



Greater Valley Glen Council ("GVGC")

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REGULAR BOARD MEETING MINUTES

March 5, 2018, 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
James Casey	Treasurer
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Michael Ashkinadze	Youth Rep	Walter Hall	Community Organizations Rep
Joseph Barmettler	At-Large 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
Doug Chadwick	At-Large Rep	Sloan Myrick	District 5 Rep
Jean Chadwick	District 2 Rep	Thomas Newton	Community Organizations Rep
Joanne D'Antonio	District 1 Rep	Cosmo Moore	District 4 Rep
September Forsyth	At-Large Rep	Dorothea Sargent	At-Large Rep
Stanley Friedman	Religious Institutions Rep	Linda Wehrli	Commercial Property 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 7:05 p.m. and commenced with the Pledge of Allegiance led by Board member D'Antonio.

1. **Board Roll Call.** Fourteen (14) members present: Barmettler, James Casey, Julie Casey, D. Chadwick, J. Chadwick, D'Antonio, Forsyth, Friedman, Hall, Iversen, Jannol, Kertis, Myrick, and Newton. Three (3) members absent: Ashkinadze, Sargent, and Wehrli. Member Ferreyra submitted his resignation several days before the start of this Board meeting. A quorum was achieved.
2. **Possible Nomination and Board Approval of new Board members.** There were no nominations at the time this agenda item was called. However, to accommodate arrival of possible late arrivals, President Myrick recalled this agenda item later in the Board meeting without any objection. These minutes will reflect this item being recalled after conclusion of Agenda Item #10. 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 asked the Board to be mindful of engaging with the Public during the meeting. This refers to Board members leaving their seats to speak to members of the Public in the same meeting room as the Board is conducting business. While it may be useful to clarify a matter with a member of the Public during a meeting, Board members should consider a better way to do this without creating any disruption or distraction to the meeting. This may include meeting with members of the Public outside of the meeting room, and for a brief period of time. Board members should also be cognizant of maintaining a quorum and any Brown Act rules.
4. **Board approval of February 5, 2018 minutes.** Motion made by Jannol. Seconded by Myrick. Public Comment. None. Board Comment. Minor modification. Without objection, President Myrick called the question. Voice Vote. 14 Ayes, 0 Nos, 0 Abstentions, 0 Ineligible. Motion passes.
5. **Treasurer's Report.** Treasurer James Casey reported that as of the beginning of this Board meeting and before any approval of Funding Actions at this meeting, there remained \$12,900 of Funding Actions to commit by the City of Los Angeles' fiscal year end June 30, 2018. Public Comment. None. Board Comment. Board member Hall asked that the Board, through its Parks, Medians, and Improvements Committee, consider allocating up to \$10,000 for a shade cloth structure at Laurel Grove Park. President Myrick indicated that because earlier estimates of a shade cloth structure were in the \$60,000 range, it might be better to engage the resources of Councilmember Paul Krekorian's Office and City of Los Angeles' Recreation and Parks Department ("RAP"). Such a team effort, along with advice from EmpowerLA, may be a way to undertake this project. Business then proceeded to motions.
 - A. **Motion for Board approval** of January 2018 MERs as per DONE requirements. MERs are found on the following link: <https://cityclerk.lacity.org/NCFundPortal/display.cfm?id=609&type=5>. Motion made by Myrick. Seconded by James Casey. Public Comment. None. Board Comment. None. Without objection, President Myrick called the question. Funding Action. Roll Call Vote: 11 Ayes, 0 Nos, 3 Abstentions (Barmettler, Julie Casey, and D'Antonio), 0 Ineligible. Motion passes.
 - B. **Motion for Board approval** of expenditures of \$345.56 to reimburse Sloan Myrick for out of pocket expenditures of doggie waste bags and two new waste dispensers from Dog Waste Depot per approved Item #14.C of the January 8, 2018 Regular Board meeting. Motion made by Myrick. Seconded by J. Chadwick. Public Comment. None. Board Comment. Board member Hall requested waste bags for Laurel Grove Park. Without objection, President Myrick called the question. Funding Action. Roll Call Vote: 13 Ayes, 0 Nos, 1 Abstention (Myrick), 0 Ineligible. 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. It was reported that SLOs Bailey and Bergmann, who sustained injuries in late January, have now recovered and have returned to work.



7. Government Representatives Reports.

A. Office of EMPOWER LA, Gibson Nyambura from EmpowerLA reported that there may be an application for certification filed by the proposed Laurel Grove Neighborhood Council. The application may involve a request for GVGC to cede some of its eastern territory between Whitsett Blvd. and the 170 Freeway. The due date for the application is March 16, 2018. Gibson will inform GVGC if such an application is filed. Public Comment. There were some comments about funding equity, the thought that a candidate neighborhood council such as Laurel Grove with a population of less than 20,000 if certified under proposed boundaries (less than the current minimum established by EmpowerLA) should receive the same level of funding as GVGC with a council area that encompasses a population of 50,000. Public comment from Judy Price indicated that the Board of Neighborhood Commissioners ("BONC") has been considered this funding equity issue for some time and established a Funding Equity Subcommittee, which outgoing Board member Ferreyra has been a part of. The Subcommittee has yet to come up with recommendations. Board comment echoed the same funding equity concerns. The Board will await notification from Gibson as to whether Laurel Grove submitted an application.

B. Office of LA City Councilmember Paul Krekorian, Council District 2 (CD2). Sahag Yedalian, Filed Deputy sahag.yedalian@lacity.org. Sahag commented on how pleased he and the Councilmember were to see good neighborhood turnout at the Grand opening of the new and improved (with SMART Irrigation System) Valley Glen Community Park. Sahag noted that several of the 40 stakeholders in attendance suggested that the Park ought to have bike racks so the Park can serve as a place to bike to and then utilize for walking, jogging playing sports, or relaxing. The Public and Board members reacted favorably to this idea. Sahag suggested that rather than direct this matter to the Parks, Improvement and Medians Committee to see how these bike racks could be funded, he will contact RAC. His premise is that RAC probably has several bike racks in their inventory. If RAC has bike racks, then the only cost might be the installation of bike racks by RAC. Sahag will work on this and report back at the next Board meeting (in April 2018). Moving on to the additional shade structure approved for Valley Glen Community Park's playground, Sahag reported that he continues to meet with RAC staff to plan the installation of the shade cloth structure at the Park's playground. On the Arts and Education front, Sahag indicated that there are City Art Directed Funds, related to development fees paid by developers upon commencement of map recordation/construction of new projects. Sahag indicated that there might be funds from this source to pay for the painting of up to two utility boxes in the GVGC boundaries. This would be on top of the two sites that GVGC approved at past Board meetings. Sahag will follow up with the Board on specifics/requirements of this funding source. Sahag indicated that the Councilmember's Office, to promote public safety and neighborhood watch, may be able to pay for City installation of poles for neighborhood watch signs. There is a process involving what areas of a street/parkway area poles can be installed on, but if there are streets that need neighborhood watch signs but have no poles, Sahag invites any stakeholders or Board members with neighborhood watches to contact him. On the subject of speed humps, Sahag indicated that many neighborhoods applied for speed hump funding in February 2018 and this round of applications has closed. Sahag will let us know when the next round of speed hump applications opens up. In the past, each Council District has been allocated two speed hump "awards" per funding round. In the GVGC area, the most recent speed hump installation has been in late 2017 on Ethel Avenue between Erwin Street and Victory Blvd. Finally, in April 2018, Councilmember Krekorian would like to schedule a walking tour in the Greater Valley Glen area. Sahag asked stakeholders to think of areas/neighborhoods for Councilmember Krekorian to visit.

C. Office of Congressmember Tony Cardenas. No representative present to report.

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

8. Guest Speaker. Zachery Scott, Vice President, Development and Communications for Village Family Services. ("VFS"). Zachery oversees all communications, marketing, volunteer programs, board engagement, and fund development for the Village Family Services, as well as directly supports the growth of our auxiliary client support programs, such as literacy & tutoring, traditional mentoring, job training and placement, Project Q, and our expressive arts program, "Truth Be Told."



VFS is a North Hollywood-based (across the street from GVGC's northwestern border) that was established in 1997 by two leading Southern California therapists who recognized a serious lack of culturally sensitive, appropriate services for primarily Latino children and families victimized by violence, abuse and neglect. To fill that void, VFS was established as a new kind of agency with a fresh approach – one that united expertise with compassion, commitment and cultural competence. Today, VFS is funded at the rate of \$16 million annually (by various Federal, State, and County grants and donations, including \$2,000 from GVGC last year) to operate VFS-created programs for behavioral health for children and teens, foster care and adoption of children, wraparound services where VFS brings services to the home (with the help of friends and neighbors) to support a child's needs, domestic violence and anger management group counseling, and finally programs for homeless children, teens and teens transitioning to adulthood. All programs are offered at no cost and, while originally serving Latino families, VFS serves all walks of life.

Zachery spoke about homelessness as this has been a discussion topic of the GVGC community for some time. Particularly, Zachery discussed VFS' emphasis of providing services to Homeless or Potentially Homeless Youths, which represents children and young adults up to 25 years who are homeless or are currently in problematic situations in their home (with parents, foster parents, or other guardians). Problematic situations can be as simple as problems in school, to bullying, and up to and including any kind of abuse in the family or foster care home. Some of VFS' clientele include youths who have gone through 20 foster homes. As Zachery indicated, some kids have been dealt a very bad hand in life. It wasn't their doing. VFS exists to serve those kids.

VFS has a drop-in center at their North Hollywood headquarters office. Homeless youths and young adults can come to VFS and ask for help. Help could range from services such as a shower, a ride in one of VFS' vans, enrollment in a VFS counseling program, or even placement in one of the two residential facilities VFS owns in Van Nuys and Burbank.

Zachery took questions from the Public and the Board. Most questions revolved around what is the best thing we can do to keep these children from getting into worse situations. Zachery's answer was that you should involve children in activities that keep them busy and focused, whether it's sports or academic related activity. Zachery indicated that this kind of question is exactly what VFS deals with every day. This discussion caused him to observe that the audience at the well-attended January 18, 2018 Homelessness Town Hall, while very interested in homelessness, asked two primary questions of the speakers: "Who are they and how do get them out of our area." Zachery indicated that rather than getting homeless children out of the GVGC area, VFS provides support to homeless children and rehabilitates these children back to a proper home status so that they can have a supportive childhood and adolescence. The ultimate goal is for these children to become productive adults in our community. With this approach, these children will not fall into a state of homelessness.

Zachery thanked everyone for the opportunity to speak. Most of VFS' outreach has been by word of mouth and by its track record on County, State and Federal contracts. Aside from this, VFS will be sponsoring another Street Fair in the spring of 2019 (following the one conducted in 2017 at North Hollywood Park) where VFS and other will be present all day to provide services.

9. Public Comments on Items not on the Agenda. None.

10. President's Comments. President Myrick asked the Board to take up Item #2, Possible Nominations and Board Approval of New Board members. Without objection, the Board took up Item #2.

Taking up of Item #2, Possible Nomination and Board Approval of new Board members. Motion to seat Cosmo Moore, as District 4 Rep. Motion made by Myrick. Seconded by J. Chadwick.

Public Comment. Cosmo Moore introduced himself as a resident of District 4, having attended prior GVGC meetings and commenting about need for lighted crosswalks on Oxnard Street at Varna Street and Oxnard Street and Ranchito Avenue. As well, Cosmo Moore has advocated to address an issue of night-time illicit activity at Erwin Street Elementary School's open parking lot. He hopes to actively



represent his District on the GVGC Board. Board Comment. Secretary Jannol indicated that, if approved, Cosmo Moore would not be eligible to vote until he takes the necessary EmpowerLA training. President Myrick called the question. Non-Funding Action. Voice Vote: 14 Ayes, 0 Nos, 0 Abstentions, 0 Ineligible. Motion passes.

Cosmo Moore was seated on the Board. Total Board members present is now 15. A quorum continues.

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 of Support only: The planning, Land Use and Zoning Committee requests approval of a motion of support for a future proposed conditional use permit for the sale of beer and wine for the project at 13703 Victory Blvd known as the existing and newly remodeled Shell Gas station and newly constructed convenience store (Northwest corner of Victory Blvd. and Woodman Avenue). Motion made by D. Chadwick. Seconded by Myrick. Presentation made by Jennifer Odin, owner/developer representative.

Public Comment. There were questions about restricting the sales of “singles” and malt liquor. Ms. Odin responded that any application for a beer and wine license would include a condition prohibiting the sales of “singles” and malt liquor. Board Comment. Some Board members expressed concern that this request is premature given that a complete application has not been made. Ms. Odin answered that as part of the process, the owner/developer is proactively approaching various parties for their input and support. Once a conditional use permit application has been filed (with its list of conditions), Ms. Odin would return to GVGC for a motion of support of the application. Without objection, President Myrick called the question. Non-Funding Action. Voice Vote: 10 Ayes, 3 Nos (Barmettler, D’Antonio, and Kertis), 1 Abstention (Hall), 1 Ineligible (Moore). Motion passes.

Motion B.2 The Planning, Land use and Zoning Committee requests Board approval of the proposed construction project, at the corner of Woodman and Sherman Way due west of Norm’s Restaurant, of a CVS Pharmacy. Site address 13670 Sherman way. This motion includes an approval of a conditional use permit for the sale of beer and wine for the business. Motion made by Myrick. Seconded by D. Chadwick. Presentation made by Yvette Gonzalez, Developer’s representative. Developer is BOSS Development.

Public Comment. None. Board Comment. There were questions as to whether there would be sufficient parking since Norm’s uses part of the land for parking during peak hours. Ms. Gonzalez responded that the parking contained in the project design was in excess of minimum code. Without objection, President Myrick called the question: Non-Funding Action. Voice Vote. 13 Ayes, 1 No (Kertis), 0 Abstentions, 1 Ineligible (Moore). Motion passes.

12. Community Outreach Committee – J. Chadwick, Chair

A. Committee report. Chair J. Chadwick announced that planning for the Spring Festival in May is ongoing, pending a President’s Motion (Item #19). 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 opposes adoption of the proposed Home-Sharing Ordinance (CFs 14-1635-S2, 14-1635-S3), as presently written and seeks changes before being finalized for Council consideration

as follows:

- 1.) Section 2. Eliminate the proposed 180 day cap on home share rental availabilities, and furthermore eliminate calendar restrictions entirely.
- 2.) Section 3, 31 (2)(d). Request that eligibility requirements be removed for SROs (Single Room Occupancy housing). Under the proposed ordinance SROs are not eligible for Home Sharing. *(Comment: This is an unfair stipulation with prejudice against stakeholders unable to purchase an \$800,000 plus home in Valley Glen or a high priced rental home. This would eliminate the low and middle income stakeholders and serve only the higher income market, in essence cutting out the stakeholders who need it the most. According to the L.A. Housing Community Investment Dept. (HCIDLA), one out of two renters in Los Angeles resides in a RSO residence, and 60% of renters in L.A. live in an SRO).*
- 3.) Section 3, 31 (2) 2(f). Remove proposed restriction of home-sharing/operating more than 1 guest room per home.
- 4.) Section 2, 31 (c) (2)(g) 7 (a) and (b). Separate "home-sharing" from "hotels, motels, multi-unit housing" when referring to liabilities and fines. Proposed Fines of \$1,000 per day for Home-sharing violations is excessive and severe and must be reasonable/affordable to the average stakeholder.

Motion made by Barmettler. Seconded by James Casey. Chair Hall indicated that this would be a Community Impact Statement (CIS).

Public Comment. None. Board Comment. Several Board members discussed whether the *italicized* verbiage in #2 above was necessary. Chair Hall agreed to remove it from the CIS. Without objection, President Myrick called the question. Non-Funding Action. Voice Vote: 9 Ayes, 4 Nos (D. Chadwick, J. Chadwick, Forsyth, and Friedman), 1 Abstention (Kertis), 1 Ineligible (Moore). Motion passes.

Motion B.2. The Greater Valley Glen Council opposes the proposed ordinance that would add to the Municipal Code the Establishment of Tree Replacement In-Lieu Fee (CF 16-0461). As proposed it violates CEQA by allowing deferred mitigation. Fees do not cover the lost ecosystem services of removed mature trees. A strong Urban Forestry sustainability plan needs to be in place first to monitor that tree removals are a last resort (and not simply to accommodate an unnecessary driveway remodel), and second to identify sites throughout the city that need trees to create shade and curb heat island effect. While we understand the need to correct the problem of dying boxed saplings delivered to the City tree lot by private developers and residential projects with no room to plant, we want to point out that "in lieu of" fee ordinances have failed and have been abandoned by other cities such as San Francisco. Furthermore the reduced \$267 fee to remove a street tree at a residence with 1-4 units will end up costing the City \$2,345 per tree to make up the cost to purchase, plant and care for a replacement tree (this calculation according to the \$2,612 cost basis presented in the Public Works and Gang Reduction Committee February 7, 2018). We feel it is a much more direct solution to co-ordinate replacement tree deliveries so that planting crews are in place to plant the trees in a more timely way, and follow up with further care such as staking, watering, mulching, and shoot removal. Additional fees should be set and charged for tree removals to cover the real cost of replanting and maintaining the delivered replacement trees. This is a more sustainable approach than to create a fund for which there is no clear process delineated to utilize in-lieu fees to purchase and plant trees, and all the while the City stakeholders suffer the increased heat, utility costs, diminished air quality, aesthetic defacement, and diminished neighborhood value brought about by tree loss. [CIS the same.] This is a CIS. Motion made by D'Antonio. Seconded by Myrick.

Public Comment. None. Board Comment. D'Antonio requested some wording changes to the motion, based on some recent information she obtained. However, several Board members were concerned that this was too lengthy of a CIS statement and was difficult to follow. However, Board members were



willing to let the question be called. Without objection, President Myrick called the question. Non-Funding Action. Voice Vote. Without objection, Secretary Jannol requested a Roll Call Vote: 5 Ayes, 9 Nos, 0 Abstentions, 1 Ineligible (Moore). Motion fails.

Motion B.3.

The Greater Valley Glen Council approves transmittal of a letter to Kevin James, President of the City of Los Angeles Board of Public Works, requesting that future tree trimming of City trees by the Division of Urban Forestry adhere to the guidelines of the International Society of Arboriculture. Motion made by Hall. Seconded by Myrick.

Public Comment. None. Board Comment. Barmettler commented that GVGC's strong interest in preservation and proper care of trees may represent a branding opportunity that may assist GVGC's outreach efforts. Other Board members agreed that this is something that the Community Outreach Committee should consider. Without objection, President Myrick called the question. Non-Funding Action. Voice Vote. 14 Ayes, 0 Nos, 0 Abstentions, 1 Ineligible (Moore). Motion passes.

C. LA Department of Water & Power (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. Valley Alliance of Neighborhood Councils (VANC) report. No report this month. Barmettler announced that there is a VANC Mixer on 3/8/2018 at CBS Studios in Studio City from 6:00 p.m. to 9:30 p.m., and an EmpowerLA Awards event on 3/29/2018 at City Hall from 6:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m.

14. Parks, Community Improvements, and Medians Committee – S. Myrick, Chair

A. Committee report. Chair Myrick thanked everyone for their attendance at the Valley Glen Community Park Re-Grand Opening. There were no motions.

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

A. Committee report. Committee members Jannol and Julie Casey indicated they would present motions as Chair Wehrli was absent.

B. Motions for Board approval.

Motion B.1 The Arts and Education Committee requests the Board to approve funds for Enrichment Works, one theater program each at Erwin Street and Kittridge elementary schools. Total not to exceed \$1,000.00 for both programs. Motion made by Jannol. Seconded by Myrick.

Public Comment. None. Board Comment. Jannol indicated that this motion is made after a successful presentation of Enrichment Works performance, one to each of the above schools last year. Hall indicated there is a new Principal at Monlux Elementary School and that the Committee ought to contact the new Principal to inquire if they would be interested in an Enrichment Works performance. Jannol indicated that the Committee would follow up. Without objection, President Myrick called the question. Funding Action. Roll Call Vote: 14 Ayes, 0 Nos, 0 Abstentions, 1 Ineligible (Moore). Motion passes.

Motion B.2 The Arts and Education Committee requests the Board to approve funds not to exceed \$250.00 for anti-graffiti coating of the GVGC-paid-for LADOT Utility Box mural at the northeast corner of Burbank Blvd. and Fulton Ave. Motion made by Julie Casey. Seconded by Iversen.

Public Comment. None. Board Comment: D'Antonio expressed concern as to whether the \$250.00 for coating was a fair estimate and whether it would be a better idea to do more research on what coating would be best for a utility box. Myrick responded that, at this time, we are looking for the best coating for this kind of surface and that \$250.00 ought to be a sufficient amount. Without objection, President Myrick called the question. Funding Action. Roll Call Vote: 13 Ayes, 1 No (D'Antonio), 0 Abstentions, 1 Ineligible (Moore). Motion passes.



16. Community Safety Committee – Chair To Be Determined

A. Committee report. Committee member Julie Casey indicated that although there was no meeting due to the recent resignation of the Chair, she hopes the Committee will continue its work on a public safety survey that was started under the prior Chair. No motions.

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

A. Committee report. Chair Newton indicated that the deadline for submitting Bylaw changes continues to be April 15, 2018. The Committee met during February and has plans to meet in March to review the Bylaws, identify and evaluate issues, and make recommendations to the Board. Public Comment. One such recommendation was developed per the motion presented below.

B. Motions for Board Approval:

Motion 17B.1. Motion to amend Article V, Section 1.B and Exhibit B of the Bylaws of the Greater Valley Glen Council, to redefine Merchants/Businesspersons. (For identification purposes only, designated Motion 01-2018a of the ad hoc Bylaws Committee). Pursuant to Article XIII of the bylaws, the following bylaw amendment is proposed:

Replace the text of Article V, Section 1.B (pg 15 currently), which currently reads:

“Merchants/Businesspersons Liaison—two (2) elected At-Large Board Members. Owner/employee of retail, wholesale, industrial or service business located within the community grid area on commercially zoned property. To serve as Liaison between the GVGC and the Merchant/Businessperson Community.” with the following text:

With

“Merchants/Businesspersons – two (2) elected At-Large Board Members: A community stakeholder who is an owner or the owner’s representative of a business, holding a valid City of Los Angeles Tax Registration Certificate (otherwise known as a City of Los Angeles business license) and located within the GVGC community boundaries, to serve as liaison between the GVGC and Merchant/Businesspersons Community.”

Motion made by Newton. Seconded by J. Chadwick.

Public Comment. Judy Price indicated that since this proposal appears to allow for a home-based business, the Bylaws Committee should consider removing home-based businesses from eligibility in the At-Large seats. Board Comment: Newton indicated Ms. Price was correct and that the Committee would follow up on the home-based business exclusion from At-Large seats. Without objection, President Myrick called the question. Bylaws Amendment. 2/3 Majority Vote Required. Without objection, Secretary Jannol called for a Roll Call Vote: 13 Ayes, 0 Nos, 1 Abstention (D’Antonio), 1 Ineligible (Moore). Motion achieves 2/3 majority, and passes.

18. Board member comments on items not on agenda. Board member Iversen commented that Wikipedia’s remarks on Valley Glen exhibit lots of demographic diversity and that GVGC should take every opportunity to promote its area’s diversity. Newton announced that the Valley Glen Neighborhood Association’s next Town Hall is 3/13/18 at LA Valley College’s Career Advancement Center at 6:30 p.m. LAVC President Erika Endrijonas will be the main speaker. Barmettler asked about the GVGC signage at the northeast triangle at Coldwater Canyon Avenue and Burbank Blvd. President Myrick responded that he is working with Sahag Yedalian on how to get permission to do work on the sign. The sign appears dated and exhibits peeled paint with some worn out lettering. The Parks, Community Improvement, and Medians Committee will be discussing ideas relating to repairing or replacing the sign at its March meeting. Julie Casey commented that Sahag suggested that City of LA Department of Transportation might be able to play a role in repairing the sign. D’Antonio suggested that planting ideas be considered around the sign. Hall discussed concern about meeting posting requirements, as the webmaster requires 5 business days to post an agenda to the GVGC website. James Casey commented that the last person to leave a Committee meeting at Tony’s Pizzeria needs to get an “itemized” receipt of all food purchased. Without an itemized receipt, the City Clerk will not process an expense reimbursement request.

Public Comment under this item included a comment from the Budget Advocates Office that its White Paper on the proposed City of Los Angeles Budget for fiscal year 2018-2019 will be presented to Mayor Garcetti on 3/9/18. It is not too late to go to www.nabla.gov to participate in the budget survey. Your input is important.



19. President's Motions.

Motion A for Board approval. President requests Board to take official stance against unauthorized NC correspondence and request that LA City officials establish processes/procedures/protocols to verify official NC Official Actions. GVGC will compose an official document and send to DONE, City Departments, City Officials, City Commissions and other interested entities related to NC official positions on issues. Motion made by Newton. Seconded by Forsyth.

Public Comment. None. Board Comment. None. Without objection, President Myrick called the question. Non-Funding Action. Voice Vote. 14 Ayes, 0 Nos, 0 Abstentions, 1 Ineligible (Moore). Motion passes.

Motion B for Board approval. Motion for not to exceed \$5,000.00 to create a GVGC Spring Festival. The focus of the festival is outreach and free family fun. The event will take place in May 2018 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/band/music, outreach, bounce house, "SWAG" and other supplies to support the event. This motion supersedes Motion # 19B.2 that was approved in the amount of \$3,500.00 at the 02/05/2018 Regular Board Meeting. 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, 0 Abstentions, 1 Ineligible (Moore). Motion passes.

Motion C for Board approval. Motion not to exceed \$3,000.00 to purchase GVGC-branded promotional items, for general outreach. The specific items to be purchased will be brought to the Community Outreach Committee and/or the Parks, Improvements and Medians Committee for approval prior to purchasing. Motion made by Myrick. Seconded by Julie Casey.

Public Comment. None. Some Board Comment on global amount vs. event-by-event "ask." Further comments about need to build up inventory of promotional items so as to have them ready for outreach purposes at all times. Without objection, President Myrick called the question. Funding Action. Roll Call Vote: 11 Ayes, 1 No (D'Antonio), 2 Abstentions (Hall and Kertis), 1 Ineligible (Moore). Motion passes.

Motion D for Board of President Myrick's nomination of Julie Casey to Chair the Community Safety Committee. Motion made by Myrick. Seconded by Jannol.

Public Comment. None. Board Comment. None. Without objection, President Myrick called the question. Non-Funding Action. Voice Vote: 14 Ayes, 0 Nos, 0 Abstentions, 1 Ineligible (Moore). Motion passes.

Motion E for Board approval. Motion to establish James Casey, Treasurer, as signer on the GVGC Credit Card. Motion made by Myrick. Seconded by Hall.

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

20. 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: 14 Ayes, 0 Nos, 0 Nos, 0 Abstentions, 1 Ineligible (Moore). Motion passes. Meeting adjourned at 9:30 p.m. Next Board meeting (unless preceded by any Special Meeting) and location are TBD due to first Monday of April being during Passover and just after Easter, and due to LA Valley College not being able to accommodate GVGC with meeting space during the month of April.

Submitted April 4, 2018,

Mickey Jannol
Board Secretary

Disclosures provided with the Agenda for the March 5, 2018 GVGC Regular Board Meeting:

The public is requested to fill out a "Speaker Card" to address the Board on any item of the agenda prior to the Board acting on an item. Comments from the public on Agenda items will be heard only when the respective item is being considered. Comments from the public on other items not appearing on the agenda within the Board's subject matter jurisdiction will be heard during the Public Comment period. Public comment will be limited to two minutes per speaker, unless waived by the Board President. The President reserves the right to further limit public comment time, depending on number of speakers. No person may assign their speaking time to another.

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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).

03-05-2018 VOTE TALLY SHEET

Regular Meeting by Agenda Item #

Legend:

P = Present
Y = Aye or Yes
N = No
A = Abstain
I = Ineligible to Vote
R = Recused
■ = Absent / not yet seated

Board Member Votes for:

	Roll Call 1	Minutes 4	Treasurer's 5A	Treasurer's 5B	Nominations 2 (out of order)	Planning 11B.1	Planning 11B.2	Government Relations 13B.1	Government Relations 13B.2	Government Relations 13B.3	Arts & Education 15B.1	Arts & Education 15B.2	Bylaws 17A(2/3 majority needed)	President's 19A	President's 19B	President's 19C	President's 19D	President's 19E	Adjournment 20
Michael Ashkinadze																			
Joseph Barmettler	P	Y	A	Y	Y	N	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y
James Casey	P	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	A	Y
Julie Casey	P	Y	A	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	N	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	A	Y
Douglas Chadwick	P	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	N	N	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y
Jean Chadwick	P	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	N	N	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y
Joanne D'Antonio	P	Y	A	Y	Y	N	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	N	A	Y	Y	N	Y	Y	Y
September Forsyth	P	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	N	N	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y
Stanley Friedman	P	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	N	N	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y
Walter Hall	P	Y	Y	Y	Y	A	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	A	Y	Y	Y
Derek Iversen	P	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	N	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y
Mickey Jannol	P	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	N	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y
Malky Kertis	P	Y	Y	Y	Y	N	N	A	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	A	Y	Y	Y
Sloan Myrick	P	Y	Y	A	Y	Y	Y	Y	N	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y
Cosmo Moore	■/P					I	I	I	I	I	I	I	I	I	I	I	I	I	I
Thomas Newton	P	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	N	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y
Dorothea Sargent																			
Linda Wehrli																			
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Yes	N/A	14	11	13	14	10	13	9	5	14	14	13	13	14	14	11	14	13	14
No	N/A	0	0	0	0	3	1	4	9	0	0	1	0	0	0	1	0	0	0
Abstentions	N/A	0	3	1	0	1	0	1	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	2	0	1	0
Ineligible	N/A	0	0	0	0	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1
Recused	N/A	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Sum: Yes and Nos	N/A	14	11	13	14	13	14	13	14	14	14	14	13	13	14	12	14	13	14
Required Yes Votes	N/A	8	6	7	8	7	8	7	8	8	8	8	10	7	8	7	8	7	8
Pass/Fail	N/A	Pass	Pass	Pass	Pass	Pass	Pass	Pass	Fail	Pass	Pass	Pass	Pass	Pass	Pass	Pass	Pass	Pass	Pass
Quorum Count	14	14	14	14	14	15	15	15	15	15	15	15	15	15	15	15	15	15	15

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.

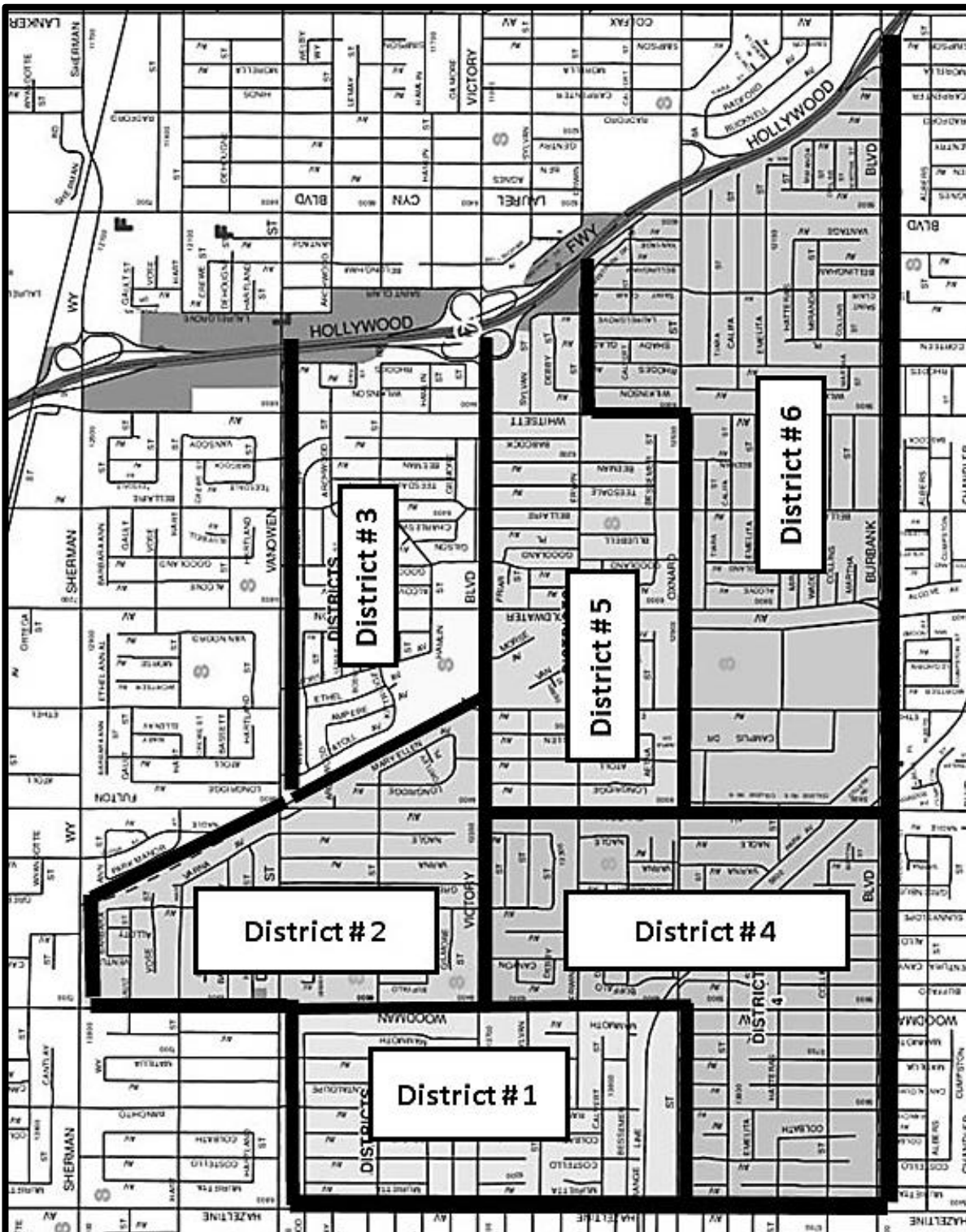
<http://empowerla.org/wp-content/uploads/2012/06/Greater-Valley-Glen-NC-Bylaws.pdf>

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.

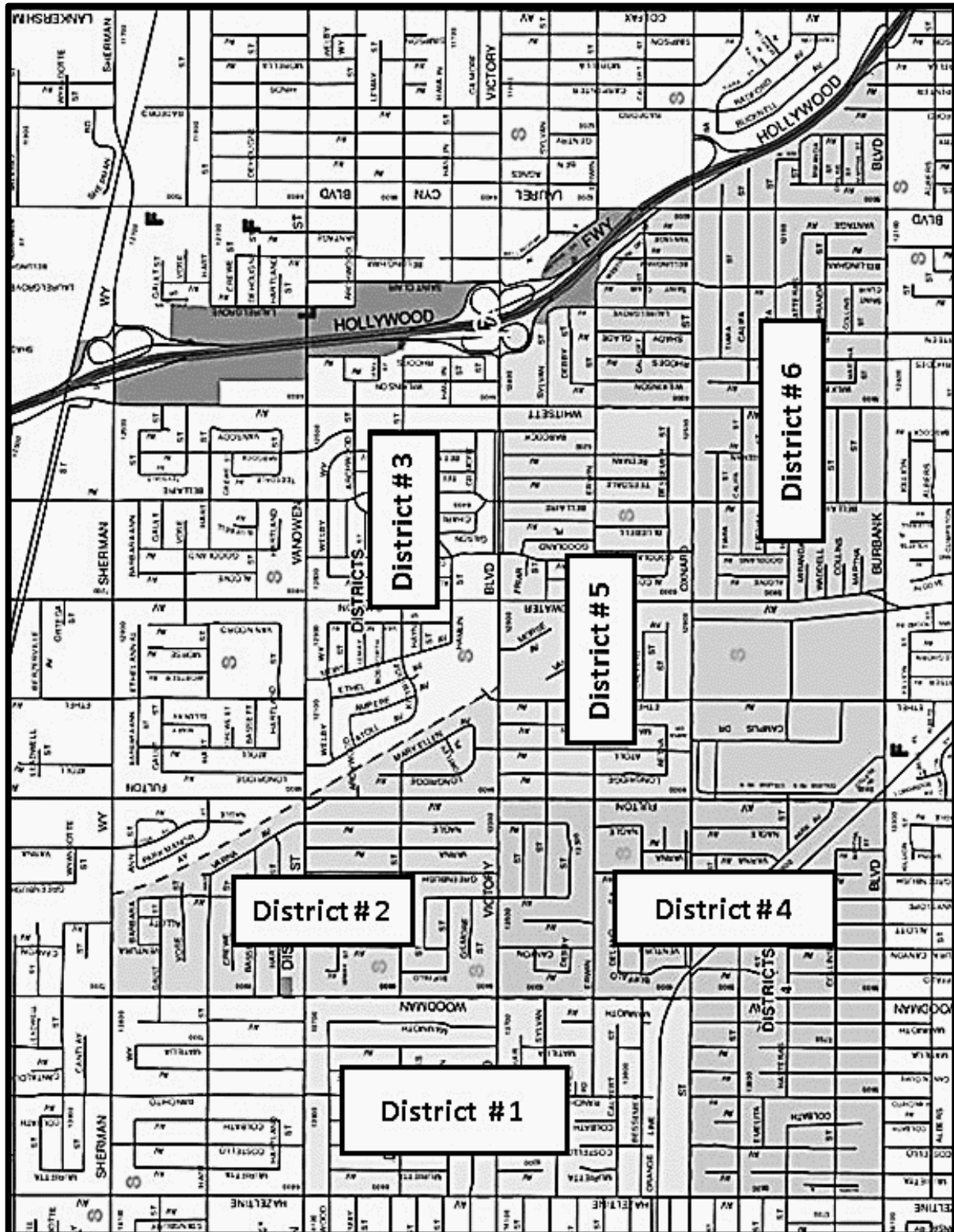
See maps on the next page to provide you with a better visual definition of the District boundaries.

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**

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

March 3, 2018 Highlights

Simon Zewdu, Power Engineering Manager for LADWP's Power System's Strategic Initiatives, gave an update on his department's progress toward meeting its renewable energy goals. They are ahead of the State schedule to exceed 33 percent by 2020. DWP has a goal to exceed the State-mandated goal of 50 percent by 2030: 50 percent by 2025, 55 percent by 2030, and 65 percent by 2036. However, lacking energy storage facilities, gas-fired generation will continue to be required in order to maintain reliability as peak electricity demand does not coincide in time with the bulk of renewable energy resources. Mr. Zewdu also outlined the collaborative, ongoing study effort to determine the viability of 100 percent renewable energy sources to meet LA's electricity needs. Additionally, his estimates that if LA car ownership was 100 percent electric vehicles, electricity demand would increase by 50 percent and would need to be figured into future planning. More detailed information is available at www.ladwp.com/cleanenergyfuture.

Gwendolyn Williams, LADWP Director of Supply Chain Services, reviewed the effects on DWP procurement practices resulting from the recently passed changes to the City's administrative code. They include:

- The General Manager can now authorize contracts in amounts up to \$5 million from the previous \$150,000.
- The DWP Board of Commissioners can approve certain contracts without Council affirmation for up to 5 years duration, as opposed to the previous 3 years, and for certain specialized construction equipment and software offered by one vendor only, to 10 years.
- There is a new requirement for the reporting of certain contracts to the Board of Commissioners and to the Council on a quarterly basis, as well as other posting requirements.

Ms. Williams expressed her strong opinion that these changes will better equip DWP to deal in the present-day business environment and not be stymied by rules created decades ago in the pre-internet business world and that otherwise do not factor in inflation.

Submitted by

**Walter Hall,
GVGC DWP Committee Representative**

Item 13D. Sustainability Report

March 1, 2018 Highlights

Urban Forestry Master Plan Working Group 2-5-'18 (about 40 representatives including UFD, Mayor's Office, DWP, Sanitation, Calfires, CFAC, Tree People, North East Trees, Neighborhood Councils represented by Joanne D'Antonio NCSA Trees Committee Chair) (Council offices missing but will be asked)

Liz Skrzat and Rachel O'Leary of City Plants set this project in motion.

Raised over \$99,000 (half from Calfires) to hire Dudek, a tree consulting firm (2 representatives present + 1 on phone in Canada)

First Meeting -

Have set 3 tasks:

1. Audit policies; determine what elements of a UFMP exist; conflicts; enforcement issues; set mission
2. Examine structure for handling trees and create new approaches
3. Write 1st draft -- City to pay or apply for grant for complete UFMP

Working Group will meet monthly on 2nd Thursday at City Hall for a year – final presentation Dec. '18
San Francisco is the inspiration

Public Works and Gang Reduction Committee Meeting 2-7-'18

CF 16-0461 In lieu fees for tree removal (to use when there is not space to plant)

(Krekorian also has an alternate plan but no details given yet)

CF 16-0461 Continued to consider these issues:

1. Possible removal of protected trees from "in lieu of" fees
2. Define when "in lieu of" fees can be used
3. Language equity – funds to be spent 50% in District of removed tree and 50% citywide
4. Problem of possible accumulation of big pile of money
5. Legality of fees. Can't be a tax. Yet Ryu maintains the proposed fees, \$2612 or \$267, do not cover care of replacement trees (let alone environmental value of removed tree)

Joanne D'Antonio, Chair of NCSA Trees Committee, made public comment that this will create a big pile of money and a diminished tree population since tree planting is not happening.

PlancheckNC 2-10-'18 (about 40 attendees)

NCSA Trees Committee Chair Joanne D'Antonio explained CF 16-0461 and what is going on with it. Value of a tree issue brought up by attendee.

Went over protected trees amendment and NCSA's "seat at the table" for CF 03-1459 S3. Cleared up that these added trees, the Mexican elderberry and the toyon, are to protect trees, not shrubs and plants; and they should be referred to as trees.

Neighborhood Council Sustainability Alliance Retreat 2-11-'18 (about 40 attendees)

NCSA website now posting UFD tree removals: <http://ncsa.nationbuilder.com/trees>

(Look up by Neighborhood Council name to see addresses of trees requested for removal and date of notice. Click address to see the full UFD removal notice and who wants it removed)

NCSA website – all 40 representative NCs listed under Join>Members

NCSA working on better and quicker communication with representatives

Recommend NCSA Representatives contact City Council members with "asks"



Utilize Biodiversity motion passed by City Council 15-0499

A few new NCSA Board members appointed – seeking more in scientific community.

NCSA Trees Committee 2-14_’18

UFD is eyeballing trees as having pests without lab tests; pest infestation does not mean tree will die.

UFD claims there is no place to plant, yet there are so many visible sites for trees.

No one from environmental science works at UFD.

Report that Street Services damaged a palm tree in Studio City to do fence work – there was room to move fence. (Street Services’ attitude was that tree was to die anyway for sidewalk repair).

Report that rooftop trees not a serious alternative to a street tree in terms of environmental value.

Report that Kevin James at Public Works does not feel sufficient pressure to change UFD policies. Not many speaking at hearings.

Council Offices get tree-trimming maps – ask to see to find out where trimming is scheduled.

Several million dollars needed to be budgeted to correct tree policy and Mayor needs to prioritize tree canopy over hardscape development – NCs need to be vocal.

Sidewalk Repair moving forward without EIR in place is in violation of CEQA by creating loss of canopy. Andy Shrader of Councilman Koretz’s office has indicated NCSA Trees Committee chair Joanne D’Antonio will have “seat at the table” for meeting described in CF 03-1459 S3 (re: developer planning to consider protected trees)

Community Forest Advisory Committee (CFAC) Meeting Bureau of Public Works 3-1-’18

Kelly Richards, UFD representative, said there were too many tree removals to report and says he will send reports to the individual Council Districts.

Jennifer Pope from the Mayor’s Office reported that the Mayor’s Trees Committee is updating the list of appropriate species for street trees and will bring the list to the next CFAC meeting.

Joanne D’Antonio reported that the NCSA Trees Committee now has listings of UFD tree removal early notifications on the NCSA website listed by Neighborhood Council.

Jill Stewart of To Preserve LA indicated that LA cannot get grants without a full tree inventory, and that the tree listings on Navigate LA are not the necessary professional tree inventory.

Jennifer Pope of the Mayor’s Office presented a new draft of the motion to allow in lieu fees for tree removal. (CF 16-0461) This eliminates protected trees from the proposed ordinance. Joanne D’Antonio asked where funds to purchase, plant and maintain a replacement tree were to come when the \$267 discounted fee at properties with 4 or less units is collected – no answer was given. Many public and Committee members spoke against the motion, but the motion passed to support the motion to allow in lieu fees for tree removals. The Public Works and Gang Reduction Committee will reconsider motion March 7 or 23rd.

CFAC Representative Isabelle Duvivier presented a condensed version of alternatives to tree removal in sidewalk repair situations based on Seattle’s detailed report of its practices.

Joanne D’Antonio
Sustainability Representative
Greater Valley Glen Council

ITEM 13D. Notes from VANC Meeting 2/8/18

Sherman Oaks Hospital, Dr. Conference Room 6:30 - 10:00 PM
VANC President presiding: Jill Banks Barad. 2nd Chair Judith Daniels.
GVGC board member attending: J. Barmettler, Govt. Relations Committee

SUMMARY HIGHLIGHTS:

ITEM 1: Election candidates for April 3, 2018 Special Election (State Assembly)

ITEM 2: Lisette Carrubias, Dept. of City Planning

ITEM 3: Leyla Campos, Office of the City Clerk

ITEM 4: Jason from DWP

ITEM 5: "The Crisis in Housing and Transportation in L.A." (part 2)

ITEM 6: DONE Report. Grayce Liu

ITEM 7: VANC Mixer 3/8/18

ITEM 8: BONC Update

ITEM 9: Animal Welfare Report

ITEM 10: Trash Hauling

ITEM 11: Glenn Bailey File #s

ITEM 1:

Election candidates for April 3, 2018 Special Election

Special Election called by the Governor to fill vacancies in the Assembly Districts 39th and 45th districts. Winner will serve to December, 2018. Then on June 5, 2019, there is a statewide primary that Candidates will be running for seats.

Candidates at the VANC meetings who introduced themselves:

Jolie Anguiano, 39th District.

Jessie Gabriel, lives in Encino, 45th. www.jessieforassembly.com

Dan Brinn - West Hills NC President 45th district.

Ciara Coffman (sp?), President North Hills NC., 45th district.

Lois Rivas, 45th District.

Trisha Robins Kasson, 45th District. Currently works for Bob Blumenfield.

Dennis Zine, 45th District. Former LAPD (showed up late to meeting).

ITEM 2:

Lisette Carrubias, Dept. of City Planning.

Planning 101 part 2 to be held in 7 Regions.

North Valley-South Valley will be at North Hollywood Rec Center, the other will be somewhere in Granada Hills. Topics include DOT and City planning revisions on procedures. Presentation will be coming to the NCs. The city is updating 35 Community Plans in the next 5 years.

ITEM 3:**Leyla Campos, Office of the City Clerk.**

NC Funding Program. New policies and guidelines. She asks for comments on City Clerk website for improvements.

New Policies / Guidelines:

- 1) Payment request submission window of 45 days from date of board approval.
- 2) Reimbursements limited to \$1,000/board member (annually).
- 3) Square bank card payments allowed with an itemized receipt provided.
- 4) Use of funds during declared emergencies.
- 5) Alternate signer.

So called non-descript payments are not permitted (i.e. PayPal).

Square might be okay as long as the Clerk's office can get a receipt.

Clarifications/Definition to Existing, Ongoing Policies/Guidelines

- 1) Events process further defined, more guidelines.
- 2) Who is eligible for reimbursements and defined?
- 3) Annual budget electronic copy to be provided to NCFP.
- 4) Fiscal deadlines defined.
- 5) Itemized receipts/invoices defined.
- 6) Lost/missing receipts process defined.
- 7) Accidental bank card payment process defined.
- 8) Tipping defined.
- 9) Custodial payments clarified (frozen funds - keeping the lights on).

ITEM 4:**Jason from DWP.**

Balboa Blvd pipeline Replacements from will begin construction on 2/26/18.

To find out more about groundwater remediation, go to www.ladwp.com/remediation

ITEM 5:**"The Crisis in Housing and Transportation in L.A." (part 2)**

Continued from the VANC Planning Forum: Hot Button Issues with top-level experts.

Ira Handelman, Land Use Consultant and Dave Rand, Land Use Attorney.

Ira and Dave basically read the questions submitted at the VANC Planning Forum and answered to the best of their ability for Q&A session.

They suggest listing community websites and resources websites on our NC websites with specific directions on how to access, use, etc. Q&A highlights: 45% of L.A.'s population lives in the valley; when will L.A. get 45% of the transportation budget?

Q & A re: Permanent and supportive housing, temporary housing: Ira encourages NCs when working with Developers, to get accounting of what the developer money is being spent on. When you encounter a Developer who says "I spent \$5,000,000 in fees", the NC has the right to ask the city "Where did the money go"? Need to demand it.



If you are having trouble understanding, bring City people in to explain it. Call the Planner of the Ordinance, have them explain it. Have them come to your NC board meeting, or call Lisette Carrubias. Many programs try to do too much. Try to solve too many problems, and end up not solving anything.

ITEM 6:

DONE Report.

Grayce Liu, DONE rep present.

Grayce commented on the new newsletter format, they synopsise meetings and events more. July 1st is launch of new website.

City Hall Empower L.A. Awards will be held on March 29, 2018. They are open for nominations until March 2, 2018. Vanguard Award, nominate city employee or a department doing work with and doing an amazing job.

Subdivisions - 4 applications filed city-wide. In the valley, Laurel Grove applied. May to June elections for subdivisions Request online voting. (CF12-1681-S1) Neighborhood Council Subdivision Ordinance / Los Angeles Administrative Code Amendment. Subdivisions need a minimum 20,000 Stakeholders unless neighborhood is historic, land-locked or named in the Community Plan. Herman, smallest NC with 3,800 Stakeholders, receives the same funding as the other NCs.

NC Council Equity Funding Group email: ncfewg@empowerla.org.

Tuesday 2/27/18 is the Valley meeting at 6:00pm at Van Nuys civic center.

BONC 3/19/18 Equity Funding Work Group.

There is not a citywide election administrator. Chris Garcia at the City Clerk's Office is leading the NC election. Monday 2/12/18 6pm Election training at Van Nuys Braude Center.

3/19/18 Canoga Park Election meeting. You will learn: Candidate registration, online voting, outreach, etc. Each person will visit each station, sit down and dialogue and make suggestions.

ITEM 7:

VANC Mixer 3/8/18:

VANC Mixer at CBS Radford Studios, Studio City, CA. Must RSVP for event. Board and Committee Members may attend. Bring your NC Banner to display. City officials, city managers are invited to the mixer. NC members from across the valley will attend. "Best of" Awards" nomination deadline is 2/23/18. Send to vanc@empowerla.org

ITEM 8:

BONC Update:

Look at proposed Amendments regarding the subdivisions Ordinance.

Len Schaffer (BONC) asks NC's to support the ordinance CF 12-1681-S1.

ITEM 9:

Animal Welfare Report:

City Council approved the Jefferson shelter.

Biggest issue now is TNR (Trap Neuter Release).



ITEM 10:

Trash Hauling

L.A. Times editorial came out "Time to Trash Recycle L.A. The CAO told City Council don't do it, but they did anyway. City Council is now trying to back out of it.

City had no idea of the extent they were giving vendors, and underestimated customers and the volume of trash. CF 17-0878 S1, CF 17-0878 S2 and CF 17-0878 S3
VANC board encourages NCs to put issue on their agenda.

ITEM 11:

SB827: David Ryu introduced City Council Motion to oppose the state bill SB827.
CF 18-002-S13, NC's can now take a position about this and get it into City Council.
Len Schaffer says it is a bad bill.

ITEM 12:

Glenn Bailey File #s:

CF 17-0860 LAPD study for revision car boundaries in order to realign the boundary lines, regional NCs. There is a report from CAO's office.
CF 18-0045 Motion for City Council meetings to be held in the evening.
CF 18-0053. Straws on request for restaurants.
Energy & Climate Change, Environmental Justice committee.
CF 14-0611. Donation Boxes Regulations.
CF 16-0461. Replacing Trees - instead Developers are given option to pay money/fine instead. The City allows 30% of the trees to die.
CF 17-0805. Mayor appointed new CAO Richard Lewellen. City Council still has to approve it. NC's can weigh in.
CF 17-0600-S41. NCs needing Translation Services. DONE is reported for funding services. It is possible that the city will pay for translation services instead of NCs.

END OF VANC 2/8/18 MEETING NOTES submitted by Joseph Barmettler