Government Relations Committee MINUTES December 14, 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, Walter Hall and Vic Viereck present.

2. Minutes for Nov. 16, 2015. Motion to approve W. Hall and 2nd by V. Viereck – no corrections, approved unanimously

3. No Public Comments on non-agenda items

4. Committee Member Comments on non-agenda items – V. Viereck brought up issues regarding for affordable and low-income rental units and indicated he would bring in literature regarding 100% low-income requirements. J. D’Antonio questioned the relationship between the Gas Company and the Neighborhood Councils and agreed to check with VANC and LANC regarding setting a special relationship as we have with DWP.

5. (Sloan Myrick joined meeting at this point)
Discussion regarding City of Los Angeles Speed Hump program (CF 14-0252, 14-0252-S1, 14-0252-S2) (formerly CF 09-2727) W. Hall moved and J. D’Antonio seconded to recommend Board Action. Passed unanimously. Motion for Board Action: Speeding vehicles on neighborhood streets where the maximum speed is set at 35 miles per hour or less is a chronic problem and one that an under-staffed police force cannot adequately address. Residents desire to control such speeding as it is a threat to public safety and quality of life. Speed humps are recognized as an effective measure to reduce speeds and increase safety for pedestrians, cyclists and vehicles. Since the speed hump program was otherwise eliminated as a cost-savings necessity in the 2009-10 City budget, there have been a number of Council motions passed that were designed to expedite the re-establishment of a speed hump program within the City. The Greater Valley Glen Council endorses re-establishment of a City speed hump program, urges the City Council to budget necessary funds for its re-establishment, and that the Department of Transportation publish on its website a uniform procedure, without exception, for residents to follow for making application for the approval and construction of speed humps on streets where they reside. (CF 09-2727, 14-0252, 14-0252-S1, 14-0252-S2, 14-0252-S3, 15-0600-S83) COMMUNITY IMPACT STATEMENT: Speeding vehicles on neighborhood streets is a chronic problem and a threat to public safety and quality of life. The Greater Valley Glen Council endorses re-establishment of a City speed hump program, urges the City Council to budget necessary funds for its re-establishment, and that the Department of Transportation publish on its website a uniform procedure, without exception, for residents to follow for making application for the approval and construction of speed humps on streets where they reside. (CF 09-2727, 14-0252, 14-0252-S1, 14-0252-S2, 14-0252-S3, 15-0600-S83)

6. Discussion regarding Citywide Ban on Large Vehicles / Overnight Parking on City Streets (CF 15-1189).
V. Viereck moved and W. Hall seconded to recommend Board request further information. Motion passed unanimously. Motion for Board Action: The Government Relations Committee recommends that the Greater Valley Glen Council invite a representative from the City Attorney’s office to the next board meeting, or as soon thereafter as possible, to explain the proposed City Council Motion CF 15-1189 (10/06/2015) on the feasibility of implementing a citywide ban on large vehicles that park overnight on City streets. The current City Ordinance Number 177.876 2006) limits or prohibits overnight parking of oversized vehicles on certain City streets.

7. Discussion regarding Department of Transportation report, dated November 30, 2015, relative to report back for the parking permit applications benchmark and status review. (CF 0600-S62). W. Hall moved and S. Myrick seconded motion to submit to Board. Motion passed with one No vote from J.D’Antonio. Motion for Board Action: The Greater Valley Glen Council supports the recommendation from the Department of Transportation to streamline the process for the parking permit applications for Preferential Parking Districts. Currently the process time is approximately nine months but due to a backlog, new requests take approximately two years to complete. The proposed streamlined process would be completed in approximately 18-22 weeks. (CF 15-0600-S62) COMMUNITY IMPACT STATEMENT: The Greater Valley Glen Council supports the recommendation from the Department of Transportation to streamline the process for the parking permit applications for Preferential Parking Districts. Currently the process time is approximately nine months but due to a backlog, new requests take approximately two years to complete. The proposed streamlined process would be completed in approximately 18-22 weeks. (CF 15-0600-S62)

8. DWP NC Advocacy Meeting Report -- J. D’Antonio reported on the December 5th meeting held in South L.A. Ratepayer Advocates reported progress on DWP rate increase reports. The time framework proposed for approval does not give NCs an opportunity to weigh in.

9. J. D’Antonio did not attend the NC Sustainability Alliance seminar on December 5th and had no report.

10. VANC report from V. Viereck. DWP Ratepayer Advocate Fred Pickel to address VANC meeting.

11. Discussion of parking issues at Valley College Board meetings

12. V. Viereck moved to adjourn and S. Myrick seconded. Motion passed unanimously. Meeting adjourned at 7:49

Next meeting will be at 6:30 pm. on Monday, January 25, 2016 - Kittridge Elementary School