



## Greater Valley Glen Council ("GVGC")

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### REGULAR BOARD MEETING MINUTES - DRAFT

March 4, 2019, 7:00 p.m.

Los Angeles Valley College, Administration and Career Advancement Building, Room 2504  
5800 Fulton Avenue Valley Glen, CA 91401

#### Officers

<b>Sloan Myrick</b>	President
<b>Derek Iversen</b>	Vice President
<b>Carlos Ferreyra</b>	Treasurer
<b>Mickey Jannol</b>	Secretary

#### Board Members

<b>Brian Allman</b>	At-Large Rep	<b>Malky Kertis</b>	District 4 Rep
<b>Joseph Barmettler</b>	At-Large Rep	<b>Artur Manasyan</b>	Youth Rep
<b>Julie Casey</b>	District 6 Rep	<b>Jah Milton</b>	Education Institutions Rep
<b>Joanne D'Antonio</b>	District 1 Rep	<b>Cosmo Moore</b>	District 4 Rep
<b>Carlos Ferreyra</b>	District 2 Rep	<b>Sloan Myrick</b>	District 5 Rep
<b>Stanley Friedman</b>	Religious Institutions Rep	<b>Peter Nasi</b>	District 3 Rep
<b>Hrach Hambartsumyan</b>	Merchant Rep	<b>Thomas Newton</b>	Community Organizations Rep
<b>Walter Hall</b>	Community Organizations Rep	<b>Marco Recio</b>	District 2 Rep
<b>Derek Iversen</b>	District 5 Rep	<b>Alex Silva</b>	District 1 Rep
<b>Mickey Jannol</b>	Commercial Property Rep		

#### Board of Neighborhood Commissioners Required Disclosures:

- 1) A Quorum of at least 13 Board members present is needed to discuss/consider/vote on Official Actions.
- 2) With a Quorum, Official Actions other than Bylaw changes are approved by Majority of the sum of Ayes and No votes cast. Abstentions are not considered. Bylaw changes require a 2/3 vote of the seated Board at the time of Bylaw change consideration (19 per above).
- 3) Each Agenda Item shows the "No, Abstention, and Ineligible (or recusal)" votes by each Board Member. If the Board member's name does not appear, it means that the Board member voted Aye.



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

1. **Call to Order** was at 7:08 p.m. and commenced with the Pledge of Allegiance.
2. **Board Roll Call and President's Comments (Part 1)**. 15 members present: Barmettler, Casey, D'Antonio, Ferreyra, Friedman, Hall, Hambartsumyan, Iversen, Jannol, Manasyan, Moore, Myrick, Newton, Recio, and Silva. Absent (4): Allman, Kertis, Milton, and Nasi. A quorum was achieved. President's Comments part 1 follow (these were listed on the Agenda as "another item #2" as follows:
  - a) President Myrick announced the resignation of Jon Pelletier from the Board per Pelletier's resignation letter in February. President Myrick also announced that this will be Thomas Newton's last meeting as he is planning to move out of the Greater Valley Glen area. He wished Newton well.
  - b) **Motion for Board approval of nomination of Dan Lopez to fill vacant District 6 Rep seat.** Dan Lopez was not able to attend this meeting. Without objection, President Myrick withdrew this motion. He invited other nominations. Although there were none, President Myrick encouraged nominations to fill Board vacancies at future Board meetings.
  - c) President Myrick commented on the need for Board members to serve as Chairs of Committees considering that some current Chairs are not planning to run for re-election to the Board.
  - d) President Myrick thanked all those interested in running for a seat on the GVGC Board. The candidate filing period ended at 5:00 p.m. March 4, 2019. He announced that he will not be running for a seat on the new Board, and wished all candidates well in advance of the May 16, 2019 election to be held at the Concorde School, 12444 Victory Blvd., from 4:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. He announced that Carlos Ferreyra is working with the LA City Clerk to coordinate election arrangements.
3. **Board approval of February regular meeting minutes and February special meeting minutes.** Motion made to approve both meeting minutes as presented made by Jannol. Seconded by Iversen. Public Comment. None. Board Comment. None. Without objection, President Myrick called the question. Non-Funding Action. Voice Vote. 15 Ayes, 0 Nos, 0 Abstentions, 0 Ineligible. Motion passes.
4. **Treasurer's Report – Carlos Ferreyra, Treasurer.** Treasurer Ferreyra reported that before any actions on this evening's money motions, \$15,574 remains to be spent until the end of this fiscal year – June 30, 2019. He also announced to the Board that the City Clerk is kicking back approval of purchases by credit card not accompanied by receipts showing the detail of the expenditure. He reminded Board members to make sure credit card purchases are fully documented.
  - A. **Motion for Board approval of January 2019 MERs for as per DONE requirements.**  
<https://cityclerk.lacity.org/NCFundPortal/display.cfm?id=1775&type=5>  
Motion made by Ferreyra. Seconded by Myrick. Public Comment. None. Board Comment. Hall requested confirmation that the figure on the remaining funds (mentioned above) considered the shade cloth that was reserved for the Valley Glen Community Park. Treasurer Ferreyra indicated it did. Without objection, President Myrick called the question. Funding Action. Roll Call Vote. 13 Ayes, 0 Nos, 1 Abstention (Iversen), 1 Ineligible (Manasyan). Motion passes.
  - B. **Budget Advocate Report.** Freddie Cupen Ames, Budget Advocate was not present.
5. **LAPD Senior Lead Officer (SLO) Report.**  
SLO Perez reported on an arrest made in connection with tagging in an area of Greater Valley Glen. SLO Perez promoted the creation of neighborhood watch groups. Ferreyra indicated that the tagging arrest in question would not have happened without that neighborhood watch's recent creation which motivated neighbors to report illegal activity.
6. **Government Representatives Reports.**
  - A. **EmpowerLA Neighborhood Empowerment Advocate, Gibson Nyambura.** Gibson announced that the GVGC Board election filing deadline has now passed. Now it is time to step up outreach efforts to get stakeholders to vote. Ferreyra announce he needs volunteers from the Board – who are not running for a seat – to volunteer to help on election day May 16<sup>th</sup>.



**B. LA City Councilmember Paul Krekorian's Field Deputy, Sahag Yedalian.** Sahag was not present.

**C. Office of Congressman Tony Cárdenas, Rep Nigel Sanchez.** Nigel was not present.

**D. Office of Assemblymember Adrin Nazarian, Rep Vanessa Carr.** Vanessa reported the Assemblymember has introduced 26 bills during the current session of the State Assembly. The key piece of legislation is to transform State armories into homeless shelters. Barmettler requested Vanessa provide him with a list of the 26 bills so that that the Board could track them and opine on bills of importance to stakeholders.

**E. Other Government Reps.** Tamar Galatzan, Assistant City Attorney and Neighborhood Prosecutor spoke. As at prior GVGC meetings, Tamar indicated that her #1 neighborhood complaint issue is neighbor-on-neighbor disputes. She indicated that she will be leaving her post as neighborhood prosecutor to another position in the City Attorney's office. Her replacement will be announced shortly. **Public Comments on Items not on the Agenda.** Two candidates for the GVGC Board – the District 6 seat – spoke to announce their candidacy. Board member Moore encouraged all the Public to get involved in the GVGC Board even if they fail to win a seat or did not file as a candidate. Moore announced that there may be vacant seats and that any stakeholder can be appointed to a Committee. Anabelle Whetham of District 6 reported that she has been successful getting neighbors on Sylvan street east of Whitsett Avenue to agree to apply for speed humps. Robin Shafer, resident of District 5 and Board member of the Valley Glen Neighborhood Association (VGNA) promoted attendance at the VGNA Town Hall on March 12<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 p.m. at the same location as the GVGC meeting. Board member Ferreyra encouraged that the VGNA and GVGC work together to promote Valley Glen interests.

#### **7. Planning and Land Use – No Chair**

**A. Committee Report.** President Myrick announced there was no Committee report.

**B Motions.** There were no motions.

#### **8. Outreach Committee – C. Ferreyra, Chair**

**A. Committee Report.** Chair Ferreyra reported that he arranged for a one-page ad in the Valley Glen Voice promoting the elections. The Valley Glen Voice issue should be coming out in mid-May. Chair Ferreyra is also working on completing the translation of GVGC promotional materials into Spanish and Armenian in order to make flyers promoting the election. The election will be held at the Concorde School, 12444 Victory Blvd., May 16, 2019 from 4:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.

**B. Motions.** There were no motions.

#### **9. Government Relations Committee – W. Hall, Chair**

**A. Committee Report.** Chair Hall indicated he continues to work with the GVGC webmaster to get reports posted to the website faster. The Public and/or any Board member will be able to locate these reports on the website faster.

**B. Motions.**

**Motion 1.** The GVGC Board approves transmittal to Senator Robert Hertzberg (District 18) its opposition to proposed legislation SB 50 (Wiener) as an unnecessary infringement of the City of Los Angeles' powers to plan and zone for its growing residential population. Should SB 50 be voted out of the Senate and reach the Assembly, transmittal of GVGC opposition to this legislation will be sent to Assemblyman Adrin Nazarian (District 46). Motion made by Hall. Seconded by Myrick.

Public comment. None. Board Comment. Barmettler indicated that the Valley Alliance of Neighborhood Councils (VANC) is against SB 50. Without objection, President Myrick called the question. Non-Funding Action. Voice Vote. 15 Ayes, 0 Nos, 0 Abstentions, 0 Ineligible. Motion passes.

**Motion 2.** The GVGC board approves reimbursement to Walter Hall of \$11.00 for the cost incurred in posting letters in support of the Dudek report to the Mayor, City Council Members and the Board of Public Works, 20 in total. 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. 13 Ayes, 0 Nos, 1 Abstention (Hall), 1 Ineligible (Manasyan). Motion passes.



**Motion 3 and CIS.** Where new businesses are proposed or changes in the way existing businesses are operated are proposed, a neighborhood council can serve as the forum for gathering and quantifying community concerns. The GVGC recognizes that obtaining a Conditional Use Permit (CUP) for granting on-site alcohol sales can be a lengthy and burdensome process, but the creation of a set of standard conditions that an applicant simply agrees to adhere to must be preceded by the applicant appearing at the neighborhood council to explain his/her business plan and detail how these standard conditions will be implemented. Should, the neighborhood council choose to move an opinion on the issuance of a proposed CUP, it should bear consideration. Additionally, we are concerned that adequate enforcement of adherence to the long list of conditions proposed will be problematical. (CF 17-0981). Motion made by Hall. Seconded by Myrick.

Public Comment. None. Board Comment. Several questions about the wording of the motion and whether the statement could be more simplified resulted in Chair Hall withdrawing the motion without objection. Chair Hall will ask the Committee to rewrite the motion with the hope of bringing it back to the next Board meeting.

**C. DWP representative report.** Hall did not have a report for the February 5th to March 4<sup>th</sup> period. Please see the following link for prior reports: <https://www.greatervalleyglencouncil.org/special-reports/>

**D. City Sustainability report.** D'Antonio submitted two reports that appear on the GVGC website as two links: [https://www.greatervalleyglencouncil.org/wp-content/uploads/docs/SustainabilityReport\\_2019-02-20.pdf](https://www.greatervalleyglencouncil.org/wp-content/uploads/docs/SustainabilityReport_2019-02-20.pdf) and [https://www.greatervalleyglencouncil.org/wp-content/uploads/docs/SustainabilityReport\\_2019-03-04.pdf](https://www.greatervalleyglencouncil.org/wp-content/uploads/docs/SustainabilityReport_2019-03-04.pdf)

**E. VANC report.** Barmettler submitted a report. It appears on the GVGC website with the following link: [https://www.greatervalleyglencouncil.org/wp-content/uploads/docs/VANCReport\\_2019-02-14.pdf](https://www.greatervalleyglencouncil.org/wp-content/uploads/docs/VANCReport_2019-02-14.pdf)

**10. Omitted on original Agenda**

**11. Omitted on original Agenda**

**12. Parks, Community Improvements, and Medians – S. Myrick Chair**

**A. Committee Report.** Chair Myrick had no report and asked the Board members and Public to consider being the new Chair of the Committee.

**B. Motions.** There were no motions.

**13. Arts and Education – J. Casey, Chair**

**A. Committee Report.** Chair Casey proceeded to motions.

**B. Motions.**

**Motion 1.** The Committee requests the Board approve up to \$200.00 to reimburse Rose Freeland Bayliss, the graphic designer for the monuments, for the PayPal fees incurred from our payment to her via PayPal. Motion made by Casey. Seconded by Barmettler.

Public comment. None. Board Comment. None. Without objection, President Myrick called the question. Funding Action. Roll Call Vote. 14 Ayes, 0 Nos, 0 Abstentions, 1 Ineligible (Manasyan).

**Motion 2.** The Committee requests the Board approve the final design concepts, with priority given to the 1st design (per attachment provided), for the "Welcome to the Neighborhood" monuments to move forward with and start fabrication, *with the monument at the corner of Burbank Blvd. and Coldwater Canyon being given priority.* Motion made by Casey. Seconded by Iversen. The italicized text was a friendly amendment offered by Jannol and accepted by Casey.

Public Comment. None. Board Comment. None. Without objection, President Myrick called the question. Non-Funding Action. Voice Call Vote. 13 Ayes, 1 No (Hall), 0 Abstentions, 0 Ineligible. Motion passes.

**Motion 3.** The Arts Committee requests that the Board approve up to \$15,000.00 to fabricate & install one "Welcome to the Neighborhood" monument, *with the monument at the corner of Burbank Blvd. and Coldwater Canyon being given priority.* Motion made by Hall. Seconded by Myrick. The italicized text was a friendly amendment offered by Jannol and accepted by Casey.

Public Comment. None. Board Comment. None. Without objection, President Myrick called the question. Funding Action. Roll Call Vote. 13 Ayes, 1 No (Hall), 0 Abstentions, 1 Ineligible (Manasyan). Motion passes.



**14. Community Safety Committee– T. Newton, Chair**

**A. Committee Report.** Chair Newton promoted LA City RYLAN program, Ready Your Los Angeles Neighborhood <https://emergency.lacity.org/rylan/about>. He suggested getting LAPD Valley Traffic Division to come to meetings so concerns about speeding can be elevated. Hall indicated that on streets 60 feet wide or more radar can be installed as a speeding deterrent.

**B. Motions.** There were no motions.

**15. Ad-hoc By-Laws Committee– D. Iversen, Chair**

**A. Committee Report.** Chair Iversen indicated that there are two amendment motions. Given that there are 19 seated Board members and that a 2/3 vote is needed to amend the Bylaws, it will take 13 Aye votes to approve any of the motions. Approved amendments need to be submitted to EmpowerLA Rep, so that EmpowerLA can determine if the amendment can be approved in-house by EmpowerLA or needs to be approved by the City’s Board of Neighborhood Commissioners. Chair Iversen then moved on to the motions.

**B. Motions.**

**Motion 1.**

**Request board approve update Merchants and Businesspersons seat requirements (as explained per figure below):**

<p>Merchants and Business Persons Liaison– 2 At-Large Seats</p>	<p>Elected through self-nomination</p>	<p><del>Community Stakeholder who is 18 years of age or older and who is an owner/employee or owner's representative of retail, wholesale, industrial or service business located within the GVGC community grid area commercially zoned property.</del>  <b>Community Stakeholder who is an owner or the owner's representative of a business holding a current City of Los Angeles Tax Registration Certificate (otherwise known as a City of Los Angeles business license) with said license showing a business address within the GVGC boundaries.</b></p>	<p><del>Community Stakeholder who is 18 years of age or older at the time of the election and who is an owner/employee of retail, wholesale, industrial or service business located within the GVGC community area on commercially zoned property.</del>  <b>Community Stakeholder who is 18 years of age or older who occupies and either leases, owns or rents their place of residence within the GVGC boundaries, whether single or multi-family.</b></p>
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Motion made by Iversen. Seconded by Moore.

Public comment. None. Board Comment. Chair Iversen walked the attendees through the requested changes and rationale behind the changes. Without objection, President Myrick called the question. Non-Funding Action. Without objection, Secretary Jannol requested a Roll Call vote since this is a Bylaw amendment. 15 Ayes, 0 Nos, 0 Abstentions, 0 Ineligible. Motion passes.

**Motion 2.**

**Request Board approve update of the following GVGC Bylaws Board Position verbiage from (as explained per figure on following page):**

<p>Commercial Property Owner Liaison – 2 At-Large Seats</p>	<p>Elected through self-nomination</p>	<p>Community Stakeholder who is 18 years of age or older and who is an owner/employee of income property within the GVGC area used for residential rental (including single family residence used exclusively as income producing property or multi-family housing), retail stores, offices, service businesses, industrial facilities or any other recognized commercial use provided that the owner does not reside on the property.</p>	<p><del>Community Stakeholder who is 18 years of age or older at the time of the election and who is an owner/employee of income property within the GVGC area used for residential rental (including single family residence used exclusively as income producing property or multi-family housing), retail stores, offices, service businesses, industrial facilities or any other recognized commercial use provided that the owner does not reside on the property.</del>  <b>Community stakeholder who is 18 years of age or older who occupies and either leases, owns or rents their place of residence within the GVGC boundaries, whether single or multi-family.</b></p>
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Motion made by Iversen. Seconded by Barmettler.

Public comment. None. Board Comment. Chair Iversen walked the attendees through the requested changes and rationale behind the changes. Without objection, President Myrick called the question. Non-Funding Action. Without objection, Secretary Jannol requested a Roll Call vote since this is a Bylaw amendment. 15 Ayes, 0 Nos, 0 Abstentions, 0 Ineligible. Motion passes.

**16. Board Comment on Items not on the Agenda.** D’Antonio suggested that Board members use the outside hallway to discuss issues of personal interest with the Public. This would reduce the noise level in the meeting room. Ferreyra thanked all the candidates present for running for a seat on the GVGC Board. Casey recommended that candidates become very familiar with the GVGC Bylaws to understand how the GVGC works. Ferreyra noted that Valley Glen Neighborhood Association will have its Board elections at its March 12, 2019 Town Hall meeting in the same building and room at 7:00 p.m. at LA Valley College. President Myrick thanked the Board members for working with him during his tenure as President. He will take a leave from the Board for a while but hopes to stay in touch with the community.

**17. President’s Motion.**

**Motion 1.**

President requests the Board approve the nomination of Peter Nasi as Planning and Land Use Committee Chair. Motion made by Myrick. Seconded by Moore.

Public comment. None. Board Comment. None. Without objection, President Myrick called the question. Non-Funding Action. Voice Vote. 15 Ayes, 0 Nos, 0 Abstentions, 0 Ineligible.



- 18. Adjournment.** Motion to adjourn made by Myrick. Seconded by Jannol. Public Comment. None. Board Comment. Board members noted that there was no Board Comment on items not on the agenda. With no Board member having further comment and without objection, President Myrick called the question. Voice Vote: 15 Ayes, 0 Nos, 0 Nos, 0 Abstentions, 0 Ineligible. Motion passes. Meeting adjourned at 9:00 p.m. Next Regular Board meeting and location will be on April 1, 2019, 7:00 p.m., at Los Angeles Valley College, in the Administration Career and Advancement Building, Room 2504.

Submitted April 3, 2019

**Mickey Jannol**  
**Greater Valley Glen Council Board Secretary**

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