



Greater Valley Glen Council ("GVGC")

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SPECIAL BOARD MEETING MINUTES

January 16, 2019, 7:00 p.m.

Uncle Tony's Pizzeria

13007 Victory Blvd.

Valley Glen, CA 91606

Officers

Sloan Myrick	President
Derek Iversen	Vice President
James Casey	Treasurer
Mickey Jannol	Secretary

Board Members

Brian Allman	At-Large Rep	Mickey Jannol	Commercial Property Rep
Joseph Barmettler	At-Large Rep	Malky Kertis	District 4 Rep
James Casey	District 6 Rep	Jah Milton	Education Institutions Rep
Julie Casey	District 6 Rep	Cosmo Moore	District 4 Rep
Joanne D'Antonio	District 1 Rep	Sloan Myrick	District 5 Rep
Carlos Ferreyra	District 2 Rep	Peter Nasi	District 3 Rep
September Forsyth	At-Large Rep	Thomas Newton	Community Organizations Rep
Stanley Friedman	Religious Institutions Rep	Jon Pelletier	At-Large Rep
Hrach Hambatsonyan	Merchant Rep	Marco Recio	District 2 Rep
Walter Hall	Community Organizations Rep	Alex Silva	District 1 Rep
Derek Iversen	District 5 Rep		

Board of Neighborhood Commissioners Required Disclosures:

- 1) A Quorum of at least 13 Board members present is needed to discuss/consider/vote on Official Actions.
- 2) With a Quorum, Official Actions other than Bylaw changes are approved by Majority of the sum of Ayes and No votes cast. Abstentions are not considered. Bylaw changes require a 2/3 vote of the Board or 17 Board members
- 3) Each Agenda Item shows the "No, Abstention, and Ineligible" votes by each Board Member. If the Board member's name does not appear, it means that the Board member voted Aye.



Secretary's Note: Each item # below matches the item# that appeared in the published agenda for this meeting.

1. **Call to Order** was at 7:00 p.m. and commenced with the Pledge of Allegiance.
2. **Board Roll Call.** Fourteen (14) members present: Barmettler, James Casey, Julie Casey, D'Antonio, Ferreyra, Forsyth, Friedman, Hall, Iversen, Moore, Myrick, Newton, Pelletier, and Silva. Absent: Ashkinadze (resigned per item #4, and Kertis). A quorum of 14 was achieved. Secretary Jannol was expected to arrive at 7:15, and the quorum count is to be adjusted upon arrival. Board member Hall took minutes in the interim.
3. **President's Comments and Nomination Motions.**

Board Resignations. With many thanks for their service, President Myrick announced that Ashkinadze resigned as Youth Rep, and that Forsyth will end her service on the Board after adjournment of this meeting.

Nomination Vetting Committee Suspended. President Myrick announced that the ad hoc Nomination Vetting Committee has been suspended under his authority in the Bylaws. There was no Public or Board Comment.

Motion A for Board approval. President requests the Board approve the nomination of Marco Recio as District 2 Representative. Motion made by Newton. Seconded by Pelletier. Public Comment. None. Board Comment. None. Without objection, President Myrick called the question. Non-Funding Action. Voice Vote. 14 Ayes, 0 Nos, 0 Abstentions, 0 Ineligible. Motion passes. President Myrick announced that Marco Recio has taken the necessary Ethics and Funding training and is eligible to vote and all matters before the Board.

Recio took his seat on the Board. Quorum count is now 15.

Motion B for Board approval. President requests the Board approve the nomination of Jah Milton as Education Institutions Representative. Motion made by Iversen. Seconded by Silva. Public Comment. None. Board Comment. None. Without objection, President Myrick called the question. Non-Funding Action. Voice Vote. 15 Ayes, 0 Nos, 0 Abstentions, 0 Ineligible. Motion passes. President Myrick announced that Jah Milton has not taken the necessary Ethics and Funding training. Until he does, Milton is not eligible to vote and all matters before the Board.

Milton took his seat on the Board. Quorum count is now 16.

Motion C for Board approval. President requests the Board approve the nomination of Peter Nasi as District 3 Representative. Motion made by Myrick. Seconded by Iversen. Public Comment. None. Board Comment. None. Without objection, President Myrick called the question. Non-Funding Action. Voice Vote. 15 Ayes, 0 Nos, 0 Abstentions, 1 Ineligible (Milton). Motion passes. President Myrick announced that Peter Nasi has taken the necessary Ethics and Funding training and is eligible to vote and all matters before the Board.

Nasi took his seat on the Board. Quorum count is now 17.

Motion D for Board approval. President requests the Board approve the nomination of Brian Allman as At-Large Community Representative. Motion made by Myrick. Seconded by Moore. Public Comment. None. Board Comment. None. Without objection, President Myrick called the question. Non-Funding Action. Voice Vote. 16 Ayes, 0 Nos, 0 Abstentions, 1 Ineligible (Milton). Motion passes. President Myrick announced that Brian Allman has taken the necessary Ethics and Funding training and is eligible to vote and all matters before the Board.

Allman took his seat on the Board. Quorum count is now 18.

Motion E for Board approval. President requests the Board approve the nomination of Hrach Hambatsonyan as Merchant Representative. Motion made by Myrick. Seconded by Ferreyra. Public Comment. None. Board Comment. There was a question to EmpowerLA Rep Vanessa Serrano as to whether this motion is in order since Hrach Hambatsonyan's name was not agendized. Serrano responded that since the motion is for nominations, which is broad, and since the spirit of neighborhood councils (NCs) is inclusive, this motion would be deemed to be in order. Without objection, President Myrick called the question. Non-Funding Action. Voice Vote. 17 Ayes, 0 Nos, 0 Abstentions, 1 Ineligible (Milton). Motion passes. President Myrick announced that Hrach has not taken the necessary Ethics and Funding training. Until he does, is not eligible to vote and all matters before the Board.



Hambatsonyan took his seat on the Board. Quorum count is now 19.

Secretary Jannol arrived at 7:20 p.m. and the Quorum Count became 20 and continued to adjournment.

4. President's Funding Motions.

Motion A. The Arts and Education Committee requests the Board approve expenditure up to \$2,000.00 for a graphic designer to create the design for the "Welcome to the Neighborhood" Monument. Motion made by Julie Casey. Seconded by Myrick. Committee Chair Julie Casey reported that the Committee arrived at both a budget recommendation and selection of an artist to meet with the committee to discuss ideas to modify/create/design new monument signage, including the Victory Blvd. and Fulton Ave. sign, and the northeast corner of Coldwater Canyon and Burbank Blvd. sign, which is now in a deteriorating state. Public Comment. None. Board Comment. None. Without objection, President Myrick called the question. Funding Action. Roll Call Vote. 18 Ayes, 0 Nos, 0 Abstentions, 2 Ineligible (Milton and Hambatsonyan). Motion passes.

Motion B. The Arts and Education Committee requests the Board approve Rose Freeland Bayliss as the graphic designer for the "Welcome to the Neighborhood" Monument. Motion made by Julie Casey. Seconded by Iversen. Committee Chair Julie Casey reported on the Committee's review of three "finalist" artists and the recommendation of Rose Freeland, and her credentials. The Committee believes Ms. Freeland to be highly qualified and looks forward to several meetings with her to assist GVGC in the design/re-design of signage monuments. Public Comment. None. Board Comment. None. Without objection, President Myrick called the question. Non-Funding Action. Voice Vote. 18 Ayes, 0 Nos, 0 Abstentions, 2 Ineligible (Milton and Hambatsonyan). Motion passes.

Motion C. The Community Outreach Committee requests no more than \$500.00 for boosting Facebook posts in 2019. This expenditure will be for a six-month period. The Outreach Committee will present results to the Board at the end of those six months. Motion made by Myrick. Seconded by Moore. Committee Chair Ferreyra discussed the success of past Facebook ads/boosts. Public Comment. None. Board Comment. Jannol commented how targeted Movie night posts played a role in increasing attendance. Without objection, President Myrick called the question. Funding Action. Roll Call Vote. 18 Ayes, 0 Nos, 0 Abstentions, 2 Ineligible (Milton and Hambatsonyan). Motion passes.

Motion D. The Community Outreach Committee puts forward a motion for approval of no more than \$200.00 for a meeting clock to expedite meeting times. Motion made by Ferreyra. Seconded by Newton. Public Comment. None. Board Comment. Some concern noted about the cost of the clock. Committee Chair Ferreyra responded that the cost is based on a relatively large size LED clock. Without objection, President Myrick called the question. Funding Action. Roll Call Vote. 16 Ayes, 2 Nos (James Casey and D'Antonio), 0 Abstentions, 2 Ineligible (Milton and Hambatsonyan). Motion passes.

Motion E. The Community Outreach Committee puts forward a motion for approval of no more than \$2,000.00 for Election ads in Valley Glen Voice. Ads to be coordinated with election dates for both candidate recruitment and election voter turnout. Motion made by Ferreyra. Seconded by Forsyth. Public Comment. None. Board Comment. Some concern about whether this expenditure constitutes efficient outreach. Committee Chair Ferreyra commented that the Valley Glen Voice covers a substantial portion of the GVGC area. The publication reaches 5,000 homes and several front gates of apartments in the Valley Glen (proper) area. This kind of advertising was not done in the past and may be one reason why few candidates ran and only 50-60 people showed up to vote in the last election. Without objection, President Myrick called the question. Funding Action. Roll Call Vote. 15 Ayes, 2 Nos (James Casey and Silva), 1 Abstention (Newton), 2 Ineligible (Milton and Hambatsonyan). Motion passes.

Motion F. The Community Outreach committee puts forward a motion for approval of no more than \$1,000.00 for delivery services of flyers throughout the area served by GVGC for both candidate recruitment and election voter turnout. Motion made by Ferreyra. Seconded by Iversen. Public comment. None. Board comment None. Without objection, President Myrick called the question. Funding Action. Roll Call Vote. 15 Ayes, 3 Nos (James Casey, Pelletier, and Silva), 0 Abstentions, 2 Ineligible (Milton and Hambatsonyan). Motion passes.



Motion G. The Community Outreach Committee puts forward a motion for approval of no more than \$2,000.00 for printing of Election materials, both candidate recruitment and voter turnout. Motion made by Ferreyra. Seconded by Forsyth. Public Comment. None. Board Comment. None. Without objection, President Myrick called the question. Funding Action. Roll Call Vote. 16 Ayes, 2 Nos (James Casey and Silva), 0 Abstentions, 2 Ineligible (Milton and Hambatsonyan). Motion passes.

Motion H. Motion to reimburse Sloan Myrick \$89.78 for food and beverage at Uncle Tony's Pizza for Committee meeting on 11/27/2018. Motion made by Iversen. Seconded by Jannol. Public Comment. None. Board Comment. None. Without objection, President Myrick called the question. Funding Action. Roll Call Vote. 16 Ayes, 0 Nos, 2 Abstentions (Myrick and Allman), 2 Ineligible (Milton and Hambatsonyan). Motion passes.

Motion I. The Parks, Medians, and Improvement Committee requests GVGC board approve expenditure of \$150.00 to Diana Zogran with "It Takes A Garden", a local horticultural organization, for consulting activities pertaining to Victory Median mulching needs as well as miscellaneous insight around median plant/tree health. EmpowerLA Rep Serrano objected to the motion because this would involve a contract, and none was presented. Without objection, Committee Chair Myrick withdrew the motion, pending contract submission. Motion withdrawn.

5. **November 2018 Minutes.** Motion to approve November 5, 2018 Regular Board Meeting Minutes. Motion made by Jannol. Seconded by Iversen. Public comment, None. Board Comment. Hall indicated his November 3, 2018 DWP report should be included in the Government Relations portion of the minutes. Without objection, Secretary Jannol will include them. Without objection, President Myrick called the question. Non-Funding Action. Voice Vote. 18 Ayes, 0 Nos, 0 Abstentions, 2 Ineligible (Milton and Hambatsonyan). Motion passes.

6. **Treasurer's Report – James Casey, Treasurer.** Treasurer Casey indicated that, prior to any of this meeting's actions, \$28,900 remains in the Treasury to spend. Mindful that this meeting contains several money motions, Treasurer Casey recommended the Board deliberate carefully to allocate funds, so funds are left in March, April, and May.

Motion A. Motion for Board approval of Oct 2018 MERs for as per DONE requirements. <https://cityclerk.lacity.org/NCFundPortal/display.cfm?id=1482&type=5>. Motion made by Jannol. Seconded by Ferreyra. Public Comment. None. Board Comment. None. Without objection, President Myrick called the question. Funding Action. Roll Call Vote. 15 Ayes, 0 Nos, 3 Abstentions (Recio, Nasi, and Allman), 2 Ineligible (Milton and Hambatsonyan). Motion passes.

Motion B. Motion for Board approval of Nov 2018 MERs for as per DONE requirements. <https://cityclerk.lacity.org/NCFundPortal/display.cfm?id=1579&type=5> Motion made by Jannol. Seconded by Ferreyra. Public Comment. None. Board Comment. None. Without objection, President Myrick called the question. Funding Action. Roll Call Vote. 15 Ayes, 0 Nos, 3 Abstentions (Recio, Nasi, and Allman), 2 Ineligible (Milton and Hambatsonyan). Motion passes.

7. **Public Comments on Items not on the Agenda.** There was no Public Comment.

8. **President's Non-Funding Motions.**

Motion A. [From Government Relations Committee] A local survey seeking to spot locations where bees are swarming in their quest to find new homes will be taking place in January 2019. It is being led by Mr. Ron Bitzer. The survey area, Victory on the North to Burbank on the South, Laurel Canyon on the East to Coldwater on the West, includes part of the Greater Valley Glen region. This is the time of year when bees leave existing hives to seek out new ones and may take up temporary or permanent quarters at a swarming location. The worldwide population of bees has been in drastic decline in recent years and without bees our food supply would be imperiled. Should residents or businesses within the survey area be contacted, the Greater Valley Glen Council urges their help and cooperation in this important effort. Motion made by Hall. Seconded by Ferreyra. Public Comment. Professional beekeeper and North Hollywood resident Ron Bitzer spoke to support the motion and informed the Board that the GVGC and nearby communities have many volunteer beekeepers. Mr. Bitzer left his email - ronbitzer49@gmail.com - for any stakeholder having trouble with a swarm of bees and needing to relocate it or having interest in beekeeping. Board Comment. None. Without objection, President Myrick called the question. Non-Funding Action. Voice Vote. 18 Ayes, 0 Nos, 0 Abstentions, 2 Ineligible (Milton and Hambatsonyan). Motion passes.



Motion B. [From Government Relations Committee] The GVGC recognizes the value associated with having available to share with its stakeholders a video, of short duration, that would highlight the purpose of neighborhood councils and the particulars of the GVGC, especially how to participate in its processes and how to become involved. If available, this video should help the turnout in the upcoming election for GVGC board members. To scope out the possible creation of such an “explainer video”, including cost and timeframe for its production, the GVGC assigns Joseph Barmettler the lead on this effort. A final decision on going forward with it will be made after he reports back to the Board. Motion made by Hall. Seconded by Pelletier. Committee member Barmettler described how such a video enhances the Board’s outreach, especially for the election. Public Comment. None. Board Comment. None. Without objection, President Myrick called the question. Non-Funding Action. Voice Vote. 17 Ayes, 0 Nos, 1 Abstention (Barmettler), 2 Ineligible (Milton and Hambatsonyan). Motion passes.

Motion C. [From Government Relations Committee] (Motion and CIS) The Greater Valley Glen Council opposes any amendment to the Los Angeles Municipal Code reorganizing the administrative provisions of the Zoning Code that would prevent appeals to our elected officials of decisions made by appointed individuals or commissions, or would otherwise minimize or eliminate public participations in the decision making process, and that due notification must be issued of public meetings or hearings affecting planning or zoning matters. (CF 12-0460) Motion made by Hall. Seconded by Newton. Public Comment. None. Board Comment. None. Without objection, President Myrick called the question. Non-Funding Action. Voice Vote. 17 Ayes, 0 Nos, 1 Abstention (Iversen), 2 Ineligible (Milton and Hambatsonyan). Motion passes.

Motion D. [From Government Relations Committee] (Motion and CIS) The Greater Valley Glen Council supports the proposed reporting by Street Services on resources and staffing necessary to maintain the City’s unimproved median islands. This report should include a definition of unimproved median island and should be done cost-effectively and in-house with a due date certain agreed to by parties involved. (CF 18-0879) Motion made by Hall. Seconded by Myrick. Public Comment. None. Board Comment. None. Without objection, President Myrick called the question. Non-Funding Action. Voice Vote. 18 Ayes, 0 Nos, 0 Abstentions, 2 Ineligible (Milton and Hambatsonyan). Motion passes.

Motion E. [From Government Relations Committee] The Greater Valley Glen Council approves transmittal of PAPER letters to all City Council Members, the Mayor, and Public Works Commissioners to support the recommendations contained in the Dudek Report: First Step – Developing an Urban Forest Management Plan for the City of Los Angeles. (Policy Director for one of the Councilmembers indicated that paper letter get much more attention than emails). Motion made by Hall. Seconded by Iversen. Public Comment. None. Board Comment. Without objection, President Myrick called the question. Non-Funding Action. Voice Vote. 18 Ayes, 0 Nos, 0 Abstentions, 2 Ineligible (Milton and Hambatsonyan). Motion passes.

9. **Adjournment.** Motion to Adjourn made by Myrick. Seconded by Jannol. Public Comment. None. Board Comment. Board members noted that there was no Board Comment on items not on the agenda. With no Board member having further comment and without objection, President Myrick called the question. Voice Vote: 18 Ayes, 0 Nos, 0 Nos, 0 Abstentions, 2 Ineligible (Milton and Hambatsonyan). Motion passes. Meeting adjourned at 8:15 p.m. Next Board meeting and location will be on February 4, 2019, 7:00 p.m., at Los Angeles Valley College, in the Administration Career and Advancement Building.

Submitted February 3, 2019

Mickey Jannol
Greater Valley Glen Council Board Secretary



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