



# A Neighborhood Celebrating Diversity



## CITY OF LOS ANGELES

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## SPECIAL GVGC BOARD MEETING - MINUTES

**MONDAY April 18 2016 @ following 7:00 pm Special Meeting**

**LAURENCE SCHOOL, WOODMAN AVE ENTRANCE**

**13639 Victory Blvd. Valley Glen, CA 91401**

### OFFICERS

- Carlos Ferreyra - **PRESIDENT**
- Sloan Myrick - **VICE-PRESIDENT**
- Joanne D'Antonio - **SECRETARY**
- Rich Pisani - **TREASURER**

### BOARD MEMBERS

Alan Aklyan	Marki Alvarez
Douglas Breidenbach	Joanne D'Antonio
Maria Denis	Carlos Ferreyra
Stanley Friedman	Walter Hall
Zev Hurwitz	Mickey Jannol
Kendall McCollum	Sloan Myrick
Rich Pisani	Robert Sandoval
Kathleen Schwartz	

~ GVGC QUORUM IS 13 BOARD MEMBERS ~

The public is requested to fill out a "Speaker Card" (per individual agenda item) to address the Board on any item of the agenda prior to the Board taking action on an item. Comments from the public on Agenda items will be heard only when the respective item is being considered. Comments from the public on other items not appearing on the agenda that is within the Board's subject matter jurisdiction will be heard during the Public Comment period. Public comment will be limited to **two (2) minutes** per speaker, unless waived by the presiding officer of the Board. Presiding officer reserves the right to limit further, depending on number of speakers. No person may assign their speaking time to another.

Agenda is posted for public review at: on the website [www.gvqc.us](http://www.gvqc.us), Erwin Street Elementary School, 13400 Erwin Street, Valley Glen, CA; As a covered entity under Title 11 of the Americans with Disabilities Act, the City of Los Angeles does not discriminate on the basis of disability and upon request, will provide reasonable accommodation to ensure equal access to its programs, services and activities. Sign language interpreters, assistive listening devices, or other auxiliary aids and/or services may be provided upon request. To ensure availability of services, please make your request at least 3 business days (72 hours) prior to the meeting you wish to attend by contacting the Department of Neighborhood Empowerment at (866) LA-HELPS or (866) 584-3577.

1. **CALL TO ORDER by C. Ferreyra at 7:01 p.m. Pledge of Allegiance** 18 public attendees including representatives of Valley Glen Neighborhood Association and Sahag Yedalian of CD 2 Office
2. **Board Roll Call (11 Present: D. Breidenbach, J. D'Antonio, M. Denis, C.Ferreyra, W. Hall, Z. Hurwitz, M. Jannol, K. McCollum, S. Myrick, R. Pisani, K. Schwartz)** (Quorum not achieved)
3. Motion to approve A. Aklyan as Youth Representative, L. Wehrli as Commercial Property Owner Representative, Jean Chadwick as At-Large Community Stakeholder Representative and Malky Kertis as District 4 representative. C.Ferreyra said that BONC would allow seating of new Board members if quorum would be achieved after the seating. C. Ferreyra moved and S. Myrick seconded. Stakeholder Judy Price challenged motion. Motion passed with 11 Yes, 0 No, 3 Absent. (The 4 new Board members did not vote in this count.)
4. **No Item 4 listed on agenda**
5. **C. Ferreyra announced minutes of special meetings on 3/14/16 would not be approved until next Board meeting, and the minutes were not distributed.**
6. Public Comments on Items not on the Agenda. Stakeholder Judy Price challenged seating of new Board members and validity of all motions to be passed at this meeting.
7. Committee Assignments and Board confirmation. C. Ferreyra announced the following Committee Board member assignments for the 2026-2017 Session:  
Government Relations: Hall (Chair), D'Antonio, Hurwitz  
Community Safety: (choose chair) Chadwick, Sandoval, Alvarez  
Outreach: (choose chair) Schwartz, McCollum, Denis, Friedman  
Parks, Community Improvement/Medians: Myrick (Chair), Jannol, Kertis  
Arts and Education: Wehrli (Chair), Aklean, Jannol  
Planning and Land Use: Breidenbach (Chair), Pisani, D'Antonio  
C. Ferreyra indicated that stakeholders to be added by the Committees.  
C. Ferreyra moved and S. Myrick seconded motion to approve Committee assignments. Passed unanimously by voice vote.  
C. Ferreyra announced negotiations to use storeroom owned by Laurence School in adjacent mini mall for Committee meetings
8. **MOTIONS MADE UNDER COMMITTEE**

### **Government Relations –**

**a. MOTION FOR BOARD ACTION:** The Greater Valley Glen Council **opposes** the motion to place a measure for DWP reform on the 2016 ballot. We support the DWP Oversight Committee Resolution dated February 6, 2016, calling for a robust and transparent discussion and debate before any ballot measure involving the governance of our Department of Water and Power is placed on the ballot for voter approval or rejection. Rather than rush to the ballot, the DWP Oversight Committee



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calls on the City Council to follow the recommendation in the Industrial, Economic and Administrative (IEA) Survey to form “a committee to examine governance reforms for the Department with the explicit task of reporting its findings and recommending a measure for the 2017 ballot.” The committee should be involved in drafting any memorandums and other information from the beginning and include at least two members from the Neighborhood Councils who are familiar with the operations and finances of DWP. (CF 16-0093).

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Moved by C. Ferreyra, Seconded by D. Breidenbach. Motion Passed by voice vote: 12 Yes, 0 No, 3 Abstain (Aklyan, Jannol, Kertis), 3 Absent.

**b. MOTION FOR BOARD ACTION:** The Greater Valley Glen Council supports the DWP Advocacy Committee Resolution dated September 5, 2015, and that the City Council freeze the cash contributions to the City from the 8% Transfer Fee at \$250 million a year, or the prevailing rate as of 2016, whichever is higher; and the City Utility Tax at \$350 million a year, or the prevailing rate as of 2016, whichever is higher, with the excess funds invested in the Power System. (CF 15-1543)

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It was noted that this Motion has already passed City Council without any changes to the existing Transfer Fee.

C. Ferreyra moved. W. Hall seconded. Motion passed 15 Yes, 0 No, 0 Abstain, 3 Absent.

**c. MOTION FOR BOARD ACTION:** The Greater Valley Glen Council does **not** support the City Council Motion that the City Administrative Officer and Chief Legislative Analyst be directed to report on steps necessary to place a measure on the next opportunity during a General or City election ballot to raise new revenue needed to address homelessness. This proposal lacks specificity and shows no plan or details. To add any new tax without such information does not guarantee that the funds are appropriately used to address the homeless crisis.(CF 16-0047)

**PROPOSED COMMUNITY IMPACT STATEMENT (if applicable) – 100 words or less:** The Greater Valley Glen Council does **not** support the City Council Motion that the City Administrative Officer and Chief Legislative Analyst be directed to report on steps necessary to place a measure on the next opportunity during a General or City election ballot to raise new revenue needed to address homelessness. This proposal lacks specificity and shows no plan or details. To add any new tax without such information does not guarantee that the funds are appropriately used to address the homeless crisis. (CF 16-0047)

C. Ferreyra moved and J. Chadwick seconded motion to table and send back to Committee for further examination of City motion. Motion to table passed unanimously by voice vote.

**d. MOTION FOR BOARD ACTION:** Approval of C. Ferreyra, W. Hall and J. D’Antonio to file Community Impact Statements.

C. Ferreyra moved and S. Myrick seconded. Motion passed unanimously by voice vote.

DWP Oversight Committee report – J. D’Antonio No report (no meetings since last Board meeting)

LA City Sustainability – J. D’Antonio No report (no meetings since last Board meeting)

VANC report – Vic Viereck No report. VANC meetings to be listed on our GVGC webpage

### **Parks, Community Improvements and Medians –**

- a. MOTION FOR BOARD ACTION:** Motion approving the establishment of a LVNOC (Local Volunteer Neighborhood Oversight Committee) to facilitate completion of the Valley Glen Community Park turf reduction project with the stated goal that a LVNOC may be able to facilitate project completion as well as better involve community involvement.

Moved by C. Ferreyra and seconded by S. Myrick Motion. Passed unanimously by voice vote



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### **Planning and Land Use –**

**a. MOTION FOR BOARD ACTION:** Approval of recommendation for DOT to place parking restrictions on West side of Coldwater Canyon Avenue (between Oxnard St. and Burbank Ave.) and on the East side (between Hatteras St. and Martha St.) Restrictions to be 2 hour parking from 8:00am – 6:00pm.

C. Ferreyra moved and J. Chadwick seconded with the following amendment:

The Board understands passing this motion does not solve all of the parking issues currently facing the neighbors of the stated communities in this motion. The Board agrees to continue to pursue all available alternatives to mitigate safety and crime concerns and issues. When viable options are available, those findings will be presented to the Board for discussion and vote.

Motion passed with amendment: 12 Yes, 2 No (D'Antonio, Hall), 1 Abstain (McCollum), 3 Absent.

**b. MOTION FOR BOARD ACTION:** Approval of recommendation for DOT to place parking restrictions on South side on Hatteras St. (between Goodland Ave. and Bellaire Ave.) and West side of Bellaire Ave. (between Hatteras St. and Burbank Blvd.). Restrictions to be 2 hour parking from 8:00am – 6:00pm.

C. Ferreyra moved and S. Myrick seconded. Motion Passed 11 Yes, 0 No, 4 Abstain (Aklyan, D'Antonio, Hall, McCollum), 3 Absent

### **Outreach –**

**a. MOTION FOR BOARD ACTION:** Approval of expenditure of no more than \$1000.00 for a full page outreach article/advertisement in the Valley Glen Neighborhood Association newsletter with an additional 1000 copies of page for distribution to areas outside of Valley Glen represented by GVGC.

C. Ferreyra moved and S. Myrick seconded. Motion passed. 14 Yes, 0 No, 0 Abstain, 3 Absent, 1 Ineligible

**b. MOTION FOR BOARD ACTION:** Approval of expenditure of no more than \$750.00 for "Movie in the Park Night" on May 14<sup>th</sup> at Valley Glen Community Park.

C. Ferreyra moved and S. Myrick seconded. Motion Passed 13 Yes, 1 No (D'Antonio), 3 Absent, 1 Ineligible

**c. MOTION FOR BOARD ACTION:** Approval of no more than \$3600.00 for booth rental fee at Valley Glen Festival, May 15<sup>th</sup>.

C. Ferreyra moved and S. Myrick seconded. Motion Passed. 9 Yes, 0 No, 5 Abstain (Denis, Hall, Hurwitz, Kertis, Schwartz), 3 Absent, 1 Ineligible.

**d. MOTION FOR BOARD ACTION:** Approval of expenditure of no more than \$2700.00 for promotional supplies for Valley Glen Festival, May 15<sup>th</sup>.

C. Ferreyra moved and S. Myrick Seconded.

M. Kertis moved and M. Jannol seconded Amendment to motion to add \$1,000.00 to subsidize children's tickets.

Motion Passed 11 Yes, 0 No, 3 Abstain (Denis, Hall, Schwartz), 3 Absent, 1 Ineligible.

Amendment Passed 12 Yes, 0 No, 2 Abstain (Hall, Hurwitz), 3 Absent, 1 Ineligible.

### **Arts and Education – No Motions**

### **Public Safety – No Motions**

9. Board member comments on items not on agenda. None

10. President's comments - None

11. Adjournment

**Next GVGNC Board meeting will be held Monday, May 2, 2016 Los Angeles Valley College, Campus Center, Room 104.  
5800 Fulton Avenue, Valley Glen, CA 91401 (Location subject to change)**