

**Parks, Medians and  
Improvements:**

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**MINUTES**

**Parks, Medians and Improvements Committee**

**DATE: February 21, 2024**

**TIME: 7:00PM**

**I. CALL TO ORDER & ROLL CALL 7:00 PM – All committee members present**

**II. GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENT ON NON-AGENDA ITEMS – None**

**III. DISCUSSION OF POSSIBLE PROJECTS AND POSSIBLE MOTIONS:**

- a. (\*) Median Maintenance and Improvements: **J. D'Antonio** presented photos of Whitsett and Victory Medians. Mulch needed at Victory South median and Whitsett median. Tree needs to be replaced on Victory North median because it is growing at a 45 degree angle; LA San should replace the tree. Stay Green estimates \$13000 to \$13500 to remulch and remove weeds and debris prior to mulching. **Jeff Camp** suggests CDC 2 host a community event with street closure and community volunteers to install mulch provided by LA CC; **J. D'Antonio** says not practical, too large an area and large items would need to be removed before mulch installed.

**J. D'Antonio:** Stay Green charging \$1575 monthly to maintain medians on Whitsett and Victory South. Victory North may need to be maintained when current maintenance contract ends with LA San. **R. Lev** to find competitive estimates from approved vendors. **Jeff Camp** suggests that GVGC avoid taking on responsibility for maintenance of additional medians because costs are prohibitive given GVGC total budget.

- b. (\*) Creating Space in Parks for Public Notices: **W. Hall** and **M. Jannol** agree there is a need for space in parks for public notices. **J. D'Antonio** says past effort to install space for public notices met with resistance when attempted previously because Rec and Parks did not want them near playground. **M. Jannol** said Quimby funds should be solicited to make this improvement. **Ron Bitzer** will send R. Lev information about availability of Quimby funds. Parks Advisory Board meeting will be March 7<sup>th</sup> in Sherman Oaks. **W. Hall** will try to get contact info from Parks and Rec to determine who would be responsible for coordinating request for installation of public notice fixture. **R. Lev** to contact **Jeff Camp** CDC 2 for information as to who to contact from Parks and Rec.
- c. (\*) Off Leash Dogs in Parks: M.Jannol describes issues at Valley Glen Park. Some tickets given out last week to violaters. Enforcement was previously non-existent. Identical issues at Laurel Grove Park. **R. Lev** will address with Off. Hernandez

- d. (\*) Doggie bag” inventory and authorization to purchase if necessary: Previous inventory of bags was held by Alicia, past chair of committee. **J. D’Antonio** will try to determine if any bags remain. **R. Lev** makes motion to req. Board approve up to \$750 for biodegradable dog waste bags. Motion seconded and approved 5-0. **W. Hall** volunteers to keep the inventory of dog waste bags.
- e. Discussion of and Possible Actions related to the parks in GVGC boundaries
  - i. (\*) Valley Glen Community Park---Issues and suggestions: **M. Jannol** says Valley Glen Park needs 6-7 more tables/benches.
  - ii. (\*) Laurel Grove Park—Issues and suggestions: **W. Hall** says people are racing/riding motorized bikes along the new decomposed granite paths. Park has not reopened completely. Will table issues until park reopens.
  - iii. (\*) Rhodes Ave Park—Issues and suggestions: **W. Hall** says there are no dog waste bags in the dispenser. This park has a different LAPD Basic Car. **R. Lev** will ask Off. Hernandez who is responsible for the park. **Jeff Camp** says Phase 2 of this park’s extension is about to begin.

**IV. NEW BUSINESS:** **M. Jannol** raised issues pertaining to “Tujunga Greenway” near the Great Wall. Will set on next month’s agenda. **M. Jannol** to provide **R. Lev** with contact person from that committee.

**V. ADJOURNMENT: 8:47 PM**