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Brief Summary: The Los Angeles Administrative Code does not set forth policy for providing public access to institutional memory for the Department of Neighborhood Empowerment or Neighborhood Councils. For transparency and historical perspective, access to all current and historic rules, regulations, and election/selection/voting and any other procedures adopted by DONE should be available to the public through a Citywide database.

Additional Information



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Minutes

GVGC BOARD MEETING
MONDAY, February 2, 2015,
7:00pm
Los Angeles Valley College
Campus Center Room 104
5800 Fulton Avenue
VALLEY GLEN, CALIFORNIA 91401

Board Members

Alan Aklyan	Douglas Breidenbach
Marcus Como	Maria Denis
Joanne D'Antonio	Carlos Ferreyra
Eli Friedman	Stanley Friedman
Mickey Jannol	Malky Kertis
Nicholas Lambert	Sloan Myrick
Rich Pisani	Judy Price
Kari Roberts	Charles Samson
Lisa Samson	Kathleen Schwartz
Arline Simon	Mike Stathopoulos
Linda Wehrli	

GVGC Quorum is 13 Board members

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

1. Call to order and Pledge of Allegiance
2. Board roll call. Absent members; M. Denis, L. Samson, A. Simon.
3. Board approval of January, 2015 minutes approved via voice vote with corrections noted.
4. Government Representatives reports.
Greg Bart, DWP Community Liaison commented on DWP 2014 updates.
Nikki Hezhari, Field Deputy, CD2 reported on the progress of the Smart Irrigation system for Laurel Grove Park.
5. L.A.P.D. Senior lead officer reports:
 - a. Van Nuys Division - none
 - b. North Hollywood Division – SLO Duvally reported on current crime issues and the homeless problem in and around her reporting district.
6. Treasurers report and motions:
 - a. Motion to approve monthly expenditure report to DONE for January, 2015 moved to March meeting.
7. Check presentation to Kittridge Elementary School and Erwin Street Elementary School.
8. Public comments on issues not on current agenda (please see requirements in paragraph above).
Carl Petersen, candidate for LAUSD Board spoke.
Phil Bacerra, Representative for Warmington Properties gave a presentation on the proposed development of the vacant property between Fulton Ave. and Ethel Ave. on Victory Blvd.
9. Committee Reports;
 - Parks, Community Improvements and Medians. Sloan Myrick, Chair.**
 - a. No motions submitted
 - Community Outreach and Neighborhoods, Kari Roberts, Chair**
 - a. Motion supporting the following new GVGC tagline replacing the current one;
Greater Valley Glen Council: Branching Out to the Community
to be used on the website, and any outreach activities and opportunities including marketing and branding materials such as, but not limited to bus benches, banners and newsletters made by K. Roberts, second C. Ferreyra.
A Tagline is a small amount of text that clarifies a thought for dramatic effect. The idea behind a tagline for the Greater Valley Glen Council is to create a memorable phrase that will sum up what the Greater Valley Glen Council is all about.
Board member comments were in favor and against the tag line.

Motion passes via roll call vote: 15 YES, 2 NO (J. D'Antonio, J. Price) 1 Abstain (C. Ferreyra)

Planning and Land Use Committee – Charles Samson, Chair

a. Motion stating that the Greater Valley Glen Council Board supports Zoning Case ZA-2014-4688-CUW at 13069 Victory Blvd., Valley Glen to obtain a Conditional Use Permit by Verizon Wireless for the installation in the parking lot of a shopping center of an unmanned 45 ft. tall faux palm tree monopole and UL listed equipment cabinets & standby generator on a concrete pad surrounded by bollards; subject to the following conditions: 1) that the heaviest density and thickness available for palm fronds be used; 2) that the equipment attached to the tree be painted to match the tree or foliage; and 3) that the parabolic microwave dish be excluded.

Motion withdrawn by committee chair.

b. Motion stating that the Greater Valley Glen Council Board supports Zoning Case ZA-2014-4372 CUB at 12500 Vanowen St, Valley Glen to obtain a Conditional Use Permit for the sale and on-site consumption only of beer and wine (type 41 License); live entertainment consisting of a DJ, Karaoke, and a 3 piece combo & singer/performer, as accessory uses, in conjunction with an existing 2,091 s.f. Salvadorian Restaurant accommodating 79 seats, with no exterior seating. The proposed hours of alcohol service shall be limited from 11:00 am to 12:00 midnight Monday-Thursday, 11:00 am to 1:00 am on Friday, 8:00 am to 1:00 am on Saturday, and 8:00 am to 12:00 midnight on Sunday made by C. Samson, second R. Pisani.

Motion passes via voice vote.

Government Relations – Judy Price, Chair

a. Motion stating that the Greater Valley Glen Council supports the Draft Ordinance Amending Section 22.801(j) of the Angeles Administrative Code to establish and maintain a Neighborhood Council database for public use - Council File #13-1685 made by J. Price, second M. Jannol.

Motion passes via voice vote.

COMMUNITY IMPACT STATEMENT: Currently, the Los Angeles Administrative Code (LAAC) does not set forth policy for providing public access to institutional memory for the Department of Neighborhood Empowerment (DONE) or Neighborhood Councils. For transparency and historical perspective, access to all current and historic rules, regulations, and election/selection/voting and any other procedures adopted by DONE should be available to the public through a Citywide database, including information on individual Neighborhood Councils. - Council File #13-1685.

b. Motion stating that The Greater Valley Glen Council supports the Valley Alliance of Neighborhood Council (VANC) position that the Neighborhood Councils and Alliances be given 5 minutes when testifying before the City Council or Committees on behalf of their council or alliance. As a City entity, Neighborhood Councils should have the same right other City departments. Motion made by J. Price, second K. Schwartz.

Motion passes via voice vote.

c. Motion approving \$200.00 to sponsor the Valley Alliance of Neighborhood Council (VANC) 12th Anniversary Mixer, Thursday, March 12, 2015 at CBS Studios/Carla's Café made by J. Price, second C. Ferreyra. Motion passes via roll call vote; 15 Yes, 0 N), 0 Abst. 2 Ineligible. (D. Breidenbach left meeting due to illness).

d. DWP Oversight Committee report – J. D'Antonio

Panel discussed regards the fact that 85% of LA's water is imported and is not sustainable. The lack of aquifer capacity under basin. Also on 2/7/15 there will be a webcast on storm water management presented by the DWP.

e. VANC report – Vic Viereck

12th Anniversary Mixer on March 12 at CBS Studios/Carla's Café. Board members are encouraged to attend.

Arts and Education Committee – Linda Wehrli, Chair

No motions submitted – Horse project is on schedule.

Safety Committee – Nicholas Lambert, Chair

No motions submitted – Emergency Fair is being planned and logistics are being worked out.

10. Board member comments on non-agenda items.

11. President's comments.

Mr. Como has resigned from the Board due to moving to Northridge and being unable to fill the category for which he was elected. Mr. Como was thanked for his role on the Board.

The new mailing address for the GVGC is now 13654 Victory Blvd., # 236, Valley Glen, CA 91401. Lawrence 2000 has bought the current property of the mail center, forcing the relocation to directly across the street.

12. Adjournment. 8:50PM

Next GVGNC Board meeting will be held Monday, March 2, 7:00 pm. Los Angeles Valley College, Campus Center, room 104. 5800 Fulton Avenue, Valley Glen, CA 91401 (Location subject to change)