



Greater Valley Glen Council ("GVGC")

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REGULAR BOARD MEETING MINUTES - DRAFT

October 1, 2018, 7:00 p.m.

Los Angeles Valley College, Administration and Career Advancement Building, Room 2504

5800 Fulton Ave.

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
Joanne D'Antonio	District 1 Rep	Sloan Myrick	District 5 Rep
Carlos Ferreyra	District 2 Rep	Thomas Newton	Community Organizations Rep
September Forsyth	At-Large Rep	Jon Pelletier	At-Large Rep
Stanley Friedman	Religious Institutions Rep	Dianna Rose	District 3 Rep
Walter Hall	Community Organizations 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 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.

1. **Board Roll Call.** Thirteen (13) members present: Ashkinadze, Barmettler, James Casey, D'Antonio, Ferreyra, Forsyth, Hall, Iversen, Jannol, Moore, Myrick, Newton, and Rose. Five (5) members absent: Julie Casey, Friedman, Kertis (Kertis arrived for the Special Meeting and joined the Regular meeting just before Item 5), Pelletier, and Wehrli. A quorum of 13 was achieved without Kertis.
2. **President's Comments. Possible Nominations to Fill Vacancies.** President Myrick deferred comment until later in the meeting. GVGC is still seeking Board members. Please visit the website greatervalleyglencouncil.org to see how you can be appointed to the Board to fill a vacancy. President's Comments were deferred until later in the meeting.
3. **Board approval of August 6, 2018 Regular Board Meeting and September 13, 2018 Special Meeting 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. 12 Ayes, 0 Nos, 1 Abstention, and 0 Ineligible. Motion passes.
4. **Treasurer's Report.** Treasurer James Casey indicated that, since July 1, 2018, the Board has approximately \$38,000 remaining in the Treasury. James Casey proceeded to motions.

A. Motion for Board approval of July 2018 Monthly Expense Reports (MERs) as per DONE requirements. MERs are found on the following link:

<https://cityclerk.lacity.org/NCFundPortal/display.cfm?id=1191&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: 12 Ayes, 0 Nos, 0 Abstentions, and 1 Ineligible. Motion passes.

B. Motion for Board approval of August 2018 Monthly Expense Reports (MERs) as per DONE requirements. MERs are found on the following link:

<https://cityclerk.lacity.org/NCFundPortal/display.cfm?id=1288&type=5>.

Motion made by Myrick. Seconded by Forsyth. Public Comment. None. Board Comment. None. Without objection, President Myrick called the question. Funding Action. Roll Call Vote: 12 Ayes, 0 Nos, 0 Abstentions, and 1 Ineligible. Motion passes.

C. Motion for Board approval of expenditures of \$32.50 to reimburse Sloan Myrick of out of pocket expenditures for food/beverages at Committee/Special Board Meetings at Uncle Tony's Pizzeria. Motion made by Myrick. Seconded by Rose. Public Comment. None. Board Comment. None. Without objection, President Myrick called the question. Funding Action. Roll Call Vote: 12 Ayes, 0 Nos, 0 Abstentions, and 1 Ineligible. Motion passes.

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

At this time and without objection, at 7:20 p.m., President Myrick Recessed the Regular Meeting to move to the Special Meeting of the GVGC Board.

At 7:30 p.m., President Myrick called the Regular Meeting back to order. Roll Call resulted in Fourteen (14) members present: Ashkinadze, Barmettler, James Casey, D'Antonio, Ferreyra, Forsyth, Hall, Iversen, Jannol, Kertis (now joining the meeting after being absent for Agenda Items 1 to 4C), Moore, Myrick, Newton, and Rose. Four (4) members absent: Julie Casey, Friedman, Pelletier, and Wehrli. A quorum of 14 was achieved.



5. **LAPD Senior Lead Officer ("SLO") Reports.** Officer Lara announced that violent crime is down in the Greater Valley Glen Area covered by LAPD Van Nuys Division. He took some questions from the Board/Public about the CHAMPS school shooting.

6. **Government Representatives Reports.**

A. EMPOWER LA. Semee Park, Director of Operations, attended in place of Representative Vanessa Serrano. Semee discussed the "Online Voting" Pilot project for the 2019 Neighborhood Council ("NC") elections. The Pilot project represents the first testing of how well online voting will work for NC elections. Semee read a list of NCs being considered for the Pilot project. She announced that, thus far, GVGC was not on the list of NCs being considered for the Pilot project. There was some discussion by the Board as to whether GVGC might want to request EMPOWER LA consider GVGC for the Pilot Project. However, given that EMPOWER LA already came out with its preliminary list of NCs, Board member Hall indicated that this list appeared to be final. No further discussion on the matter occurred. No further Board Comment. No Public Comment.

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 Valley Glen Community Park reported on the following: 1) Noting some complaints about over-watering at Valley Glen Community Park ("Park"), Sahag will be speaking to Recreation and Parks Department Supervisor Brian Yamasaki about watering levels, and 2) The Park playground is still going through work scheduling processes for installing the additional shade structure at the playground.

C. Congressman Tony Cardenas. Nigel Sanchez, Field Representative, was not present to give a report.

D. Assemblymember Adrin Nazarian. Vanessa Carr, Field Representative for the Assemblymember, promoted various community events and limited comments to allow for time for Guest speakers.

7. **Guest Speakers.** California Assemblymember Adrin Nazarian ("Adrin"). Adrin discussed the State legislative process, how Bills become law, and how Governor Brown approves/vetoes Bills approved by both the State Assembly and Senate. Adrin discussed SB-1, the approved Gas Tax currently in effect, and Proposition 6, the effort to eliminate the Tax. Adrin indicated he opposes Proposition 6 because funds from SB-1 go to repair the State's aging infrastructure. He discussed the State budget, noting that \$78 billion of the State's \$160 billion budget is dedicated to education. Adrin discussed the statewide shortage of affordable housing and new construction is not keeping pace with demand. On a more local level, Adrin reported on the construction of the sound wall at the 170 Freeway. He also discussed that he supported the efforts of LA Valley College's Family Resource Center ("FRC"). Per the FRC's website, <http://lavcfamilyresourcecenter.org/what-we-do>, FRC offers student/parent programs, parenting workshops, infant and toddler playgroups, children's clothing exchange, diapers, wipes, and formula. Since 2000 the FRC has led the effort to support student parents in higher education. In 2007, FRC faculty secured a generous donation from a local developer, JH Snyder, to build a new facility on the LAVC Child Development and Family Complex on Oxnard Street near Atoll Avenue. Adrin announced that he successfully got \$800,000 of State funds to be allocated to support the FRC's operations. In the interest of time, Adrin took questions outside of the Board meeting.

City of Los Angeles, Department of City Planning. Andrew Rodriguez and Cora Mc Naughton. Cora McNaughton spoke about the Departments role out of the Department's Community Plan Update project. GVGC falls into two community plans, Van Nuys/North Sherman Oaks, and North Hollywood. There will be community "open houses" during October and November to take initial input on how portions of the communities should be zoned. The goal will be to use that community input, along with other input, to make recommendations on updating community plans. Cora took questions from the Public and the Board.

8. **Public Comments on Items not on the Agenda.**

Roxanne Beckford Hoge discussed her candidacy for Assembly representing the GVGC area. She discussed her opinions on housing/commercial development trends in the GVGC area. Steve Weinberg commented on the CERT program and passed out information. Armon (last name no available) commented that he was against Proposition 6, repeal of the Gas tax.



During this period of the Board Meeting, Board member James Casey left the meeting. The Quorum count became 13, the minimum required for Official business.

9. **President's Comments.** President Myrick had no comment at this time.

10. **Planning and Land Use Committee (PLUC) – J. Pelletier, Chair**

A. **Committee Report.** No report.

B. **Motions for Board approval.** No Motions submitted.

11. **Community Outreach Committee – C. Ferreyra, Chair**

A. **Committee report.** Chair Ferreyra reported the Committee has new members/participation and is working on a revised mission statement.

B. **Motions for Board approval.** No motions submitted.

No Public Comment. Board member Iversen discussed the need to get new equipment/other items for outreach. Board member Barmettler discussed the Congress of Neighborhood Councils making available software for use for the 2019 NC elections.

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

A. **Committee report.** Chair Hall had no report and proceeded to discuss motions.

B. **Motions for Board approval.**

Motion B.1. The GVGC Board approves an expenditure of \$250 for sponsorship of the Valley Alliance of Neighborhood Councils (VANC) forum on October 11, 2018. Motion made by Hall. Seconded by Iversen.

Public Comment. None. Board Comment. None. Without objection. President Myrick called the question. Funding Action. Roll Call Vote. 9 Ayes, 1 No, 2 Abstentions, and 1 Ineligible. Motion passes.

Motion B.2. The Greater Valley Glen Council approves the proposed preparation of a detailed report to the City Council on plans for conducting 10 neighborhood council online elections but otherwise opposes approval and expenditures for implementation of such elections until this report is submitted. (CF 15-1022-S3) [CIS the same]. Chair Hall asked that the motion be withdrawn. Without objection, the motion was withdrawn.

Motion B.3. The Greater Valley Glen Council approves the preparation and presentation of an ordinance enabling the City to prohibit and/or regulate the printing, manufacturing, possession, distribution, sale or transfer of 3D-firearms of any kind as well as drawings detailing the specifications for 3D-firearms. (CF 18-0732) [CIS the same] Motion made by Hall. Seconded by Barmettler.

Public Comment. None. Board Comment discussed how this ordinance may infringe upon freedom of press/speech issues. Without objection, President Myrick called the question. Non-Funding Action. Voice Vote. Secretary Jannol asked for and received permission from the Chair to take a Roll Call Vote: 8 Ayes, 0 Nos, 5 Abstentions, and 0 Ineligible. Motion passes.

Motion B.4. The Greater Valley Glen Council approves recognizes the importance of the reporting of hate crimes when they occur; however, Neighborhood Council Board members should not be tasked with the added responsibility of encouraging individuals to report hate crimes. It opposes inclusion of possible Board training in the feasibility study as called for in Council File 18-0720. [CIS the same]

Public Comment. None. Board Comment discussed the reasonability this tasking. Concern focused on the aspect of unpaid Board members having to undergo training for this additional work. Even if this training was worthwhile, this added responsibility could discourage people from serving on the Board. Without objection, President Myrick called the question. Non-Funding Action. Voice Vote. Secretary Jannol asked for and received permission from the Chair to take a Roll Call Vote: 9 Ayes, 1 Nos, and 3 Abstentions. Motion passes.



C. Los Angeles Department of Water & Power (DWP) Representative. Hall submitted a report available on Page 9.

D. City Sustainability Representative. D'Antonio submitted a report available on the following link;

<https://drive.google.com/file/d/1eS6df7hgMCK5LxJUHKyselcea0C3hJCr/view>

E. Valley Alliance of Neighborhood Councils (VANC). Barmettler submitted a report available on the following link:

<https://drive.google.com/file/d/1sA4JYixWvb34bOmJHVibL5aCd4SAdBwZ/view>

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

A. Committee report. Chair Myrick had no report.

B. Motions for Board approval.

Motion B.1. Motion 1: Request Board approve authoring of official GVGC correspondence to the owner of property located at 12827 Victory Blvd (aka Cinemark Theatre property). Subject: Owner negligence surrounding death/decline of numerous mature Street and Parkway trees. Motion made by Myrick. Seconded by D'Antonio. D'Antonio provided some history regarding the landscaping, and how installation of weed barrier plastic, along with decomposed granite, near the trees and lack of care is harming and potentially killing mature trees. The neighborhood is very concerned about this matter and has asked for GVGC's assistance to reach the property owner.

Public Comment. None. Board Comment. Ferreyra indicated that there is a management company that the issue be addressed to as the management company may be coordinating physical management of the entire complex; theatre, and nearby shops/restaurants. Without objection. President Myrick called the question. Non-Funding Action. Voice Vote. 13 Ayes, 0 Nos, 0 Abstentions, and 0 Ineligible. Motion passes.

14. Arts and Education Committee – Julie Casey, Chair

A. Committee report. No report.

B. Motions for Board approval. No motions submitted.

15. Community Safety Committee – T. Newton, Chair

A. Committee report. No report.

B. Motions for Board approval. No motions submitted.

No Public Comment. Board member Barmettler discussed promoting locating a water pod within Greater Valley Glen area, maintained by GVGC for emergency purposes.

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

A. Committee report. Chair Newton indicated that he plans to schedule a meeting this month to continue the review of Bylaws and to discuss recommendations to bring to the Board.

B. Motions for Board approval. No motions submitted.

17. Board member comments on items not on agenda.

Ferreyra promoted the idea of planning a Board Retreat towards the end of the year to discuss Board operations, priorities, and other ideas. President Myrick indicated that he will research options and locations.



18. President's Motions.

Motion A for Board approval. President requests the Board permit GVGC Executives purchase goods and/or services when required. This motion is to satisfy DONE's request that the GVGC board approve non-Treasurer GVGC-related expenditures.

Public Comment. None. Board Comment. There was a question as to why the GVGC has to use a mail box. President Myrick responded that there are still some forms of correspondence that must be received by mail. President Myrick called the question. Funding Action. Roll Call Vote. 12 Ayes, 0 Nos, 0 Abstentions, 1 Ineligible. Motion passes.

19. Intentionally left blank in the Agenda

20. Adjournment. Motion to Adjourn made by Myrick. Seconded by Iversen.

Public Comment. None. Board Comment. None. Without objection, President Myrick called the question. Voice Vote: 13 Ayes, 0 Nos, 0 Nos, 0 Abstentions, 0 Ineligible. Motion passes.

Meeting adjourned at 9:00 p.m. Next Board meeting (unless preceded by any Special Meeting) and location will be on November 5, 2018, 7:00 p.m., at Los Angeles Valley College, Administration and Career Advancement Building, Room 2504.

Submitted November 1, 2018

Mickey Jannol
Greater Valley Glen Council Board Secretary



Disclosures provided with the Agenda for the October 1, 2018 GVGC Regular Board Meeting:

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See the Following Pages for Vote Tally Sheet for Board Member Votes (page 8), and Government Relations Committee Report per Item 12C (page 9).

10-01-2018 VOTE TALLY SHEET

Regular Meeting - by Agenda item

Legend:

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

Board Member Roll Call for:

	Roll Call 1	Minutes 3	Treasurer's 4A	Treasurer's 4B	Treasurer's 4C	Gov't. Relations 12B.1	Gov't. Relations 12B.3	Gov't. Relations 12B.4	Parks 13B.1	President's 18A	Adjournment 20
Michael Ashkinadze	P	Y	I	I	I	I	A	A	Y	I	Y
Joseph Barmettler	P	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y
James Casey	P	Y	Y	Y	Y						
Julie Casey											
Joanne D'Antonio	P	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y
Carlos Ferreyra	P	A	Y	Y	Y	Y	A	Y	Y	Y	Y
September Forsyth	P	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y
Stanley Friedman											
Walter Hall	P	Y	Y	Y	Y	N	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y
Derek Iversen	P	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	N	Y	Y	Y
Mickey Jannol	P	Y	Y	Y	Y	A	Y	A	Y	Y	Y
Malky Kertis						A	A	Y	Y	Y	Y
Cosmo Moore	P	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y
Sloan Myrick	P	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	A	Y	Y	Y	Y
Thomas Newton	P	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	A	Y	Y	Y	Y
Jon Pelletier											
Dianna Rose	P	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	A	Y	Y	Y
Linda Wehrli											
Present	13	13	13	13	13	13	13	13	13	13	13
Yes	N/A	12	12	12	12	9	8	9	13	12	0
No	N/A	0	0	0	0	1	0	1	0	0	0
Abstentions	N/A	1	0	0	0	2	5	3	0	0	0
Ineligible	N/A	0	1	1	1	1	0	0	0	1	0
Recused	N/A	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Sum of Yes and No Votes	N/A	12	12	12	12	10	8	10	13	12	13
Required Yes Votes to Pass	N/A	7	7	7	7	6	5	6	7	7	7
Pass/Fail	N/A	Pass	Pass	Pass	Pass	Pass	Pass	Pass	Pass	Pass	Pass
Quorum Count	13	13	13	13	13	13	13	13	13	13	13



Agenda Item 12C. DWP Report

DWP/Neighborhood Council Meeting September 1, 2018 Highlights

Los Angeles staff is studying the effect on rates of SB 100 that prescribes all California electricity come from renewable sources no later than 2045. They are studying 9 scenarios. Such scenarios consider different mixtures of renewables and their locations.

LADWP is studying lead (Pb) in certain homes as required by state and federal water regulations. This program detects lead in the home water from sources within the home, not from the water delivered by DWP. (One such source might be the solder used in plumbing joints.) If you have an interest, more information is available from Ms. Tamiko Higashiyama at (213) 367-5166.

The Office of Public Accountability's next rate review will be in February 2019. The OPA also presented figures on Capital Investment actual spending versus planned studies, both for the Water and Power Systems and possible implication on rates.

Delon Kwan, DWP Water System, described his department's participation in the Silver Lake Stormwater Project. For more information, a good starting point is at:

<http://eng.lacity.org/sites/g/files/wph726/f/SLRC%20Master%20Plan%20Community%20Meeting%20Presentation%2005.01.2018.pdf>

He also mentioned that the level of Lake Mead (behind Hoover Dam) continues to fall and that it's possible that, in the near future no water will be able to be drawn for transport over the Colorado River Aqueduct.

Jack Humpreville, meeting moderator, voiced his concerns about City and DWP tree-trimming and stressed that the matter will be an ongoing issue for the committee. He also led a brief discussion of the so-called Rain Tax, the county effort to charge landowners 2.5 to 3.5 cents per square foot of property that is impermeable and can't absorb rainfall or storm runoff. Analysis estimates the total yearly tax revenue to be about \$300 million.

Submitted

**Walter Hall
DWP Representative**