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Agenda Date:

Item Number:

Brief Summary: Request to

Council to instruct the Planning Department to prepare a report, in consultation with the Department of Animal

Services, relative to the feasibility of allowing beekeeping in R] zones as a practice to foster a healthier bee population.

Additional Information:



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**GLASSELL PARK  
NEIGHBORHOOD  
COUNCIL  
OFFICERS**

**RUBY DeVERA**  
CHAIRPERSON

**BALTAZAR VEGA**  
VICE CHAIRPERSON

**GLADYS PINTO-MUÑOZ**  
SECRETARY

**CHANNA GRACE**  
TREASURER

**MICHAEL DIVIC**  
MEMBER-AT-LARGE

**CITY OF LOS ANGELES**  
CALIFORNIA



**ERIC M. GARCETTI**  
MAYOR

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

**Tuesday November 19, 2013**  
Glassell Park Community & Senior Center  
3750 N. Verdugo Road  
Los Angeles, CA 90065

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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. REP  
RUBY DeVERA - BUS. REP  
LÁZARO AGÜERO - BUS. REP  
JOSE MERE - ORG. REP  
PAVLO VLANCO - ORG. REP  
BALTAZAR VEGA - EDUC. REP  
LUIS 'ART' CAMARILLO - FAITH-BASED  
MICHAEL DIVIC - AT LARGE REP

(Approved Minutes On: 01 / 21 / 2014)

(8) Total Board members seated

(2) Alternate in Attendance

- 1) Bradley
- 2) Maggie Daret-Quiroz
- 3) Maggie Lopez-Robles
- 4) Channa Grace
- 5) Ruby DeVera
- 6) Lázaro Agüero (Arrived at 7:35pm)
- 7) Pavlo Vlanco
- 8) Michael Divic
- 9) Andre Sahakian (Alternate Rep.) (Left at 8:10pm)
- 10) Tony Butka (Alternate Rep.)

~MINUTES MAY NOT REFLECT THE CHRONOLOGICAL ORDER OF ACTIONS~

1. **Welcome and Introductions** (*Meeting began at 7:13pm*)
2. **Acceptance/Review of GPNC GCS Mtg. Min. for October. 15, 2013** (*if provided*)

Bradley introduced a Motion to approve the minutes of the October 15, 2013, as is. Channa Grace seconded.

**Vote Taken:**            7 in favor            0 opposed            1 abstention  
**Motion Passes**

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

Lauren Ballard, Field Deputy representing Council Member Huizar's office (CD14), addressed the meeting; Median Abatement & concerns about sprinkler parts and security & pilot project for beautification of telecom utility boxes in CD14. Recent events include the opening of bike lanes on Colorado with the Councilman.

Andre Sahakian, seated Alternate and Website Committee Interim Chair made a request to board members to move Agenda Item 7 (a) 1 – 4. Maggie Daret-Quiroz recommended moving Agenda Item 6, Treasurer's Report before Agenda Item 7 (a) 1 – 4 before any actions on funding matters are heard.

Maggie Daret-Quiroz introduced a Motion to move Agenda Item 7 (a) 1 – 4 and Agenda item 6 (a – d) out of order. Bradley seconded the Motion.

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

**4. Board Member Comment (Non-Agenda Items)**

Michael Divic commented that the 7<sup>th</sup> Annual Veteran’s Day Parade was well received and the event was very successful.

*(Chair, Ruby DeVera moves Agenda item 6 (a – d) and Agenda Item 7 (a) 1 – 4 to be heard by the board members)*

**6. Report and Recommendations from Treasurer, (Channa Grace) (7:45 p.m.)**

- a. Update on 2012 – 2013 FY Funding Practices and/or Funds Encumbered.
- b. Update on 2013 – 2014 FY Funding Balances, Pending and/or Remaining Funds Available.
- c. Motion/Resolution to Adjust /Modify/Amend GPNC Budget 2013 – 2014 FY, if available.
- d. Status of a “Letter of Inquiry (LOI)” regarding the 2013 – 2014 FY Funding Available and/or Remaining Funds Available.

Channa Grace, Treasurer stated there has been no recent updates about funding from DONE and that they may still be researching the finding concerns raised by this board. The Treasurer raised concerns about funding projects without clarity from DONE to the board and that NPG’s & CIP’s were at risk. Also mentioned that no further funding should be granted other than what is contained in the 2<sup>nd</sup> Reconciliation Budget other than \$2,171.00 approved for website and outreach and funding for elections.

Treasurer outlined the misappropriations of funds by DONE regarding Ricoh Copier, outstanding demand warrants still yet unpaid from Bradley, Maggie Daret-Quiroz, and Art Camarillo and at least one or two board approved funding requests not allocated until funding clarifications and/or previous board request via written letter be addressed. End of Report.

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

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

- 1) Phase I – Enhancement of the Webpage Look, Content, and Graphics-Attractive Welcome Page
- 2) Update on Twitter, Facebook and other Applications
- 3) Proposals from Website Administrator, Wendy L. Moore
- 4) Phase II -- Creating Content from the ENTIRE Board, 2014 Spring Regional Elections & More

Andre Sahakian, Interim Website Committee Chair provided an update of the website and introduced a website administer, Wendy Moore. She provided a formal proposal (see attached) and spoke on her experience and expertise with NC websites citywide.

Andre Sahakian recommended (and Miss Moore concurred) a two phase process with Phase One (structural changes to take effect immediately) for the existing website which would include:

- 1. *All agendas be posted as soon as possible so that our work is seen by the community, which is the immediate concern raised by the board; and*
- 2. *.Establish abilities for community posts by board members and/or residents, if needed, and*
- 3. *Revisit the successes/failures of the recommendation to better assess how to move forward in Phase Two with board approval, consideration and community input.*

Andre Sahakian informed the board that Phase One would initially costs \$895.00 which would reformat current info, post accordingly and make the necessary structural modifications. ; As part of the agreement, she would complete draft articles of events, meetings, or venues provided by board members and post to website, as additional services at \$100.00 for 1 hour of work per month as agreed upon by Miss Moore.

The Committee Chair, Andre Sahakian has asked that the board approve the recommendations (with the proposal) presented herein. (All board members were presented with proposal before convening the board)

Tony Butka, Maggie Daret-Quiroz, Bradley, Ruby DeVera, Art Camarillo, Mike Divic, and other Board Members raised concerns on funding issues presently unavailable, lack of feasibility on website, maintenance, managements, and reminded attendees concerns on past funding matters.

Channa Grace, Treasurer informed the board after the Website Committee Chair, Andre Sahakian presented the proposal and overview of Phase One and Two at the November 5, 2013 Executive Committee Mtg., the amount for Phase One is available in the approved budget with the remaining funds available (if the board approves) the recommendations as outlined herein for website maintenance. Further discussion ensued.

Board member Bradley, raised “a call to question” to end the board discussion.

Chair, Ruby DeVera recognizes the board member request and called to end discussion on subject matter. Board Members raised ayes in support of Chair’s call to end discussion. Chair opened it up to Stakeholder’s present to comment. None provided. Chair called for a motion and vote on the agenda item.

Channa Grace introduced motion to approve website funds up to \$2,171.00 for Phase One and Two (until fiscal funding year ends in 2014) subject to DONE approval and/or board reconsideration AFTER April/May 2014 Regional Elections for GPNC/. Michael Divic seconded the motion.

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

*(Chair, Ruby DeVera request remaining Agenda Items as posted be heard by the board members – no objections noted)*

**5. Neighborhood Council Board Business**

Bradley, Area 1 Rep for the Fletcher Square Neighborhood informed board members there were Parents and Youth in the audience to seek support from GPNC for an upcoming “Parents United for Better Education” Forum occurring on November 26, 2013 from 6pm – 8pm. Topics of Forum is to address faculty & staff at Fletcher Drive Elementary and Irving Magnate School Parents on educational issues, lack of respect, and other concerns with staff at both facilities.

Ruby DeVera, Chair opened up the discussion to the Stakeholder’s Present

Parent’s Representatives, Celina Muñoz and Maria Santamaria from the “Parent’s United 4 Better Education” spoke on behalf of the attending stakeholders. They mentioned that they are having issues and complaints from others regarding faculty at both educational facilities. They also mentioned a petition being circulated in the neighborhood to participate in this upcoming forum. They asked for assistance and support from the GPNC board in their efforts...

Maggie Daret-Quiroz inquired on the status of the developments and a quick overview of previously held meetings. Rep’s and Area 1 Rep. provided quick overview. Maggie Daret-Quiroz informed the Rep’s that she would solicit the assistance of LAUSD David Estrada for the meeting. Tony Butka also indicated the need to work with LAUSD and he would assist in acquiring David Estrada to the meeting as well.

Maggie Daret-Quiroz stated that Neighborhood Councils do not have a stake in supporting efforts of residents when LAUSD is involved and that they should contact LAUSD directly or attend their District Meetings. Tony Butka stated similar but that NC’s can act. Mrs. Daret-Quiroz said that that was not a neighborhood council supported event. She mentioned her efforts to single-handedly work on the “Save the Pool Coalition” without the support of the GPNC was a good example of working outside the support of the NC’s.

Channa Grace closed the discussion by pointing out to the Representatives that a commitment from Tony Butka and Maggie Daret-Quiroz to contact David Estrada to solicit his assistance has been agreed upon. Maggie Daret-Quiroz stated that she will get ahold of him the following day and have him in attendance at their forum.

Stakeholder Jessie Medina, and spoke in favor of their efforts and mentioned to them that they should visit the web-site [www.parentrevolution.org](http://www.parentrevolution.org) to solicit additional help.

Ruby DeVera, Chair stated the importance in supporting residents in the neighborhood as exemplified by the numbers attending tonight’s meeting.

Tony Butka stated the board needs to act on this or table the item.

Bradley introduced a motion to support the “Parent’s United 4 Better Education” in Fletcher Square Neighborhood. Meeting. Lázaro Agüero seconded the motion.

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

\*A Stakeholder noted that many of the students present were here to observe the GPNC board conduct and actions as part of their local government class at Sotomayer HS.

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

Board Member Mark Quiroz has not completed LA City Ethics and Open Government

**b.        Accept Nominations of up to 10 Alternative Representatives as per GPNC Standing Rules.**

None provided

**c.        Elect/Select a Government Relations Representative to provide updates/advocate for/represent on behalf of the GPNC regarding action items to the Council District Offices, when necessary.**

None provided.

**d.        Motion/Resolution to Approve the 2014 Executive Committee and General Meeting Schedule.**

Bradley introduced a motion approve all Community Impact Statements (CIS) k - q. Maggie Lopez-Robles seconded the motion.

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

**e.        Motion/Resolution to “Convene/Cancel” the December 2013 Executive Committee Meeting**

Tony Butka introduced a motion to cancel both the GPNC December 2013 Executive Committee Meeting and the December 2013 Stakeholder’s Meeting. Maggie Daret-Quiroz seconded the motion.

**Vote Taken:**            4 in favor        2 opposed        3 abstention  
**Motion Failed**

Bradley introduced a motion to convene the December 2013 Executive Committee Meeting. Michael Divic seconded. The motion.

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

**f.        Motion/Resolution to “Convene/Cancel” the December 2013 General Community Stakeholders Meeting**

Bradley introduced a motion to convene the December 2013 Executive Committee Meeting. Michael Divic seconded. The motion.

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

Chair, Ruby DeVera and Treasurer Channa Grace reminded the board if information regarding funding or elections come up, the executive committee will consider the merit of convening a December 2013 Stakeholder's Meeting: Therefore 5f is mute. Ruby DeVera, Chair stated, if necessary a Special Board Mtg. may be convened to address matters concerning funding or elections.

**g. Update from LA River Pilot Program/Committee Liaison, Michael Divic**

Michael Divic said we met with the group 3 weeks ago. We got the results of surveys and are putting together a final report, which we will share in an upcoming meeting.

**h. Update from LA Mayor's Budget Liaison's, Maggie DQ, Maggie LR, and Gladys Pinto-Muñoz.**  
*(None Provided)*

**i. Update from Budget Advocate Liaison's, Channa Grace or Maggie Lopez-Robles**

Channa Grace reminded board members previous discussion.

**j. Update from LADWP and BPW Liaison, Tony Butka**

Tony Butka stated the worst case scenario is that LADWP bills may rise 20%-30% over next 2-3 years, according to an article. He reminded board members and stakeholders of the impending increase in water bills, increase in sanitation fees, and the decrease in services. Tony Butka suggested convincing Mayor Garcetti to appoint a commission. Stakeholder Jessie Medina said there are lots of projects going on right now. Rates will rise increasingly over the next 10 years. Butka said that the LADWP Advisory Committee has their 2014 Agenda for LADWP.

**k. Motion/Resolution to Fund up to (\$1,000) for "3<sup>rd</sup> Annual Martin Luther King, Jr. Day-Of-Service Community Clean-Up" for Saturday, January 18, 2014** *(Tabled)*

**l. Motion/Resolution to Host a Town Hall Meeting for "Goodwill Industries in Fletcher Square."**  
*(Tabled)*

Bradley introduced a motion approve all Community Impact Statements (CIS) k - q. Maggie Lopez-Robles seconded the motion.

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

**k. Motion/Resolution to Submit a Community Impact Statement (CIS) in Support of CF08-2020** *(approved)*

**l. Motion/Resolution to Submit a Community Impact Statement (CIS) in Support of CF12-0785** *(approved)*

**m. Motion/Resolution to Submit a Community Impact Statement (CIS) in Support of CF13-0025-81** *(approved)*

**n. Motion/Resolution to Submit a Community Impact Statement (CIS) in Support of CF13-0046** *(approved)*

**o. Motion/Resolution to Submit a Community Impact Statement (CIS) in Support of CF13-0658.** *(approved)*

**p. Motion/Resolution to Submit a Community Impact Statement (CIS) in Support of CF13-0909.** *(approved)*

**q. Motion/Resolution to Submit a Community Impact Statement (CIS) in Support of CF13-0953** *(approved)*

*(Agenda Item 7 (a) 1 – 4 heard by governing board and acted upon in beginning of meeting)*

7. **b. Economic Development and Land Use Committee Recommendations and Updates. (Tabled)**
    - 1) K-Mart Site at 3150 San Fernando Road in the Fletcher Square Neighborhood
    - 2) People Street Project Idea: Eagle Rock Boulevard Median Park Btwn. Avenue 35 and Avenue 36
  - c. Grants & Funding Committee Report/Recommendations/Status/Updates, (if any), Bradley (None Provided)**
  - d. Report/Recommendations/Status/Update By-Law Committee, (if any). (Tony Butka) (Tabled)**
  - e. Report/Recommendations/Status/Update Budget and Finance Committee, (if any). (Channa Grace) (Tabled)**
  - f. Report/Recommendations/Status/Update from Outreach and Communication Committee, (if any). (Bradley) (Tabled)**
  - g. Report/Recommendations/Status/Update By-Elections Adhoc Committee, (if any). (Art Camarillo) (Tabled)**
  - h. Report/Recommendations/Status/Update Education Ad-Hoc Committee, (if any). (Baltazar Vega) (Tabled)**
  - i. Report/Recommendations/Status/Update Legislative Ad Hoc Committee, (if any). (Mike Divic) (Tabled)**
8. **Area Representative Updates (Tabled)**
    - a. Area 1, Bradley
    - b. Area 2, Maggie Daret-Quiroz
    - c. Area 3, Crystal-Lynne Orozco
    - d. Area 4, Maggie Lopez-Robles
    - e. Area 5, Arlene Santos
    - f. Area 6, Martin Gregori
    - g. Area 7, Gladys Pinto-Muñoz
  9. **Business Representative Updates (9:00p.m.) (Tabled)**
  10. **Organizational Representative Updates (Tabled)**
  11. **Educational Representative Updates (Tabled)**
  12. **Faith-Based Representative Updates, (Art Camarillo) (Tabled)**
  13. **Announcements/Public Comments**
  14. **New Community Activities/Business & Developments/Issues and/or Concerns:**
    - a. Saturday, Jan. 18, 2014 from 8am –12pm, 3<sup>rd</sup> Annual MLK Day of Service Community Clean-up  
Contact: Bradley at (323) 806-7477 or via e-mail at [ebebradley@hotmail.com](mailto:ebebradley@hotmail.com)
  15. Tony Butka introduced motion to adjourn meeting. Channa Grace seconded the motion.

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

Adjournment (8:49p.m.)  
*(Minutes Prepared/Provided by Kenneth Hargrove, AppleOne Minute Taker)*

