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Government Relations Committee MINUTES Monday September 28, 2015 6:30 p.m.

Kittridge Elementary School Auditorium 13619 Kittridge St. Valley Glen, CA 91401

1. Call to Order and Roll Call - meeting called to order at 6:30 p.m. Quorum achieved with J.Price, J D'Antonio, Rich Pisani and Vic Viereck present.
2. Approval of Minutes for July 27, 2015 - motion to approve by V. Viereck 2nd by R.Pisani – approved 3 yes and 1 abstain (R. Pisani abstained due to absence from that meeting). J.Price asked J.D'Antonio to take minutes for this committee.
3. General Public Comments on non agenda items (see rules above) - None
4. Committee Member Comments on non agenda items – J. D'Antonio indicated that CISes approved at August Board meeting have not been filed. All the previous CISes from this Committee for the Board year were filed in June and July 2015.

(Sloan Myrick arrived at 6:58 at the beginning of Discussion of Agenda Item 5.)

5. Discussion regarding sponsorship/funding for VANC Resource Board Forum (Nov 12) & Anniversary Mixer (3/10/16). V. Viereck indicated that VANC wants commitment, but actual funds can come in 2 parts and asked for total of \$500. J.D'Antonio moved to approve \$500 (\$250 per event) and S.Myrick seconded. Passed unanimous vote.
6. Discussion regarding request from Jay Handal, Co-Chair L.A. Budget Advocates to have a standing agenda item on the GVGC agenda allowing a report from our own budget rep or a budget advocate on the issues the budget advocates are working on. R. Pisani moved to approve and S.Myrick seconded. Motion passed by unanimous vote.
7. Discussion regarding DWP Advocacy Committee Resolution regarding DWP five year, 25%-30% rate increase. This is a request for more time for Ratepayers to review the report from the Ratepayers Advocate, and also recommend that the City Council freeze the cash contributions to the City from the 8% Transfer Fee at \$250 million a year and the City Utility Tax at \$350 million a year, with any excess funds invested in the Power System. R. Pisani moved and S. Myrick seconded. Motion passed by unanimous vote. Board President to write letter if Board passes this, since there is no Council File.
8. Discussion regarding support of an ordinance amending Article 2 of Chapter 12 of Division 19 of the Los Angeles Administrative Code to increase the payment of vandalism and graffiti reward offers from \$1,000 to \$2000; and to increase the City's penalties for graffiti violations, particularly over murals that have been recognized to be of historical and cultural significance to the City of Los Angeles by the Department of Cultural Affairs. (Council File 14-0766) J.D'Antonio moved to support and S. Myrick seconded. Motion passed by unanimous vote.
9. Discussion regarding Resolution to oppose Assembly Bill 744 which would interfere with the City's ability to impose parking requirements on housing developments. (Council File 15-0002-S90). This Bill would allow the State to dictate parking regulations without considering local situations. J.D'Antonio moved to support the City's resolution to oppose the State Assembly Bill. S. Myrick seconded. Motion passed by unanimous vote.
10. Discussion regarding Resolution to oppose Federal Legislation H.R. 1599 (Pompeo) which would ban states and cities from regulating or enacting labeling requirements for genetically-modified foods or GMOs. (Council File 15-0002-S84). J.D'Antonio moved to support the City resolution to oppose Federal Government's determining GMO labeling. S.Myrick seconded. Motion passed by unanimous vote.
11. No DWP report as J.D'Antonio was out of town for September DWP Advocacy meeting.
12. VANC Report - Vic Viereck. Funding motions covered in Item 5. Next VANC meeting is October 8, 2015.
13. J.Price indicated she can receive agenda items early if sent to her. Next month a representative from the Studio City NC Sustainability Committee will come to our meeting to speak about the Neighborhood Council Sustainability Alliance. Other possible agenda items include the digital signs revenue trade-off to help the homeless sponsored by Councilman Paul Kirkorian (see LA NOW article)
14. Adjournment - Motion to adjourn by S.Myrick, 2nd by R.Pisani-meeting adjourned at 7:43 p.m.

*Next meeting will be at 6:30 pm. on **Monday, October 26, 2015**- Kittridge Elementary School*