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- **Committee Members** -  
Joanne D'Antonio  
Sloan Myrick  
Rich Pisani  
Vic Viereck

**Government Relations Committee MINUTES- AMENDED**  
**Tuesday, July 1, 2014 - 6:30 PM**  
**Laurence School, 13639 Victory Boulevard**  
**(entrance/parking off Woodman)**  
**Valley Glen, CA 91401**

1. Call to Order and Roll Call - **Meeting called to order at 6:38 p.m. All are present.**
2. Approval of Minutes for May 27, 2014 - **approved by unanimous vote**
3. General Public Comments on non agenda items (see rules above) - **none**
4. Committee Member Comments on non agenda items - **none**
5. Discussion regarding BONC proposals regarding Neighborhood Councils.  
**Motion: The Greater Valley Glen Council opposes and strongly recommends against imposition of mandatory, time-consuming training for Neighborhood Councils beyond Ethics and Financial Policy. This includes but is not limited to, ADA Compliance, sexual harassment, sexual gender and age discrimination, bullying, and work place violence. The additional requirements would place an unreasonable and unworkable burden on unpaid, volunteer community representatives as well as discourage participation. Offering additional optional training by DONE and pertinent city departments is supported and encouraged. J.D'Antonio 1<sup>st</sup>, R.Pisani 2<sup>nd</sup> - passed by unanimous vote**
6. Should Van Nuys post office be renamed for Marilyn Monroe? Proposed by Rep. Tony Cardenas.  
**Motion: The Greater Valley Glen Council opposes the renaming of the Van Nuys Post Office for Marilyn Monroe. We consider it an inappropriate use of public funds as well as a questionable practice to name a federal facility after a celebrity. S.Myrick 1<sup>st</sup>, R.Pisani 2<sup>nd</sup> - passed by unanimous vote**
7. Discussion regarding 50/50 Sidewalk Repair Plan for Commercial Properties .  
**Motion: The Greater Valley Glen Council supports a voluntary 50/50 Sidewalk Repair Plan for Commercial Properties but opposes any acceleration to a 75/25 split. Further, we strongly oppose any effort to make sidewalk repair a mandatory requirement for Commercial Properties. (Council File 14-0163) R.Pisani 1<sup>st</sup>, S.Myrick 2<sup>nd</sup> - passed by unanimous vote**
8. Possible updates on VANC (Vic Viereck): **holiday mixer a success, agenda not posted yet for next meeting** and DWP Oversight & Advocacy Committees (Joanne D'Antonio):  
**June 7, 2014 DWP Oversight Meeting Report.**  
**Carlo Fuentes from the DWP gave a presentation on how customers can save and conserve. He outlined some the programs and more info is available on the DWP website.**
  1. Home Energy Improvement Program gives free home evaluation to anyone who wants to have DWP come out. They gauge usage, give advice on improvements and also execute the improvements with the homeowner's approval. There is a six-month wait for an appointment.
  2. Many rebates are available for Energy Star appliances in the first year after installation, and there is a refrigerator exchange program for low income or lifeline customers.
  3. There is turf removal rebate based on square feet of turf removed.
  4. Businesses light ballasts program.
  5. Whole house fans get rebates and are especially useful to cut down on air conditioning when the outside temperature cools off.

**A Ratepayer Advocacy official also gave a report. Their office will be moving into the 17th floor of City Hall. He gave an at-length presentation on the Bay Delta Concrete Plan. The plan would be to build 2 deltas to get the water out of the Sacramento River and provide storage to use in dry years. It will give a more reliable water supply but it is decades away from being operative and has not gone through anticipated environmental litigation. The cost will be borne by State water bonds and consumers. The cost to consumers will be approximately \$4 per month per household. This past year none of Los Angeles water came from Northern California -- we used 100% from reserves.**
9. Discussion regarding next meeting agenda items - **none**
10. Adjournment - **meeting adjourned at 7:59 p.m. (R.Pisani left at 7:15 p.m. to join Land Use Committee meeting)**

*The next meeting will be at 6:30 pm. on Tuesday, July 29, 2014*