Welfare Report, 1-11-2018 from Jeffrey Mausner, Tarzana NC:

Two very good pieces of news, one not so good. Good news 1. We have achieved No-Kill for dogs at the City Shelters. The live-save rate for dogs was 93.14% in November. Over 90% is considered No-Kill. This is fantastic, and I highly congratulate Brenda and Los Angeles Animal Services. Now we must maintain this.



Bad news, but expected, we have not achieved No-Kill for cats. The live save rate for cats in November was 83.85%. Jeffrey believes this difference in the live-save rate compared to dogs is mostly due to the TNR injunction. A very high priority is getting the TNR injunction lifted, so the City can resume its assistance in Trap, Neuter, and Return. Good news 2. The CAO (City Administrative Officer) approved leasing the Jefferson Park Animal Shelter to Best Friends and sent its recommendation to City Council.

**ITEM 11: Glenn Bailey File #s:**

Thursday night's Valley Alliance of NCs (VANC) meeting included several topics related to active Council Files but the CF numbers were not listed on the agenda. The corresponding CF numbers are:

- CF 17-1311 City Administrative Officer report 0220-05425-0000, dated November 20, 2017, regarding the 2017 FUSE Fellow report on the evaluation of the state of street related infrastructure.
- CF 17-1343 Motion (Koretz - Bonin - Ryu) - Relative to an instruction to the Department of City Planning to report with recommendations regarding the imposition of land use conditions on Conditional Use Beverage Permits specific to the sale and service of alcohol, enforcement of previously-imposed conditions on the sale or service of alcohol.
- CF 15-1022 City Attorney report R16-0009, dated January 8, 2016, relative to the revised draft Ordinance amending a section of the Administrative Code regarding the Board of Neighborhood Commission's authorization to define community interest stakeholders.
- CF 17-0878-S1 Motion (Bonin - O'Farrell - Martinez - Englander) - Relative to the Bureau of Sanitation to report and provide recommendations to Council on how the City can address the billing, outreach, and customer service concerns involving the RecycLA Program.
- and related CF 17-0878-S2 Motion (Koretz - Bonin) - Relative to instructing the Bureau of Sanitation to report to Council on the failure of certain RecycLA service providers to fulfill their obligations under the RecycLA agreements and the necessary steps to terminate individual contracts for such failure.

**In addition**, Glenn Bailey reported on several Council Files introduced or identified since last month's VANC meeting:

- CF 17-1422 Los Angeles City Planning Commission report, dated December 19, 2017, relative to a proposed ordinance amending Sections 12.03, 12.04.09, 14.00 and 16.05 of the Los Angeles Municipal Code to establish regulations to facilitate the production of Permanent Supportive Housing.
- CF 17-1432 Los Angeles City Planning Commission report, dated December 19, 2017, relative to a proposed ordinance amending Sections 12.03, 14.00 and 151.02 of the Los Angeles Municipal Code to establish regulations to facilitate the use of existing hotels and motels for Supportive Housing and/or Transitional Housing.
- CF 17-1225 Motion (Ryu - Englander) - Relative to a report back regarding the procedures and security requirements for public events held in the public right of way and recommendations on how to make the special event permit application process more efficient, transparent, and accountable in the future.
- CF 12-1824-S1 City Attorney report R18-0003, dated January 10, 2018, relative to a revised draft ordinance adding Section 41.58.1 to the Los Angeles Municipal Code to prohibit loud or unruly gatherings at residences in the City.



Lastly, the NC Sustainability Alliance Trees Committee asked that I remind NCs of the following Council File announced at last month's VANC meeting:

•CF 03-1459-S3 Motion (Koretz - Bonin - Blumenfield) - Relative to an instruction to the Urban Forestry Division to work with the Department of City Planning and the Los Angeles Department of Building and Safety to convene and consult with stakeholder groups and report back with recommendations for strengthening the Protected Tree Ordinance.

All Council File numbers above are hyperlinked to the City Clerk's Council File Management System so that you can easily view any motion, report, committee referral, CIS filings, and current status.

Please review these Council Files for possible consideration by your NC Board and filing of a Community Impact Statement.

Thanks Glenn for the awesome report!

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