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Item Number:

Brief Summary: The GPNC is in Support of Council to instruct the Department of Building and Safety be instructed to provide to the City Council a comprehensive proposal for how the Department can identify and account for wood-frame soft-story residential buildings (with two or more stories, and five or more units) built prior to 1978 that exist in the City, and what resources such a survey would require.)

Additional Information:



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

**Tuesday April 15, 2014**

Glassell Park Community & Senior Center  
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(LIST OF BOARD MEMBERS)  
BRADLEY - AREA 1  
MAGGIE DARETT-QUIROZ - AREA 2  
CRYSTAL-LYNNE OROZCO - AREA 3  
MAGGIE LOPEZ-ROBLES - AREA 4  
ARLENE SANTOS - AREA 5  
MARTIN GREGORI - AREA 6  
GLADYS PINTO MUÑOZ - AREA 7  
CHANNA GRACE - BUS. DISTRICT 1  
RUBY DeVERA - BUS. DISTRICT 2  
LÁZARO AGÜERO - BUS. DISTRICT 3  
JOSE MEJIA - BUS. DISTRICT 4  
PAVLO VLANKO - BUS. DISTRICT 5  
BALTAZAR VEGA - EDUCATION  
LUIS "ART" CAMARILLO - FAITH-BASED  
MICHAEL DIVIC - AT LARGE REP.

(Approved Minutes On: 05/ / 2014)

(11) Total Board members seated  
(0) Alternate in Attendance

Ruby De Vera, Chairperson (Arrived at 7:20pm)  
Channa Grace, Treasurer  
Gladys Pinto-Munoz, Secretary (Arrived 7:30pm)  
Pavlo Vlanco  
Maggie Lopez-Robles  
Luis "Art" Camarillo  
Lázaro Agüero (Arrived 8:30pm)  
Bradley  
Michael Divic  
Crystal-Lynne Orozco  
Maggie Daret-Quiroz (Arrived at 8:55pm)

~MINUTES MAY NOT REFLECT THE CHRONOLOGICAL ORDER OF ACTIONS~

**1. Welcome and Introductions (Meeting began at 7:07pm)**

(Glassell Park Neighborhood Council Chair, Ruby DeVera is not present and the Vice-Chair, Baltazar Vega is not present. Board Member, Bradley asked Board Members if they had objections to interim Chair of the GCS Mtg. until Chair/Vice Chair arrives to facilitate meeting and hear move agenda forward and allow official/public comments, etc. There were no objections. Bradley brought meeting to order and commenced meeting)

Bradley called for Board Members to be seated. After board members introduced themselves, Interim Chair, Bradley and Gladys Pinto-Muñoz indicated they have a quorum of 8 minimally to commence meeting.

**2 Acceptance/Review of GPNC SPEC Mtg. Min. for February 22 and GCS Mtg. Min. March 18, 2014. (Tabled)**

Michael Divic introduces motion to table item. Art Camarillo seconds motion.

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

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

**Lauren Ballard, Field Deputy for City Councilmember Jose Huizar, City Council District 14**

Constituents have submitted letter requesting tree trimming. The Urban Forestry Dept. budget has been cut drastically. Some 1,400 trees in CD14 have been approved for tree trimming but UFD is not contracting them quickly enough. We hope for action within 30 days – within 2 weeks from now. We'll have an update at the next meeting.

Lauren Ballard mentioned there are two crews to clean up bulky items. If there's an area that's very dirty or overrun with weeds, Please let them know so they can target the area.

She also mentioned trash receptacles, 2 Fwy Off Ramp trash, locations and timeline of Caltrans Clean-up.

- *(Chair, Ruby DeVera arrives and is seated. Bradley returns facilitating meeting to Chair. Chair is briefed on agenda items approved and status of agenda items. Ruby DeVera regains meeting and apologizes to board members and stakeholder. Meeting commences)*

**Patricia Alarcón, East Area Representative, External Affairs, Office of Los Angeles Mayor Eric Garcetti**

She stated she will make 3 announcements and will make a presentation to the outgoing board members:

Regarding Mayor's Office events, the topic is earthquakes. Your neighborhood council has been chosen for a briefing by Dr. Lucy Jones of Caltech regarding an earthquake studies. Please provide a future town hall or meeting date for Dr. Jones to make a presentation. This is a work in progress. Generally it should be a date in May 2014.

Patricia Alarcón stated that the Department of Government Affairs has several events coming up in May and June, 2014 including jobs fairs and health care fairs for veterans. She will provide lists of vendors for GPNC in the coming weeks.

Art Camarillo mentioned that there will be a Veterans Administration representative at the Goodwill Center beginning in May 2014. He suggests that she get in touch with them.

Regarding the flag project, she said she is seeking private sponsors to donate, to make that happen quicker. Stakeholder commented that in CD1 Council Member Gil Cedillo's office is working on the flag issue. Patricia Alarcón suggested collaborating together to avoid duplication. Stakeholder asked if the companies are hiring veterans or distributing information. Patricia Alarcón stated she identified over 60 companies, to be ready to interview for employment opportunities.

Ruby DeVera thanked Patricia Alarcón for helping with the Veterans Parade. Alarcon came through with an unexpected grant in the amount of \$2,500.00 from USC. Patricia Alarcón mentioned next year to request up to \$3,000.00.

\* (Ceremonial: Patricia Alarcón and Lauren Ballard are taking the opportunity to distribute "Certificates of Recognition/Acknowledgements to incumbent board members to thank them for their commitment to their neighborhood and to the City of Los Angeles. Followed up by a group photo)

**Erika Caswell, Local Librarian, Cypress Park Branch Library:**

Erika Caswell stated she is looking forward to upcoming meetings. She mentioned that Mayor Garcetti wants to expand service hours on Tuesdays and Thursdays in the evenings and would like to open earlier on other days as well to accommodate the public and patrons. They are still hosting ACA / Covered California, ESL Weekly Teen programs and Story Times for the young and families. They are still receiving books from the Mexican Consulate. There are big literary events 3-4 times per year which feature many local authors and is looking to create a book festival in the fall, probably October. There is a Friends Group that meets every other month.

**Paul Bonsell, Lummis Day Committee Representative:**

Paul Bonsell announced a fundraiser on May 3 at the Highland Park American Legion Hall to support the upcoming June 1, 2014 Lummis Day Festival. Tickets are \$35 in advance. Also, regarding the Pacific Opera project, we will have a dinner on June 1, 2014 to raise funds from them as well. Stakeholders may also donate funds via PayPal.

**Jonathan Smith, Candidate for Congress:**

Mr. Smith stated that is visiting all neighborhood councils. As an Independent Write-In Candidate for Congress #39, there are three areas of advocacy. Veterans rights, Education, and Congressional Reform. I am truly independent. Partisan politics is killing our government. I'm only backed by individuals. It's a mountain climb but I feel like it's time. I'm excited. I hope to get your support.

**Elizabeth Agazaryan and Joe Felix**, property owners along Verdugo Road (4137) highlighted sidewalk issues, public safety hazards, and tree roots which is causing nuisance with sidewalks, passageways, and sewer issues. Council Rep. heard their concerns at this meeting and is currently meeting with them in the conference room.

**Lorenzo Tovar**, introduced himself and informed public he is running to be a candidate for Area 1. He has been in the neighborhood for 3 years.

**Francisco "SCO" Contreras** introduced himself and informed public he is running to be a candidate for Area 5. He has just recently moved to the neighborhood.

**Andre Sahakian** introduced himself and informed public he is running to be a candidate for Area 6. He was born in the Neighborhood and has served as a board member previously. Also, he is Chair of the Web-Site "Adhoc" Committee, worked on the Elections Committee and has remained an Alternate when not serving on the board.

- 4. Board Member Comment (Non-Agenda Items) (2 Min. Max.)  
(None)

\_\_\_\_\_ introduced a motion to combine Agenda Items 2 and 19. Bradley seconded the motion.

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

**A. Lisette Covarrubias, DONE Regional Project Mgr.** (213) 978-1551 Update on GPNC 2013 – 2014 Fiscal Year Funding Issues and Election's Status and Input. Jay Handal, DONE IEA for Regional 8 Elections may be available to provide an update on GPNC 2014 Election matters, Outreach, Official Candidates, and/or efforts to engage stakeholders.

**Jay Handal, DONE Independent Election Administrator:**

Lisette Covarrubias is not available at this time for this meeting. She is out doing a training at another neighborhood council. The Dept. is taking a proactive approach.

Regarding the need for more copies of agendas and reference material, Jay Handal suggest providing a binder with all info. contained within for the public. Reference binder as Today's Agenda – Do Not Remove" This procedures meets the Brown Act requirement

He reminded the board that all Demand Warrants are due May 15, 2014 and checking accounts will be implemented in June/July 2014 replacing demand warrants.

Jay Handal announced to the board that there priority should be on the Regional 8 Elections.

The Budget Advocate has issued a White Paper on the Mayor's Budget in which NC's were not included in the development of the 2014-2015 FY Budget process. Reminded the GPNC to discuss this issue with your local councilmembers or Budget Alliance Rep.

Regarding the upcoming Glassell Park Neighborhood Council elections, Handal said your new brochure is great. We have supplied you with preprinted voter registration forms. We want to see big numbers. The Silver Lake Neighborhood Council election had over 1,300 voters this year, up 44.9%. We're expecting to see big numbers from you. Continue to do outreach. Thank you for those of you who have served. Those who run and don't win should join committees.

The elections have all been run very well and have been very successful around town. You will need 7-8 volunteers at all times. We will bring poll managers and all paraphernalia. To avoid confusion: you don't have vote by mail. You are a self-affirmation election. That means that no documents are required except a picture identification (ID) that says you're of age and that you are you (name). If the name on the documents is not name of voter, that is not acceptable.

If the ID is in Glassell Park, that's fine. Those who want to come in on community interest, just have to state what that interest is. They just have to say it, not prove it.

We will be here 2 hours before the election to set up. We could be here up to 3 hours afterwards to count and post. You will have the result that night.

Bradley asked him to repeat the statement about self-affirmation. Go to the Glassell Park website. Self-affirmation means just that. Tell where you live or volunteer. No documentation is needed except an ID. If you are here in the country without documentation, you can vote.

The registration document asks for the voter's name, address, email address (these will become the neighborhood council database) and stakeholder status. Handal is explaining all of this document.

Factual basis stakeholders (people with a Starbucks receipt, this no longer counts. The voter must have an ongoing interest in Glassell Park) (i.e. a community interest, an ongoing long term relationship with neighborhood.)

Jay Handal encourages the neighborhood council to give the registration documents to people. This empowers them. DONE will keep track of how many of these are received.

Jesse Medina, Stakeholder inquired on the verification process if someone claims to be from an organization. Handal said they have to verbally say it but no documentation required. Membership cards from medical marijuana shops are fine.

Ruby DeVera commented about the Mayor's inattention to the budget. Maybe the Mayor wants to wait to see the results of the election, she asked. Handal said this is first Mayor who's not paid attention to stakeholder views on the budget since his election.

Bradley thanked Jay Handal for being the Independent Election Administrator (IEA). Jay Handal mentioned he requested this Region to administrate given the needed attention and motivation to be more inclusive to ensure the best elections possible.

He mentioned that there are a few NC's in the region concerned about the amount of interest in the elections and CD14 Councilmember Jose Huizar is impressed. Please make sure you pack the polls with food and people coming out to vote. Congratulations and see you on Saturday April 26, 2014.

1. **Neighborhood Council Board Business** (*Refer to Agenda Item No. 4 - Board Vote regarding Agenda Item's 2 & 19*)
  - 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 into GPNC Office Mgr. (Mark Quiroz, Jose Méré not in compliance) (*Tabled*)
    - b. Accept Nominations of up to 10 Alternate Representatives as per "GPNC Standing Rules." (*Tabled*)
    - c. Update from LA River Pilot Program/Committee Liaison, Mike Divic. (*No Update*)
    - d. Update from the Alliance of River Communities (ARC) Liaison, Bradley. (*Regional & Elections, Outreach, and Candidates Are the Priority of All NC's as per ARC*)
    - e. Update from LA Mayor's Budget Liaison's, Maggie DQ, Maggie LR, and Gladys Pinto-Muñoz (*No Update*)
    - f. Update from Budget Advocate Liaison's, Channa Grace or Maggie Lopez-Robles (*No Update*)
    - g. Update /Status on GP Community Garden Plot and/or Funding Practices (Maggie Lopez-Robles) (*Tabled*)
    - h. Motion/Resolution for to develop a "Senior's Adhoc Committee", Gladys Pinto-Muñoz (*Tabled*)
    - i. Motion/Resolution to Support Recommendation on LADWP Rate Increases and/or BPW Measures, Tony Butka, (*No Update*)
    - j. Motion/Resolution to Submit a "Letter of Support (LOS)" to Mayor Eric Garcetti's Office GRYD Program Director in Support of Aztecs Rising's Gang Reduction and Youth Development Intervention Programs (*Request by Enrique Hurtado, Director of Aztec's Rising to support GRYD Programming and Mayor's initiative to reduce criminal behavior and violence in the Northeast GRYD zones, case management services for individuals 14-25 years of age, violence Interruption and Crisis Response to gang related incident. Follow-up to 03/18/2014 GCS Mtg. Presentation. Aztec's Rising is a program of Public Health Foundation Enterprises, Inc. (PHFE). PHFE is a registered 501(c)(3) non-profit organization.*)

Art Camarillo objects to a Letter of Support due to the fact that we have never been given a report on how many youth have been given jobs or have received tutoring. He said that he is hearing that nothing is happening in large numbers. I'm writing a letter to the Mayor to do an audit of the group in the northeast. These comments are all for GRYD, not Aztecs rising.

Bradley said this is specifically a "LOS" to Aztec Rising, not GRYD/Children's Hospital Los Angeles. Camarillo said he wants a friendly amendment to ask other results for GRYD. The contract is coming up. They should not renew this. I don't think they should get a contract for the whole thing (GRYD).

Andre Sahakian asked can you explain what GRYD (Gang Reduction and Youth Development) is and Aztecs Rising. He is not clear on the GRYD or Aztec's Rising role in the Community.

Linda Sanchez, an Aztecs Rising Case Worker and Stakeholder in Fletcher Square spoke on the problems in the area over decades and their efforts to remediate gang violence in the area. She currently works with 16 young adults being trained for jobs, learning skills, and becoming tradesmen with one recently accepted into Job Corps. Aztecs Rising was a huge component for changing the neighborhood, for crime reduction. We couldn't have done it without Aztecs Rising.

Art Camarillo asked about statistics and accountability. Linda Sanchez stated that the information is public record and that the Mayor's Office audits regularly with stats provided online.

Jessie Medina, Stakeholder stated that the GRYD program took all the gang intervention initiatives, 30 or so, and combined them into one manageable/accountable program regularly monitored.

Bradley introduces a motion to submit a "Letter of Support (LOS)" to Mayor Eric Garcetti's Office GRYD Program Director in Support of Aztecs Rising's Gang Reduction and Youth Development Intervention Programs. Channa Grace seconds the motion.

**Vote Taken:** 6 in favor 0 opposed 2 abstention  
**Motion Passes**

Yes Votes:

- Ruby De Vera, Chairperson
- Channa Grace, Treasurer
- Gladys Pinto-Munoz, Secretary
- Pavlo Vlanco
- Maggie Lopez-Robles
- Lázaro Agüero
- Bradley
- Michael Divic

No Votes:

None

Abstentions:

- Luis 'Art 'Camarillo
- Crystal-Lynne Orozco

- k. Motion/Resolution to Submit a "Letter of Support (LOS)" to Council District One in Support of the "Keep It Clean" Campaign.

Channa Grace introduces a motion to submit a "Letter of Support (LOS)" to Council District One in Support of the "Keep It Clean" Campaign. Michael Divic seconds the motion.

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

Yes Votes:

Ruby De Vera, Chairperson  
Channa Grace, Treasurer  
Gladys Pinto-Munoz, Secretary  
Pavlo Vlanco  
Maggie Lopez-Robles  
Lázaro Agüero  
Bradley  
Michael Divic  
Luis ‘Art ‘Camarillo  
Crystal-Lynne Orozco

No Votes:

None

Abstentions:

None

- 1. Motion/Resolution to Submit a “Letter of Request (LOR)” to Council District 13 regarding update on “Chapman St. Wall Vining Irrigation System” CIP per FSQ Town Hall Meeting. (Gloria Castro)

Bradley introduces a motion to submit a “Letter Of Request for Update” to Council District 13 on all 3 previous requests. Gladys Pinto-Muñoz seconds the motion.

**Vote Taken:** 9 in favor 0 opposed 1 abstention

**Motion Passes**

Yes Votes:

Ruby De Vera, Chairperson  
Channa Grace, Treasurer  
Gladys Pinto-Munoz, Secretary  
Pavlo Vlanco  
Maggie Lopez-Robles  
Lázaro Agüero  
Bradley  
Michael Divic  
Luis ‘Art ‘Camarillo

No Votes:

None

Abstentions:

Crystal-Lynne Orozco

- m. Motion/Resolution to submit a “Council District One-50/50 Big Belly Program” Application for Trash Receptacle Systems as part of CD01 “Keep It Clean” Campaign.  
*(Each trash can is equipped with a chip that delivers real-time data to the DPW Bureau of Sanitation, showing when the units are full and need to be picked up. One Big Belly comes with an opportunity to promote the GPNC on side panels. In the spirit of the 50/50 program the sponsoring organization will have access to [2] panels on a single unit and [3] panels on a double unit.)*

**Jose Rodriguez, Field Deputy for Council Member Gil Cedillo:**

Jose Rodriguez gave a quick briefing about the 50-50 program and costs at about \$2,000. The receptacles are solar-powered and inform the BOS when they need to be serviced. All NC’s are invited to share costs. Currently, they are in discussion with the City Attorney’s Office regarding business advertising, cost sharing, and the commercial aspect.

Ruby DeVera asked about business owners sharing costs and Channa Grace about GPNC shortage of funds.

Jesse Medina, Stakeholder asked why not just put out 2-3 trash cans and if the trash cans are filled sooner, why not use additional cans?? Jose Rodriguez said we don't have any new trash cans to add. Jesse Medina said this looks like a new program that will cost additional money and footed by the tax payer again. Jesse Medina said this is a basic city service. It should be provided by taxes. He said that he is worried that this will be an ongoing expense. Bradley said this motion is just for support, not money. Camarillo asked about advertising and fees.

Stakeholders asked where current locations exist for these types of receptacles and about vandalism, graffiti, and tagging. Jose Rodriguez stated receptacle can be found on Alvarado Street (McArthur Park Area) and have a one-year warranty. Thereafter, it's \$246 per year for the warranty – pricing exclusive for the neighborhood councils.

Crystal-Lynn Orozco asked about costs and the need for trash receptacles in Area 3. Jose Rodriguez stated the costs would range between \$2,000 to \$4,000 with shared costs coming from NC's.

Art Camarillo asked if funds were available. Ruby DeVera stated that the agenda item is a request for support of the program – not funding of the program.

Art Camarillo introduces a motion to submit a “Council District One-50/50 Big Belly Program” Application for Trash Receptacle Systems as part of CD01 “Keep It Clean” Campaign. Michael Divic seconds the motion.

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

Yes Votes:

- Ruby De Vera, Chairperson
- Channa Grace, Treasurer
- Gladys Pinto-Munoz, Secretary
- Pavlo Vlanco
- Maggie Lopez-Robles
- Lázaro Agüero
- Bradley
- Michael Divic
- Luis ‘Art ‘Camarillo
- Crystal-Lynne Orozco

- n. Motion/Resolution to Submit a “Letter of Request (LOR)” to Council District One to provided Signage and/or alternate Safety Measures at 2000 Blk. Of Winmar Drive and 3400 Blk. Of Division Street, (Maggie Lopez-Robles)

Jose Rodriguez inquired with the LA Dept. of Transportation to study the crosswalks. Ruby DeVera reminded CD01 about the fatalities and accidents at the cross-walks in the council region.

Maggie Lopez-Robles introduces a motion to submit a “Letter of Request (LOR)” to Council District One to provided Signage and/or alternate Safety Measures at 2000 Blk. Of Winmar Drive and 3400 Blk. Of Division Street. Michael Divic seconds the motion.

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

Yes Votes:

- Ruby De Vera, Chairperson
- Channa Grace, Treasurer
- Gladys Pinto-Munoz, Secretary
- Pavlo Vlanco
- Maggie Lopez-Robles
- Lázaro Agüero



Bradley  
Michael Divic  
Luis 'Art 'Camarillo  
Crystal-Lynne Orozco

- o. Status/Update on Request (LOR) to Council District One, Gil Cedillo’s Office to provide an official Council Rep. at the GPC/SC at least 4 days a week.

Jose Rodriguez informed the board that an official will be present Wednesday, Thursday and Friday until further notice.

\*(Ceremonial: Jose A. Rodriguez is taking the opportunity to distribute “Certificates of Recognition/Acknowledgements to incumbent board members to thank them for their commitment to their neighborhood and to the City of Los Angeles. Followed up by a group photo)

- 2. **Motion/Resolution to Approve “Candidate’s Meet & Greet” Forum** tentatively scheduled for Saturday April 19, 2014 from 10am – 1pm at the GPC/SC. (*Refer to Mtg. Agenda Item No. 19 for Board discussion*)

Bradley introduces a motion to approve the flyer, outreach materials, and date for candidate’s forum. Pavlo Vlanko seconded the motion.

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

- 3. **Motion/Resolution to Approve Deposit Fee up to \$300 for St. Bernard’s School “3<sup>rd</sup> Annual Field Day”,** (Danielle Forillo)

*The St. Bernard’s School Scholastic Field Day/Elementary Field Day Event is to engage the students, family members and staff with the importance of exercise, social engagement and responsibility to engage with Nature and their natural surroundings while rewarding the students for their academic and social achievements in recycling, neighborhood responsibility, and social gatherings year-round. (Encumbered 2014-2015 FY Budget)*

Bradley reminded the board that last year we approved fund for the “**2nd Annual Field Day**” up to \$800.00. Funding is greatly needed for this scholastic event and given that the school has very little open, green space. The Park is an ideal location and the students love the outdoor activities and events planned for the day. The expense would be a permit for Park Facility Use from the Dept. of Recreation and Parks Division. That fee is about \$275. That’s why it says up to \$300. They will use our logo to outreach/advertise.

Maggie Lopez-Robles asked, if approved, how is the money to be encumbered. Bradley replied that it would have to come out of the 2014 – 2015 FY Funding from the next seated board.

Channa Grace reminded the board that give past approvals and encumbrances present and yet to come, As mentioned, the GPNC literally has no funding available. She stated that emphatically that all funding has been budgeted and encumbered. Funding request are still pending, charges are still pending. NPG’s are still being processed, and reimbursables for board members, Election Funds, refreshments, etc. need to be taken care of in the order in which they were approved. We approved some items last month that are well beyond the funding capacity of this 2013 – 2014 board term. She does not believe it is responsible to burden the new board with previous board funding.

Bradley said no group or organization should have to wait until the new board comes in after the event is over. This board must continue to do its work. The request is for approvals only. I understand that we have no funds. It’s going to take up to 90 days before the funds can be release but inter-departmental funding can be allocated. It must remain important for this board to continue supporting groups, CBO’s and educational facilities since these groups and organizations have always supported our efforts in the Community of Glassell Park..

Bradley said funds (last year) were encumbered but not spent until the event actually occurred. Last year we felt it was very important to support the families and kids. They’re not asking for \$800, but \$300. If that’s something that we can support, we should consider doing so.

Crystal-Lynn Orozco concurs with Channa Grace due to previous organization funding commitments, new board roles and responsibilities, and lack of funding in 203 – 2014 FY Funding budget. She request the board table any further funding requests.

Lázaro Agüero inquired on effects of approving funds and accountability. Ruby DeVera reminded board member funds would come out of new board 2014 – 2015 FY Funding. Channa Grace reminded board members on previous NPG submittals not encumbered but approved by this board adding up to \$5,000's already but is it fair to the newly elected board and board members.

Ruby DeVera reminded the board to take action on the matter and Art Camarillo and Crystal-Lynn Orozco concurred with Channa Grace on ramifications to the next board. Both mentioned the fairness and consideration to the next elected board.

Bradley stated that the next GCS Mtg. in May 2014 will involve the installation of new board members, election of officers, and training/orientation with June 2014 assignment of duties. The Rec. & Park Facilities Permit has to be paid in advance of the event and funds encumbered in order to secure the park. Bradley mentioned that the other board members are making fiscally sound assessments for board consideration and a concern of timing, given the next board may not fund or are available to fund.

Art Camarillo, Michael Divic, Ruby DeVera and others stated that other solutions must be sought but not by this outgoing board. Furthermore, solutions internally with the Church, Rectory, Parishioners, and School will be considered.

Michael Divic introduces a motion to table items 3, 4 and 5. Crystal-Lynn Orozco seconded the motion.

**Vote Taken:** 8 in favor 0 opposed 2 abstention  
**Motion Passes**

Yes Votes:

- Ruby De Vera, Chairperson
- Channa Grace, Treasurer
- Pavlo Vlanco
- Maggie Lopez-Robles
- Lázaro Agüero
- Michael Divic
- Luis 'Art 'Camarillo
- Crystal-Lynne Orozco

No Votes:

None

Abstentions:

- Bradley
- Gladys Pinto-Munoz

4. **Request for Funding up to (\$1,000) for “3<sup>rd</sup> Annual Verdugo Village (So) Block Party & Resource Fair.”**  
(Crystal-Lynn Orozco) *(Tabled)*  
*The Block Party and Resource Fair is to continue the GPNC ongoing efforts to outreach, educate and empower the stakeholders in Regions 2, 3, & 4 with informational booths from local CBO's, City, State, and our elected officials. The event will also provide FREE food, entertainment, and a social opportunity for residents, business owners, and their elected officials to establish relationships and opportunities to discuss neighborhood concerns, future CIP's and future improvements to the Community of Glassell Park. (Encumbered 2014-2015 FY Budget)*
5. **Request for Funding up to (\$300) for “1<sup>st</sup> Annual Griffith District Day Camp Jamboree” bottled water.**  
(Daniel Gutierrez, Recreation Coordinator of the Glassell Park Senior Citizen Center) *(Tabled)*  
*The Griffith District Day Camp Jamboree on Thursday, July 24, 2014 at Del Rey Lagoon in Marina del Rey.is to*

provide an opportunity to Kids and Young Adults to experience active/passive recreation in an environment outside their Neighborhood settings. The event will also provide FREE food, entertainment, activities, and social interactions not commonly found within their Urban Surroundings. (Encumbered 2014-2015 FY Budget)

**6. Report and Recommendations from Treasurer, (Channa Grace) (No Action Taken)**

- a. Update on Submittals of Approved GPNC Reconciliation Budget 2013 – 2014 FY, 1<sup>st</sup> – 3<sup>rd</sup> Quarter 2013-2014 FY Funding P-Card Reconciliation Budget, DONE Monthly Reports for FY Funding 2013-2014, and GPNC Board Vote Count Forms.
- b. Update on 2013 – 2014 FY Funding Balances, Pending and/or Remaining Funds Available.
- c. Status of a “Letter of Inquiry (LOI)” regarding the 2012 – 2013 FY Reinstatement of Funds in the amount of \$7,231 eCALS Funding for Drumline regarding NPG Application & Demand Warrants submitted before deadline

Channa Grace spoke about submittals tomorrow morning at DONE. She mentioned that she submitted a recap and previous DONE updates in the amounts of \$18,000. However, it is more like \$10,000 remaining without deductions for office operations, and elections expenses still pending. We are now looking for food and refreshment donations for elections due to the irregularities presented by the Ricoh Copier billing and the Dept’s lack of transparency regarding billing and encumbrances. If there remain any excess funds, they will be placed in a misc. category 600, in an effort to fund unpaid NPG’s, grants and funding requests.

Channa Grace noted that our job is to support the community but yet we have been hampered financially in our ability to support the very worthy projects that we’ve supported in the past. We’ve written a Letters requesting assistance to the City Attorney and to the City Controller’s Office about this error. And due to this inexcusable over-sight by the Dept., I have had to remain a strict financial disciplinarian and keep a tight grip on our budget and funding practices. .

Ruby DeVera still remains optimistic on funding available and reminds the treasurer that the Verdugo Village Block Party funds have been encumbered in the approved 2013 – 2014 FY Budget.

- 7. Motion/Resolution to Submit a Community Impact Statement (CIS) in Support of CF09-2645; and
- 8. Motion/Resolution to Submit a Community Impact Statement (CIS) in Support of CF11-1017-S1; and
- 9. Motion/Resolution to Submit a Community Impact Statement (CIS) in Support of CF11-1018; and
- 10. Motion/Resolution to Submit a Community Impact Statement (CIS) in Support of CF12-0460-S1; and
- 11. Motion/Resolution to Submit a Community Impact Statement (CIS) in Support of CF12-1681; and
- 12. Motion/Resolution to Submit a Community Impact Statement (CIS) in Support of CF13-0600-S66; and
- 13. Motion/Resolution to Submit a Community Impact Statement (CIS) in Support of CF13-0964; and
- 14. *(Item 14 - Public Speaker Card submitted – board discussion); and*
- 15. Motion/Resolution to Submit a Community Impact Statement (CIS) in Support of CF13-1336; and
- 16. Motion/Resolution to Submit a Community Impact Statement (CIS) in Support of CF13-1513; and
- 17. Motion/Resolution to Submit a Community Impact Statement (CIS) in Support of CF13-1685; and
- 18. Motion/Resolution to Submit a Community Impact Statement (CIS) in Support of CF14-0122; and

Bradley introduced a motion to approve all Community Impact Statements (CIS) 7- 13 and 15-18. Michael Divic seconded the motion.

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

**Motion Passes**

Yes Votes:

- Ruby De Vera, Chairperson
- Channa Grace, Treasurer
- Gladys Pinto-Munoz, Secretary
- Pavlo Vlanko
- Maggie Lopez-Robles
- Lázaro Agüero
- Bradley

Michael Divic  
Luis 'Art 'Camarillo

No Votes:  
None

Abstentions:  
Crystal-Lynne Orozco

14. Motion/Resolution to Submit a Community Impact Statement (CIS) in Support of CF13-1300-S1

Jesse Medina, Stakeholder strongly opposed to the board approving a CIS in support of a ballot/initiative for tax increase.

Jesse Medina relates current LADWP rates from 2006 to present which indicated various incremental increases, sanitation increases, fees for electricity fees. Sanitation & waste disposal fees from \$11 to \$76 over a period of 8 years. Fees that were approved by voters the hiring of 1,000 additional police officers. Jesse informs the board that until the city is willing to provide a serious budget overhaul, provide accountability of state and local funds already budgeted for infrastructure improvements, and will ensure that funds collected will be distributed equally and in an unbiased manner targeted to those communities and neighborhoods that need it the most, basically voters are approving another levy on their pocket.

Jesse Medina has asked the board to weigh-in on these matters, cause and effect and to oppose this council file. Please be reminded that in the 8 years before Eric Garcetti was elected, income into the city only decreased 2.6% whereas city expenditures increased 32% without any accountability, over-sight, or feedback from the public. And very little, if no input from the NC's on budgets or city funding encumbrances. The City of Los Angeles needs to live within its' budgetary needs.

Bradley introduced a motion to submit a Community Impact Statements (CIS) opposed to CF13-1300-S1. Lázaro Agüero seconded the motion.

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

Yes Votes:  
Ruby De Vera, Chairperson  
Channa Grace, Treasurer  
Gladys Pinto-Munoz, Secretary  
Pavlo Vlanco  
Maggie Lopez-Robles  
Lázaro Agüero  
Bradley  
Michael Divic  
Luis 'Art 'Camarillo  
Crystal-Lynne Orozco

\* (Art Camarillo introduced a motion to extend the meeting for 10 minutes. Board Members raised a few objections. Ruby DeVera said she is unable to remain until 10pm. Bradley suggested some items be tabled. Ruby DeVera inquired if it is necessary to stay until 10pm)

- 19. **Committee/Ad Hoc Committee Reports/Updates (8:45 p.m.) (Tabled)**
  - a. **Report/Recommendations/Status/Update Website Ad-Hoc Committee, (if any).** (Andre Sahakian)
    - 1. Phase I – Enhancement of the Webpage Look, Content, and Graphics-Attractive Welcome Page.
    - 2. Update on Twitter, Facebook, and other Applications, if any.
  - b. **Report/Recommendations/Status/Update By-Elections Adhoc Committee, (if any).** (Art Camarillo)

1. Motion/Resolution to Approve “Candidate’s Meet & Greet” Forum tentatively scheduled for Saturday April 19, 2014 from 10am – 1pm at the GPC/SC.; and
2. Motion/Resolution to Approve “Candidate’s Meet & Greet” Flyer for outreach distribution; and
3. Motion/Resolution to approve “2014 GPNC Election’s” Banner for printing & posting

Tony Butka stated that he and Art Camarillo will be the overseeing the remaining Regional 8 Elections for the GPNC and provided contact information for both of them. Any further communications, outreach and/or reference material will be handled by both he and Art Camarillo and the Election’s Committee.

Tony Butka stated that the board members and public have a DRAFT Copy of the Candidates “Meet & Greet” Forum Flyer for Saturday April 19, 2014 from 10am – 1pm. He stated that all 30 candidates have been contacted via e-mail about the upcoming forum and if you didn’t received info. please provide your contact information. The forum is set-up as follows: 10am-11am will be the meet and greet, with a candidates Q & A from 11am-1pm with closing statements. The same question will be asked to all candidates with a 2 minute reply allotted. After 1pm, if you choose to stay, the facilities will remain open to meet with the Elections’ Coordinators, Tony Butka or Art Camarillo to discuss voter registration, identification, or any other topic of discussion.

Tony Butka requested a minimum of 7 volunteers who will be provided with FREE refreshments, lunch and coffee.

Tony Butka reminded the board that there are three action items to be approved. Board approval of the Candidate’s “Meet & Greet” Forum Flyer for outreach purposes. Bradley asked are we speaking of the GPNC Spring Edition Newsletter or just the “Meet & Greet” Forum Flyer. Tony Butka reminded board members they are taking action on the Candidate’s “Meet & Greet” Forum Flyer

Tony Butka requested a motion to approve the Banner info and design. Bradley reminded Tony Butka a previous action was taken that covered reference materials for outreach. Tony Butka said that’s fine for their needs.

In response to a question about whether candidates can use a proxy on Saturday if they can’t be there, Tony Butka stated affirmative that is acceptable. Bradley asked for clarification about self-affirmation voting. Jay Handal explained and Tony Butka provided further explanation.

Andre Sahakian, candidate for Area 6 asked if forum questions be made available before the forum. Tony Butka said we’re not trying to sandbag anyone.

Bradley introduces a motion to approve 19, b (1 – 3) - Candidate’s “Meet & Greet” Forum date of Saturday April 19, 2014 from 10am – 1pm, Candidate’s “Meet & Greet” Flyer for outreach distribution; and to approve “2014 GPNC Election’s” Banner for printing & posting. Pavlo Vlanco seconded the motion.

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

Yes Votes:

Ruby De Vera, Chairperson  
Channa Grace, Treasurer  
Gladys Pinto-Munoz, Secretary  
Pavlo Vlanco  
Maggie Lopez-Robles  
Lázaro Agüero (*Arrived 8:30pm*)  
Bradley  
Michael Divic  
Luis “Art” Camarillo  
Crystal-Lynne Orozco  
Maggie Daret-Quiroz (*Arrived at 8:55pm*)

- c. **Economic Development and Land Use Committee Recommendations and Updates, (Andy Montealegre)**

(All Cases may be viewed via [http://planning.lacity.org/cts\\_internet/](http://planning.lacity.org/cts_internet/) . Action Items may require a Board Action/Motion/Resolution to Adopt/Letter of Approval/Denial and/or Recommendations)

**1). Address:** 3017 West San Fernando Road. **Case No.** ZA-2014-427-ZV  
**Project Description;** Construction and Maintenance of a Wireless Telecommunication's Tower at the Public Storage Facility.

*(Committee submitted a Letter in Opposition to the application proposal for a "Fake Pine Tree" wireless telecommunication's tower)*

**2). Address:** 4525 N. Sunnycrest Drive. **Case No.** ZA-2014-665--ZAD  
**Project Description;** Construction of a new 2-story single family dwelling, 1,493 project area with yard reductions, over-height walls/fences, and hillside street waiver regulations requested.

*(Committee submitted a Letter Advising DCP to approve applicant's request)*

**3.). Address:** 3835 N. Cazador St. **Case No.** DIR-2013-3690-ZAA-SPP  
**Project Description;** Construction of a new 2-story single family dwelling, 4,775 project area with yard reductions.

*(Committee submitted a Letter Advising DCP to deny applicant's request – not consistent with MW/GP SPP)*

**4). Update on Community Cross-walks in CD01, CD13, and CD14.** *(Refer to NC Board Business)*

**5). Update on Left Turn Signals at Fletcher Drive and San Fernando Road.** *(Refer to NC Board Business)*

**6). Update on Left Turn Signals at Fletcher Drive and Estara Avenue.** *(Refer to NC Board Business)*

**7). Update on Public Safety Cross-walks in CD01, CD13, and CD14.** *(Refer to NC Board Business)*

**8). Update/Status: LAPD Station/Northeast Division -** Construction of a New 3 Story LAPD Station w/ 21 Pkg. Spaces and Community Room

Address: **3353 W. San Fernando Road** - Monday May 5, 2014 8:30am Ground Breaking Ceremony & Official Commemoration. *(No New Updates)*

**9). Update/Status: Goodwill Southern California Community Enrichment Center in Fletcher Sq.**  
Address: **3150 San Fernando Road in the Fletcher Square Neighborhood** (Old K-Mart Site)

*(Store Opening is set for April 11, 2014 Grand Opening & Ribbon Cutting Ceremony May 1, 2014 from 8:30am – 11am and opened to the public after 11am)*

**10). Update/Status: NELA Union -** Mixed-Use 52-unit condominium with 117 parking spaces  
Address: **3901 Eagle Rock Boulevard** (Masonry Builder's Site) *(No New Updates)*

**11). Update/Status: Verizon Wireless Tower & Community Marker** Tree Trimming/Visual Block  
Address: **2910 N San Fernando Road** *(No New Updates)*

**12). People Street Project Idea: Eagle Rock Boulevard Median Park Btwn. Avenue 35 and Avenue 36**  
A Proposal for a portion of Eagle Rock Boulevard between Avenue 35 and Avenue 36 with a single lane of traffic in each direction to inspire greater community engagement simply by its visibility, and encourage more passive and active neighborly interactions in line with Mayor Garcetti's "People Streets program" for the Community of Glassell Park.  
<http://la.streetsblog.org/2013/10/23/people-street-project-idea-eagle-rock-boulevard-median-park/>

*(Ruby DeVera reminded board members Items 19, c (1 – 12) may have been covered in February/March 2014 Meeting)*

Bradley introduced a motion to approve Items ED+LUC Agenda Items 19, c (1 – 12). Art Camarillo seconded the motion.

**Vote Taken:** 8 in favor 0 opposed 2 abstention  
**Motion Passes**

Yes Votes:

Ruby De Vera, Chairperson  
Channa Grace, Treasurer  
Gladys Pinto-Munoz, Secretary  
Pavlo Vlanco  
Maggie Lopez-Robles  
Lázaro Agüero  
Bradley  
Luis 'Art 'Camarillo

No Votes:

None

Abstentions:

Crystal-Lynne Orozco  
Michael Divic

- d. **Grants & Funding Committee Report/Recommendations/Status/Updates, (if any), Bradley**  
(None)
- e. **Report/Recommendations/Status/Update By-Law Committee, (if any). (Tony Butka)**  
(None)
- f. **Report/Recommendations/Status/Update Budget and Finance Committee, (if any). (Channa Grace)**  
(Report provided)
- g. **Report/Recommendations/Status/Update from Outreach and Communication Committee, (if any).**  
(Bradley)

The GPNC 2014 Spring Edition – Election’s Issue is completed and has been approved. Stakeholders will receive it Saturday or Monday and it will be in full color. It was a labor of love and there are photos of existing board members, community activities, and all the information about the Glassell Park NC Elections. Last year we had only about 230 voters. This year, we really worked hard to outreach to the many schools, churches, and CBO’s and businesses. We hope to double if not triple the voter turn-out this election cycle. Just getting the word out for candidates went from 5 to 30 candidates. Meeting our strategic plan and goals.

\*(Note: Maggie Daret-Quiroz has arrived 8:55pm)

- h. **Report/Recommendations/Status/Update Education Ad-Hoc Committee, (if any). (Baltazar Vega)**  
(None Provided)
- i. **Report/Recommendations/Status/Update Legislative Ad Hoc Committee, (if any). (Mike Divic)**  
(None Provided)

**20. Area Representative Updates**

- a. Area 1, Bradley – (None Provided)
- b. Area 2, Maggie Daret-Quiroz

Maggie Daret-Quiroz said that she is working with Jose A. Rodriguez/CD01 and a group of area residents to submit a petition against Super King Market parking, nuisance and employee activities. She mentioned that SKM doesn’t want to pay for parking around the Sony Studios area and that residents and businesses are upset at the nuisance

activities. She suggest holding an upcoming forum or town hall meeting. Employees at Super King are just trashing the area. We need photos of this illicit activity or there is nothing that we can do. We are working to find a solution.

Maggie Lopez-Robles asked if Super King Market is doing anything about traffic. Maggie Daret-Quiroz indicated she is not aware of anything and that residents cannot even have access into their neighborhood. She stated if we all unite and combine efforts to bring residents to meetings, then they might want to consider it.

We are also working to bring youth sports into the area. We're working with Caltrans to keep the area clean.

- c. Area 3, Crystal-Lynne Orozco (*None Provided*)
- d. Area 4, Maggie Lopez-Robles (*Provided in NC Board Actions & Activates above*)
- e. Area 5, Arlene Santos - (*None Provided*)
- f. Area 6, Martin Gregori - (*None Provided*)
- g. Area 7, Gladys Pinto-Muñoz

Gladys Pinto-Muñoz stated residents met with Nate Hayward, Field Deputy about a "Welcome to Glassell Park" Sign at the 2 Fwy. Off Ramp in Verdugo Village Area. They are also talking with Forest Lawn given the land is in the Council District 14 Area.

Maggie Daret-Quiroz corrected Gladys Pinto-Muñoz and informed her that Forest Lawn is located in Cd13 Councilmember Mitch O'Farrell's office. Recently, they held a community-clean-up and Forest Lawn cooperated with the assistance of Cd13 Councilmember Mitch O'Farrell's office

- 21. **Business Representative Updates** (*None Provided*)
- 22. **Organizational Representative Updates** (*None Provided*)
- 23. **Educational Representative Updates** (*None Provided*)
- 24. **Faith-Based Representative Updates**, (Art Camarillo) (*None Provided*)
- 25. **Announcements/Public Comments**

Mike Divic introduced an LA River Project Representative, Jessica from the LA River project. She wanted to see what the neighborhood councils were like and how to become more involved.

26. **New Community Activities/Business & Developments/Issues and/or Concerns:**

**Saturday, April 19, 2014** from 10am – 4pm, GPNC 2014 Candidates "Meet & Greet" Forum.  
Location: 3750 N. Verdugo Road (Cd01 Field Office) In back of Public Storage  
**Contact:** Art Camarillo, ELEC. Rep. (323) 821-1717 or E-mail at [go.sgbvc@att.net](mailto:go.sgbvc@att.net)

**Saturday, April 26, 2014** from 10am – 4pm, GPNC 2014 Elections and BBQ  
Location: 3750 N. Verdugo Road (Grassy Knoll btwn Pool & Cd01 Field Office)  
**Contact:** Art Camarillo, ELEC. Rep. (323) 821-1717 or E-mail at [go.sgbvc@att.net](mailto:go.sgbvc@att.net)

**Sunday, April 27, 2014** from 8am – 4pm. eCALS 2<sup>nd</sup> Annual Health Fair, Walk-A-Thon, and Resource Fair  
Location: 3750 N. Verdugo Road (Grassy Knoll btwn Pool & Cd01 Field Office) And Glassell Park Rec. Center  
**Contact:** Baltazar Vega, eCALS Dean of Students, (323) 276-5515 or E-mail at [b.vega@pucschools.org](mailto:b.vega@pucschools.org)

**Thursday, May 1, 2014** from 8am – 4pm, Goodwill Industries of Fletcher Square "Grand Opening Ceremony"  
Location: 3150 San Fernando Road (Old K-Mart Site) Entertainment, and FREE Refreshments & Parking.  
**Contact:** Erin Cooper, Community Relations, Activities & Events Manager (323) 539-2152 / [ecooper@goodwillsocal.org](mailto:ecooper@goodwillsocal.org)

**Monday, May 5, 2014** from 8:30am, LAPD Station/Northeast Div. - Ground Breaking Ceremony & Commemoration  
Location: 3353 W. San Fernando Road (Back Lot)  
**Contact:** Sgt. Ruben Arellano, CRO Office (323) 344-5712 or E-mail at [32338@lapd.lacity.org](mailto:32338@lapd.lacity.org)



**Saturday, May 27, 2014** from 8am – 1pm, “City Ethics & NC Training”

Location: Glassell Park Community/Sr. Center 3750 N. Verdugo Road. Refreshments & FREE Parking

**Contact:** Thomas Soong, DONE Rep. (213) 978-1551 or E-mail at [Thomas.Soong@lacity.org](mailto:Thomas.Soong@lacity.org);

**Saturday June 7, 2013** from 10am – 2pm, 3<sup>rd</sup> Annual Verdugo Village (So.) Neighborhood Block Party & Resource Fair

Location: 3300 Block of Verdugo Road & Avenue 33

**Contact:** Crystal-Lynn Orozco, GPNC Area 3 Rep. (626) 200-0650 or E-mail at [freesoul16@gmail.com](mailto:freesoul16@gmail.com)

Bradley motioned to adjourn the meeting. Channa Grace seconded the motion.

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

**Unanimous**

**Motion Passes**

**27. Adjourn (9:44pm)**

*(Minutes Prepared/Provided by AppleOne Minute Taker)*

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