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Monday, December 1, 2008
Los Angeles Valley College
5800 Fulton Avenue
Valley Glen, Ca, 91401

AGENDA ITEM 1: Meeting called to order at 6:30PM by Council President Terry Anderson, followed by the Pledge of Allegiance and Roll Call.

Present: Terry Anderson, Fernando Ayala, Doug Briedenbach, Maria Denis, Carlos Ferreyra, William Fishman, Ted Goldberg, Steve Hamm, Eli Kademian, Charlotte Laws, Montie Mazo, Raafat Morcos, Chris Mushyan, Gary Popenoe, Kathleen Schwartz, Bruce Thomas, Chris Ueland, Vic Viereck, Abdul Zohbi. Absent: Aram Alepyan, Katrina Bada, Stanley Friedman, Mathew Giaba, Hafeed Kardouh, Karo Torossian.

NOTE: ON MOTIONS: APPROVED MEANS PASSED UNANAMOUSLY, CARRIED MEANS MAJORITY IN FAVOR

AGENDA ITEM 2: Barbara Ann >President Anderson stated that the monthly meeting of the Council will start earlier so that we can receive an update on the ongoing Barbara Ann issue. Steve Porus, Neighborhood Activist, Jim Dantona, Planning and Land Use Deputy for Councilmember Wendy Greuel, and Rob Glushon, Attorney for Barbara Ann Neighborhood, will discuss the issue regarding the construction of the apartment complex on Barbara Ann, what has happened and the direction it appears to be going. This was followed by a question and answer session for the Council and attending public.

Board Member Steve Hamm introduced Captain Houston Herman, one of three Commanders of Fire Station 102, Captains Carlos Ortega and Kenny Martinez are the other shift commanders at the station. Captain Herman advised that the station is staffed by 6 Firemen. He stated the



Station is happy to participate in the Open House and planned public Safety Fair and Pancake Breakfast and honored to receive the flags that flew over the State and Federal Capitol Buildings.

AGENDA ITEM 3: Minutes of the November 1st meeting were approved as corrected.

AGENDA ITEM 4: Treasurers Report. Vic Viereck presented the Treasurer's Report and indicated that all the invoices that were approved by the Council are being processed for payment. After discussion, on motion by Gary Popenoe and seconded by Chris Ueland, the Treasurer's was approved.

AGENDA ITEM 5: Senior Lead Officers Report. SLO Jennifer Duvally discussed various incidents in Valley Glen. Crime was up slightly and it appears that teenagers are involved in daylight break-ins. Fernando Ayala indicated that here have a number of break-ins involving Bally's customer cars in the Valley Plaza shopping area. He indicated that letter have been sent by Dasher Lawless to the Tenants of the Plaza to be on the alert. SLO Ron Carter was unable to attend.

AGENDA ITEM 6: General Public Comments: Judy Price reminded everyone that the Valley Glen Neighborhood Association was holding a meeting at Erwin Street School on December 9, 2008. Pizza and beverages will be available before the meeting. There will election of Officers and various reports made by doings in the area. Also, money is being collected under the Associations' "Adopt a Family" Program. Raymond Yu reported that: December 14, there will be a Christmas Parade in the City of San Fernando, Martin Luther King Parade on January 20, 2009 and a Chinese New Year's Day Parade in Chinatown on January 26, 2009.

AGENDA ITEM 7: Presidents Comments-None

AGENDA ITEM 8: Nomination to fill Business Seat Vacancy. Terry Anderson nominated Raafat Morcos, who lives and works in the community as a business man and real estate broker. Mr. Morcos addressed the Council and gave a brief resume of his history in Valley Glen. Carlos Ferrayra moved and Doug Breidenbach seconded the motion to elect Mr. Morcos to fill the vacant seat. For 16, Against 0, Abstain 1. Carried

AGENDA ITEM 9: Government Reports.

Wendy Greuel's Field Deputy Laura Davidson discussed the Fire Station 102 fire truck dedication and will work with Steve Hamm in its organization. She also briefly discussed the Solar Project approved by City Council.

Paul Krekorian's Field Deputy was not present.

Taneda Larios, Project Coordinator for DONE indicated that on line Finance Disclosure survey cut-off date is December 3rd, on December 6th there will be an Emergency Training and Ethics review by the City Attorney's Office notice for which has been sent to everyone by email.

AGENDA ITEM 10: Board Member Comments

Bruce Thomas attended the City Council Budget Session and found it very interesting.

Ted Geldberg spoke about a mixed use complex he visited in Emeryville, California which appears to be working very well and is similar to the one being proposed for The Glen on Victory Boulevard.

The Land Use Committee will investigate the construction on Burbank Blvd at Whitsett; they believe that there was a fire there.

AGENDA ITEM 11a:

Motion A, Item was removed from Consent Calendar by Board Member request. See attached for motion regarding Laurence School's playground zoning. Kathleen Schwartz recused herself from discussion on this motion and left the room. Doug Breidenbach explained that the school purchased the additional property, which is zoned R3 not for playground use, and needs City approval to convert it to a playground. Shawn Shahmin, representing the School, explained why the School needs the land and also discussed the history, enrollment and future needs of the school. Carlos Ferreyra said it appears the School is growing and will eventually need more room for the School and what will happen to playground as it now exists? Mr. Shahmin explained that the old playground will probably be converted into classrooms to accommodate projected expansion. He also invited the Council Members to visit the School and he will be happy to give them a tour of the facility. Judy Price also expanded on the School needs. Doug Breidenbach moved and Ted Geldberg seconded the motion. Motion passed.

AGENDA ITEM 11b) Consent Calendar:

Motions B, the Clean Money Workshop motion (see attached), was explained by Charlotte Laws and Chris Ueland.

Motion C, GVGC Outreach Committee, Charlotte Laws and Chris Ueland delineated the need for promotional materials including business cards and badges for Council Members.

Charlotte Laws moved and Doug Breidenbach seconded that \$1,500.00 be allocated to cover costs of both motions and that they be voted on together. Motion passed.

Motion D, Item was removed from Consent Calendar by Board Member request. (see attached)

Motion E was presented by Chris Ueland on behalf of the Outreach Committee to spend \$200.00 for a photographer to take pictures in and around Valley Glen. Carlos Ferreyra questioned the landmarks that exist in Valley Glen. Terry Anderson explained that the Landmarks would include the Murals in the Tujunga Wash, Valley College, and others in and around Greater Valley Glen. On Motion by Montie Mazo and seconded by Bruce Thomas, motion passed.

AGENDA ITEM 12-21: Committee Reports

AGENDA ITEM 12: Government Relations Committee, Charlotte Laws, Chr.

Charlotte Laws, moved and Doug Breidenbach, seconded motion to oppose building an Elephant zoo, see attached motion. The Committee Chair explained the reasoning behind the motion. After comments by Council Members and the Public, Terry Anderson, moved and Bruce Thomas, seconded that the motion be tabled. Approved: For 11, Against 6, Abstain 0. Motion to table carried.

Vic Viereck gave an update on Valley Alliance. Financial disclosure is an ongoing discussion, as is the conflict of interest requirements and no decision has been made. The Council Members and the Public are invited to a mixer on December 12, 2008 at the CBS Studios on Radford Street in North Hollywood.

Update on LANCC will be given at the next meeting of the Council.

AGENDA ITEM 13: Public Safety Committee, Terry Anderson, Chr.
Committee is working on Welcome Baskets program, and the Safety Fair and Breakfast to be held on April 26, 2009.

AGENDA ITEM 14: Government Town hall Committee, Karo Torossian, Chr.
No report

AGENDA ITEM 15: Community Outreach, Chris Ueland, Chr.
Chris Ueland reported that the Newsletter was sent to 300 people and order has been placed for Board Member badges and business cards and a banner.

AGENDA ITEM 16: Business Promotion & Development Committee, Carlos Ferreyra, Chr.
Committee attempted to meet on November 13, 2008 but all rooms were taken. Working on Complaint Procedure and how they should be handled, focusing on businesses in GVG area and how to enforce violations correction procedures, including working with the City to enforce corrections. A finalized Complaint flow chart will be presented at the January 2009 meeting. The Committee will interact with the Land Use Committee working with violators and assuring that the Complainants are informed of the resolution of their complaint. A draft of a letter that will be sent to Developers and Rental Agents, in the Valley Glen area, informing them of the "Q Conditions" will be presented at the January 2009 meeting.

AGENDA ITEM 17: Cambridge Farms Recycling Issue Committee, Maria Denis, Chr.
Bruce Thomas prepared letter on November 11, 2008 and it was sent to Cambridge Farms. If no response is received to letter then will try to set up meeting with Cambridge Management and Committee members.

AGENDA ITEM 18: Beautification Committee, Fernando Ayala, Chr.
No meeting was held but one is scheduled for January 2009. Ted Geldberg was appointed secretary of the committee. Committee is considering restructuring as it pertains to non-board members.

AGENDA ITEM 19a: Planning & Land Use Committee, Doug Breidenbach, Chr.
Doug Breidenbach, moved and Bruce Thomas seconded that the Vision and Goals, see attached, as reviewed and previously be accepted. Motion: For 17, Against 0, Abstain 0, Carried.

AGENDA ITEM 19b: Motion (see attached) regarding Town Hall Meetings hosted by GVGC must originate from Committee. Doug Breidenbach moved that the motion be tabled and was seconded by Steve Hamm. For 16, Against 1, Abstain 0, Carried

A related motion regarding Barbara Ann Town Hall Meeting was withdrawn.

Barricaded store front on Burbank Blvd has been removed due to fire.

AGENDA ITEM 20: Rules & Bylaws Committee, Stanley Friedman, Chr.
No report, will meet in January 2009.

AGENDA ITEM 21: Southeast Valley Development Committee, Terry Anderson, Chr.
No report

AGENDA ITEM 22: January Meeting

The first Monday of January is the 5th, as it is part of the New Years Long Weekend, will try to reschedule to the 12th.

The next meeting will include a presentation of the planned new bridge across the Tujunga Wash at the Park adjacent to the east side of Grant High School on Coldwater Canyon. Catherine Ortega will make the presentation.

AGENDA ITEM 23: Carlos Ferreyra, moved and William Fishman, seconded, that we adjourn in Memory of Charlie O (Charlie O's Jazz Club), who was a great supporter of our Community.
Meeting adjourned at 9:30PM