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AGENDA
GREATER VALLEY GLEN COUNCIL
SPECIAL BOARD MEETING
JULY 14, 2009 at 7:00 pm

Meeting Room
St. Paul Assyrian-Caldean Catholic Church
13050 Vanowen Street
Greater Valley Glen, Ca. 91605
(Take Vanowen Street to Morse Avenue and turn south to Welby Way and park in Church Parking Lot off Welby Way)

The public is requested to fill out a "Speaker Card" (per individual item) to address the Board on any item of the agenda prior to the Board taking action on an item. Comments from the public on Agenda items will be heard only when the respective item is being considered. Comments from the public on other matters not appearing on the Agenda that is within the Board's subject matter jurisdiction will be heard during the Public Comment period. Public comment is limited to 2 minutes per speaker, unless waived by the presiding officer of the Board. Presiding officer reserves the right to limit further, depending on number of speakers. No person may assign their speaking time to another person. Period for comment not to exceed 15 minutes.

Agenda is posted for public review at: [Erwin Street School](#), 13400 Erwin Street, Valley Glen, CA; [Cambridge Farms](#), 12431 Burbank, Valley Glen, CA; [Monlux Elementary School](#), 6051 Bellaire, Valley Glen, CA; [Kittridge Street Elementary School](#), 13619 Kittridge Street, Valley Glen, CA.; and on the web site, www.greatervalleyglencouncil.org or www.gvgc.us.

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1. Call to Order, Pledge of Allegiance, and Roll Call;
2. Reading of Outstanding Minutes: of June 1, 2009; possible motions;
3. Treasurer's Report: possible motions;
 - Approval of monthly financial report:
 - Review of all Outstanding Invoices; possible motions:
4. President's Report re:
 - Recognize retiring Board Members Abdul Zohbi, Benjamin Goldblatt and Steve Hamm for their commitment, service and contribution to the GVGC Board and our Community:
 - Resignations submitted; Possible Motions
 - Public Comment

- Board Comments;
- Board and Committee Meeting Rooms Schedule
- Vacant Board Seats
 - 2 Business Seats,
 - 1 Education Seat and
 - 1 Youth Seat are vacant
 - 1 Area 4 Home Owner Representative
- suggestions welcomed;

5. LAPD Senior Lead Officers' Reports;

6. Government Reports:

- Council District 2 Report: Field Deputy Laura Davidson;
- Paul Kerkorian's Report: Field Deputy Report;
- DONE Report: Taneda Larios, Project Coordinator;
- Other Government Representatives Reports;

7. General Public Comment (see rules above):

8. Board Member comments:

9. Consent Calendar: Possible motions: NONE

10. Rules, Bylaws and Elections Committee Update

- Date established for 2010 GVGC Election: **THURSDAY, MAY 27, 2010;**

11. Beautification Committee Report:

- A. Review of Grant Application re: PLAYGROUND EQUIPMENT and other Valley Glen Community Park improvements;
- B. Status of other grant possibilities:
- C. Fulton/Vanowen Triangle – SPRINT TOWER REPORT;
 - Public Comments:
 - Board Members Comment;

12. Planning & Land Use Committee: Doug Breidenbach, Chr.

- A. DASHER LAWLESS PLANNING COMMISSION MEETING OF MAY 28, 2009: Update;**
- B. 13720 Vanowen 7-6-09 Variance Hearing: Update;**

13. Cambridge Farms Recycling Issue Committee Report; Maria Denis, Chr.; Report;

14. Community Outreach and Neighborhoods Report;

A. General Committee Status Report;

B. PROPOSED MOTION: that GVGC Board host a Meet and Greet for all Candidates for Council District 2 seat at 6:30 pm, Monday, August 3, 2009 immediately prior to our monthly GVGC Board Meeting which will commence at the conclusion of the Meet & Greet but no later than 8PM, and that the GVGC authorize and amount not to exceed \$1500 to cover the expenses for outreach and food and beverages for the Meet & Greet.

- Possible Motions;
- Public Comments;
- Board Member Comments;

15. Government Relations Committee Report: Charlotte Laws, Chr.

A. **Proposed Motion For Board Action: Ecaf No Cap:** Whereas the 09-010 LADWP budget is not placing a cap on the Energy Cost Adjustment Factor (ECAF); and,

WHEREAS the LADWP has not implemented Motion #09-0652, as proposed by Perry, Garcetti and Greuel, to establish a Community Solar Outreach Plan; and,

WHEREAS a solar in-basin plan has not been shared with the Los Angeles community,

Be it therefore resolved that the Greater Valley Glen Council urges the LADWP Board of Commissioners to defer any decision to change ECAF increases until a fully vetted solar program is disclosed to all Neighborhood Councils, associations and interested stakeholders.

- Possible Motions;
- Board Members Comments;
- Public Comment;

B. **Proposed Motion For Board Action:** A memo of understanding (MOU) between the Mayor / City Council of the City of Los Angeles and the Neighborhood Councils (NCs) is to be entered into and NC's shall be given 90 days to review and act on all fee increases by the city. All such fee increases shall be retained by said Department to provide and improve services to the community for which the fee increase was created and not to be put into the General Fund.

- Possible Motions;
- Board Members Comments;
- Public Comment;

C. **Proposed Motion For Board Action:** City employee retirement accounts should be based on defined contribution rather than defined benefit.

GVGC PRESIDENT IS REFERRING THIS MATTER (Item 15.C) BACK TO GOVERNMENT RELATIONS COMMITTEE TO REVIEW THE MATTER FURTHER, CONDUCT COMMUNITY AND PUBLIC OUTREACH IN ITS REVIEW, INVITE PRO AND CON SPEAKERS TO ADDRESS COMMITTEE PRIOR TO RETURNING THIS MATTER FOR BOARD ACTION.

- Possible Motions;
- Board Members Comments;
- Public Comment;

D. Proposed Motion For Board Action: The Greater Valley Glen Council supports a mandatory uniform policy for all LAUSD schools. It would help maintain discipline in the schools, reduce disruptions and violence associated with gang colors and help eliminate socio-economic distinctions between families who can and cannot afford designer clothing. It would allow teachers to differentiate more easily between those who belong on campus and those who do not, and it would contribute to an atmosphere of learning and scholarship.

- Possible Motions;
- Board Members Comments;
- Public Comment;

E. Proposed Motion For Board Action: The Greater Valley Glen Council does not recommend point-of-sale sidewalk repair. Due to the downward turn in the economy, we feel this is the wrong time implement such a program. Many homeowners have lost their job, have little or no equity in their homes and are struggling with the tax increases imposed by the state.

- Possible Motions;
- Board Members Comments;
- Public Comment;

F. LANCC by Charlotte Laws General Report;

G. VAN NUYS AIRPORT ISSUE;

H. Update on Valley Alliance by Vic Viereck;

16. Public Safety Committee Report; Bruce Thomas, Chr.

PROPOSED MOTION:

1. The GVGC Public Safety Committee is authorized to allot no more than \$150 for each Neighborhood Watch 2010 National Night Out celebration
 - a) per rules to be established by the GVGC Public Safety Committee and in accord with GVGC Outreach Purposes; and
 - b) provided that the expenses covered by this stipend shall only cover items such as food, plates, tableware, clothes, etc. actually incurred and used for the local Neighborhood Watch celebration and
 - c) all such celebrations shall be held in Greater Valley Glen
 - d) all such expenses shall be confirmed by the Committee Chair as being in conformance with the Committees rules and
 - e) submitted on forms acceptable to the GVGC Treasurer;
2. The total amount authorized for the National Night Out Program shall not exceed \$2500;

3. In addition, the GVGC Public Safety Committee is authorized to spend an amount that shall not exceed \$1950 for customized Neighborhood Watch stickers for home or business windows.

1. Possible Motions;
2. Board Members Comments;
3. Public Comment;

17. Ad Hoc Civic Town Hall Meeting Committee Report; Karo Torossian, Chr.

A. August Report: Review and discuss possible Fall Event: CIVIC OFFICIALS NIGHT

18. No Reports:

A. Southeast Valley Development Committee; Terry Anderson, Chr.

B. Business Promotion & Development Committee Report; Carlos Ferreyra, Chr.

19. Committee Changes And Discussion Re: GCGC Committee Operations And Effectiveness:

- a) lack of Committee Meetings and the effective workings of GVGC Committees:
 - Role and purpose of Public Committee Meetings
 - Need for Public confidence in Committees' Operations;
 - Need for transparency and openness and reliability in Committees' meetings and operations;
 - Need for regular monthly meetings at a set time and place;
 - Other issues;
 - Need for Committees to do things;
 - Possible merging of some Committees;
 - Review productivity of existing Committees;

20. Adjournment.

Next scheduled meeting **August 3, 2009 at 7:00 P.M.**

** Please see attached Motions.