

Contact Information

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Item Number:

Brief Summary: The Greater Valley Glen Council opposes granting access to porn on LA's public computers. This is not a First Amendment issue according to a 2003 Supreme Court ruling. 17% of all US libraries currently have porn filtering software. LA libraries have space and time constraints. They cannot provide every book ever written nor can they give every stakeholder unlimited access to their 3000 computers.

Additional Information:



- Officers -

Terry Anderson
PRESIDENT
Judy Price
VICE-PRESIDENT
Montie Mazo
SECRETARY
Carlos Ferreyra
TREASURER

7:00 PM

CITY OF LOS ANGELES
Greater VALLEY GLEN COUNCIL

13659 Victory Blvd., #136
Valley Glen, California 91401
818) 772-GVGC WWW.GVGC.US

MINUTES
7:00 PM
MONDAY, JULY 11, 2011
VALLEY COLLEGE
FACULTY LOUNGE
5800 FULTON AVENUE
VALLEY GLEN, CALIFORNIA 91401
Free Parking in Parking Lot B Only

- Board Members -

Terry Anderson	Fernando Ayala
Douglas Breidenbach	Erwin Cervantes
Maria Denis	Carlos Ferreyra
William Fishman	Devorah Friedman
Stanley Friedman	Ted Geldberg
Harrison Goldblatt	Allan A. Goldstein
Stephen Gonzalez	Karen Klaparda
Charlotte Laws	Larry G. Jorgenson
Montie Mazo	Judy Price
Kathleen Schwartz	Bruce Thomas
Vic Viereck	

Devorah and Harrison did not vote on money matters

Some items on Agenda were taken out of order to accommodate Public Comments/Guests.

1. CALL TO ORDER @ 7:07PM, PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE LEAD by Maria Denis, **ROLL CALL; PRESENT:** Terry Anderson, Doug Breidenbach, Maria Denis Carlos Ferreyra, William Fishman, Devorah Friedman, Stanley Friedman, Ted Geldberg, Stephen Gonzalez, Harrison Goldblatt, Karen Klaparda, Charlotte Laws, Larry Jorgenson, Montie Mazo Judy Price, Kathleen Schwartz, Bruce Thomas, Vic Viereck. **ABSENT:** Fernando Ayala, Erwin Cervantes, Allan Goldstein.

2. GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENT and CONCERNS: David Hechter

3. LAPD SENIOR LEAD OFFICERS' REPORTS;

Van Nuys: SLO Lucas Hamilton: Reported that crime in the Van Nuys area is down 10%, the LAPD Union and the City have successfully negotiated a contract including overtime issues, the National Nite Out will held on Tuesday August 2, 2011 at the Van Nuys Police Station from 6-9 PM with a free BBQ.

He introduced the new Commander of Van Nuys LAPD, Captain Snell, who discussed various policing issues, and answered question from the Board (Bruce Thomas, Montie Mazo, Devorah Friedman, Karen Klaparda, Ted Geldberg, Kathleen Schwartz).

4. READING OF OUTSTANDING MINUTES of May 2, 2011

Moved by William Fishman and seconded by Charlotte Laws that the Minutes of the May 2, 2011 be approved as presented.

Public Comments: None

Board Comments: None

APPROVED: For 19 Against 0 Absent 0

There was no meeting on June 6, 2011 and, therefore no Minutes.



5. **TREASURY REPORT:**

a) **2010/2011 TREASURER'S REPORT updated through MAY 2011**

Submitted by Treasurer Carlos Ferreyra

PROPOSED MOTION FOR BOARD ACTION: Motion to approve the up-to-date Budget Report presented June 6, 2011 for the fiscal year 2010-2011. See Attachment 5.a;

MOVED by Carlos Ferreyra and seconded by Judy Price

Public Comments: None

Board Comments: Karen Klaparda, Terry Anderson, Judy Price

APPROVED For 19 Against 0 Abstain 0

b) GVGC Bankcard Motion:

PROPOSED MOTION FOR BOARD ACTION: Motion to approve the US Bank card charges of \$1298.65 total. for April 30, 2011 and May 1 and 2, 2011. See Attachment 5.b.

MOVED by Carlos Ferreyra and seconded by Judy

Public Comments: None

Board Comments: None

c) **2010/2011 TREASURER'S REPORT updated through June 30, 2011**

Submitted by Treasurer Carlos Ferreyra

PROPOSED MOTION FOR BOARD ACTION: Motion to approve the up-to-date Budget Report presented June 30, 2011 for the fiscal year 2010-2011. See Attachment 5.C;

MOVED by Carlos Ferreyra and seconded by Judy Price

Public Comments: None

Board Comments: None

APPROVED For 19 Against 0 Abstain 0

6. **GOVERNMENT REPORTS:**

State Senator Mike Feuer Office: Stephanie Gillette

Discussed the close down of I405, will report back school issues and legislation regarding same.

Public Comments: None

Board Comments: Carlos Ferreyra, Doug Breidenbach, Terry Anderson, Montie Mazo

78. PRESIDENT'S REPORT:

- A. President's nominations of proposed GVGC Board Members to fill vacant seats:
subject to confirmation and approval by GVGC Board:
Appointed Charles A. Samson as a Business/Merchant Representative to the GVGC Board who then addressed the Board.
Public Comments: None
Board Comments: Judy Price, Carlos Ferreyra
APPROVED For 16 Against 0 Abstain 0
- B. General report. None
- C. Councilmember Kerkorian's Swearing-In Ceremony at Sherman Oaks/Van Nuys Park on Saturday, July 2, 2011 from 11 am to 2 pm; Report from Board Member Bruce Thomas who set up and manned GVGC Booth for the entire time of the program.
- D. September Meeting: Moved by Carlos Ferreyra and seconded by William Fishman that the September 5, 2011 Board Meeting be cancelled.
Public Comments: None
Board Comments: Kathleen Schwartz, Terry Anderson, Karen Klaparda
APPROVED For 18 Against 0 Abstain 1
- E. 7-11 ISSUE regarding Hearing Officer's Decision
- 1) not incorporating GVGC Boards recommendations; See attachment 7.E.1;
 - 2) **6-30-11 zoning adm letter incorporating gvgc requirements**. See attachment 7.e.2
- Board discussion; Judy Price explained the series of events that led to the above to items
- F. President's submittal of Committee Chair changes and explained the reasons for the change.
1. Nomination of Karen Klaparda and Vic Viereck as Co-Chairs of GVGC Government and Business Relations Committee (Karen will continue to be a Committee Member on the Parks & Community Improvement Committee)
APPROVED For 19 Against 0 Abstain 0
 2. Other Committee reassignments; None

8. BOARD MEMBER COMMENTS: Judy Price, Maria Denis, Karen Klaparda, Vic Viereck, Montie Mazo

NOTE: BOARD MEMBERS ARE REQUIRED TO TAKE THE "ETHICS REVIEW" WHICH CAN BE DONE ON-LINE

9. CONSENT CALENDAR: Judy Price requested each item be discussed/voted on Individually.

Items: a and b were explained by Vic Viereck, c and d by Bruce Thomas and Larry Jorgenson and item d by Judy Price

a) GOVERNMENT & BUSINESS RELATIONS COMMITTEE PROPOSED MOTION: The GVGC opposes CA Senate Bill 653, which authorizes the governing board of any County, City, Community College District And Any County Office Of Education to levy, increase or extend a local personal income tax, transaction or use tax, vehicle license fee, excise tax, including, but NOT limited to, an alcoholic beverage tax, cigarette and tobacco tax, sweetened beverage tax, and an oil severance tax. Any of the above requires constitutional and voter approval requirements. The only taxes that would not be levied by the state are those currently levied on alcoholic beverages and cigarette and tobacco products.

MOVED by Vic Viereck and seconded by Carlos Ferreyra

Public Comments: None

Board Comment: Doug Breidenbach, Carlos Ferreyra, Judy Price, Montie Mazo, Terry Anderson, Vic Viereck.

CARRIED For 17 Against 1 Abstain 1

B. GOVERNMENT & BUSINESS RELATIONS COMMITTEE PROPOSED MOTION: The GVGC opposes granting access to porn on LA's public library computers. This is not a First Amendment issue according to 2003 Supreme Court ruling. 17% of all US libraries currently have porn filtering software. LA libraries have space and time constraints. They cannot provide every book ever written nor can they give every stakeholder unlimited access to their 3000 computers.

MOVED by Vic Viereck and seconded by Charlotte Laws

Public Comment: None

Board Comment: Judy Price, Charlotte Laws, Carlos Ferreyra, Devorah Friedman, William Fishman

CARRIED For 14 Against 4 Abstain 1

~~C. **PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE PROPOSED MOTION FOR BOARD ACTION:** The motion before the board is to allocate \$1,200 dollars to be divided upon any Neighborhood Watch Group that wishes to have an event in the Greater Valley Glen Neighborhood Council area. The monies will be divided equally in the amount of up to \$150.00 for each group. The monies will be used to provide food and or refreshments for the attendees. The monies will be spent and controlled by the Public Safety Chair and committee. All funds prior to being spent will be discussed with the Neighborhood Watch group wishing to get funds. (Basically the group would tell us how much they need of a certain item and that item would be paid for out of the motion and then the items(s) would be held and picked up by the group.)~~

The above motion was amended to read as follows: the GVGC will expend no more than \$150 each for the main Van Nuys and North Hollywood National Night Out programs and such expenditures to be in conformance with the GVGC Treasurers requirements.

Moved by Bruce Thomas and seconded by Larry Jorgenson

Public Comments: None

Board Comments: Carlos Ferreyra, Kathleen Schwartz, Judy Price, Maria Denis

CARRIED For 17 Against 0 Abstain 0

D. **LAND USE & PLANNING COMMITTEE PROPOSED MOTION:** That the Greater Valley Glen Council supports the Parcel Map – Case No. AA-2011-1236-PMLA - to split one lot (a through lot) into three parcels at 6724 Allott Ave. and 6717 Sunnyslope Ave. for the purpose of construction of two additional single family dwellings. The existing single family residence will remain on the Allott parcel in the RE11 zone (Residential Estate) with 21,136.60 Sq-Ft. The two additional single family dwellings will be on Sunnyslope in R-1 zone (single family dwelling) with 6,011.50 Sq-Ft. each. This is compatible with the individuality of the two neighborhood streets. We urge that no sidewalks or streetlights be required on either street as it is incompatible with the neighborhood character and streetscape. Sidewalks do not exist on any portion of Allott and do not exist on any portion on the west side of Sunnyslope, and permanent street lights do not exist on either street.

Moved by Judy Price and seconded by Carlos Ferreyra

Public Comment: None

Board Comment: None

APPROVED For 19 Against 0 Abstain 0

10. GOVERNMENT & BUSINESS RELATIONS COMMITTEE

a) GENERAL COMMITTEE REPORT: None

b) The GVGC will provide \$500 to the LAAS Adoption Fund and \$500 to the LAAS Spay/Neuter Fund, for a total of \$1000. The money in these funds cannot be swept into the General Fund. The donation will come out of the GVGC funds for the new fiscal year.

Moved by Vic Vierck and seconded by Charlotte Laws

Public Comment: None

Board Comment: Montie Mazo, Charlotte Laws, Carlos Ferreyra, Judy Price, Bruce Thomas

Terry Anderson moved and Bruce Thomas seconded that the aforementioned motion be referred back to Committee for revision.

Public Comment: None

Board Comment: None

FAILED For 8 Against 8 Abstain 0

Vote on original motion: CARRIED For 9 Against 0 Abstain 0

c) The GVGC opposes red light traffic cameras. They have cost Los Angeles \$2.5 million in the past two years, and studies have shown they do not reduce accidents.

Moved by Vic Viereck and seconded by Charlotte Laws

Public Comment: SLO Hamilton, LAPD

Board Comment: Bruce Thomas, Judy Price, Charlotte Laws, Montie Mazo, Stanley Friedman

CARRIED For 17 Against 0 Abstain 1

11. PARKS & COMMUNITY IMPROVEMENTS COMMITTEE:

a) General Committee Report: Fernando Ayala was absent and Ted Geldberg reported that the Monument at Fulton and Van Owen is finished except for the lighting because of the difficulty in finding a power source.

b) **PROPOSED MOTION:** That the GVGC Board authorize the Parks & Community Improvement Committee to study the feasibility and costs for a Valley Glen Monument sign on the triangle located on the north east corner of Coldwater and Burbank Boulevard, Greater Valley Glen.

So MOVED by Terry Anderson and seconded by Judy Price

Public Comment: None

Board Comment: Judy Price, Terry Anderson, Bruce Thomas, Montie Mazo, Carlos Ferreyra Stanley Friedman.

APPROVED For 18 Against 0 Abstain 0

c) Valley Glen Community Park UAP Project LVNOC Meeting for July 13, 2011 at 3:00pm., for more information. THIS IS THE COMMITTEE ON THE PLAYGROUND EQUIPMENT, EXERCISE TRACK AND OTHER IMPROVEMENTS AT VALLEY GLEN COMMUNITY PARK. TRY TO ATTEND!

d) Monument Sign at Vanowen and Fulton...progress. Looking fabulous! Almost finished...at long last. Plaque has the wrong Council District on it, indicates it was donated by Dasher Lawless when in fact it was by Sprint to the extent of \$13,000.00. This should be corrected and the plaque relocated.

12. LAND USE AND PLANNING COMMITTEE: Judy Price, Chair. Who have an overview of the activities of the Committee and explained the Motion regarding Victory Produce motion.

The GVGC supports the Conditional Use application for off-site sales of full line of alcoholic beverages for Victory Produce (aka Valley Produce), 6412/6414 Matilija-Case Number ZA-2010-655-EAF, with the inclusion of the attached self-imposed conditions;

SELF-IMPOSED CONDITIONS

Victory Produce (aka Valley Produce)

6412/6414 Matilija Avenue, Valley Glen, CA 91401

Case No. ZA 2010-664 (CUB)

The following conditions of approval will be presented to the Planning Department as the Applicant's self-imposed conditions, intended to mitigate concerns regarding the off-site sale of alcoholic beverages:

1. Hours of operation of the business, and hours for the sale of alcoholic beverages shall be limited to 8:00am to 8:00 pm Monday through Saturday, and 8:00am to 5:00pm Sunday.
2. Beer and malt beverages shall not be sold in less than six-pack quantities per sale (six-pack defined as a manufacturer's pre packaged containers).
3. Beer, wine, and distilled spirits shall not be refrigerated prior to being sold.
4. Wine shall not be sold in bottles containing less than 750ml.
5. No fortified wines shall be sold.
6. Distilled spirits shall not be sold in bottles containing less than 750ml.
7. There shall be no exterior advertising indicating the availability of alcoholic beverages for sale from the premises.
8. The applicant shall install and utilize an electronic age verification machine for every purchaser of alcoholic beverages.
9. There shall be no coin operated game machines, nor California State Lottery machines maintained on the premises.
10. No employee under 21 years of age shall sell alcoholic beverages.
11. Alcoholic beverage sales shall not exceed 20% of the total gross sales of the business.
12. At any time, a minimum of 65% of the inventory of alcoholic beverages shall be comprised of products produced, packaged, and exported from Armenia, Russia, Moldavia, Czechoslovakia, or other eastern European country.

Moved by Judy Price and seconded by Carlos Ferreyra

Public Comment: Tom Harrington, Alona Yanez, Lee Rabun, Catherine Rodgers, Nicole Selno

Board Comment: Karen Klaparda, Bruce Thomas, Montie Mazo, Carlos Ferreyra, Kathleen Schwartz, Doug Breidenbach, William Fishman, Terry Anderson, Ted Goldberg, Judy Price

CARRIED For 12 Against 2 Abstain 5

13. NEIGHBORHOODS AND COMMUNITY OUTREACH COMMITTEE: No Report

14. PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE No Report

General Committee Report – Larry Jorgenson, Chair; Bruce Thomas, Vice Chair;

15. CAMBRIDGE FARMS RECYCLING ISSUE AD HOC COMMITTEE No Report

❖ General Committee Report – Maria Denis, Chair No Report

16. RULES, BYLAWS AND ELECTIONS COMMITTEE No Report

❖ General Committee Report - Stan Friedman, Chair;

17. SOUTHEAST VALLEY DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE: General Committee Report: Chair Ted Goldberg.

No Ho complex has been sold and the Valley Plaza development has new ownership

18. Adjournment.....Next scheduled meeting at August 1, 2011

Moved by Stanley Friedman and seconded by Vic Viereck

Public Comment: None

Board Comment: None

APPROVED For 18 Against 0 Abstain 0

Adjourned at 9:50PM