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## **Government Relations Committee MINUTES Monday October 26, 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 6:33 p.m. Quorum achieved with J.Price, J D'Antonio, and Rich Pisani present. Guests: Walter Hall and Margie Engel (Studio City NC Sustainability Committee), Ankur Patel (Associate to School Board Member Scott Schmerelson) J. Price announced R. Pisani will leave the Committee after this meeting.
2. Approval of Minutes for Sept. 28, 2015 - motion to approve by J. Price 2<sup>nd</sup> by R.Pisani – approved unanimously with the request from the Chair to put wording of motions and CISes approved to go before the Board in future Committee minutes. J. D'Antonio indicated that as of the beginning of this meeting all Board-approved CISes have been filed.
3. General Public Comments on non-agenda items (see rules above) – Stakeholder Walter Hall reported on Assemblyman Nazarian's transportation meeting indicating 1.6 billion to be spent on light rail. J. D'Antonio requested the Assemblyman's survey be forwarded to us. Walter Hall also reported that the City has funds for new speed humps but the Chief Legislative Analyst has not approved hiring of engineer to oversee placement of speed humps.
4. Committee Member Comments on non-agenda items – none
5. Discussion regarding Neighborhood Council Sustainability Alliance and presentation by Margie Engel, Studio City NC Sustainability Committee. J. D'Antonio moved to join the NCSA and R. Pisani seconded. Passed unanimous vote.

**Motion to go before GVGC Board:** The Neighborhood Council Sustainability Alliance advances sustainability and resilience across Los Angeles through advocacy, sharing of best practices, and community action. Board member Joanne D'Antonio is appointed to be the GVGC representative to the Alliance.

6. Discussion regarding Bureau of Street Services report dated September 16, 2015 relative to Citywide Tree Trimming Services (CF 14-0600-S182 and 15-0600-S50 and 15-0467 S3) (Sloan Myrick arrived at 7:00 during Discussion of Agenda Item 6.) J. D'Antonio to write CIS with provision to contact homeowners of upcoming tree trimming. Motion unanimously tabled to next meeting. J. D'Antonio to send draft of CIS to J. Price to be considered at next Gov't Relations Committee meeting.

7. Discussion regarding City Council motion relating to revisions to the Green Building Codes and greywater systems (CF 14-0458). Objections raised to mandatory pool covers in the motion which are not feasible with all pools. J. Price moved to oppose this motion and J. D'Antonio seconded. Motion to oppose passed by unanimous vote. Motion stating that the GVGC opposes the Motion for revisions to the Green Building Codes requiring the use of greywater systems in all applicable circumstances as we find this language too vague and lacking specifics. We are concerned about the impact of establishing new standards that are incorporated in the Green Building Codes as a requirement for new construction. We support implementing greywater systems but recommend a program that provides incentives for installation of such systems on voluntary basis. (CF 14-0458)

**CIS:** The GVGC opposes the Motion for revisions to the Green Building Codes requiring the use of greywater systems in all applicable circumstances as we find this language too vague and lacking specifics. We are concerned about the impact of establishing new standards that are incorporated in the Green Building Codes as a requirement for new construction. We support implementing greywater systems but recommend a program that provides incentives for installation of such systems on a voluntary basis. (CF 14-0458)

8. Discussion regarding declaring a state of emergency on the homeless crisis. (Council Files 15-1138 and 15-1138-S2) S. Myrick moved and J. D'Antonio seconded to support but not use facilities primarily used by children. Motion passed by unanimous vote. Motion stating that GVGC supports the Motion to take emergency measures to address the homeless crisis in Los Angeles with the provisions that emergency shelter for the homeless will not include 1) city parks 2) schools 3) any youth facility (CF 15-1138)

**CIS:** The Greater Valley Glen Council supports the Motion to take emergency measures to address the homeless crisis in Los Angeles with the provisions that emergency shelter for the homeless will not include 1) city parks 2) schools 3) any youth facility (CF 15-1138)

Motion stating that the GVGC supports the Motion to study best practices in other similar large municipalities who have significantly reduced the number of homeless persons in their cities; and a subsequent report on the recommendations. (15-1138-S2)

**CIS:** The Greater Valley Glen Council supports the Motion to study best practices in other similar large municipalities who have significantly reduced the number of homeless persons in their cities; and a subsequent report on the recommendations. (15-1138-S2)

9. Discussion regarding Wi-Fi Initiative (CF 13-0953) J. Price moved to table based on insufficient information. S. Myrick seconded. Motion to table passed by unanimous vote. 10. No discussion of future items and no reports. 11. Adjournment - Motion to adjourn by J.Price, 2<sup>nd</sup> by S. Myrick. Meeting adjourned at approx. 8 p.m.

*Next meeting will be at 6:30 pm. on **Monday, November 16, 2015**- Kittridge Elementary School*