



Greater Valley Glen Council ("GVGC")

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REGULAR BOARD MEETING MINUTES

May 7, 2018, 7:00 p.m.

Los Angeles Valley College, Fireside Room

5800 Fulton Avenue

Valley Glen, CA 91401

Officers

Sloan Myrick	President
Jean Chadwick	Vice President
James Casey	Treasurer
Mickey Jannol	Secretary

Board Members

Michael Ashkinadze	Youth Rep	Derek Iversen	District 5 Rep
Joseph Barmettler	At-Large Rep	Mickey Jannol	Commercial Property Rep
James Casey	District 6 Rep	Malky Kertis	District 4 Rep
Julie Casey	District 6 Rep	Cosmo Moore	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	Jon Pelletier	At-Large Rep
September Forsyth	At-Large Rep	Dianna Rose	District 3 Rep
Stanley Friedman	Religious Institutions Rep	Linda Wehrli	Commercial Property Rep
Walter Hall	Community Organizations 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 on Page 9 shows how each Board Member voted.



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

Call to Order was at 7:10 p.m. and commenced with the Pledge of Allegiance.

1. **Board Roll Call.** Fourteen (14) members present: James Casey, Julie Casey, D. Chadwick, J. Chadwick, D'Antonio, Friedman, Hall, Iversen, Jannol, Kertis, Moore, Myrick, Newton, and Wehrli. Three (3) members absent: Ashkinadze, Barmettler and Forsyth. A quorum of 14 was achieved.

2. **Possible Nomination and Board Approval of new Board members.** There were two nominations to fill vacant Board seats.

Motion A for Board approval. Motion to seat Jon Pelletier as At-Large Rep. Motion made by Myrick. Seconded by Iversen.

Public Comment. Jon Pelletier introduced himself and explained that he learned about the GVGC via Nextdoor.com and was interested in Board service. Seeing no other comments and minimal Board comments, President Myrick called the question without objection. Non-Funding Action. Voice Vote. 14 Ayes, 0 Nos, 0 Abstentions, 0 Ineligible. Motion passes. Pelletier was seated on the Board, and the Quorum increased to 15.

Motion B for Board approval. Motion to seat Dianna Rose as District 3 Rep. Motion made by Myrick. Seconded by J. Chadwick.

Public Comment. Dianne Rose introduced herself and explained that she is interested in public safety in her area and all of GVGC and is involved with TreePeople. Seeing no other comments and minimal Board comments, President Myrick called the question without objection. Non-Funding Action. Voice Vote. 14 Ayes, 0 Nos, 0 Abstentions, 0 Ineligible. Motion passes. Rose was seated on the Board, and the Quorum increased to 16.

Motion C for Board approval. Motion to seat Scott Schmerelson as Education Institutions Rep was withdrawn by President Myrick as the Bylaws state an elected official cannot hold a Board seat. Scott Schmerelson is the elected LAUSD Board member for the GVGC area. As Board member Schmerelson's interest in Board service may include public schools in the GVGC area, he was encouraged to serve on the GVGC Arts and Education Committee as well as any other GVGC Committee. Elected officials are not restricted from serving on Standing Committees and ad-hoc Committees.

There now are 6 Vacancies on the Board. Please see attachment that appears after the Vote Tally exhibit regarding open seats, qualifications, and how to be appointed for one of the open seats on the Board.

3. **President's Comments Part 1.** President Myrick thanked members of the Public for coming to this meeting and deferred comments until later in the meeting.

4. **Board approval of April 6, 2018 minutes.** Motion made by Jannol. Seconded by Myrick. Public Comment. None. Board Comment. Public Comment. None. Board Comment. None. Without objection, President Myrick called the question. Voice Vote. 13 Ayes, 0 Nos, 1 Abstention (Iversen, Pelletier, Rose), 0 Ineligible. Motion passes.

5. **Treasurer's Report.** Treasurer James Casey indicated that if all the money motions for this meeting pass, there would be no funds in the Treasury to spend for the rest of the fiscal year to end June 30, 2018. Business then proceeded to motions.

A. Motion for Board approval of Monthly Expense Reports (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 James Casey. 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, 3 Abstentions (D'Antonio, Pelletier, and Rose), and 0 Ineligible. Motion passes.



B. Motion for Board approval of expenditures of \$138.96 to reimburse Sloan Myrick of out of pocket expenditures for 2 gallons of anti-graffiti paint and supplies. Original motion March 2018, item 15.B.2. Motion made by Myrick. Seconded by Moore. Public Comment. None. Board Comment. None. Without objection, President Myrick called the question. Funding Action. Roll Call Vote: 13 Ayes, 0 Nos, 3 Abstentions (Myrick, Pelletier, and Rose), and 0 Ineligible. Motion passes.

C. Budget Advocate Report. Freddy Cupen-Ames, Budget Advocate was not present to give a report.

6. LAPD Senior Lead Officer ("SLO") Reports. SLO Bergmann (southern area of Greater Valley Glen) reported crime in his area is down 12% overall but burglaries are up. SLO Perez (northwest area of Greater Valley Glen) reported crime in his area is down 25% overall. The major issue in his area is transients. SLO Sawamura (northeastern area of Greater Valley Glen) did not discuss crime numbers (up or down) but indicated that her biggest concern is people living in RVs parked in business areas. It is difficult to tow them because there may be biohazards, so towing companies will not tow the RVs. There was further public discussion about homelessness. Sahag Yedalian, Field Deputy for Councilman Paul Krekorian, commented that homelessness is reportedly the #1 complaint received by both Van Nuys division and north Hollywood Division. However, Greater Valley Glen area does not have as big a homeless issue as does other areas of the San Fernando Valley.

7. Government Representatives Reports.

A. EMPOWER LA, Representative Vanessa Serrano welcomed new Board members. She will be working on updating the GVGC Roster of Board members. She reported that 6/1/18 is the last day for NCs to apply to the City Clerk for payments by check, and 6/20/18 is the last day to use the credit card. This is being done to coincide with the fiscal year 6/30/18. FY2019 budgets are due by 7/1/18. Board Self-Assessments are due by 9/1/18. Public and Board member questions centered on when GVGC can send a request to the City Clerk for payment in FY2019. Vanessa Serrano indicated that payment requests may be sent the first week of July 2019. A final question was whether neighborhood councils (NCs) can bank unspent funds. While Vanessa Serrano indicated that it is doubtful that any NC could do this, Sahag Yedalian reported that if the unspent funds are to be used to spend money on a City Department controlled item, such as spending money for capital items for a public park, and the City Department is willing to hold the funds, then such a banking arrangement can be made based on his experience dealing with such cases with other NCs.

B. LA City Councilmember Paul Krekorian, Council District 2 (CD2). Sahag Yedalian, Field Deputy sahag.yedalian@lacity.org reported that City of LA Department of Transportation has approved the installation of neighborhood watch signs, on a case by case basis. GVGC should make requests through Sahag for the locations it wants for sign installation. The corners of Whitsett Ave. and Victory Blvd., and Whitsett Ave. and Oxnard St. will be getting utility boxes painted soon. Sahag reported that the additional shade structure that was approved for the Valley Glen Community Park's playground is still going through City of LA Recreation and Parks Department scheduling. Sahag continues to work with this Department to determine when the work on the shade structure will begin. As to the improper tree-cutting on Longridge and Mary Ellen Ave., he is working with Department of Urban Forestry to replace the improperly cut trees with new ones. As to the 170 Freeway sound wall project, it is starting with the fortification of the overpasses at Oxnard St. and Victory Blvd. some of the off-ramps will close during the fortification period. The entire project will be complete by 2021. Sahag is also working with Concorde College and Caltrans on getting funds together to beautify the landscape and hardscape around the 170 freeway. the Finally, Sahag indicated that there will be 8 concerts scheduled at North Hollywood Park over the summer months starting with a pre-summer event 6/16/18. Comments from the Public and Board included a comment by Iversen about Council District 2's efforts to test a safe parking area for homeless. Sahag indicated that this is something that the Councilman is working on. Board member D'Antonio asked if the City can use its vacant buildings to house the homeless.

C. Congressman Tony Cardenas. Nigel Sanchez, Field Representative, reported that 150 art pieces were submitted for judging for the Congressional competition. A student from Van Nuys



High School won the competition. The Congressman recently conducted a grant workshop on how to get Federal funds for projects. It was very well attended. Current initiatives include assisting the Los Angeles Valley College Veteran Resource Center with VA claims.

D. Assemblymember Adrin Nazarian. Vanessa Carr, Field Representative for the Assemblymember, was not present to give a report.

8. Guest Speakers

A. City of LA Bureau of Street Services and Engineering: Grant for Sidewalk placement. Presentation by Department Representative Amanda Potchanatayparuk. This is a proposal to apply for a \$3 million grant to place sidewalks on one side of Ethel Ave. between Oxnard Ave. and Victory Blvd., and sidewalks on one side of Erwin Street between Ethel Ave. and Longridge Ave. Amanda's presentation is attached and is preliminary in scope. Public Comment was supportive of the effort as sidewalks are needed, for safety purposes, on both streets due to school and park activity. There were some questions from the Public as the project involves getting rid of the medians at Ethel Ave. and Oxnard St. to improve traffic light crossing areas. There were some questions about whether speed humps could be placed in the Erwin Street area. There were also concerns about how trees removed because of this project will be replaced. The Public was generally in support of the effort and details will be coming back to the GVGC for further study by its Committees. Amanda indicated that she would like to submit an application by July 2018 and would like GVGC to provide input.

B. Cheryl Cashman, Van Nuys CPAB (Community Police Advisory Board), spoke about fireworks issues. Gangs are now involved in the fireworks trade. You should report all firework activity to 1-877-ASK-LAPD, the non-emergency number. Cheryl is working on targeted flyers to ward that setting off fireworks is illegal, and that LAPD will be watching this activity very closely. Some comment regarding whether it is worth having drones fly over suspected areas to view activity. Cheryl indicated citizen reports with description of observations are going to be more helpful.

9. Public Comments on Items not on the Agenda. Rudy Melendez, Candidate for 18th Senate District announced his candidacy for the seat currently held by State Senator Bob Hertzberg. He reminded all to vote on 6/5/18. Brian Patton, student at LA Valley College, introduced himself as a member of the Public and asked what the City is doing to prevent mansionization as he has seen large houses under construction on Oxnard Ave. near the Orange Line. Sahag Yedalian indicate that a mansionization ordinance was passed that provides for limits on building.

10. President's Comments. None.

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

A. Committee Report. Chair D, Chadwick reported that the Committee met but no motions resulted. D'Antonio announced that reported that the approval for 13724 Victory Blvd. has an appeal period that ends 5/20/18.

12. Community Outreach Committee – J. Chadwick, Chair

A. Committee report. Chair J. Chadwick announced that the Committee met two ago to plan the 6/3/18 Festival at Valley Glen Community Park. The event starts at 2:00 p.m. and ends at 6:00 p.m. The event is free with food available at food trucks at subsidized prices. There will be numerous activities such as bounce houses, petting zoo, face painting, and obstacle course. Flyers are available to distribute. A sign-up sheet for volunteers to set up, man the GVGC booth, and to strike down, will be circulated. 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 approves transmittal of letters to Kevin James, President of the



Department of Public Works (DPW), and Nazario Saucedo, Director of Street Services (BSS), expressing its concern that the various options included in the BSS report (CS 14-0163-S11) for retention of City trees impacted by the City's Sidewalk Repair Program are not being taken advantage of and that mature trees and the canopy they contribute are being lost that otherwise could be saved, and request [demand?] that the DPW and BSS, starting immediately, take full advantage of the measures in the report as approved by City Council. Motion made by Hall. Seconded by Myrick.

Public Comment. None. Board Comment. None. Without objection. President Myrick called the question. Non-Funding Action. Voice Vote: 14 Ayes, 0 Nos, 2 Abstentions (Pelletier and Rose), and 0 Ineligible. Motion passes.

Motion B.2. The Greater Valley Glen Council supports creation of new DASH services as they provide needed first/last mile access to other public transportation options. The GVGC calls on LADOT and the City Administration Officer to expeditiously finalize their pending reports so that five new DASH lines as provided for in the FY 2017-18 Adopted Budget can be implemented and otherwise endorse the Council motion (CF 18-0244) regarding enhanced and expanded DASH services. Motion made by Hall. Seconded by Myrick.

Public Comment. None. Board Comment. Without objection, President Myrick called the question. Non-Funding Action. Voice Vote: 14 Ayes, 0 Nos, 2 Abstentions (Pelletier and Rose), and 0 Ineligible. Motion passes.

Motion B.3. The Greater Valley Glen Council opposes amendment of the Los Angeles Administrative Code allowing for extended time allowances being afforded non-certified community councils when presenting a position on an item before a City Board or Commission. Only Certified Neighborhood Councils with City-approved bylaws should be given this privilege. (CF 15-0389-S1). Motion made by Hall. Seconded by Myrick.

Public Comment. None. Board Comment. There were questions as to the meaning and relevance of the motion. Chair Hall explained that uncertified NCs, who by definition are not required to conduct Brown-Act compliant meetings, should not be afforded extended time to speak before a City Board or Commission. This privilege should be given only to City-certified NCs. Without objection, President Myrick called the question. Non-Funding Action. Secretary elected to take a Roll Call Vote without objection from the Board: 6 Ayes, 4 Nos, 7 Abstentions, and 0 Ineligible. Motion passes as the Yes votes comprise a majority of the sum of the Yes and No votes. Please see the Vote Tally exhibit for further detail.

C. Los Angeles 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. Barmettler submitted a report appearing on pages 16-22 as Item 13E.

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

A. Committee report. No report. Board member.

Motion B.1. Request that GVGC board approve spending up to \$2,000 for spreading of mulch and labor on the north side of Victory medians between Goodland and Babcock streets. Without objection, President Myrick withdrew this motion based on possible lack of funds. There was no Public Comment.



Motion B.2. Request that GVGC board approve non-spending motion to approve utilization of a portion of Valley Glen Community Park for “dog off leash” activities. This section of park would be optimally in the middle of park away from walking paths. Recommended “off leash” hours would be: 4-6pm in winter and 5-7 in summer. Motion made by Myrick. Seconded by Jannol.

Public Comment. There were comments regarding the possibility that a well-trained dog that is off-leash, could be unexpectedly provoked by someone or something causing the dog to behave in a way that could endanger others. There was also discussion as to existing law that prohibits off-leash dogs in public places such as parks. Board Comment. Jannol asked that the matter be tabled. The motion to table was seconded by Myrick. Without objection, President Myrick called the question as to tabling the motion. Non-Funding action. Voice Vote: 16 Ayes, 0 Nos, 0 Abstentions, and 0 Ineligible. Motion to table passes.

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

A. Committee report. Chair Wehrli reported that the artist who painted the utility box on Fulton Ave. and Burbank Blvd, repainted it, after the tagging that occurred. Immediately after that, President Myrick and family applied 4 coats of the anti-graffiti coat. Chair Wehrli also reported that she is waiting to hear from Monlux Elementary School as to their approval to move forward with the Enrichment Works performances.

16. Community Safety Committee – Julie Casey, Chair

A. Committee report. Chair Casey reported that she spoke to Tamar to follow up on what the City offers in terms of resources for dispute resolution. She was told that the City Attorney offers dispute resolution services but that the process may take much time given the demands for the services and the City Attorney’s limited resources. Chair Casey indicated that one of the projects she is working on is the promotion of neighborhood watches, i.e. making GVGC as an initiating force to create them.

B. Motions. Business moved on to motions.

C. (To motions)

Motion C.1. The Safety Committee is requesting the Greater Valley Glen Board approve the creation and distribution of a “Good Neighbor Information Sheet” that has a list of applicable good neighbor laws, a list of what city departments manage specific scenarios that frequently come up in neighbor disputes, and information on the free dispute/resolution service offered by the city attorney’s office. Motion made by Julie Casey. Seconded by Myrick.

Public Comment. None. Board Comment. None. Without objection. President Myrick called the question. Non-Funding Action. Voice Vote: 16 Ayes, 0 Nos, 0 Abstentions, and 0 Ineligible. Motion passes.

Motion C.2. The Safety Committee requests the Board approve allocation up to \$400 to subscribe to Survey Monkey for 1 year to gather data for the Community Safety Survey and for additional Greater Valley Glen surveys as the need arises. Without objection, President Myrick withdrew this motion based on possible lack of funds. There was no Public Comment.

Motion C.3. The Safety Committee requests the Board approve allocation up to \$3,000 to install 7 Neighborhood Watch signs in city approved locations (about \$430 per sign installation). Approved monies and spending is contingent upon how much is left in the Neighborhood Council’s budget for the 2017-2018 fiscal year. Without objection, President Myrick withdrew this motion based on possible lack of funds. There was no Public Comment.



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

A. Committee report. Chair Newton indicated that no meeting was held in April. The next meeting will be scheduled for July. No Public or Board Comment. No motions.

18. Board member comments on items not on agenda. None.

19. President's Motions.

Motion A for Board approval. President requests Board to rescind approval of previously passed motion (April 2018:19.E) which read "Motion to not to exceed \$3,600 to purchase AV equipment including DVD player, inflatable projection screen and accessories, microphone and speakers. Motion made by Myrick. Seconded by Jannol.

Public Comment. None. Board Comment. None. President Myrick called the question. Funding Action. Roll Call Vote. 16 Ayes, 0 Nos, 0 Abstentions, 0 Ineligible. Motion passes.

Motion B for Board approval. President requests Board to approve motion allowing President to engage and enter into a 12-month contract with LA Valley College (LAVC) for the purpose of holding Greater Valley Glen monthly meetings and/or town hall events. Motion made by Myrick. Seconded by J. Chadwick.

Public Comment. None. Board Comment. Friedman voiced concern that if LAVC continues to ticket attendees in error, we should not have meetings here. Without objection, President Myrick called the question. This is considered a Funding Action. Roll Call Vote: 14 Ayes, 2 Nos (D'Antonio and Friedman), 0 Abstentions, 0 Ineligible. Motion passes.

Motion C for Board approval. President requests Board to approve motion allowing President to engage and enter into a 12-month contract with Concorde Career College for the purpose of holding Greater Valley Glen monthly meetings and/or town hall events. Motion made by Myrick. Seconded by James Casey.

Public Comment. None. Board Comment centered on the lack of air conditioning. President Myrick indicated that air conditioning is now installed. Without objection, President Myrick called the question. This is considered a Funding Action. Roll Call Vote: 15 Ayes, 0 Nos, 1 Abstention, 0 Ineligible. Motion passes.

Motion D for Board approval. Motion for not to exceed \$1,200 to purchase advertisement(s) in the Valley Glen Voice Newsletter for the purpose of promoting the Spring Festival event on 6/3, as well as providing stakeholders with a " Good Neighbor Information Sheet" whose objective is to promote resolution of resident complaints in an appropriate manner. Without objection, President Myrick withdrew this motion based on possible lack of funds. There was no Public Comment.

20. Adjournment. Motion to Adjourn made by Myrick. Seconded by J. Chadwick.

Public Comment. None. Board Comment. None. Without objection, President Myrick called the question. Voice Vote: 14 Ayes, 0 Nos, 0 Nos, 0 Abstentions, 0 Ineligible. Motion passes.

Meeting adjourned at 9:15 p.m. Next Board meeting (unless preceded by any Special Meeting) and location will be back at Concorde College, on Monday, June 4, 2018.

Submitted June 4, 2018,

Mickey Jannol
Greater Valley Glen Council Board Secretary



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See the Following Pages for Vote Tally Sheet for Board Member Votes (page 9), Vacancies per Item 2 (pages 9-11), Special Guest Presentation 8A (pages 12-14), and Government Relations Committee Reports per Items 13C (page 15), 13D (pages 16-17), and 13E (pages 18-24).

Legend: P = Present Y = Aye or Yes N = No A = Abstain I = Present but Ineligible to Vote R = Recused ■ = Absent, or not yet seated Board Member Roll Call for:	05-07-2018 VOTE TALLY SHEET														
	Regular Meeting by Agenda item #														
Roll Call 1	Nomination Pelletier 2A	Nomination Rose 2B	Minutes 4	Treasurer's 5A	Treasurer's 5B	Gov't. 13.B.1	Gov't. 13.B.2	Gov't. 13.B.3	Parks 14.B.2 To Table	Safety 16C.1	President's 19A	President's 19B	President's 19C	Adjournment 21	
Michael Ashkinadze															
Joseph Barmettler															
James Casey	P	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	
Julie Casey	P	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y		
Douglas Chadwick	P	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	A	Y	
Jean Chadwick	P	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	N	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	
Joanne D'Antonio	P	Y	Y	Y	A	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	N	Y	Y	
September Forsyth															
Stanley Friedman	P	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	N	Y	Y	
Walter Hall	P	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	
Derek Iversen	P	Y	Y	A	Y	Y	Y	Y	A	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	
Mickey Jannol	P	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	A	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	
Malky Kertis	P	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	A	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	
Cosmo Moore	P	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	A	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	
Sloan Myrick	P	Y	Y	Y	Y	A	Y	Y	N	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	
Thomas Newton	P	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	N	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	
Jon Pelletier			Y	A	A	A	A	A	N	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	
Dianna Rose				A	A	A	A	A	A	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	
Linda Wehrli	P	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	A	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	
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No	N/A	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	4	0	0	0	2	0	
Abstentions	N/A	0	0	3	3	3	2	2	6	0	0	0	0	1	
Ineligible	N/A	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	
Recused	N/A	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	
Sum of Yes and No Votes	N/A	14	15	13	13	13	14	14	10	16	16	16	15	16	
Required Yes Votes to Pass	N/A	8	8	7	7	7	8	8	6	9	9	9	8	9	
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Note: Adjournment 21 should read Adjournment 20

Agenda Item 2. Vacancies

The GVGC Board of comprised of 25 members. Presently, there are six (6) 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) One (1) District 3 Rep seat. 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.

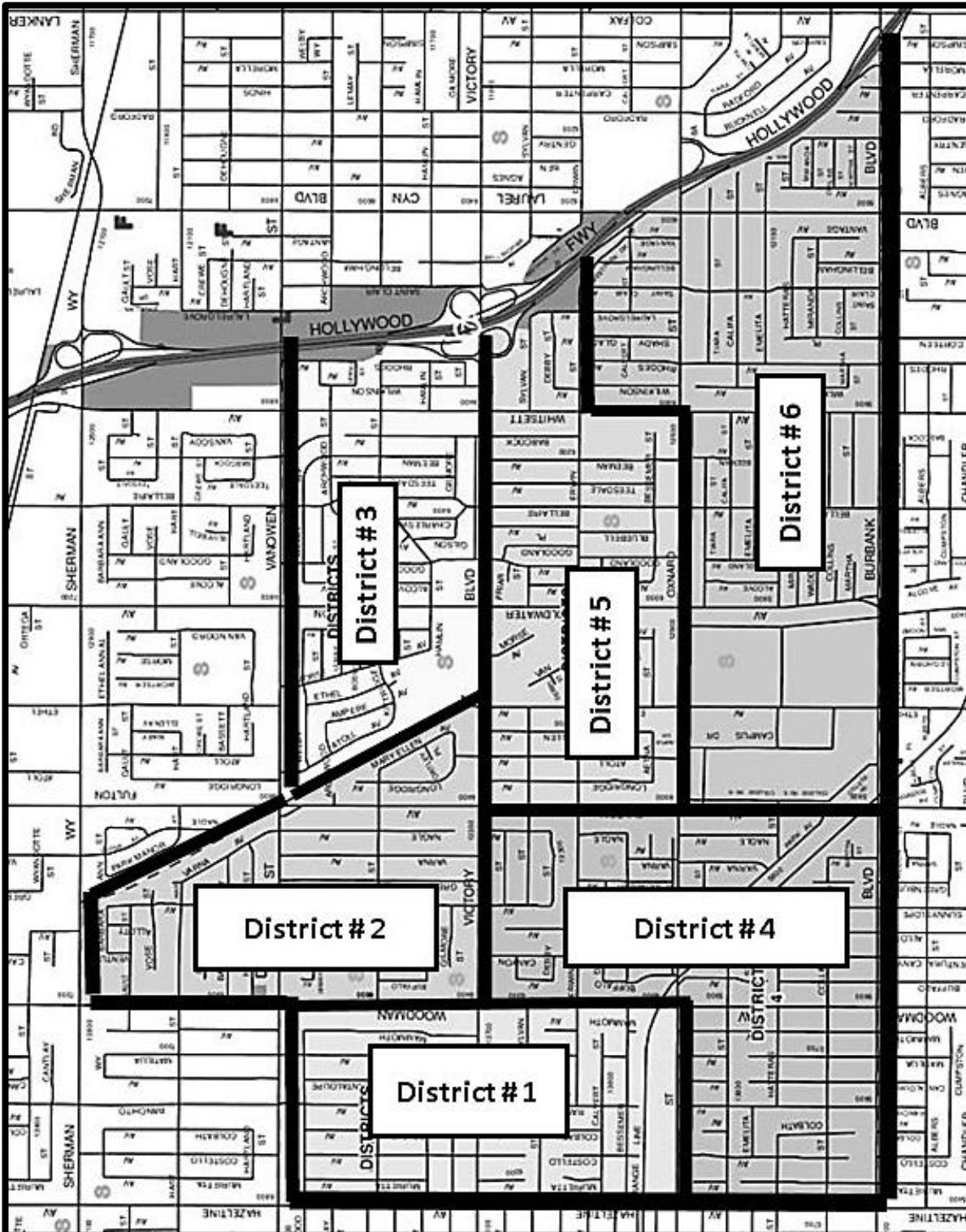
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Note, these the Bylaws appearing on the GVGC website contain an older version of the GVGC Bylaws. However, pages 3 to 5 regarding definition of the Board seats is accurate. The only exception is that Business/Merchant Liaison Rep seats are not only available to owners and employees of a licensed business in the GVGC area, the seats are available to an “owner’s representative.” Also, home businesses qualify as a business. They merely must hold a valid City of Los Angeles business license as is required of all businesses interested in running for or being nominated for these seats...

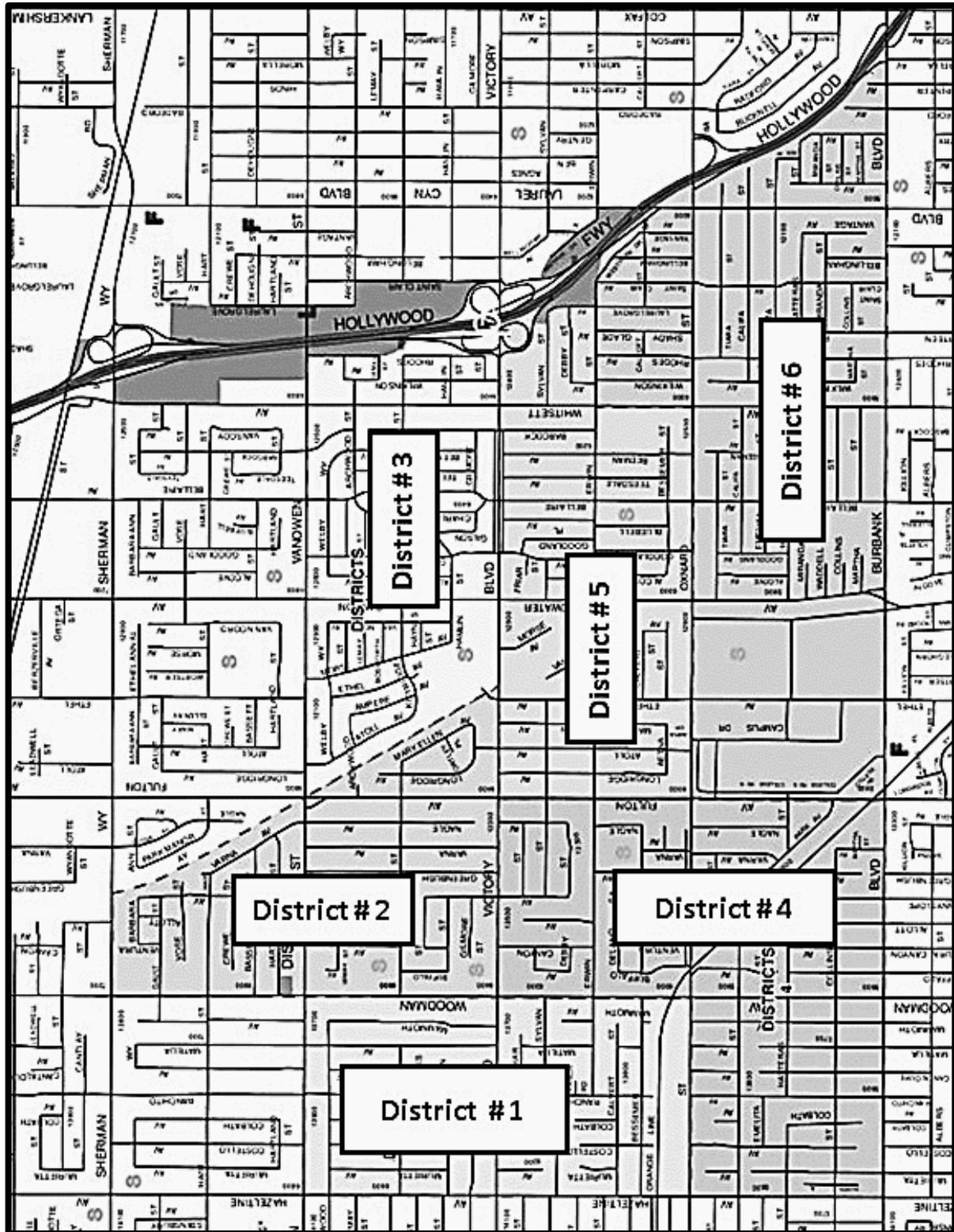
See maps on the next page to provide you with a better visual definition of the District boundaries.

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.



Agenda Item 8A – Presentation Attachments

Valley Glen Community First Last Mile Pedestrian Improvements



- **Preparing application for Active Transportation Program Cycle 4**
 - Proposed scope determined in collaboration with Council District #2
 - Partnered with Grant writers from Stantec Consulting Services Inc.
- Application submittals due July 2018
- Results will be announced between December 2018 – February 2019.

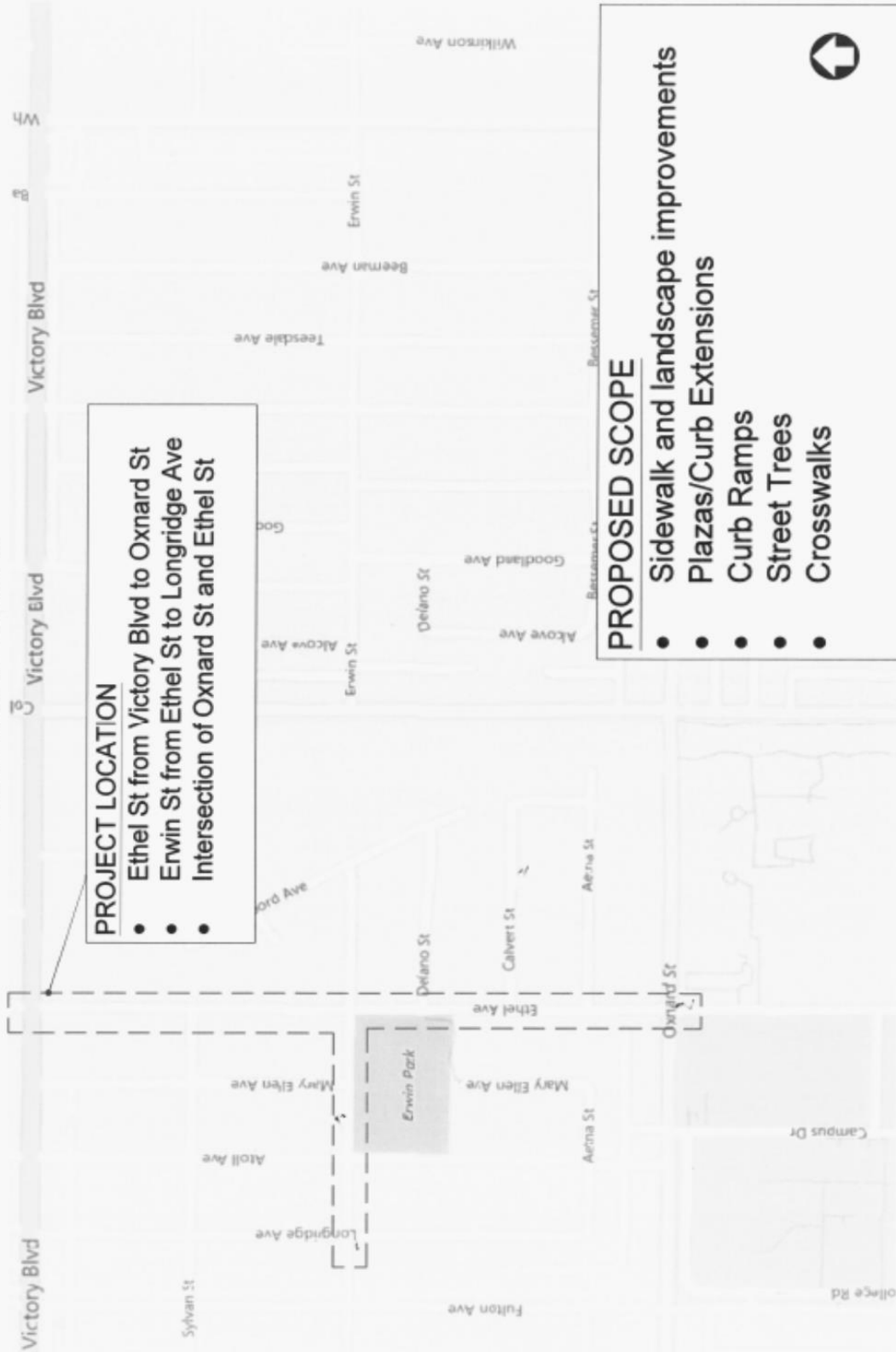
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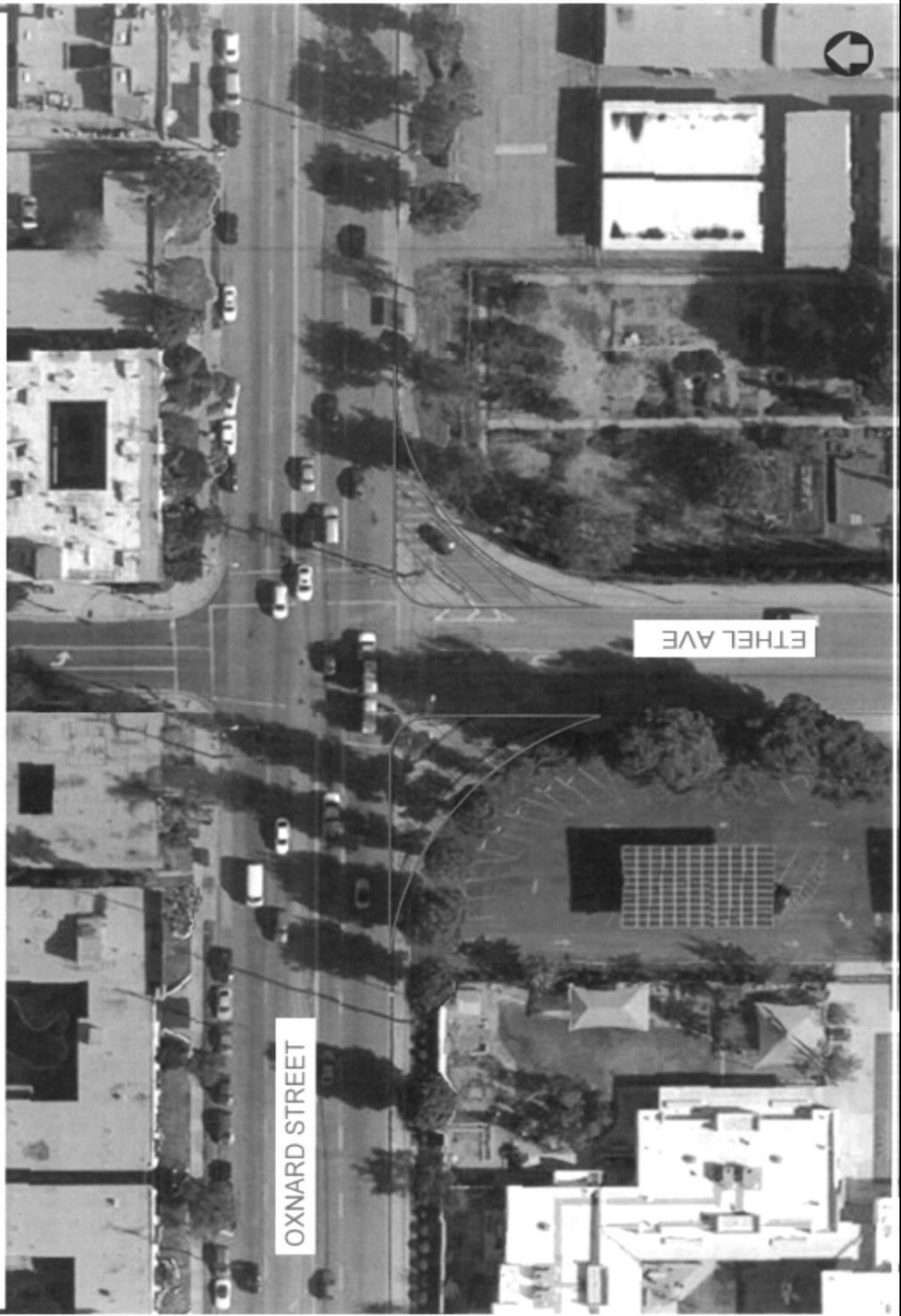
- Ethel St from Victory Blvd to Oxnard St
- Erwin St from Ethel St to Longridge Ave
- Intersection of Oxnard St and Ethel St

PROPOSED SCOPE

- Sidewalk and landscape improvements
- Plazas/Curb Extensions
- Curb Ramps
- Street Trees
- Crosswalks



**VALLEY GLEN COMMUNITY FIRST LAST MILE PEDESTRIAN IMPROVEMENTS
PROPOSED SCOPE**





Agenda Item 13C. LA DWP Neighborhood Council Meeting Report

May 5, 2018 Highlights

Capital spending in fiscal year 2015-17 was less than budgeted for by both the water and power systems, totaling a decrease of approximately \$480 million. At the same time hiring and creation of new positions has significantly increased, now totaling over 11,000 employees.

Water sales continue to be 10 to 20 percent lower than anticipated. As most of the money collected through water rates is for infrastructure, the rates are designed to increase under these conditions so that total revenues remain constant. That's right, use less but pay the same total. Fred Pickel, Ratepayer Advocate, stresses that the only way to save is to out-conserve your neighbors. Also, one meeting participant claimed that his study of water bills from his clients reveal discrepancies in the levels at which Tier 2, 3 and 4 charges occur for similarly situated customers. Both the OPA and DWP will investigate.

The City's FY 2018-19 budget includes a \$236 million transfer from the Power Revenue Fund to the City's General Fund. This is less than in previous years due to final resolution of one of the court cases contesting the transfer based, in part, on provisions of Propositions 218 and 26, roughly described as subjecting new taxes to approval by the voters and then by a super majority, respectively. Please be aware that this transfer is in addition to the money collected by the residential 10 percent utility tax and the commercial 12.5 percent utility tax.

There was discussion of the proposed Street Damage Restoration Fee. Presently, utilities that have a franchise to cut into City streets in order to provide their services are obligated to repair the streets afterwards subject to given standards. The City is proposing, purportedly to create a fund for general street repair, a fee on any such utility when they cut into the street in addition to the general franchise fee they pay the City. LADWP, being a City agency, does not pay a franchise fee but would be subject to the fee, estimated by the Office of Public Accountability, to be no less than \$37.8 M per year. The objection to such a scheme is based on the inevitable pass through of these charges to the ratepayer.

There is an ongoing study, as requested by the Mayor's office, to study the feasibility of the City obtaining no less than 50 percent of its water needs from local sources and minimizing purchases from the Metropolitan Water District, i.e., water coming from the State Water Project and the Colorado River Aqueduct.

Brief late-meeting discussion of the 100 percent Renewable Energy Study by the National Renewable Energy Laboratory (NREL) not adequately addressing costs, but no details were given.

**Submitted by Walter Hall
Greater Valley Glen Council DWP Committee Representative**



Agenda Item 13D. Sustainability Report

For 5-7-'18 GVGC Board Committee Meeting

Neighborhood Council Sustainability Alliance Trees Committee 3-14'18 noon via teleconference

Reminder to publicize listing of Tree Removal requests to NCs. This is updated every few days so stakeholders have opportunity to challenge before tree is removed. <http://nrsa.nationbuilder.com/trees>

Discussion of **CF 15-0448**: requested report in this motion was not made back to City Council, so trees get removed for possibly unnecessary driveway construction.

Recommend opposition to **CF 16-0461** that allows in lieu fees for tree removals.

Important to contact Council members regarding a professional Tree Inventory, which is necessary to get funding for an Urban Forestry Management Plan. Navigate LA website only has a tree count that will not qualify for moving forward.

Urban Forestry Master Plan Working Group 4-12-'14 9:30 a.m.

Audubon Center at Debs Park (large attendance of reps of organizations responsible for the City's trees – J. D'Antonio represents NCSA Trees Committee)

Consulting Company Dudek selected 12 cities for comparison: San Francisco is best model within the state. New York is best model for size. Melbourne is best mode for climate conditions and has a strong UF Management Plan. Will continue to look at all 12.

Doing survey of public as a first step; larger public outreach later. For now using website, newsletters, social media, NCs and neighbors/friends, community events.

Did exercise in "actor" mapping to figure out everyone in the City responsible for planting, maintenance, and removal of trees

NCSA Trees Committee Reps (Joanne D'Antonio and Shelley Billik, Encino NC) Meeting with Councilmember Krekorian 4-19-'18 4:00 p.m. at his Valley office

Councilman Krekorian is upset that BPW is not offering or implementing the alternatives to tree removal in sidewalk repair situations as delineated in the motion of 11-30-'16 that mitigates the Willets complaint. Wants stakeholders to demand alternatives.

Discussion of **CF 15-0448**: requested report not made back to City Council so trees get removed for possibly unnecessary driveway construction. Councilmember upset that reports requested regarding tree policy and practices are very long overdue, and in the meantime trees get removed. He plans to exert pressure to get these.

Councilmember felt satellite Tree Inventory could work and wants to contact Tree People to see if they have details of whether this method is acceptable for Urban Forestry Master Plan.



Community Forest Advisory Committee (CFAC) 5-3-'18 1:00 p.m. BPW at City Hall

The Mayor's budget did not follow the CFAC directive: it has 0 new funds for Urban Forestry and did not budget for a Director of Community Urban Forestry at Supervisory level or higher. CFAC will lobby City Council for these appropriations.

Council District 4 CFAC representative Julie Stromberg indicated that the Council Offices have to give the go ahead for all street tree and protected tree removals in their District.

Some CFAC reps are working with stakeholders who want to find ways to preserve trees slated for removal.

Under a Cal Fire Grant 179 trees were planted on Vineland between Oxnard and Sherman Way on Arbor Day (April 28)

UFD does not plant trees in 3-foot wide parkways, though at this time they have no planting crews.

Street Tree Removal/Retention Decision flow chart was distributed. It is with this report.

Los Angeles Neighborhood Council Coalition (LANCC) Meeting 5-5-18 10:00 a.m. at DWP

Joanne D'Antonio, Chair of NCSA Trees Committee, distributed information regarding tree removal notices and also shared information regarding "fees for trees" **CF 16-0461**. LANCC voted unanimously to oppose **CF 16-0461**. City Council vote is May 15, 2018 and it is recommended to call the Council Offices in the coming week to weigh in.

Linda Whitford gave a presentation supporting the adding of two more protected trees (the Toyon and Mexican elderberry) to the City's existing four protected tree species and recommended NC file CISs in favor of **CF 03-1459-S3**. LANCC voted unanimously to support **CF 03-1459-S3**.

LANCC voted unanimously to oppose **CF 18-0270** which would allow non-certified Neighborhood Councils the extra speaking time certified Neighborhood Councils get at City Hall meetings.

Jane Blumenfeld gave a presentation on residential housing models that offer dormitory-style bedrooms with communal space areas in repurposed unrented office buildings. This is working for Millennials in San Francisco and could also be adapted for Senior Housing.

Dylan Sittig of the Planning Dept. reported that they plan to interface more with NCs. He said bicycle parking requirements for commercial areas have changed, and there is a new Farmer's Market ordinance that would allow them to operate in residential areas if residents approve.

Mike Fong of Empower LA said there will be NO electronic voting in the next Neighborhood Council election.

Saturday, September 22 will be the Congress of Neighborhoods at City Hall. Hold the date!

**Submitted by Joanne D'Antonio
Sustainability Representative, Greater Valley Glen Council**



Agenda Item 13E. VANC Meeting 4/12/18

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: SB827: Justin Orenstein (CD4 rep) and David Rand

ITEM 2: Jason from DWP

ITEM 3: DONE Report. Grayce Liu

ITEM 4: Bryan Allen (GHNC) NC Equity Funding

ITEM 5: Bylaw info Request, Jill Banks Barad

ITEM 6: Animal Welfare Report: Jeff Mausner

ITEM 7: BONC Update

ITEM 8: VANC mixer note

ITEM 9: Glenn Bailey File #s

NOTES FROM VANC MEETING ON 4/12/18:

ITEM 1:

SB827: Justin Orenstein (CD4) and David Rand (Attorney)

Jay Orenstein, Sr. Legislator Deputy for David Ryu.

David Ryu opposed to SB827. The bill will allow L.A. to be rezoned, massive displacement and removes local residents from the discussion. City Council unanimously opposed. Scott Wienger (Sacramento) made revisions overnight. SB827 Senate Housing Committee meeting on April 17, hearing set for the first time.

Motion made on Tuesday by Mike Bonin, brought to Health and Education Committee. By NC charter, City Council was required by NCs when changes to City Administration code for NCs, NCs will sit at the table for longer times when filing a CIS for more time to convey the NC's position. The motion introduced will allow community councils (like Pacific Palisades and Brentwood neighborhood councils) not credited by L.A. City and DONE, to have same rights and benefits regarding speaking times with City Council. The door was closed for 3 years ago and now is open for NC s to weigh in.

See motion in Attachment #1 below) City Council motion CF15-0389-S1.

The city has no process for certifying alliances (like VANC). Alliances are covered with city insurance. NCs ask for more time to voice community opinion in Council meetings.

VANC motion to oppose Section 22.819 to be amended to CF-0389-S1 was made. Passed unanimously with 2 abstains.

SB827 - David Rand. Land use Attorney David Rand, Armbruster, Goldsmith and Delvac, LLP law offices. David was on Sherman Oaks NC Land use Committee.

The bill will supersede local zoning for height, parking, and for space within certain proximities of mass transit.

Senator Weiner reacted to the fierce blow back and changed the bill prior to its first Senate Committee Hearing this month. SB827 Bill was amended 2 days ago by Weiner. Changed to 1/2 mile within a light rail/subway. Streets with major bus service with 15 minute headway.



Building heights down to 45' from 55'-80'. Parking requirements from zero to 1/2 space per unit.

Many think SB827 will fail as a law. On the upside, it is forcing communities to do something about their housing problems whether it passes or not. It is a critical moment in time to address these issues and solve future issues. Keep the jurisdiction local. He thinks the state will attempt to regulate a solution if the city cannot solve the planning and land use issues.

SB35 is a separate bill - If housing project meets the criteria, with low-income housing, etc. Then the permit process is streamlined. This is not what SB827 does.

Citywide SB827 could impact 41% of CD4 residents and 50% city as whole.

In the past 5 years LA has lost 25,000 Affordable housing units (4% of the city's affordable housing stock). Rand made some projections: For future (projected) planning and growth, L.A. needs to produce 3.2 million units by 2025. L.A. is now at 100,000 per year. We won't make it at that rate.

Orenstein said that the City vacancy rate is 2 1/2%. Anything below 5% is considered dangerously low.

ITEM 2:

Jason from DWP.

Jason will have presentation on 100% renewable for next board meeting. He provided Traffic impact info on balboa Blvd Construction. There are 3 phases (see flyer in Attachment 2).

ITEM 3:

DONE Report.

Grayce Liu, DONE rep presented.

Grayce gave update on 5 subdivisions and stakeholder elections. N. Westwood, Historical Cultural North, Little Bangladesh, Wilshire Center and Laurel Grove.

Laurel Grove was re-opened and then denied.

NC Elections - City Clerk is on hold for vendor platform revisions for the election. Online voting going forward. City Clerk will allocate funds for elections.

ITEM 4:

Bryan Allen (GHNC) Equity Funding.

The Equity Funding Work Group has had 6 meetings regarding NCs and subdivisions for funding. Most of the data is identified and approved to make a proposal to BONC, to give suggestions how Equity Funding can be allocated proportionally. They are seeking NC input, send correspondence to NC Equity Funding Work Group at ncefwg@empowerla.org Equity Work Group is currently working up an NC demographic list. DONE has not accomplished such demographics on NCs. DONE has no real recording of NC's demographics, populations, etc., other than Census data.

ITEM 5:

Bylaws Request, Jill Banks Barad

Jill banks Barad asks for NCs to contact her with any past situations where an item was added to the NC bylaws (by DONE) without the NC's input. She discovered a similar issue



with Sherman Oaks NC and was not happy about it. It is the bylaw that states if the NC Board votes "abstain", then it counts as a "yes" vote. Check your bylaws for this issue.

ITEM 6:

Animal Welfare Report: Jeff Mausner

4/29/17 Homeless and Pets Event.

LA City Planning Commission passed the "Pet Shop" ordinance. Shelters have achieved no kill for dogs. 83.6% no kill for cats - due to the TNR injunction.

City council is working on EIR.

ITEM 7:

BONC Update:

Subdivision Ordinance is being updated. They have 3 funding items they are looking at regarding Emergency procedures for NCs.

ITEM 8:

VANC Mixer:

Over 200 in attendance with 32 NCs represented. VANC thanks each NC for sponsorship and considers the event a success. VANC is planning a Planning Forum in November.

ITEM 9:

Glenn Bailey File #s:

CF 12-1681-S1: BONC to modify current ordinance, covers modifications, elections with City Clerk. Neighborhood Council Subdivision Ordinance / Los Angeles Administrative Code Amendment.

CF 18-0002-S20, CF 18-0002-S30: SB23-63 (motion) Allow speed limits to be tweaked by local authority. (Koretz) Speed Limit Setting and Enforcement / Local Control

CF 18-0244: Transit Service Analysis. Motion to move along DASH transit service study. No report yet, in CAO office, not to City County yet.

Fiscal Year 2017-18 Transit Service Analysis / Los Angeles Department of Transportation (LADOT)

CF-18-0304: Mapping Apps/Impact Neighborhoods. Motion (Krekorian).

Mapping Apps / Impacted Neighborhood City Streets / Reduce Hazards / Feasibility Report.

CF 18-0600: Budget Advocate - to support White Papers. Budget Proposal Fiscal Year 2018-19

END OF VANC 4/12/18 MEETING NOTES:

Submitted by Joseph Barmettler



Attachments:

Attachment 1:

ITEM #1 Motion for CF 15-0389-S

HEALTH, EDUCATION AND NEIGHBORHOOD COUNCIL

MOTION


The new City Charter effective July 1, 2000 established the Neighborhood Council System, to connect government with communities, promote more citizen participation in government, and make government more responsive to local needs. As the system grew, neighborhood council representatives expressed a need for more time when addressing the City Council to fully explain their thoughts, ideas, and opinions regarding decisions to be made on issues that directly affect their communities than was provided through the standard public comment period. In response, the City Council adopted an ordinance in 2015 (C.F. 15-0389 and 15-0524), which states that the meeting chair "...may provide the Neighborhood Council representative more comment time than allotted to members of the general public." This extended time provision has proven successful in increasing the level of neighborhood council dialog during crucial policy-making decisions.

A very small handful of established community councils pre-date the City's system of Certified Neighborhood Councils -- most notably, the Pacific Palisades Community Council, founded in 1973, and the Brentwood Community Council, founded in 1998. Early on, these organizations opted not to join City's Neighborhood Council System, but they nevertheless continue to serve as the officially recognized representative bodies of Pacific Palisades and Brentwood, with a collective stakeholder population of approximately 77,000 people. These elected bodies provide the same crucial function as certified neighborhood councils -- to vet community issues and serve as official open forums for weighing-in on official City business.

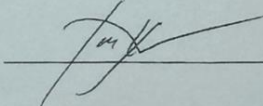
In 2013, the City Council adopted a similar policy enhancement (C.F. 13-1625) by instructing the Department of City Planning to "formally begin providing the Pacific Palisades Community Council and Brentwood Community Council with the same level of notification offered to the City's certified neighborhood councils on all planning matters, including legally mandated public hearing notices." Based on this precedent and the vital representation function these all-volunteer bodies provide to the City, the same discretionary extended time allowance for Certified Neighborhood Councils should be applied to select non-certified community councils that meet specifically defined criteria.

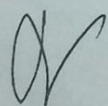
I THEREFORE MOVE that the City Attorney be requested to amend Section 22.819 of the Los Angeles Administrative Code (LAAC) to include an additional time set aside provision by applying the current discretionary extended time allowance to non-certified community councils when a representative presents an official position on an item pending before a City Board or Commission, provided that the organization was formally established prior to July 1, 2000 and has remained in continuous operation, has duly elected representatives and formally adopted bylaws, serves as the preeminent representative body for an official City of Los Angeles community or neighborhood, and has clearly defined geographic boundaries that do not in any way overlap with those of existing Certified Neighborhood Councils.

PRESENTED BY:


MIKE BONIN
Councilmember, 11th District

SECONDED BY:



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ORIGINAL

Subject: **CF 15-0389-S1: City Council Motion for Additional Presentation Time by Non-Certified NCs???**

Date: 4/12/2018 2:55:50 PM Pacific Standard Time

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To VANC Executive Committee members,

Please note a motion [CF 15-0389-S1](#) was introduced in City Council on Tuesday which is summarized as follows and is attached:

Motion (Bonin - Huizar) - Relative to amending Section 22.819 of the Los Angeles Administrative Code to include an additional time set aside provision by applying the current discretionary extended time allowance to non-certified community councils when a representative presents an official position on an item pending before a City Board or Commission.

Referred to Health, Education, and Neighborhood Councils Committee

It seems to me that BEFORE City Council provides additional time to NON-NC entities, it ought to first provide that additional time to **recognized NC alliances**.


Cordially,

Glenn Bailey

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Attachment 2:

ITEM 2: Jason from DWP, Traffic impact on balboa Blvd during Construction.



Los Angeles Department of Water & Power

THE FUTURE OF WATER IN LA

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ladwp.com/balboaEQpipe

Balboa Blvd Earthquake Resistant Pipeline Replacement Project

Project Description

As part of LADWP's Water Infrastructure Improvement Program this Project is being divided into three phases,


Construction Information

Phase I is scheduled to begin Feb. 26 and be completed in late July. Construction for Phase II is scheduled for July-October and Phase III for October-February of 2019.

One lane will be available to north and south bound traffic in construction zones. Temporary tow-away/no parking signs will be posted as needed. Driveway and local access will be provided.

Hours of work are Mon.-Fri. 9 a.m. to 6 p.m. and on Sat. 8 a.m. to 6 p.m. There will be occasional evening work Mon.-Fri. until 9 p.m. There will also be occasional overnight work on Sat. from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Evening construction will take place during Phase I near the 101 Ventura Freeway on ramps on Balboa Blvd. and during Phase III at the intersection of Balboa Blvd. and Ventura Blvd.



Project Schedule
February 2018 – February 2019

Region
Encino

which will replace approximately one mile of 12-inch water mainline installed in 1932 with earthquake resistant ductile iron pipe.

This project is part of LADWP's plan to install 10 miles of earthquake resistant pipe in areas of the City affected by seismic activity.

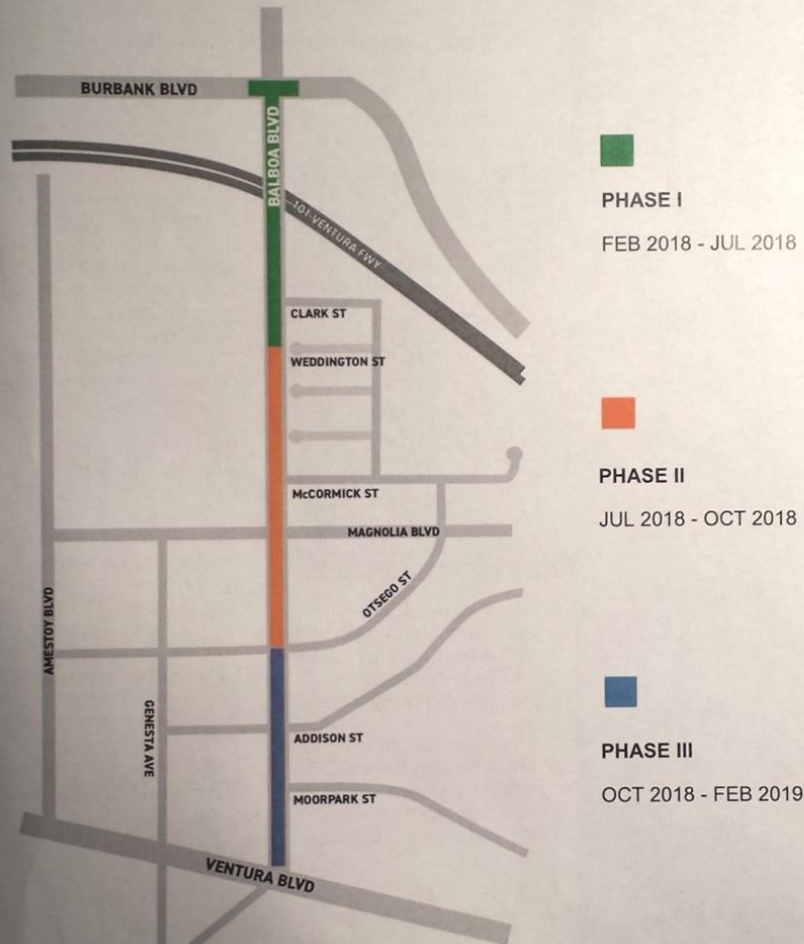
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