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**MINUTES
MONDAY, OCTOBER 5, 2009
VALLEY COLLEGE
FACULTY LOUNGE CONFERENCE ROOM
5800 FULTON AVENUE
VALLEY GLEN, CALIFORNIA 91401**

1. Call to Order at 7:15PM, followed by Pledge of Allegiance, and Roll Call; Present: Terry Anderson, Fernando Ayala, Doug Briedenbach, Malki Kertis, Maria Denis, Carlos Ferreyra, William Fishman, Ted Geldberg, Eli Kademian, Hafeed Kardouh, Charlotte Laws, Montie Mazo, Chris Mushyan, Gary Popenoe, Bruce Thomas, Vic Viereck. Absent: Stanley Friedman, Larry Jorgenson, Kathleen Schwartz, Karo Torossian, Chris Ueland.
2. Presentation of City Resolutions of Appreciation from Mayor Villaraigosa to Abdul Zohbi and Benjamin Goldblatt for service to the GVGC Board and Community by Terry Anderson on behalf of Antonio Sanchez, East Valley Director for Mayor Antonio Villaraigosa.
3. Other Special Presentations; None
4. Guest Speaker: None
5. LAPD Senior Lead Officers' Reports; SLO Jennifer DeVally summarized police activity in the North Hollywood area and reminded everyone to report suspicious activity. Followed by questions and answers.
6. Reading of Outstanding Minutes of September 14, 2009; Moved by Montie Mazo and seconded by Charlotte Laws that the Minutes of the September 14th, 2009 be approved as presented. Approved Unanimous.
7. Treasurer's Report for the three months ended of September 30, 2009 and Fiscal Year ending June 30, 2009. Vic Viereck explained each Report and answered questions by Board Members: Carlos Ferreyra, Ted Geldberg, Bruce Thomas and Terry Anderson. No Public questions. Moved by William Fishman and seconded by Bruce Thomas that the Financial Reports as presented be approved. Approved Unanimous.



Vic Viereck reported that the DONE RECONCILIATION REPORT/ROLL OVER FUNDS has not been completed and no final decision has been made one way or another.

8. Government Reports:

Council District 2 Report: Field Deputy Laura Davidson not present.

State Assembly member Paul Kerkorian's Report: Absent

State Senator Alex Padilla: Deputy Lara L. Larramend

She indicated that Senator Padilla had sponsored 5 bills (#'s 17, 23, 45,407,449) all of which

are among the 700 Bills on the Governor's desk waiting his approval by October 10, 2009.

She indicated that there was a possibility of a Special Session starting on October 12.

Questions by Board Members Bruce Thomas, Carlos Ferreyra, Gary Popenoe, Terry

Anderson, Ted Geldberg, Charlotte Laws and Vic Viereck.

9. President's Report re: Vacant Board Seats

- 2 Business Seats,
- 1 Education Seat and
- 1 Youth Seat are vacant
- Home Owner Seat Area 4

Discussion re: **Board Members leaving meeting without announcing their departure** and the necessity for all Board Members to remain for the entirety of the Board Meeting unless an absolute emergency requires their departure. If members can't make the Board Meeting they should inform him by no later than 6PM on the day of the meeting and also if leaving the Board meeting, they should inform the Board of their departure.

President Anderson informed the Board that he had a conversation with the Owners of the Zahles Restaurant across the Street from McDonalds regarding a liquor license (they already have a beer and wine license. He informed them that they should meet with the local residents first and get their approval and then apply for a license. Consensus was that the restaurant should get a liquor license.

President Anderson announced that Maria Denis would be reassigned from the Governmental Committee to the Beautification Committee.

9. General Public Comment: Judy Price advised the Board of the upcoming Picnic sponsored by the Valley Glen Neighborhood Association on Sunday, October 18, 2009. Glen Bailey, Chairman of the City of Los Angeles Citizens Advisory Planning Committee that a meeting will be held on October 26, 2009 at the Braude Center starting from 5-7PM to discussion Valley needs to be considered.

11. Board Member comments: Carlos Ferreyra, Bruce Thomas and Vic Viereck

12. Consent Calendar:

- A. **GOVERNMENT RELATIONS PROPOSED MOTION:** That the GVGC objects to Councilman Alarcon’s proposed motion to move “Public Testimony on Non-Agenda Items” to the end of Council meetings. This proposed change will have an adverse impact on transparency and on the ability of stakeholders to present their views to the City Council. By the end of the Council meetings, City Council Members and members of the public may have left and will therefore not hear the comments of the stakeholders.
- B. **BEAUTIFICATION PROPOSED MOTION: LAUREL GROVE PARK:** That the GVGC Board authorizes the expenditure of an amount not to exceed \$2500 for the installation and footings for 2 concrete tables on a cement pad at Laurel Grove Park. This motion supersedes any and all previous motions regarding this installation.
- C. **BEAUTIFICATION PROPOSED MOTION: VICTORY AND WHITSETT MEDIANS:** That the GVGC Board authorizes contracting with the non-profit Volunteer Center of American in the **amount of \$4500** for clean up and maintenance of the Victory medians and Whitsett medians for the next 11 months to be expended as follows Initial 4-day clean up involving uprooting of dead trees, shrubs, bushes and weeds at \$300 per day for \$1200; and 11 months of once a month general maintenance of clean up at \$300 per month for a total of \$3300.

Carlos Ferreyra moved and Doug Breidenbach seconded that the 3 items on the Consent Calendar be approved as presented.

Public Comments: None

Board Comments: Gary Popenoe, Fernando Ayala explained that the monies for the maintenance are not in addition to the monies already allocated to the median maintenance but for the payment of the contract to maintain same. The monies allocated here are in lieu of previous monies allocated for watering and maintenance of the medians.

Approved Unanimously

13. Community Outreach and Neighborhoods Report;

- A. General Committee Status & Financial Report; Terry Anderson that the Committee had approved the expenditure of \$500 to \$600 for tent with the VGNC logo on it for use at various functions like the Pancake Breakfast and Safety Fair.
- B. CD 2 Candidate Debate for November 30th Report: The Presidents of the 3 Neighborhood Councils involved in CD2 debate agreed on that date and each Council will be responsible for the outreach to their respective community for participation in the meeting.

14. Cambridge Farms Recycling Issue Committee Report; Maria Denis, Chr.; Report; Maria Denis reported that there is a meeting on Thursday, October 8 with the Owner of the Cambridge Farm property, recycling people and others. Cary Popenoe and Bruce Thomas commented on the issues related to maintenance of the property.

15. Beautification Committee Report:

A. General Committee Status Report was made by Fernando Ayala.

B. MOTION: That the GVGC Board hereby approves the general landscaping plan attached as Exhibit A for implementation on the Victory and Whitsett medians and that this plan is implemented as soon as money from the City or other sources is available. The attached landscaping plan shall constitute the approved long term solution for improving the Victory and Whitsett medians.

Motion withdrawn.

C. PLAYGROUND EQUIPMENT and other Valley Glen Community Park improvements and Status of grant: Terry Anderson reported that the Grant request had passed the 1st review and was moving along to the other entities for approval.

D. Fulton/Vanowen Triangle – SPRINT TOWER REPORT; Fernando Ayala reported that the monies for the monument has been approved by Sprint and the application for the construction permit is in the works and that the Sprint Representative will be at the October meeting of the Beautification Committee to discuss plans and timelines.

Public Comments: None

Board Members Comment; None

16. Ad Hoc Civic Town Hall Meeting Committee Report; Karo Torossian, Chr.
No report

17. Southeast Valley Development Committee; Chris Ueland, Chr.
No report

18. Government Relations Committee

A. General Committee Status Report: Co-Chair reported that the Committee meet and is bring the following motions before the Board for its approval.

B. Motion (as amended): In all future negotiations with unions, public employee pension plans should be defined contribution for new employees and existing employees as of that date. In addition, no future pension plan should exceed 85% of the average of the last three years salary. Moved by Charlotte Laws and seconded by Montie Mazo. Vic Viereck explained the motion and the reason behind it.

Public Comments: Judy Price

Board Members Comment: Terry Anderson, Carlos Ferreyra, Doug

Breidenbach, Bruce Thomas.

Motion carried: For 13 Against 2 Abstain 0

C. Other Government Relations Reports:

- a. DWP NC MOU Report; Montie Mazo reported that the General Manager has resigned. The Board of DWP Commissioners is considering a Solar Plan which is similar to the one which was sponsored by the DWP Unions and defeated in the election earlier this year. By sponsoring the Plan it will need only the approval of the City Council and Mayor. There is an election on October 17 for the Board of the DWP Citizens Oversight Committee.
- b. GVGC Census involvement; Charlotte Laws reported that the Mayor is convening a meeting to encourage the NC's to become involved in the coming Census.
- c. Status of Council Files Report: Charlotte Laws will report next month on this issue.
- d. LANCC by Charlotte Laws General Report; Is encouraging the NC's to support a movement to reduce the salaries of the City Council and should pass a motion to that effect.
- e. Update on Valley Alliance by Vic Viereck; is concerned about the payment of bills submitted by the NC's and also is in favor of DWP Rate Payer Advocate. The Alliance will be holding its annual Holiday Party and all are invited to attend.

Public Comments: None

Board Members Comment: Bruce Thomas

19. Planning & Land Use Committee: Doug Breidenbach, Chr.;

- A. General Committee Status Report: There was no meeting in September as there were no issues to consider. There will be some to consider at the next meeting.
- B. DASHER LAWLESS Project Update: There will be a PLUM Committee of the City Council that will hear this matter and consider Council Office/Developer Amendments (return to the original plan) to the Planning Commission Recommendations and this will be held in the Board of Public Works Hearing Room on Tuesday, October 6, 2009 at City Hall. GVGC will be present and supporting the original plan as submitted.
- C. Committee participation in PlanCheckNC; Committee will get on top of this.

D. Q Conditions

- a) Are on the Web site Page and as is the Complaint form
- b) Q conditions affect the Marijuana Clinics and are operating without a license from the City and the City Council is reviewing this situation.

Board Member Comments: Terry Anderson

Public Comments: None

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

a) General Committee report: SLO Hamilton, Van Nuys Division, and SLO DuVally, North Hollywood Division, were at the Public Safety Committee meeting and criminal activity was reviewed and the Council was encouraged to support the establishment of more Neighborhood Watch groups as a means of reducing crime.

b) Review of Public Safety Page on Web site contains information on the upcoming Pancake Breakfast and Safety Fair in 2010, CERT program for GVG, graffiti problem and surveillance cameras.

Board Members Comments: None

Public Comment: None

21. Adjournment. Meeting adjourned at 9PM.

*Next scheduled meeting **November 2, 2009 at 7:00 pm.***

**** Please see attached Motions; unless otherwise stated, approval of any motion also includes approval of the motion and the entire Committee Motion Form and all information set forth therein except as motion and/or submitted motion form is amended.**

The President noted that Michele Yun of the City Clerk's Election Office will attend at 8:30PM to review and discuss May 27, 2010 election procedures and other election issues.