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Brief Summary: The GPNC is in support of the recommendation that the City Council adopt an ordinance change to return the authority for NC elections to the Department of Neighborhood Empowerment in order to conduct neighborhood council Board elections and to partner with the City Clerk for back office administrative services. Further, NCs should demand that the City fully fund the 2014 elections and conduct them in spring 2014 as planned

Additional Information:



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**GLASSELL PARK  
NEIGHBORHOOD  
COUNCIL  
OFFICERS**

**RUBY DeVERA**  
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BALTAZAR VEGA  
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**GLADYS PINTO-MUÑOZ**  
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**MARTIN GREGORI**  
TREASURER

**MICHAEL DIVIC**  
MEMBER AT LARGE

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MAYOR

**GLASSELL PARK NEIGHBORHOOD COUNCIL  
GENERAL COMMUNITY STAKEHOLDERS  
MEETING MINUTES**

**Tuesday, April 16, 2013**

Glassell Park Community & Senior Center  
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(LIST OF BOARD MEMBERS)  
BRADLEY - AREA 1  
MAGGIE DARETT-QUIROZ - AREA 2  
CRYSTAL LYNN OROZCO - AREA 3  
MAGGIE LOPEZ-ROBLES - AREA 4  
ARLENE SANTOS - AREA 5  
MARTIN GREGORI - AREA 6  
GLADYS PINTO MUÑOZ - AREA 7  
CHANNA GRACE - BUS. REP  
RUBY DeVERA - BUS. REP  
VACANT - BUS. REP  
VACANT - ORG. REP  
PAUL BLANCO - ORG. REP  
BALTAZAR VEGA - EDUC. REP  
LUIS 'ART' CAMARILLO - FAITH-BASED  
MICHAEL DIVIC - AT LARGE.REP

(Approved Minutes ON: 5/21/2013)

(12) Total Board members seated

1. Art Camarillo
2. Channa Grace
3. Gladys Pinto-Munoz
4. Baltazar Vega
5. Martin Gregori
6. Maggie Lopez-Robles
7. Michael Divic
8. Maggie Darrett-Quiroz
9. Arlene Santos
10. Bradley
11. Paul Blanco
12. Crystal-Lynn Orozco

~MINUTES MAY NOT REFLECT THE CHRONOLOGICAL ORDER OF ACTIONS~

Welcome Introductions (7:18 p.m.)

Acceptance/Review of GPNC GCS Mtg. Min. for December 18, 2012, February 19, 2013 minutes & SPEC. meeting minutes for April 2, 2013 (if provided)

Bradley makes a motion to approve the minutes from the December 18, 2012 meeting with the amendment that Maggie Darrett-Quiroz be added to the Board Members Seated. Seconded by Art Camarillo.

**Vote Taken:**            8 in favor            0 opposed            1 abstention

**Motion Passes**

Art Camarillo makes a motion to approve the minutes from the February 19, 2013 meeting. Seconded by Bradley.

**Vote Taken:**            9 in favor            0 opposed            0 abstention

**Motion Passes**

Gladys Pinto-Munoz makes a motion to approve the minutes from the SPEC. meeting minutes for April 2, 2013. Seconded by Bradley.

**Vote Taken:**            9 in favor            0 opposed            0 abstention

**Motion Passes**

Official Public Comment (Non- Agenda Items) (2 Min. Max)

**Arturo Gonzales** – I am the Senior Advisor for Councilman Reyes and I have a couple of updates for you. We're just about to turn the signal on for a new signal light that will be on Eagle Rock Boulevard and Avenue 31<sup>st</sup>. Most likely this is going to take place in the next 2 weeks. The other project that's not in Glassell Park but many of you that commute to downtown be aware of the construction that's happening on Riverside Drive and Figueroa. Construction is about halfway completed and it is coming along very nicely. There will be street closures happening between 9a to 3p periodically through September of 2013.

**Adam Mezquita** - Glassell Park is improving in reduction of crime and there are no incidents to report. Graffiti is increasing and on April 22 we will be getting a 2 man graffiti combat team.

**Nate Hayward/CD14 Field Deputy** – Captain Murphy has been promoted to Commander. Our office had a going away/meet and greet with the new Captain about a month ago and it was well attended. On April 6 our office hosted a Northeast Elected Officials Meet and Greet at the Center for the Arts. Our goal is to better help integrate services and reach out to constituents and hopefully this will be the first of many. Our office is working with Assembly member Gomez on the regulation of Massage Parlors. We're excited to work with you on the Verdugo Village Bock Party and provide resources in an area of Glassell Park that doesn't get as much recognition that I feel it deserves. There could possibly be bicycle lanes going in as part of the 2010 Bicycle Master Plan. We're working with DOT to incorporate some of the concerns people have regarding cars in the median and blocking Colorado Boulevard and how we can make the streets better for pedestrians, cyclists, cars, etc.

**Mitch O'Farrell** – Running for City Council in the 13<sup>th</sup> District. I would like to thank -you for serving, it's a great calling to serve your community. Some of my proudest moments were working with the community to create this community center. I'm ready for City Council to put my many years of living, working and volunteering here to greater use as Los Angeles City Council. I won the primary on March 5 and my team was 5<sup>th</sup> in fundraising and we still came out ahead out of 11 opponents. Economic Development and Jobs will be my main focus on Los Angeles City Council as well as public infrastructure. I look forward to serving you on Los Angeles City Council and the election is May 21.

**Hector Rivera** – I work for Councilman John Choi's office. All of you being here on a day in and day out basis, it's very seldom that you guys get a Thank you. I would like to thank you for all of the work that you do.

**Melvin Conyas** – I am Project Coordinator from the Department of Neighborhood Empowerment. We had a board retreat training a couple of Saturday's ago. We had a good small group of board members there. An important thing to note is the Deadline for funding matters is May 15 and June 14 is the last day you will be able to use your P-card.

**Tom Topping** – I publish the Boulevard Sentinel Newspaper. Since the issue of the bike lane came up I've been getting responses from residents who weren't notified of the bike lane proposal. I put a ballot in the paper and took a vote. Out of 150 responses, 4 were in favor of the new bicycle lanes and everyone else was opposed. I have combined them with petitions that were circulated by commercial printing by the businesses in Eagle Rock. We think the streets are too narrow here and we don't want to lose the traffic lanes. I have a total of 573 individuals in support of saving the traffic lanes.

**Jesse Medina** – I'm really happy to see that you are considering some Community Impact Statements tonight. I know that some of you are new but when you vote on these, it is part of the official record for City Council. I think it's really important and I hope you guys make it a part of your due diligence as being a part of the Neighborhood Council. I attended the Los Angeles Neighborhood Council meeting and I am still kind of discouraged that I didn't see any of you there. It's a great opportunity for you to become informed on what's happening with other neighborhood councils.

**4. Board Member Comment (Non-Agenda Items) (2 Min. Max) ~**  
*~None seen, none heard.*

#### **5. Neighborhood Council Board Business**

##### **a. Instruct Board Member to Comply with LA City Ethics and Open Government.**

(<http://ethics.lacity.org/education/ethics2007/?audience=done>; completed Certifications to be turned in to the GPNC Office Mgr.

**Balthazar Vega** – If you have not completed training please get it done and submit to Gladys.

##### **b. Accept Nominations of Alternate Representatives as per "GPNC Standing Rules."**

**Baltazar Vega** - We do have up to 10 alternate spots available and we only have 3 right now.

**c. Election of Crystal-Lynne Orozco for Area 3 not filled by 2012 election**

Bradley makes a motion to approve the election of Crystal-Lynn Orozco for Area 3 Representative. Seconded by Michael Divic.

**Vote Taken:** 11 in favor 0 opposed 0 abstention  
**Motion Passes**

**d. Motion/Resolution to Remove Board/Member, Michael Martinez, Organizational Rep for violation of Article V**  
**Bradley** – The Secretary did confirm that Michael Martinez has missed 4 consecutive meetings and has been no response from Mr. Martinez.

Bradley makes a motion to remove Michael Martinez as Organizational Rep. Seconded by Art Camarillo.

**Vote Taken:** 8 in favor 0 opposed 3 abstention  
**Motion Passes**

**e. Motion/Resolution to Remove Board/Member, Victoria Monteleone, Business Rep for violation of Article V**

Art Camarillo makes a motion to remove Victoria Monteleone as Business Rep. Seconded by Paul Blanco.

**Vote Taken:** 8 in favor 0 opposed 3 abstention  
**Motion Passes**

**f. Motion/Resolution to Submit a Community Impact Statement Regarding CF11-1912-S1 Neighborhood Council Elections**

**Bradley** – The LANCC group did bring these items to the GPNC. LANCC feels a CIS would assist in making that request or resolution one that would carry weight. The item being considered has to do with the Education neighborhoods Committee to have the Department of Neighborhood Empowerment in conjunction with City Clerk’s office hold the Neighborhood Council elections and encumbrances related to any Neighborhood Elections Outreach.

Bradley makes a motion to approve a CIS in reference to 11-1912-S1 and funding encumbrances with DONE. Seconded by Art Camarillo.

**Vote Taken:** 8 in favor 0 opposed 3 abstention  
**Motion Passes**

**g. Motion/Resolution to Submit a Community Impact Statement Regarding CF11-1020-S1 Neighborhood Council/DONE Funding**

**Bradley** – The GPNC has already taken action and submitted a letter in regards to funding. This is just a request to codify it on file.

Art Camarillo makes a motion to approve the CIS submitted regarding 11-1020-S1. Seconded by Gladys Pinto-Munoz.

**Vote Taken:** 10 in favor 0 opposed 1 abstention  
**Motion Passes**

**h. Motion/Resolution to submit a CIS statement regarding CF11-0923 Mural Ordinance**  
*~Item Tabled*

**i. Election of GPNC Office Manager vacated by Victoria Monteleone (Art Camarillo)**

**Art Camarillo** – As the assistant I have to move in.

Arlene Santos makes a motion to approve art as GPNC Office Manager. Seconded by Bradley.

**Vote Taken:** 11 in favor 0 opposed 0 abstention  
**Motion Passes**

**j. Update/Status of Regional NC Alliance Events & Developments with BONC Commissioner Paul Park**

**Bradley** – The GPNC approved funds in conjunction with an April 30 mayoral debate between Garcetti and Gruel. Garcetti confirmed and Gruel pulled out at the last meeting. Therefore there will no longer be a mayoral debate. The funds will be reabsorbed back into our budget.

**k. Update/Status on GP Community Garden Plot and./or funding practices (Maggie Lopez-Robles)**  
*~No update*

**Bradley** – Can we get an invoice from the Community Garden Council?

**Maggie Darrett-Quiroz** – I can type one up.

**l. Update/Status on mayor’s Budget Advocates for FY 2013-2014**  
*~No update*

**7. Committee/Ad Hoc Committee Reports/Updates**

**a. Economic Development and Land Use Committee Updates**

- 1). **DIR-2013-147-PUB-CDO-CLQ-SPR – 3353 W. San Fernando Rd.**  
~ *No update*
- 2). **ZA-2011-2241-CUW – 2910 N. San Fernando Road**  
~ *No update*

**b. Grants & Funding Committee Report/Recommendations/Status/Update**

**1). Request for Funding up to (\$1,000) for “Annual Verdugo Village (so) Block Party & Resource Fair.”**

**Bradley** – Grants & Funding Committee did recommend approval on this grant application. This will be an annual event and is one of two block parties being considered in Verdugo North & South areas.

Channa Grace makes a motion to approve up to \$1, 000 for Annual Verdugo South Block Party & Resource Fair. Seconded by Michael Divic.

**Vote Taken:**            10 in favor                    0 opposed                    0 abstention

**Motion Passes**

**2). Request for Funding up to (\$1,000) for “Verdugo Village (no) “Quality-of-Life Fair.”**

~*Item Tabled*

**3). Request for Funding up to (\$3,000) for “7<sup>th</sup> Annual Veteran’s Day Parade Event.”**

~*Item Tabled*

**4). Request for Funding up to (\$1,500) for the “Lummus Day Event.”**

**Bradley** – The committee did receive an application and the applicant was present. The committee did recommend approval with conditions that a new application be re-submitted with some clarifications.

**Applicant** – This event does not provide free food. Currently revising the flyer to include all sponsors. The event is free and attendees will only have to pay for food from the food trucks provided. All the music comes from Northeast Los Angeles.

**Bradley** – One of the major concerns brought forth by the Grants & Funding Committee was the connection of the event to Glassell Park. I’m hoping the connection has been made at this level for the board.

**Art Camarillo** – We have supported events like Peace in the North East and Veteran’s Day Parade because we have participants in Glassell Park or attendees.

Channa Grace makes a motion to approve up to \$1,500 for the Lummus Day Event. Seconded by Gladys Pinto-Munoz.

**Vote Taken:**            11 in favor                    0 opposed                    0 abstention

**Motion Passes**

**c. Report/Recommendations/Status/Update By-Law Committee**

~*None seen, none heard*

**d. Report/Recommendations/Status/Update Budget and Finance Committee**

~*None seen, none heard*

**e. Report/Recommendations/Status/Update from Outreach and Communication Committee**

- 1). Outreach to Local Schools, Churches, CBO’s and Stakeholders on Newsletter Articles
- 2). Overview of DRAFT Newsletter
- 3). Newsletter to be mailed out BEFORE Fiscal Year Funding May 29, 2013

**Bradley** – We have met and talked about taking pictures of board members and the board as a whole for our newsletter. We have also sent out an email regarding events going on in our community to be submitted to us by April 21 for the newsletter. I haven’t received anything electronically yet.

**f. Report/Recommendations/Status/Update Website Ad-Hoc Committee**

**Andre Sahakian** – I’ve been working with the website Ad Hoc committee for the past several months. We set up the new website through a new word press account. We had several websites before but lost information on the log-in. Our solution was to implement a framework website for the elections process and once the elections we’re done we re-vamped it to make it a full servicing Neighborhood Council website. Keep in mind it’s still a work in progress and were still adding more information. The goal is to open up the Neighborhood Council to the community and provide more transparency and engage the community. We included a link to Empower LA on the home page as well as a link to like

our Facebook and a live twitter feed. We have a link that talks about the History of Neighborhood Councils, a page that lists all of the board members as well as contact information, photo gallery and a PDF of the boundary map. You can also access the bylaws. Any one of these pages can be shared on social media. We also have a Google calendar that will update you on all important meetings. Right now I am in the process of locating all the previous minutes and agendas and updating them on the website. We're always looking for input or feedback so feel free to talk to myself or anyone involved in the Website Ad Hoc committee.

**g. Report/Recommendations/Status/Update Education Ad-Hoc Committee**  
**Baltazar Vega** – Will be meeting next Tuesday here.

**h. Report/Recommendations/Status/Update Legislative Ad-Hoc Committee**  
**Art Camarillo** – We're planning our next meeting.

**9. Area Representative Updates**

**Area 1, Bradley** – No updates.

**Area 2, Maggie Darrett-Quiroz** – Working with Caltrans for the ceremony for the CD1 light signal.

**Area 3, Crystal** – Waiting on direction as far as how I can coordinate a block party in my area.

**Area 4, Maggie Lopez-Robles** – Complaints from my area are regarding Marijuana Dispensaries. Made a complaint but have no answers yet.

**Area 5, Arlene Santos** – No update.

**Area 6, Martin Gregori** – Making initial headway for Block Party.

**Area 7, Gladys Pinto-Munoz** – No update.

**10. Business Representative Updates ~No Updates**

**11. Organizational Representative Updates**

**Paul Blanco** – We are starting the mural. The base is there as well as some of the artwork. It looks really nice.

**12. Educational Representative Updates**

**Baltazar Vega** – Just a reminder, if you need student volunteers many of the schools in the area have mandated community service hours.

**13. Faith-Based Representative Updates**

**Art Camarillo** – We are going to have at least 5 churches participate in the Peace in the Northeast event. It may end up being 7.

**14. Announcements/Public Comments**

**Alisa Smith** – I would encourage you all to start coming to LANCC. The more participation you have the better it is for all of us. Also would like to remind the board that all By-law revisions must be turned in by June 1.

**15. Adjourn – Meeting adjourned at 9:33pm.**