



Greater Valley Glen Council ("GVGC")

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REGULAR BOARD MEETING MINUTES - Draft

June 4, 2018, 7:00 p.m.

Concorde Career College, Room #003

12412 Victory Blvd.

North Hollywood, CA 91606

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 8 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 Led by Senior Lead Officer Justin Bergmann.

1. **Board Roll Call.** Sixteen (16) members present: Ashkinadze, Barmettler, James Casey, Julie Casey, D. Chadwick, J. Chadwick, D'Antonio, Forsyth, Friedman, Hall, Iversen, Jannol, Kertis, Moore, Myrick, and Rose. Three (3) members absent: Newton, Pelletier, and Wehrli. A quorum of 16 was achieved.

2. **President's Comments Part 1.** President Myrick thanked members of the Public for coming to the Festival, yesterday. He thanked all the Board members that helped to make the Festival a success, and he praised the Community Outreach Committee's effort, and the effort of Chair Jean Chadwick, in making the Festival a successful outreach event. This event, the October 2017 Food Truck event at Laurel Grove Park, and other events where GVGC has a booth, culminated in substantial outreach efforts by GVGC this past fiscal year.

President Myrick also noted concern about people attending GVGC meetings being ticketed for Parking in Lot B, the place we believed we were supposed to Park. President Myrick spoke to LA Valley College staff and they told him they do not want stakeholders using Lot B. Instead, stakeholders should park on the top floor of the parking structure on Ethel Avenue, north of the Gym/Pool area. If we park there, and not in Lot B, we will not be ticketed. Further comment was deferred until later in the meeting.

3. **Board approval of May 7, 2018 minutes.** Motion made by Jannol. Seconded by Myrick. Jannol apologized for the late delivery of the minutes. Public Comment. None. Board Comment. Public Comment. None. Board Comment. Discussion regarding ways to reduce amount of paper resulting from production of minutes. Without objection, President Myrick called the question. Voice Vote. 14 Ayes, 0 Nos, 2 Abstention (Barmettler and D'Antonio), 0 Ineligible. Motion passes.

4. **Treasurer's Report.** Treasurer James Casey indicated that, based on a re-calculation of Treasury funds, if all the money motions for this meeting pass, there would be \$21.00 left in the Treasury to spend for the rest of the fiscal year to end June 30, 2018. Fully spending the City-allocated funds has been a goal of the Treasury function. Casey was pleased that GVGC spent its funds across various areas appropriately, including outreach. Casey commented that spending money on outreach, leveraging funds to create stakeholder awareness of the GVGC and encourage neighborhood empowerment, is a primary goal of neighborhood councils (NCs). He thanked the Community Outreach Committee, and Chair Jean Chadwick, for their efforts in achieving strong outreach this past fiscal year. Casey reminded the Board that no more check requests can be processed until early July, and that the deadline for using the GVGC Credit Card for approved expenditures for this fiscal year is 6/20/2018, after which the Credit Card will not be able to be used until early July. 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, 2 Abstentions (Barmettler and Iversen), and 1 Ineligible (Ashkinadze). Motion passes.

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

5. **LAPD Senior Lead Officer ("SLO") Reports.** SLO Bergmann (southern area of Greater Valley Glen) urged all stakeholders to come to the Van Nuys Division open house on Saturday, 6/9/2018. SLO Bergmann suggested that it would be helpful to provide him with 4 weeks' notice of all GVGC events, so he can properly "calendar" the events to avoid scheduling conflicts. He reported that SLO Bailey, who was on leave, will not be returning to LAPD. Officer Perez has been helpful in performing SLO Bailey's duties. There was comment from the Public as to how people could advocate for having Officer Perez replace SLO Bailey, permanently. SLO Bergmann suggested they contact the Captain of LAPD Van Nuys Division indicated their desire to make Officer Perez a permanent SLO. SLO Bergmann concluded his remarks by informing all that SLO Du Vally will be returning to her duties as SLO in July, after a special month long special assignment.



6. **Government Representatives Reports.**

A. EMPOWER LA, Representative Vanessa Serrano indicated that the City Clerk will be publishing a Neighborhood Council Election Stipulation sheet in August to use for the upcoming 2019 NC elections. GVGC's election is slated for May 2019. Other items of interest mentioned were that Empower LA will be coming out with a web-based survey for stakeholders to evaluate the Department. As well, there is a Council File, 18-0467, on changing Department rules. Vanessa suggested that GVGC become familiar with this Council File so that GVGC can provide input. Vanessa took questions from the Public and the Board. There were questions as to whether there will be online voting in the 2019 election. Vanessa indicated that she did not know but would get back to the Board on this matter.

B. LA City Councilmember Paul Krekorian, Council District 2 (CD2). Sahag Yedalian, Field Deputy sahag.yedalian@lacity.org reported on several matters summarized as follows: 1) The sidewalk grant application at Ethel Avenue between Victory Blvd. and Oxnard Avenue is proceeding. This is the \$3 million grant application from LA Bureau of Street Services 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 and Longridge Avenues. Sahag wrote down a list of questions the Board had at last month's presentation and would like further input so that the grant application will be successful, 2) Work on the Valley Glen Community Park playground shade structure has passed the hurdle of getting permits, and work on installing the additional shade structure at the playground should start in a few months, 3) LA Department of Urban Forestry removed improperly-trimmed Liquid Amber trees in the Fulton/Victory Blvd. area, and will be replacing them with at least 4 new City-approved trees at a date to be determined, 4) Sahag has asked LA Parking Enforcement to be more aggressive about patrolling the Valley Glen Community Park area at night (parking is not allowed along the Park perimeter after 9:00 p.m.), 5) Valley Glen did not receive approvals for speed humps in the recent round of speed hump applications – the next round of applications will resume at a date to be determined, and finally 6) Sahag encouraged everyone to attend Summer nights at NoHo Park (Magnolia Blvd. and Tujunga). There will be 8 concerts scheduled at NoHo Park over the summer months starting with a pre-summer event 6/16/18. More detail about performances will appear on the GVGC website. Sahag took questions from the Public and the Board. Questions concentrated on homeless encampments and rules pertaining to people being allowed to sleep in their cars in a public parking area.

C. Congressman Tony Cardenas. Nigel Sanchez, Field Representative, was not present for this meeting.

D. Assemblymember Adrin Nazarian. Vanessa Carr, Field Representative for the Assemblymember, reported that Assemblyman Nazarian truly enjoyed our Festival. There was a question from the Public as to when "Paper Plates" would no longer be allowed. Vehicles with Paper Plates refers to vehicles, typically new ones, that drive around without license plates. Instead, the vehicle owners merely keep the "paper" identifying the dealership in the place where license plates are supposed to be placed. Doing this has allowed the drivers to avoid being identified. In 2016, the State passed a law prohibiting this. However, Vanessa reported that enforcement of the new law - AB516 - prohibiting this activity will not go into effect until 1/1/2019. This link provides some background https://leginfo.ca.gov/faces/billTextClient.xhtml?bill_id=201520160AB516

7. **Guest Speakers**. No guest speakers were scheduled.

8. **Public Comments on Items not on the Agenda**. Nora Ross, Executive Director of the San Fernando Valley Arts and Cultural Center, www.valleycultural.org, came to this meeting to promote NoHo Summer Nights at NoHo Park. She also invited GVGC to have a booth at one of the upcoming events. Dennis Price, a stakeholder living near the 170 Freeway, commented on problems making a turn on to Whittsett Avenue from east-west streets north of Oxnard due to DWP work. Victoria Brown, relatively new resident in the north of Victory Blvd. area near Fulton Avenue, asked about getting permit parking. Shag Yedalian discussed the process of obtaining permit parking.

9. **President's Comments**. None.

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

A. Committee Report. Chair D, Chadwick reported that the Committee will meet on 6/26/2018 at 6:00 p.m. at Uncle Tony's Pizzeria. He expects to have a full agenda and invited everyone to attend.



11. Community Outreach Committee – J. Chadwick, Chair

A. Committee report. Chair J. Chadwick announced that the 6/3/2018 Festival at Valley Glen Community Park had over 300 attendees that enjoyed food, a petting zoo, several booths, and met new friends. It was a chance for GVGC to advertise itself and get stakeholders interested in what the GVGC does. Board member Iversen commented that we had several donations of canned food (5 boxes) that he was able to deliver to local pantry organizations. Next Committee meeting is on 6/26/2018 at Uncle Tony's at 7:00 p.m. Main topic will be to discuss 2018-2019 fiscal year outreach initiatives. There were no motions.

12. Government Relations Committee – W. Hall, Chair

A. Committee report. Chair Hall moved to motions.

B. Motions for Board approval.

Motion B.1. The GVGC Board approves transmittal to Senator Robert Hertzberg (District 18) its opposition to proposed legislation SB 828 (Wiener) as an unnecessary infringement of the City's powers to plan and zone for its growing residential population. Should SB 828 be voted out of the Senate and reach the Assembly, transmittal of GVGC opposition to Assemblyman Adrin Nazarian (District 46) is also approved. Motion made by Hall. Seconded by Barmettler.

Public Comment. None. Board Comment. Friendly amendment was offered by Jannol to send Assemblyman Nazarian a transmittal regardless of State Senate approval. Friendly amendment was not accepted and was withdrawn. Without objection, President Myrick called the question. Non-Funding Action. Voice Vote. Without objection, Secretary Jannol asked for a Roll Call Vote to facilitate the count: 8 Ayes, 4 Nos, 4 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.

Motion B.2. The GVGC approves a request to the Department of Neighborhood Empowerment that it conduct and publish an updated and enhanced survey of the demographics of the various neighborhood councils. Motion made by Hall. Seconded by Myrick.

Public Comment. None. Board Comment as to how this motion originated. Committee member Barmettler discussed the origin of this motion and how important it is to have current data on GVGC's demographics. Without objection, President Myrick called the question. Non-Funding Action. Voice Vote: 14 Ayes, 0 Nos, 2 Abstentions (Chadwick and Forsyth), and 0 Ineligible. Motion passes.

C. Los Angeles Department of Water & Power (DWP) representative report. Chair Hall submitted a report appearing on page 12 as Item 12C.

D. City Sustainability representative report. Board member D'Antonio submitted a report appearing on page 13 as Item 12D.

E. Valley Alliance of Neighborhood Councils (VANC) report. D'Antonio submitted a report appearing on page 14 as Item 12E.

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

A. Committee report. No report. Public comment from Victoria Brown regarding the drinking fountain at Valley Glen Community Park. It appears that the water quality of that drinking fountain may be bad. The water is not clear. The Committee will contact City of LA Department of Recreation and Parks staff.

B. No motions submitted.

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

A. Committee report. No report.

B. No motions submitted.



15. Community Safety Committee – Julie Casey, Chair

- A. Committee report.** Chair Casey handed out the “Fireworks are Illegal” flyers and asked Board member to take some and pass them out in their Districts. She talked about the community meeting about the illegal fireworks coming from the 6920 Fulton Avenue complex and some other apartment complexes along Fulton. Stakeholders are encouraged to call LAPD’ non-emergency number and WeTip. Unfortunately, for LAPD to make an arrest on fireworks, they must see the illegal activity in progress. Chair Casey reported that she, and Douglas and Jean Chadwick went to a North Hollywood Division meeting. They discussed loud mufflers and how important it is to report those vehicles as it is something LAPD maps. There was Public and Board comment on some neighborhood issues.
- B. Motions.** No motions submitted.

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

- A. Committee report.** No report.
- B.** No motions submitted.

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

At this point in the meeting, President Myrick called for a Recess to move to the Special Meeting Agenda. Board meeting recessed at 8:30 p.m. The Board was called back into session at 8:45 p.m. by President Myrick. Secretary Jannol called the Roll, and the count was the same 16 Board members present as noted in Item #1. A Quorum of 16 was achieved, and the Board resumed the meeting with Items #18 through #20.

18. President’s Motions.

Motion A for Board approval. President requests the Board approve allocation up to \$1,600.00 to install 7 Neighborhood Watch signs in city approved locations (about \$229 per sign installation). Motion made by Myrick. Seconded by Forsyth.

Public Comment. None. Board Comment. None. President Myrick called the question. Funding Action. Roll Call Vote. 14 Ayes, 0 Nos, 1 Abstention (Iversen), 1 Ineligible (Ashkinadze). Motion passes.

Motion B for Board approval. President requests the Board approve allocation of \$218.00 to Amgraph Group to pay licensing fees (social media icons) on the existing Street Banners for 2018-2019-time frame. Motion made by Myrick. Seconded by J. Chadwick.

Public Comment. None. Board Comment. None. Without objection, President Myrick called the question. Funding Action. Roll Call Vote: 14 Ayes, 1 No (Barmettler), 0 Abstentions, 1 Ineligible (Ashkinadze). Motion passes.

Motion C for Board approval. President requests the Board approve allocation up to \$500.00 for production of a “Fireworks Warning” one-sheeter as the Greater Valley Glen area is currently plagued with illegal fireworks sales and random explosions. 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: 11 Ayes, 2 Nos (Friedman and Hall), 2 Abstentions (D’Antonio and Kertis), 1 Ineligible (Ashkinadze). Motion passes.

Motion D for Board approval. President requests the Board approve allocation up to \$400.00 to subscribe to Survey Monkey for 1 year to gather data for the Community Safety Survey and for additional Greater Valley Glen surveys as needs arise. Motion made by Myrick. Seconded by Barmettler.



Public Comment. None. Board Comment. None. Without objection, President Myrick called the question. Funding Action. Roll Call Vote: 11 Ayes, 0 Nos, 4 Abstentions (D. Chadwick, J. Chadwick, D'Antonio and Forsyth), 1 Ineligible (Ashkinadze). Motion passes.

Motion E for Board approval. President requests the Board approve allocation up to \$10.00 to pay for Business Cards for Board members. 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: 15 Ayes, 0 Nos, 0 Abstentions, 1 Ineligible (Ashkinadze). Motion passes.

19. Adjournment. Motion to Adjourn made by Myrick. Seconded by Moore.

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

Meeting adjourned at 9:25 p.m. Next Board meeting (unless preceded by any Special Meeting) and location will be back at Los Angeles Valley College, on Monday, July 2, 2018, at 7:00 p.m. in the Campus Center Fireside Room.

Submitted June 28, 2018,

Mickey Jannol
Greater Valley Glen Council Board Secretary



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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 8), Vacancies per Item 2 (pages 9-11), and Government Relations Committee Reports per Items 12C (page 12), 12D (page 13), and 12E (page 14).

Legend:	06-04-2018 VOTE										
	Roll Call 1	Minutes 3	Treasurer's 4A	Gov't. 12.B.1	Gov't. 12.B.2	President's 19A	President's 19B	President's 19C	President's 19D	President's 19E	Adjournment 21
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:											
Michael Ashkinadze	P	Y	I	Y	Y	I	I	I	I	I	Y
Joseph Barmettler	P	A	A	Y	Y	Y	N	Y	Y	Y	Y
James Casey	P	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y
Julie Casey	P	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y
Douglas Chadwick	P	Y	Y	N	Y	Y	Y	A	Y	Y	Y
Jean Chadwick	P	Y	Y	N	A	Y	Y	A	Y	Y	Y
Joanne D'Antonio	P	A	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	A	Y	Y	Y
September Forsyth	P	Y	Y	N	A	Y	Y	A	Y	Y	Y
Stanley Friedman	P	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y
Walter Hall	P	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y
Derek Iversen	P	Y	A	N	Y	A	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y
Mickey Jannol	P	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y
Malky Kertis	P	Y	Y	A	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y
Cosmo Moore	P	Y	Y	A	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y
Sloan Myrick	P	Y	Y	A	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y
Thomas Newton											
Jon Pelletier											
Dianna Rose	P	Y	Y	A	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y
Linda Wehrli											
Present	16	16	16	16	16	16	16	16	16	16	16
Yes	N/A	14	13	8	14	14	14	11	11	15	16
No	N/A	0	0	4	0	0	1	2	0	0	0
Abstentions	N/A	2	2	4	2	1	0	2	4	0	0
Ineligible	N/A	0	1	0	0	1	1	1	1	1	0
Recused	N/A	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Sum of Yes and No Votes	N/A	14	13	12	14	14	15	13	11	15	16
Required Yes Votes to Pass	N/A	8	7	7	8	8	8	7	6	8	9
Pass/Fail	N/A	Pass	Pass	Pass	Pass	Pass	Pass	Pass	Pass	Pass	Pass
Quorum Count	16	16	16	16	16	16	16	16	16	16	16

Note: Adjournment 21 should read Adjournment 19



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

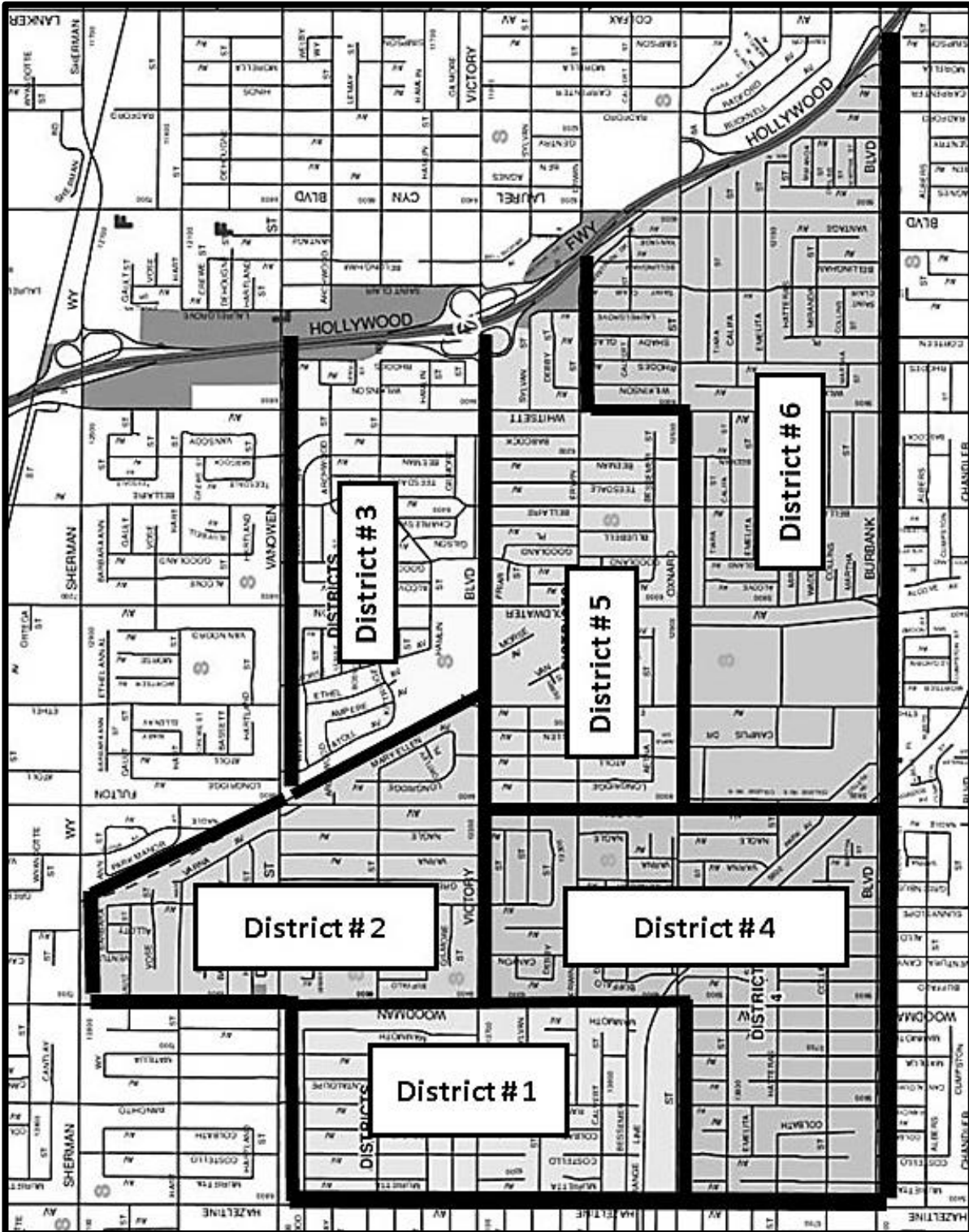
<http://empowerla.org/wp-content/uploads/2012/06/Greater-Valley-Glen-NC-Bylaws.pdf>

Note, these the Bylaws appearing on the GVGC website contain an older version of the GVGC Bylaws. However, pages 3 to 5 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...

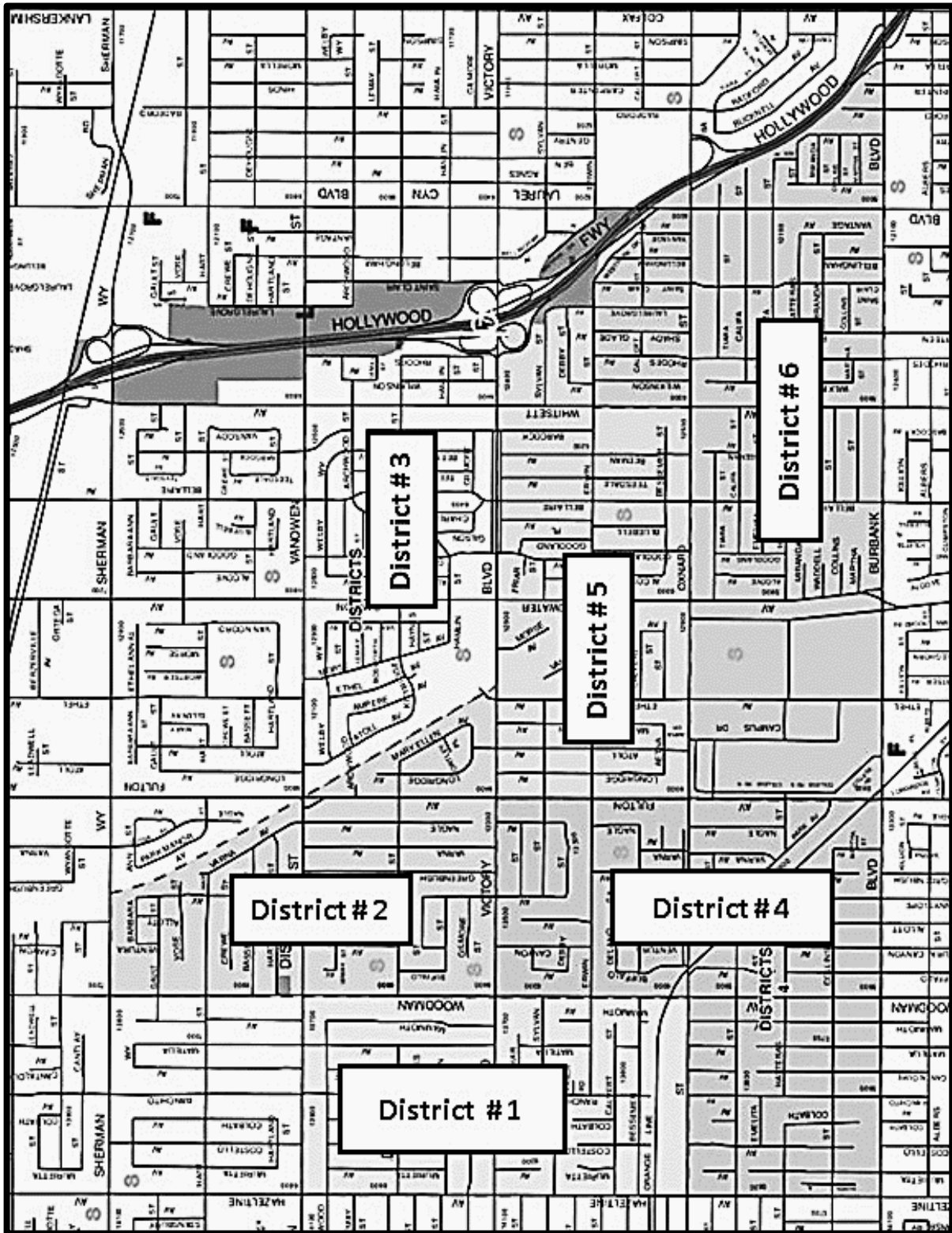
See maps on the next page to provide you with a better visual definition of the District boundaries.

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 12C. LA DWP Neighborhood Council Meeting Report

June 2, 2018 Highlights

Two items were on the agenda:

Item 1. Repowering of the Intermountain Power Plant (IPP) Assistant General Manager of Power Systems, Engineering, Planning & Technical Services, Reiko Kerr, gave a presentation explaining LADWP's proposal to decrease the size of the IPP repowering from the current and approved plan for 1200 megawatts (MW) to 840 MW. (The repowering will replace the present 1,800 MW of coal-fired generation with natural gas, combined cycle generation.) The proposal is on the DWP Board agenda for June 12. For the plan to proceed, if approved by the DWP Board, all 35 IPP participants, both in Southern California and Utah, would also have to sign on to it. The motivation in reducing the gas-fired generation capability is to free up space on the transmission system that brings electricity from central Utah to Southern California. The potential benefit is for an additional 360 MW of power from renewable resources, mostly solar and wind. The reduced 840 MW figure is the minimum amount of generation at the IPP site that is consistent with reliability criteria. More details are available at:

<http://www.ladwpnews.com/information-regarding-proposal-to-reduce-fossil-fuel-generation-at-intermountain-power-project/>

Item 2. Search for Executive Director/Ratepayer Advocate for the Office of Public Accountability. Fred Pickel's 5-year contract has expired but has continued to serve on an interim basis. The City has an ongoing search to find someone to serve under a new 5-year contract. You can express your concerns and opinions about the position and the selection process at:

<http://opacsc.lacity.org/>

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



Agenda Item 12D. Sustainability Report

For May 23, 2018 Gov't Relations Committee and June 4 GVGC Board Meeting

NCSA Trees Committee May 9, 2018 noon teleconference

Diana Zogran reported on her meeting with Bob Holmes, one of the Sunnyslope residents where 17 liquidambar trees are to be removed for sidewalk repair.

Glenn Bailey indicated that VANC has put Joanne D'Antonio of the NCSA Trees Committee on their May 10th agenda to explain the Tree Removal postings, so stakeholders can try to save trees.

Phone calls are needed to get the City Council to vote no on 16-0461 that permits in lieu fees for tree removals. Also calls to be made to request that monies be budgeted for Urban Forestry.

The new ordinance, 13-1339, to add two more protected trees came out of the Planning Commission with the circumference rules unchanged for existing protected trees; but the two additional trees must have a trunk that measures 4 inches at 5 feet from the ground. The ordinance will go before the City Council PLUM Committee next.

There was discussion of San Francisco as a model for Los Angeles. The public was upset and passed Proposition E reverting tree care back to the City.

UFMP Working Group Meeting May 10, 2018 at LA River Center

The tree survey needed for an Urban Forestry Management Plan is ready for people to take between now and July 15 and is available on line:

Link to UFMP Public Input Survey: <https://tinyurl.com/UFMPsurvey>

The Working Group spent the meeting working on a vision statement for Los Angeles trees. The final version was not determined at the meeting.

City Council Meeting May 15, 2018

Agenda item: 16-0461 to establish "in lieu fees for trees removed"

Joanne D'Antonio spoke against the motion, basing her comments on Greater Valley Glen Council's filed CIS. City Council members acknowledged that they received many phone calls opposing this ordinance. Councilmember Krekorian was very concerned about the \$267 in lieu fee to remove trees at properties with 4 or less units and felt this was a 90% discount.

An amendment was offered by Councilmembers Martinez and Kerkorian to postpone the collection of in lieu fees until there is an Urban Forestry Master Plan. It did not pass. Another amendment requiring Council office approval for locations of new tree planting financed by in lieu fees passed as did 16-0461 (all present voting yes except Krekorian no.)

City Council Budget Committee Meeting May 15, 2018

A \$2 million increase was made to Urban Forestry's budget. The mayor budget representative said that more appropriations to address the asks contained the December '18 report of the Urban Forestry Management Plan Working Group would be in next year's budget.

City Council Meeting May 22, 2018

Agenda item: 16-0461 to establish "in lieu fees for trees removed"

City Council had to vote again because the previous week's vote was not unanimous. The motion passed with all present voting yes except Krekorian no.

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



Agenda Item 12E. VANC Meeting 5/10/18

DONE not requiring a strategic plan anymore but encouraging election/candidate outreach. No budget for paid election assistance.”

NCs will again have freedom to choose webmasters, but they must submit a proposal to the NC on letterhead. Risk Management and City Attorney have to look at it and they have to have proof of insurance and business tax certificate. The City owns the domain. There are individual contracts for each NC with individual contracts. No restrictions or guidelines.

DWP Ratepayer Advocate position is open.

Jason Lewis of DWP gave report on progress toward 100% renewables – which is progressing well.

Pamela Manning gave report on Safe Clean Water for LA County Residents.

Fabiola Inzunza introduced as new neighborhood liaison to the City Planning Dept. Rubina Ghazarian of City Planning explained the under SB 743 there has to be a change in way traffic in evaluated in Cities. David Summers of LADOT explained a plan to study traffic patterns, which was received with skepticism.

Joanne D’Antonio of the NCSA Trees Committee explained how to use the NCSA website to find out about proposed tree removals in any Los Angeles Neighborhood Council District should residents want to challenge removals.

BONC report. Vote taken to write to Mayor regarding attendance problem of BONC rep.

Glenn Bailey reported on Council files:

Party house ordinance passed.

14-1635-S2 is at the City Attorney.

15-1022-S2 is still pending

18-0384 parcel tax for clean water

18-0350 buildings built with public finance must permit pet ownership

14-1057-S4 sunsets in June – allows sleeping in vehicles

18-0359 increase in enforcement zone

13-1339 adds two trees to protected tree ordinance

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