



Greater Valley Glen Council ("GVGC")

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REGULAR BOARD MEETING MINUTES - DRAFT

April 1, 2019, 7:00 p.m.

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

Officers

Sloan Myrick	President
Derek Iversen	Vice President
Carlos Ferreyra	Treasurer
Mickey Jannol	Secretary

Board Members

Brian Allman	At-Large Rep	Malky Kertis	District 4 Rep
Joseph Barmettler	At-Large Rep	Dan Lopez	District 6 Rep
Julie Casey	District 6 Rep	Artur Manasyan	Youth Rep
Joanne D'Antonio	District 1 Rep	Jah Milton	Education Institutions Rep
Carlos Ferreyra	District 2 Rep	Cosmo Moore	District 4 Rep
Stanley Friedman	Religious Institutions Rep	Sloan Myrick	District 5 Rep
Hrach Hambartsumyan	Merchant Rep	Peter Nasi	District 3 Rep
Walter Hall	Community Organizations Rep	Marco Recio	District 2 Rep
Derek Iversen	District 5 Rep	Robin Shafer	Community Organizations Rep
Mickey Jannol	Commercial Property Rep	Alex Silva	District 1 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 (20 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 7:07 p.m. and commenced with the Pledge of Allegiance.
2. **Board Roll Call and President's Comments (Part 1)**. 14 members present: Barmettler, Casey, D'Antonio, Ferreyra, Friedman, Hall, Iversen, Jannol, Manasyan, Milton, Moore, Myrick, Nasi, and Silva. Absent 4: Allman, Hambartsumyan, Kertis, and Recio. A quorum was achieved. President's Comments part 1 follow (these were listed on the Agenda as "another item #2" as follows:

a) Nominations for Board seats.

Motion for Board approval of nomination of Dan Lopez to fill vacant District 6 Rep seat. Motion made by Myrick. Seconded by Ferreyra. Public Comment. Dan Lopez introduced himself. He received his undergraduate education at USC and has worked for several campaigns for local and State offices. He has lived in the GVGC area for 5 years and wants to get more involved with his community. Without objection, President Myrick called the question. Non-Funding Action. Voice Vote. 14 Ayes, 0 Nos, 0 Abstentions, 0 Ineligible. Motion passes.

Lopez took his seat on the Board and is eligible to vote on all matters. Quorum count is now 15.

President Myrick invited other nominations.

Motion for Board approval of nomination of Shafer to fill vacant Community Organization Rep seat. Motion made by Myrick. Seconded by Barmettler. Public Comment. Robin Shafer introduced herself. She is a retired teacher and has lived in Valley Glen for over 40 years in District 5 near Monlux elementary School. Robin is currently on the Board of the Valley Glen neighborhood Association ("VGNA") and was asked by her Board to fill the same seat held by Thomas Newton, who left the Board because he moved out of the GVGC area. She hopes to represent VGNA, as well as all community organizations, on the GVGC Board. Board Comment. Jannol vouched for Robin Shafer's service on the VGNA Board as well as VGNA Board's and Thomas Newton's desire to see Robin Shafer serve in his place. Without objection, President Myrick called the question. Non-Funding Action. Voice Vote. 15 Ayes, 0 Nos, 0 Abstentions, 0 Ineligible. Motion passes.

Shafer took her seat on the Board and is not eligible to vote on funding matters. Quorum count is now 16.

b) 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.

3. **Board approval of March regular meeting minutes.** Postponed to May regular meeting.

4. **Treasurer's Report – Carlos Ferreyra, Treasurer.**

A. Motion for Board approval of February 2019 MERs for as per DONE requirements.

<https://cityclerk.lacity.org/NCFundPortal/display.cfm?id=1874&type=5>

Motion made by Ferreyra. Seconded by Myrick. Public Comment. None. Board Comment. none. Without objection, President Myrick called the question. Funding Action. Roll Call Vote. 14 Ayes, 0 Nos, 0 Abstentions, 2 Ineligible (Manasyan and Shafer). Motion passes.

B. Motion to approve personal expenditure of \$37.23 to Sloan Myrick for March Committee food and beverages. Motion made by Ferreyra. 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 (Myrick), 2 Ineligible (Manasyan and Shafer). Motion passes.

C. Motion to approve personal expenditure of \$119.57 to Sloan Myrick for March board meeting food and beverages. Motion made by Ferreyra. 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, 1 Abstention (Myrick), 2 Ineligible (Manasyan and Shafer). Motion passes.

D. Board approval for payment of \$1,000.00 to Big Concepts, Inc. for balance due on design concept for monument sign. Motion was withdrawn.



E. Board approval of \$126.00 to ICDSOft for website hosting services. Motion made by Ferreyra. Seconded by Iversen. Public Comment. None. Board Comment. none. Without objection, President Myrick called the question. Funding Action. Roll Call Vote. 14 Ayes, 0 Nos, 0 Abstentions, 2 Ineligible (Manasyan and Shafer). Motion passes.

F. Board approval of \$45.00 to Constant Contact for community email services. Motion made by Ferreyra. Seconded by Myrick. Public Comment. None. Board Comment. none. Without objection, President Myrick called the question. Funding Action. Roll Call Vote. 14 Ayes, 0 Nos, 0 Abstentions, 2 Ineligible (Manasyan and Shafer). Motion passes.

G. Board approval of \$266.77 to Moore Business Results for Election website management and services. Motion made by Ferreyra. Seconded by Myrick. Public Comment. None. Board Comment. None. Without objection, President Myrick called the question. Funding Action. Roll Call Vote. 14 Ayes, 0 Nos, 0 Abstentions, 2 Ineligible (Manasyan and Shafer). Motion passes.

H. Board approval of \$491.31 to Moore Business Results for website management. Motion made by Ferreyra. Seconded by Myrick. Public Comment Board Comment. Hall had questions on how Moore Business Results charges for web services; flat fee, hourly, etc. Without objection, President Myrick called the question. Funding Action. Roll Call Vote. 14 Ayes, 0 Nos, 0 Abstentions, 2 Ineligible (Manasyan and Shafer). Motion passes.

I. Budget Advocate Report. Freddie Cupen Ames, Budget Advocate was not present to provide a report

5. LAPD Senior Lead Officer (SLO) Report.

SLO Bergmann and SLO Perez reported on crime and other public safety issues.

6. Government Representatives Reports.

A. EmpowerLA Neighborhood Empowerment Advocate, Gibson Nyambura. Gibson was not present at this meeting.

B. LA City Councilmember Paul Krekorian, District 2 Field Deputy, Sahag Yedalian. Sahag reported on City and neighborhood issues. He also took questions from the Public.

C. Office of Congressman Tony Cárdenas, Rep Nigel Sanchez. Nigel was not present at this meeting. .

D. Office of Assemblymember Adrin Nazarian, Rep Vanessa Carr. Vanessa was not present at this meeting.

E. Other Government Reps. Kevin James, President of the LA City Board of Commissioners of Public Works made a presentation on what the commission does. He also took questions from the Public. Daniel Tam of LA City Sanitation Department spoke to promote his Department's activity and took questions.

7. Public Comments on Items not on the Agenda. Comments came from Ethan Sensor. Rudy Melendez, Andrea Schmidt, Daisy Hernandez, and Jenna Haase.

8. Planning and Land Use – P. Nasi, Chair

A. Committee Report. Chair Nasi indicated there was no meeting last month as he was out recovering from surgery.

B Motions. There were no motions.

9. Outreach Committee – C. Ferreyra, Chair

A. Committee Report. Chair Ferreyra reported that 44 days remain to the GVGC election May 16, 2019 4-8 p.m. 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.

10. Government Relations Committee – W. Hall, Chair

A. Committee Report. Chair Hall proceeded to the motions.

B. Motions (next page).



Motion 1 and CIS. The GVGC Board is against the proposed streamlined application process for approving a Conditional Use Permit (CUP) for granting on-site sales of alcohol unless it is amended to include, in addition, neighborhood council consideration in that process. We also are concerned that adequate enforcement of adherence to the long list of conditions in the proposal will be difficult. (CF17-0981 and Planning Commission item CPC-2018-4660-CA) [In addition, a letter to Councilman Krekorian informing him of this motion will be sent.] Motion made by Hall. Seconded by Ferreyra.

Public comment. None. Board Comment. Ferreyra indicated this is another attempt to bypass community and neighborhood council input in tailoring CUPS to fit community concerns. Without objection, President Myrick called the question. Non-Funding Action. Voice Vote. 16 Ayes, 0 Nos, 0 Abstentions, 0 Ineligible. Motion passes.

Motion 2 and CIS. The GVGC board is for the council motion directing the Department of Recreation and Parks to report on a strategy and timeline for a pilot program to evaluate the use of zero-emission maintenance equipment at parks and golf courses. (CF 18-0131) Motion made by Hall. Seconded by Iversen.

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

Motion 3 and CIS. The GVGC board is for the council motion directing the Department of Recreation and Parks to report on its acquiring and using zero-emission, battery powered lawn and garden equipment as well as all other City departments that use lawn and garden equipment to report on strategies and timelines for creating a pilot program to evaluate their use of zero-emission maintenance equipment, including possible use of the AQMD equipment exchange program. (CF 19-0128) Motion made by Hall. Seconded by Jannol.

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

Motion 4 and CIS. The Greater Valley Glen Council is against conducting a tree inventory of Los Angeles street trees that utilizes volunteers and non-professionals as described in the tree-trimming report by Controller Ron Galperin. While we agree that a tree inventory and maintenance software is absolutely vital to the function of Urban Forestry and these are badly needed quickly, this non-professional enterprise could be a huge waste of time and money unless it is conducted by an outside professional inventory company employing certified arborists who do an "in person" evaluation of the City's street trees -- trees which sometimes, but not always, have been subjected to invasive insects, often over-pruned, and can be mistaken for dead during certain times of the year unless inspected by a pro. We are losing our urban forest at a rapid rate due to many factors, and we cannot afford the mistakes of a non-professional identifying the large number of species (many that look nearly the same but have different ecosystem services), as well as trying to assess the widely varying and complicated conditions of the City's trees. Urban Forestry Division can acquire the same Davey software as Recreation and Parks but must follow the good example of the County of Los Angeles and populate the software using unbiased professionals to determine the species and condition of each tree. Anything less would be pennywise and pound foolish. (CFs 19-0188 and 18-0600-S84) Motion made by Hall. Seconded by Ferreyra.

Public Comment. None. Board Comment. D'Antonio discussed the details of the motion and the arguments for the motion. Without objection, Chair called the question. Non-Funding Action. Voice Vote. 16 Ayes, 0 Nos, 0 Abstentions, 0 Ineligible. Motion passes.

C. DWP representative report. Hall did not have a report for the March 5 to April 1 period. Please see the following link for prior reports: <https://www.greatervalleyglencouncil.org/special-reports/>

D. City Sustainability report. D'Antonio submitted a report. It appears on the GVGC website with the following link: https://www.greatervalleyglencouncil.org/wp-content/uploads/docs/SustainabilityReport_2019-04-01.pdf

E. VANC report. Barmettler reported that the VANC Mixer occurred last month and was well attended. did not have a report for the March 5 to April 1 period. Please see the following link for prior reports: <https://www.greatervalleyglencouncil.org/special-reports/>

11. Omitted on Agenda

12. Omitted on Agenda



13. Parks, Community Improvements, and Medians – No Chair

A. Committee Report. President 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.

14. Arts and Education – J. Casey, Chair

A. Committee Report. Chair Casey discussed the Adopt-A-Median process as it relates to the Coldwater Canyon and Burbank Blvd. proposed replacement sign on the northeast triangle. She indicate that GVGC may only have to adopt the replacement sign vs. the entire triangle (the triangle includes all the landscaping around the proposed sign). Casey announced that due to family matters, she will need to take time off from the Board. She did not seek re-election to the Board. Her resignation is effective with the seating of the new Board, as early as June 3, 2019.

B. Motions. There were no motions.

15. Community Safety Committee– No Chair

A. Committee Report. President Myrick indicated that Oxnard Street, as well as Victory Blvd. need more attention from LAPD Valley Traffic.

B. Motions. There were no motions.

16. Ad-hoc By-Laws Committee– D. Iverson, Chair

A. Committee Report. Chair Iversen indicated that no further Bylaw changes are being considered until a new Board is seated after the election.

B. Motions. No motions.

Board Comment on Items not on the Agenda. There were comments to reach out to the new president of LA Valley College (name to be announced). There were also comments on DWP energy saving promotions, and a desire to work with Grant high School on Neighborhood Purpose Grants.

17. President's Motion.

Motion 1.

President requests the Board approve the nomination of Alex Silva as Community Safety Committee Chair. Motion made by Myrick. Seconded by Hall.

Public comment. None. Board Comment. None. Without objection, President Myrick called the question. Non-Funding Action. Voice Vote. 16 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: 16 Ayes, 0 Nos, 0 Abstentions, 0 Ineligible. Motion passes. Meeting adjourned at 9:00 p.m. Next Regular Board meeting and location will be on May 6, 2019, 7:00 p.m., at Los Angeles Valley College, in the Administration Career and Advancement Building.

Submitted May 24, 2019

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



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