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MINUTES
GREATER VALLEY GLEN COUNCIL
BOARD MEETING
JUNE 1, 2009 at 7:00 pm
College Cafeteria
Los Angeles Valley College
5800 Fulton Avenue
Valley Glen, CA 91401

1. Called to Order by President Terry Anderson at 7:08PM, Pledge of Allegiance was recited and the Roll Call; Present: Terry Anderson, Fernando Ayala, Douglas Breidenbach, Maria Denis, Carlos Ferreyra, William Fishman, Stanley Friedman, Ted Goldberg, Benjamin Goldblatt, Steven Hamm, Eli Kademian, Hafeed Kardouh, Charlotte Laws, Larry Jorgenson, Montie Mazo, Chris Mushyan, Gary Popenoe, Kathleen Schwartz, Bruce Thomas, Vic Viereck. Absent: Karo Torossian, Abdul Zohbi.
2. Bruce Thomas moved and Charlotte Laws, seconded, that the Minutes of May 4, 2009 be approved as presented. For 17 Against 0 Abstain 0 Carried
Carlos Ferreyra, moved, and William Fishman, seconded, that the Minutes of the Special Meeting of May 20, 2009 be approved. Judy Price indicated that there was not a quorum present of Board Members present, and minutes were as amended. Anderson ruled that as no action was agendized, it was a proper meeting. For 17 Against 0 Abstain 0 Carried
3. Treasurer's Report through May 27, 2009 was presented by Vic Viereck who explained the nuances and answered question by the Board. Moved by Bruce Thomas and seconded by Montie Mazo that Treasurer's Report by accepted as presented. For 16 Against 0 Abstain 1 Approved.

Treasurer Viereck presented the GVGC Budget for 2009-2010 based on \$45,000.00 allowance by the City of Los Angeles. Bruce Thomas, moved, and Charlotte Laws, seconded, that Budget be accepted as presented. Terry Anderson and Douglas Breidenbach indicated that the Budget is

flexible. After other Board comments and questions, and public comments a vote on the motion was taken. For 16 Against 1 Abstain 0 Approved

Vic Viereck indicated that there were invoices still outstanding and he must have them by June 12, 2009 to be included in 2008-2009 Fiscal Year.

4. Presidents Report

- A condolence card is being passed around to be given to SLO Ron Carter on his recent losses.
- City Council Budget for Neighborhood Councils 2009-2010 fiscal year was set at \$45,000.00.
- At Presidents suggestion, Bruce Thomas, moved, and Douglas Breidenbach, seconded, that we extend our appreciation to Councilmember Wendy Greuel for her stanch support of Neighborhood Council and her contribution and support to our Council and the GVG Community. For 17 Against 0 Abstain 0 Carried
- There was no Public or Board Comments.
 - 2 Business Seats are vacant

5. LAPD Senior Lead Officers' Reports; SLO Carol Samawura reported on crime in the community which is general down. She indicated that women with a lot of jewelry are being attacked, LAPD Air patrol is encouraging people to put street numbers on curbs and building roofs, gang activity is increasing in community parks and a murder suspect was arrested. SLO Samawura answered questions from the Board and Public.

6. Guest Speaker: Greg Bartz made a presentation on behalf of the LA Department of Water and Power, distributed literature pertaining to the water shortage and various other issues. He then answered question from Board Members and the Public.

Wendy Greuel's Field Deputy Laura Davidson indicated that she had nothing to report and there were no questions by the Board or Public.

Assemblyman Paul Kerkorian Field Deputy and DONE representative Taneda Larios were both absent.

7. Public Comment: Helen LaMonica and Judy Price addressed the Board.

8. Board Member Comments: Charlotte Laws, Bruce Thomas, Montie Mazo, Fernando Ayala, Kathleen Schwartz, Mario Denis, Carlos Ferreyra, Steve Hamm addressed the Board on a variety of subjects.

9. Consent Calendar: Possible motions:

- A. GOVERNMENT RELATIONS COMMITTEE:** That the GVGC supports AB 766, the Safe Streets Bill, which allows cities with the help of Neighborhood Councils to set rational and safe speed limits in their communities.

- B. GOVERNMENT RELATIONS COMMITTEE:** That the GVGC urges the City Council to publish on their agenda 100 words of every Community Impact Statement received from a Neighborhood Council.
- C. GOVERNMENT RELATIONS COMMITTEE:** that there should be an MOU between the Department of Sanitation and the Neighborhood Councils so stakeholders can be alerted to rate increases and other changes within the department. Any sanitation fee increases should be solely for the Department of Sanitation and should not supplant other funds already designated for those purposes.
- D. PLANNING AND LAND USE COMMITTEE:** That the GVGC Board approve the placement of the rooftop cellular antennae requested by AT&T, at 6131 Coldwater Canyon Boulevard in a screened installation with no towers according to the submitted plans.

Ted Geldberg, moved, and Montie Mazo, seconded, the Consent Calendar be approved as presented.

Public Comments: Judy Price
Board Comments: none

For 18 Against 1 Abstain 0 Approved

10. Beautification Committee Report:

- A.** Review of May 20th Town Hall Meeting re: PLAYGROUND EQUIPMENT AND SECURITY CONCERNS. Fernando Ayala reported on the Town Hall meeting and the survey taken. The survey was 20 opposed, 41 in favor and 7 undecided.

- B. MOTION: PARK PUBLIC SAFETY AND NEIGHBORHOOD SECURITY:** That the GVGC Board encourages, recommends and approves of the following actions to improve public safety and neighborhood security at or about the Valley Glen Community Park:
1. The GVGC Board issue a formal communication to LAPD Van Nuys Division requesting more police patrols at the Park to address drug dealing and other illegitimate activity and to strongly urge that the designated LAPD Senior Lead Officer meet with the Valley Glen Community Park Neighborhood Watch to address specific patrol needs; and
 2. That GVGC Board issue a formal written request to City Council Office and Los Angeles Department of Transportation, LAPD and all city agencies supporting "no parking between sunset and sunrise" signs for every perimeter abutting street of the Park; further, the GVGC will also assist in shepherding this application through the DOT process; and
 3. Provided that the neighborhood gets a petition signed, the GVGC Board will provide written support to the Los Angeles City Department of Transportation for the installation of speed bumps along the 1/5 of a mile stretch between Atoll and Ethel along Erwin Street; and
 4. That the GVGC Board issue a formal request to Recreation and Park Department requesting that the City take better care of the Park, including specific issues like the constantly broken drinking fountain at the north end of the Park, the metal drinking

spigot that gets broken every month and the numerous areas in the Park that have grass that is brown and is disappearing and address the issue of adding and modernizing park fencing.

Moved by Fernando Ayala and seconded by William Fishman that item B.10-1 to 4 be approved.

Public Comments: Laura Davidson, Judy Price, and Mickey Jannol who supported the motion.

Board Comments: Ted Geldberg, Terry Anderson, Kathleen Schwartz, Bruce Thomas. Carlos Ferreyra, Fernando Ayala, Maria Denis, Chris Mushyan.

Carried

C. MOTION: GREATER VALLEY GLEN PARK PLAYGROUND EQUIPMENT: That the GVGC Board recommends, encourages and approves that the Los Angeles City Department of Recreation and Parks install playground equipment and other improvements including park fencing, as approved, designed and situated by the Los Angeles City Department of Recreation and Parks, in Valley Glen Community Park, located at Erwin Street and Ethel Avenue, and that the playground equipment be similar to that installed at Laurel Grove Park; and

Further, the GVGC Board recommends that the playground equipment be located in the northern half of the Park; and

Further, the GVGC Board approves and authorizes the GVGC Board and/or the Los Angeles City Department of Recreation and Parks Department applying for a grant from Proposition K Program L.A. for Kids funds to fund this playground equipment and other improvements including park fencing at Valley Glen Community Park for the 2010-2012 Proposition K cycle period; and

Further, the GVGC Board approves and authorizes the expenditure of not to exceed \$5,000 for employing a grant writer to prepare and finalize the grant application for Proposition K funds; and

Further, the GVGC Board recommends the use of City of Los Angeles Quimby funds to fund the installation of the above referenced playground equipment and other improvements to the extent that such is not funded by Proposition K funds.

Montie Mazo, moved, and Maria Denis, seconded, that Item 10C be approved as presented.

Public Comments: none

Board Member Comments: Douglas Breidenbach, Terry Anderson

For: 14 Against 1 Abstain 1 Approved

D. FULTON/VANOWEN TRIANGLE – SPRINT TOWER REPORT;

Fernando Ayala reported that he is working with Sprint on Valley Glen sign

Public Comments: none

Board Member Comments: none

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

A. MOTION RE CONCERNS RAISED AT DASHER LAWLESS PLANNING COMMISSION MEETING OF MAY 28, 2009 attached

Kathleen Schwartz, recused herself, see statement attached. Fernando Ayala also recused himself as he is employed by Dasher Lawless.

Board approved the Motion attached that was refined by Ted Geldberg, Douglas Briedenbach and Terry Anderson as authorized by the Board.

Motion moved by Ted Geldberg and seconded by Carlos Ferreyra

Public Comments: Judy Price, Kathleen Schwartz

Board Comments: Ted Geldberg discussed the City Planning Commission meeting. Terry Anderson explained because of the lateness of the City Planning Commission, the aforementioned motion could not be provided within the time limit required and therefore accepting it at this time.

For 16 Against 0 Abstain 1 Approved

B MOTION re \$35,000,000 FEE FOR DASHER LAWLESS: Moved by Ted Geldberg and seconded by Terry Anderson that the GVGC Board to oppose the proposed additional fees of approximately \$35,000,000.00 requested by the City Planning Department on behalf of the Department of Transportation for The Plaza at The Glen development, 13003-13075 Victory Blvd. with regard to planning and traffic issues. This development will provide jobs for hundreds of workers and, more importantly, will reduce the dramatic imbalance between jobs and housing that currently exists in the Valley. The resulting drop in vehicle miles traveled will also reduce congestion along current commuter routes. This project is consistent with the General Plan Framework: it is transit oriented, it is walkable, and it creates a sense of place for Valley Glen. It is entirely consistent with the 14 points of the City Planning Commission's DO REAL PLANNING document. The demand of the additional fees will threaten the project's viability.

Public Comments: Judy Price, Kathleen Schwartz, Ted Johnson

Board Member Comments: Ted Geldberg,

For 16 Against 1 Abstain 0 Approved

12. COMMITTEE CHANGES AND DISCUSSION RE: GVGC COMMITTEE OPERATIONS AND EFFECTIVENESS:

- a) Change Public Safety Committee:
Bruce Thomas for Chairperson, Steve Hamm and Jean Sinatra for Co-chairs;
membership to remain the same;
For 16 Against 0 Abstain 0 Approved

- b) Change in Outreach Committee Chair:
Terry Anderson for Chair; Larry Jorgensen Maria Denis and Karo Torossian
added to existing Committee;
For 16 Against 0 Abstain 0 Approved

- c) Terry Anderson discussed the 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;

Board Comments: none

Public Comments: none

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

- a) LANCC by Charlotte Laws General Report none

- b) Van Nuys Airport

Carlos Ferreyra stated that the FAA is reviewing the Bob Hope Airport plan to shift night flights to Van Nuys Airport.

Public Comments: Judy Price

Board Comments: Bruce Thomas, Montie Mazo

- c) Update on Valley Alliance by Vic Viereck;

14. Cambridge Farms Recycling Issue Committee Report; Maria Denis, Chr.; Maria Dennis reported that meeting by the Committee with the owner of the strip mall, recycling center and LAPD on cleaning up the alley and change in hours of operation of the recycling center and that another meeting is scheduled for July 25.

15. Rules, Bylaws and Elections Committee Update: Stan Friedman and Judy Price; Reported that the Neighborhood Councils will be notified after June 13, 2009 as to the date of the 2010 elections.
16. Public Safety Committee Report; Terry Anderson, Chr.
Bruce Thomas is working with the City on repairing sidewalks etc and preliminary plans of 2010 Pancake Breakfast/Safety Fair.
17. Ad Hoc Civic Town Hall Meeting Committee Report; Karo Torossian, Chr. Absent
18. Southeast Valley Development Committee; Terry Anderson, Chr.
Nothing going on
19. Business Promotion & Development Committee Report; Carlos Ferreyra, Chr.
Carlos Ferreyra made his report on his ideas for the Committee.
20. **AUGUST MEETING: Board indicated no wish to take a holiday from any meeting during the summer.**
21. **ADJOURNMENT IN MEMORY OF SLO RON CARTER'S FAMILY**
Meeting adjourned at 9:57PM

Next scheduled meeting **July 6, 2009 at 7:00 P.M.**

** Please see attached Motions.

***Also see Attached Flyers...