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## Government Relations Committee MINUTES

**Monday, July 27, 2015 - 6:30 PM**

**Ulysses S. Grant High School, Career Office**

**13000 Oxnard Street, Valley Glen, CA 91401**

1. Call to Order and Roll Call - meeting called to order at 6:38. R. Pisani absent. Quorum achieved.
2. Approval of Minutes for June 29, 2015 - motion to approve by S.Myrick 2<sup>nd</sup> by J.D'Antonio - approved
3. General Public Comments on non agenda items (see rules above) - Walter Hall gave comments of concern over conversion of Orange Line to light-rail; and the DWP 8% transfer fee which does not include the hidden tax for ratepayers on the increase in utility tax for kilowatts used.
4. Committee Member Comments on non agenda items - none
5. Discussion regarding economic development programs and business incentives and development of a robust successor to the Community Redevelopment Act since its repeal by the State Legislature (CF 13-0934-S2) Motion by J.D'Antonio, 2<sup>nd</sup> by S.Myrick Passed by unanimous vote. **MOTION:** The Greater Valley Glen Council supports the motion for a program to develop economic incentive area/zones throughout the city called Jobs and Economic Development Incentive (JEDI) Zones, to lure new business and industry to revitalize underserved communities while also providing economic development benefits and employment of local residents with the provision that there be meaningful input from the impacted communities being considered for a JEDI Zone. **COMMUNITY IMPACT STATEMENT:** With the repeal of the Community Redevelopment Act and the subsequent unraveling of the economic development incentives in former CRA zones, the proposed program to create JEDI Zones to promote economic development and jobs is an important step to revitalizing underserved communities. It is important, however, that there be meaningful input from the impacted communities being considered for a JEDI Zone.
6. Discussion regarding new motion to create a regulatory system to effectively permit street vending. (CF 13-1493-S1/CF 13-1493-S2/CF 14-1062) S.Myrick made motion to oppose any new regulations, 2<sup>nd</sup> by V.Viereck Passed by unanimous vote. **MOTION:** The Greater Valley Glen Council does not support any new regulations on street vending and/or vending and camping in public parks. **COMMUNITY IMPACT STATEMENT:** The Greater Valley Glen Council does not support any new regulations on street vending and/or vending and camping in public parks. Municipal Code currently prohibits camping in public parks and restricts/prohibits street vending so additional regulations are unnecessary.
7. Discussion regarding Watershed Approach to drought where water is Captured, Conserved, and Reused (CF 15-0768) Motion by S.Myrick 2<sup>nd</sup> by J.D'Antonio Passed by unanimous vote. **MOTION:** The Greater Valley Glen Council supports the motion for the Watershed Approach to the drought where water is Captured, Conserved, and Reused. **COMMUNITY IMPACT STATEMENT:** With the historic and worsening drought, the shift away from thirsty lawns to climate appropriate landscapes is critical to water conservation. To this end, a parcel-based stormwater management, a "watershed approach", where water is Captured, Conserved, and Reused should be promoted with incentives for residents who adopt the "watershed approach".
8. Discussion regarding review of programs and/or regulations that could facilitate the expansion of animal adoptions by tenants in residential rental properties (CF 15-0843) Motion by J.D'Antonio with provisions 2<sup>nd</sup> by S.Myrick Passed with V.Viereck opposing **MOTION:** The Greater Valley Glen Council supports the review of programs and/or regulations that could facilitate the expansion of animal adoptions by tenants in residential rental properties; to foster cooperation and understanding between tenants and landlords with regard to companion animals; and to encourage landlords who prohibit pets to allow them with the provision that landlords of buildings that share central ventilation systems or common hallways take into consideration the tenants with pet allergies. **COMMUNITY IMPACT STATEMENT:** With the City of Los Angeles striving to achieve "no kill" status relative to adoptable animals, and with more than half the housing stock consisting of rental units that do not accept companion animals, it is important to facilitate the expansion of animal adoptions by tenants in residential rental properties by encouraging landlords who prohibit pets to allow them with the provision that landlords of buildings that share central ventilation systems or common hallways take into consideration the tenants with pet allergies.
9. VANC Report - Vic Viereck - Marci Edwards gave DWP report on proposed rate increase at last meeting. Bob Hertzberg is guest speaker at next VANC meeting
10. Discussion regarding potential future agenda items. - possible item, Parkway guidelines
11. Adjournment - Motion to adjourn by S.Myrick, 2<sup>nd</sup> by V.Viereck -meeting adjourned at 7:40 p.m.

Next meeting will be at 6:30 pm. on **Monday, August 24, 2015**- Kittridge Elementary School - Note: August meeting cancelled.