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Brief Summary: It is long overdue for the recommendations be implemented that came from the Board of Neighborhood Commissioner's review of the Plan for a Citywide System of Neighborhood Councils conducted in December 2012. Long past the "experimental" stage, Neighborhood Councils are an important element of our democratic society, and are essential to ensuring a transparent and responsive City government.

Additional Information: That the City Administrative Officer and Chief Legislative Analyst be instructed to review a rollover policy for NC budget allocations where NC allocations do not revert at the end of the Fiscal Year



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Minutes

GVGC BOARD MEETING
MONDAY JULY 6, 2015,
7:00pm
Los Angeles Valley College
Campus Center Room 104
5800 Fulton Avenue
VALLEY GLEN, CALIFORNIA 91401

Board Members

Alan Aklyan	Douglas Breidenbach
Michael Brassem	Maria Denis
Joanne D'Antonio	Carlos Ferreyra
Stanley Friedman	Mickey Jannol
Sloan Myrick	Malky Kertis
Nicholas Lambert	Rich Pisani
Judy Price	Charles Samson
Lisa Samson	Kathleen Schwartz
Arline Simon	Linda Wehri

GVGC Quorum is 13 Board members

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1. Call to order and Pledge of Allegiance
2. Board roll call. Absent members; D. Breidenbach, M. Kertis, N. Lambert
3. Board approval of June, 2015 minutes
 - a. Approved via voice vote with K. Schwartz and R. Pisani abstaining.
4. Nomination and election of Board officers
 - a. Michael Brassem elected Secretary
 - b. Rich Pisani elected Treasurer
 - c. Charles Samson elected Vice-President
 - d. Carlos Ferreyra elected President
5. L.A.P.D. Senior lead officer reports:
 - a. Van Nuys Division; SLOs Paschal and Underwood, theft from vehicles increasing. Front gate motors are being stolen in area. This year, illegal fireworks during 7.4.15 celebration appear to have increased. It was noted that her basic car area does not have a night patrol car assigned. SLO Underwood is moving to another assignment and he was recognized for his work with GVGC. SLO Bergmann will be temporary replacement.
 - b. North Hollywood Division; SLO Duvally called in stating she would not be able to attend meeting.
5. Government Representatives reports.
 - a. Talene Dermenjian – Field Deputy, Assembly Representative Nazarian. Reported on AS428, Tax credit bill out of committee. AB1191 would give LA City flexibility on use of Quimby Funds.
 - b. Kenny LaSalle - Field Deputy, Congressman Cardenas, there will a live Townhall meeting of Congress, Date to be announced. Local office is available for constituents service on federal issues. It is located at 8134 Van Nuys Blvd, Suite 206, Panorama City CA 91402, Telephone 818-781-7407.
6. Treasurers report and motions:
 - a. Motion to approve monthly expenditure reports to DONE for June, 2015 by C. Ferreyra, second C. Samson.
 - Motion approved via roll call – 13 Yes, 0 No, 0 Abstain, 1 Ineligible, 3 Absent.
 - b. Motion to approve 2015-2016 GVGC Budget approval by C. Ferreyra, second C. Samson.
 - Motion approved via roll call -
7. Public comments on issues not on current agenda (please see requirements in paragraph above).
 - a. Hands4Hope presentation – 12 week program for teens at risk.
8. Committee Reports;
 - Community Outreach and Neighborhoods Committee.**
 - a. Board Approval of Michael Brassem as Chair of Committee. Approved via voice vote.
 - b. Status of open seats.
 - c. Motion to approve the expenditure of no more than \$600.00 for sponsorship of National Night Out Event at Valley Glen Community Park, Tuesday, August 4, 2015. Expenditure to be for hotdogs, drinks and giveaways for community stakeholders by C. Ferreyra, second, M. Brassem
 - Approved via roll call – 12 Yes, 1 NO (S. Myrick), 0 Abstain, 1 Ineligible, 3 Absent
 - Government Relations Committee – Judy Price, Chair**
 - a. Motion stating that the Greater Valley Glen Council opposes the annual 8% Transfer Fee from the DWP to the City's General Fund (average of \$250 million a year, \$266 million for 2015/2016 fiscal year). This "surplus" is paid by ratepayers and is not based on the actual cost of electric services. In essence, this is tax and requires voter approval by J. Price, second R. Pisani
 - Approved via voice vote.
 - b. Motion stating that the Greater Valley Glen Council supports the City Council Resolution of SUPPORT for State Assembly Bill (AB 1191) to allow the City and other municipalities to allocate the interest income

generated from collected QUIMBY fees. (CF 15-0002-S58) Motion by J. Price, second C. Ferreyra.

Community Impact Statement: Current law prevents municipalities from allocating the interest generated from collected Quimby fees, leaving funds in limbo and projects unfunded. Quimby Funds are an important tool local governments use to fund the development of recreational facilities and urban greenspace so the interest income should be allocated in the same manner as the Quimby Funds. (CF 15-0002-S58)

- Approved via voice vote

c. Motion stating that the Greater Valley Glen Council supports the prioritized recommendations from the review of the Plan for a Citywide System of Neighborhood Council's initiated by the Board of Neighborhood Commissioners (Commission) in December 2012:

- 1) that the Commission and DONE submit a report on the priority recommendations;
 - 2) that the City Administrative Officer and Chief Legislative Analyst be instructed to review a rollover policy for NC budget allocations where NC allocations do not revert at the end of the Fiscal Year;
 - 3) that the previous ordinance (No. 179,545) be reinstated which granted authority to DONE and NC's to accept gifts and granted authority to the City Treasurer to establish checking accounts for the NC's;
 - 4) that the CAO perform an analysis of the roles and responsibilities of DONE personnel and possible Transfer of the responsibility of certain functions directly to NC boards that may increase the efficiency;
 - 5) that the General Manager of DONE report back in two weeks to the Education & Neighborhoods Committee relative to their effort to streamline certain processes that NC's must adhere to.
- (CF 15-0524) by J. Price, second M. Brassem.

Community Impact Statement: It is long overdue for the recommendations be implemented that came from the Board of Neighborhood Commissioner's review of the Plan for a Citywide System of Neighborhood Councils conducted in December 2012. Long past the "experimental" stage, Neighborhood Councils are an important element of our democratic society, and are essential to ensuring a transparent and responsive City government. (CF 15-0524)

- Approved via voice vote – C. Samson abstaining.

d. Motion stating that the Greater Valley Glen Council supports the Board of Commissioners of the DWP and their Memorandum of Agreement with the Department of Public Works/Bureau of Sanitation for \$15 million investment in five storm water capture projects in the San Fernando Valley by J. Price, second M. Brassem.

- Approved via voice vote.

e. Motion stating that **the** Greater Valley Glen Council supports the City Council Resolution of SUPPORT for Assembly Bill (AB 726) to allow for bi-articulated buses along the Orange Line. (CF 15-0002-S68) by J. Price, second L. Wehrli.

Community Impact Statement: The Metro Orange Line plays a critical role in the transportation infrastructure of the San Fernando Valley with daily ridership having reached 31,787 by 2012. It is at a capacity breaking-point. AB 726 would exempt the route of the Orange Line from the 82-foot vehicle length limitation in existing law, thereby allowing Metro to make use of bi-articulated buses along the Orange Line. (CF 15-0002-S68)

- Approved via voice vote.

f. Motion stating that the Greater Valley Glen Council supports the recommendations for review of the current policies for a street tree removal permit from the Bureau of Street Services Urban Forestry Division and the permitting process for new construction involving the Department of Building and Safety, Bureau of Engineering, and occasionally the Planning Department and possible recommendations for new policies to limit the number of trees removed and new tree replacement requirement, including but not limited to, a minimum of one new 15 gallon tree (or equivalent fee) per diameter inch of the street tree being removed. (CF 15-0448) by J. Price, second J. D'Antonio.

Community Impact Statement: It is imperative to minimize the removal of street trees whenever possible and to replace those removed. TreePeople quote: Trees reduce the build-up of heat from exposed asphalt and buildings, and decrease energy demand. Trees slow the runoff of rainwater and absorb it into the ground, prevent pollution and soil erosion, and are key to a clean and ample water supply. Trees make the air breathable, streets walkable, and schoolyards playable. They provide habitat for wildlife and food for people. Trees truly make LA livable. (CF 15-0448)

- Approved via voice vote.

- **Parks, Community Improvements and Medians Committee. Sloan Myrick, Chair.**

a. Motion approving payment to the LA Corp of Conservation no more than \$6000 to provide maintenance including watering to 35 trees planted by LA Parks and Recreation Dept within Valley Glen Community Park and Laurel Grove Park by S. Myrick, second C. Samson

- Approved via roll call – 13 Yes, 0 No, 0 Abstain, 1 Ineligible, 3 Absent

b. Motion approving the expenditure of no more than \$1000 for the purchase of pet waste bags (70 boxes/200 bags each) to refill the 6 pet waste stations installed in the Valley Glen parks (approx cost \$600). Additionally, we will purchase 3 new pet waste stations--two to be deployed at Valley Glen Parks and 1 deployed at Laurence School (approx cost \$110/each) by S. Myrick, second M. Brassem.

- Approved via roll call - 13 Yes, 0 No, 0 Abstain, 1 Ineligible, 3 Absent

Planning and Land Use Committee – Charles Samson, Chair.

a. Motion stating that the Greater Valley Glen Council Board opposes the revised 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 a new location in the behind a shopping center, of an unmanned 60 ft. tall faux palm tree monopole and UL listed equipment cabinets & standby generator on a concrete pad surrounded by bollards. The telecommunications will consist of 12 antennas, 12 RRU's, 1 parabolic antenna and 2 raycaps mounted on the faux palm by C. Samson, second C. Ferreyra.

- Approved via voice vote.

b. Motion stating that the Greater Valley Glen Council Board supports Zoning Case ZA-2015-2232-PAD-PAB at 6108 Hazeltine Ave., Valley Glen to obtain a Conditional Use Permit for the upgrade of an existing beer and wine license at a market, to the sales of a full line of alcohol beverages for offsite consumption. The sales will be during the hours of operation from 7:00 a.m. to 11:00 p.m. Sunday to Thursday, and 7:00 a.m. to 12:00 a.m. on Friday and Saturday; subject to the following conditions:

- 1) No malt liquor or fortified wine products shall be sold with an alcoholic content of greater than 17% by volume.
- 2) No beer or malt beverages may be sold in single containers 16 oz or less.
- 3) The sales floor space allocated to alcoholic beverages shall not exceed 10% of the total sales floor area and no more than 3 cooler doors maybe allocated to the sale of alcoholic beverages.
- 4) There shall be no exterior advertising or signs of any kind or type placed in the exterior windows or door of the premises promoting or indicating the availability of alcoholic beverages.
- 5) The licensee shall regularly police the area under its control to prevent the loitering of persons about the premises.
- 6) The Licensee shall post signs in the area under its control with regard to prohibitions of open containers and loitering at the location, and no loitering will be tolerated.
- 7) There shall be no coin operated video or arcade games and no adult magazines or videos shall be sold.
- 8) No display of alcohol shall be made from an ice tub, barrel or similar container.
- 9) Sale of wine shall not be in containers less than 750 ml.
- 10) Digital Security cameras shall be installed to monitor the interior and exterior of the premises.
- 11) All employees involved in the sale of alcoholic beverages shall complete an ABC certified training program or LAPD Star Training.
- 12) Cooler doors for alcoholic beverage products will be locked during hours when alcoholic beverages may not be sold.

Motion by C. Samson, second J. Price.

Presentation by Applicant and Applicant's representative

- Approved via roll call vote. 11 Yes, 3 NO (J. D'Antonio, M. Denis, K. Schwartz) , 0 Abstain, 3 Absent.

Arts and Education Committee – Linda Wehrli, Chair

Presentation by Kids First

Safety Committee – Nicholas Lambert Chair

No motions submitted

9. Board member comments on items not on agenda.

a. Laurel Park Clean-up August 1, 8 AM – 12 Noon.

10. President's comments.

Special Board meeting Wednesday July 15, 2015 at Museum of the San Fernando Valley discussion.

11. Adjournment.

Next GVGNC Board meeting will be held Monday, August 3, 7:00 pm. Los Angeles Valley College, Campus Center, room 104. 5800 Fulton Avenue, Valley Glen, CA 91401(Location subject to change)