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Brief Summary: Since NCs are already required in the Bylaws to address grievances, the GVGC is opposed to the Draft Ordinance adding Section 22.818 to the Los Angeles Administrative Code establishing Regional Neighborhood Council Grievance Panels and granting the Board of Neighborhood Commissioners the authority to vacate Board seats.

Additional Information: Grievances should be handled in the jurisdiction where filed.. Imposing more rules and regulations on NCs further erodes their local control and self governance, and conflicts with the intent of the Charter



# Greater Valley Glen Council

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## Minutes

GVGC BOARD MEETING  
MONDAY, MARCH 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
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Stanley Friedman	Mickey Jannol
Malky Kertis	Nicholas Lambert
Sloan Myrick	Rich Pisani
Judy Price	Charles Samson
Lisa Samson	K athleen Schwartz
Arline Simon	Linda Wehrli

**GVGC Quorum is 13 Board members**

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Agenda is posted for public review at: on the website [www.gvqc.us](http://www.gvqc.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. N. Lambert absent.
3. Motion to approve Board meeting minutes of February, 2015 made by C. Ferreyra, second C. Samson. Approved with corrections. One abstention (M. Denis).
4. L.A.P.D. Senior lead officers reports;
  - a. Van Nuys Division – Officers Paschal and Underwood.
    - i. Aggravated assault and crime in general is ticking up as well as Theft from Vehicles. Vanowen Blvd is especially vulnerable to stolen cars and tagging.
    - ii. Board member J. D'Antonio reported a car trespassing temporary traffic barriers ruining a newly repaved street near her house.
  - b. North Hollywood Division – Officers Duvally and Smith.
    - i. Violent crime and crime in general is up. There is a need to increase Neighborhood Watch participation in the community.
    - ii. Officers are soliciting ideas to help combat domestic violence.
5. Government representative reports;
  - a. Introduction of Deputy City Attorney, Diego Edber, North Hollywood Neighborhood Prosecutor.
  - b. Talene Dermenjian, Field Deputy, Assembly Representative Adrin Hazarian, gave information on Women's Self-Defense Course and will have a Power Point presentation next Board meeting.
  - c. Nikki Ezhari, Field Deputy, CD2, suggested an "adopt a trash bin" program for Valley Glen businesses.
    - i. Board member J. D'Antonio mentioned city won't pick up old TVs with picture tubes, Nikki mentioned they will if informed of picture tubes.
6. Treasurer report:
  - a. Motion to approve monthly expenditure reports to DONE for January and February, 2015 made by L. Samson, second D. Breidenbach.  
Motion unanimously approved via roll call vote: 14 Yes, 0 NO, 0 Abstain, 2 ineligible.
7. Public comments on items not on agenda.
  - a. Cheryl Cashman, Community Ambassador, American Red Cross, spoke on an upcoming Emergency Preparedness event and GVGC's role.

8. Committee Reports;

**Community Outreach and Neighborhoods Committee.**

- a. Motion to approve C. Ferreyra as Acting Committee Chair made by C. Ferreyra, second M. Jannol. Motion approved via voice vote.
- b. Update on website management and “approved” vendors.

**Government Relations Committee – J. Price, Chair.**

a. Motion stating that the Greater Valley Glen Council is opposed to the Draft Ordinance adding Section 22.818 to the Los Angeles Administrative Code establishing Regional Neighborhood Council Grievance Panels and granting the Board of Neighborhood Commissioners the authority to vacate Board seats made by J. Price, second C. Samson. Council File #150067.

Motion approved unanimously via voice vote.

PROPOSED COMMUNITY IMPACT STATEMENT: Since NCs are already required in the Bylaws to address grievances, the GVGC is opposed to the Draft Ordinance adding Section 22.818 to the Los Angeles Administrative Code establishing Regional Neighborhood Council Grievance Panels and granting the Board of Neighborhood Commissioners the authority to vacate Board seats. Grievances should be handled in the jurisdiction where filed. Neighborhood Councils should have parity with the City Council which has no such requirement regarding grievances. Imposing more rules and regulations on NCs further erodes their local control and self governance, and conflicts with the intent of the Charter. Council File #15-0067.

b. Motion stating that the Greater Valley Glen Council in spirit supports the Draft Ordinance adding a new Article 12 to Chapter 6 of the Los Angeles Administrative Code establishing a Sidewalk and Curb Repair Fund; however, it cannot support the Draft Ordinance until the source of funding is established and is acceptable made by J. Price, second C. Ferreyra.

Motion approved via voice vote.

PROPOSED COMMUNITY IMPACT STATEMENT: There are many long neglected sidewalks in disrepair and many curbs that are not ADA compliant creating a public hazard. In spirit, the GVGC supports the Draft Ordinance adding a new Article 12 to Chapter 6 of the Los Angeles Administrative Code establishing a Sidewalk and Curb Repair Fund; however, it cannot support the Draft Ordinance until the source of funding is established and is acceptable. Council File #15-0184.

**DWP report , J. D’Antonio –** No meeting this month.

**VANC report , Vic Viereck –** March 12<sup>th</sup> 5:30 PM, VANC Mixer at Carla’s Café, CBS Studios.

**Parks, Community Improvements and Medians Committee. S. Myrick, Chair.**

No motions submitted – discussion regards the “Best Landscape” program, VG. Park dead trees and replacement. Medians need maintenance and contractor needs to get paid for work done.

**Planning and Land use Committee. C. Samson, Chair.**

No motions submitted.

**Arts and Educaiton Committee. L Wehrli, Chair.**

a. Motion for the expenditure of no more than \$250.00 to sponsor a Theodore Payne Foundation Speakers Bureau educational presentation at Erwin Street Elementary School to educate the students on the effects of our current drought and its effect on flora and living organisms made by L. Wehrli, second by S. Myrick.

Motion approved via roll call, 13 YES, 1 NO (S. Friedman), 1 Abstain ( J. Price) 2 Ineligible.

- b. Motion for expenditure for Drought Community Symposium sent to both Outreach and Parks Committees.
  - See Agenda item #8b under Arts and Education Committee.

c. Motion to approve the locations and preference ratings recommended by the Committee for the “Horses of the Valley” statue made by L. Wehrli, second C. Ferreyra; they are:

# 1 - Triangle median at Burbank Blvd. and Coldwater Canyon Blvd.

#2 - Tujunga Wash at Oxnard St. and Coldwater Canyon Blvd.

#3 - Tujunga Wash at Victory Blvd, and Ethel Ave. Motion

approved via voice vote.

- d. Motion to table purchase trailer for HOV project by J. Price, second A. Simon. Tabling approved via voice vote.

- See agenda item #8d under Arts and Education Committee.

e. Motion for the expenditure of no more than \$500.00 to sponsor one educational program by Enrichment Works at a Greater Valley Glen elementary school to be determined made by L. Wehrli, second C. Ferreyra.

Motion amended to include all three Valley Glen schools a a cost of no more than \$500.00 per school for a total expenditure of \$1500.00 made by J. Price, second A. Simon.

Motion amendment approved 12 Yes, 0 NO, 0 Abstain, 2 Ineligible. 4 Board members left meeting before vote (M. Kertis, N. Lambert, C. Samson, L. Samson). Quorum maintained at 14.

Motion as amended approved 12 YES, 0 NO, 0 Abstain, 2 Ineligible.

9. Board member comments on items not on agenda;

J. D’Antonio – April 22<sup>nd</sup>, MOVE LA meeting regards Prop R2 for an increase in tax for transportation which could benefit Valley Transit. Meeting at Union Station Center. Also reported on a similar meeting at Van uys Civic Center on 2/26/15.

M. Jannol – VGNA’s Valley Glen Voice needs and article from GVGC, S. Myrick said he would submit regards parks.

**10. President’s comments;**

a. Motion stating that the Greater Valley Glen Council is opposed to the Board of Neighborhood Commissioners (BONC) proposed Resolution to enter into contracts/agreements for online voting for the 2016 Neighborhood Council (NC) elections and the delegation to the Department of Neighborhood Empowerment (DONE) the ability to finalize and execute a contract/agreement on behalf of BONC. The GVGC strongly urges that NCs be given an appropriate amount of time to review this proposal before anything is decided by BONC and DONE. NCs should be able to make self determination on whether to use online voting and should not be an unilateral mandate made by C. Ferreyra, second by D. Breidenbach.

Motion approved via voice vote.

b. Motion for the expenditure of no more than \$500.00 to co-sponsor a Senior Symposium March 22 presented by ONEgeneration for community seniors. The Symposium will address senior issues and normally draws an average of 800 senior stakeholders. GVGC will have a booth at the symposium as an outreach opportunity made by C. Ferreyra, second D. Breidenbach.

Motion approved via roll call: 11 YES, 0 NO, 0 Abstain, 2 Ineligible (A. Simon left before vote) Quorum maintained at 13.

c. updates on various issues.

**11. Adjournment.**

*Next GVGNC Board meeting will be held Monday, April 6, 7:00 pm. Los Angeles Valley College, Campus Center, room 104. 5800 Fulton Avenue, Valley Glen, CA 91401(Location subject to change)*