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MINUTES
7:00 PM
MONDAY, JANUARY 11, 2010
VALLEY COLLEGE
FACULTY LOUNGE
5800 FULTON AVENUE
VALLEY GLEN, CALIFORNIA 91401
Free Parking in Parking Lot B Only

1. **CALL TO ORDER@7:04PM, PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE LEAD BY STANLEY FRIEDMAN, AND ROLL CALL; PRESENT:** Terry Anderson, Fernando Ayala, Erwin Cervantes, Doug Breidenbach, Maria Denis, Carlos Ferreyra, Stanley Friedman, Ted Gelberg, Larry Jorgenson, Eli Kademian, Charlotte Laws, Montie Mazo, Chris Mushyan, Gary Popenoe, Bruce Thomas, Chris Ueland. **ABSENT:** Malky Kertis, Jozef Essavi, William Fishman, Kathleen Schwartz, Vic Viereck
2. **GUEST SPEAKER:**
Captain William A. Eaton, Commanding Officer, Van Nuys*
*Introduced by Jean Sinatra, Co-Chair, C-PAB (Community Police Advisory Board), LAPD, Van Nuys introduced Captain Eaton who addressed the change in command and the appointment of Chief Beck as Chief of Police. He discussed local problems and the Van Nuys Division's focus on local crime. In addition he commended C-PAB for their support and help in policing the Division and stressed his commitment to working with neighborhood councils. This was followed by questions from the Board and Public.
3. **LAPD SENIOR LEAD OFFICERS' REPORTS;**
 - Van Nuys: SLO Ron Carter-not present
 - North Hollywood: SLO Jennifer Du Vally reported on crime in the North Hollywood part of GVG. She discussed the placement of cameras and showed pictures of criminal activity taken by the cameras. This was followed by question from the Board and Public.
4. **READING OF OUTSTANDING MINUTES:** of December 7, 2009;
The Secretary reported that there was a spelling error on Item 11C, Malky Kertis's name was spelled incorrectly.
Bruce Thomas moved and Charlotte Laws, seconded, that the Minutes be approved as corrected.
FOR 14, AGAINST 0, ABSTAIN 0: MOTION CARRIED



CLARIFICATION OF OCTOBER 5, 2009 GVGC BOARD MINUTES: Item 12C that
“Volunteers of America” be changed to read “Volunteer Center of Los Angeles”.
Moved by Chris Ueland and seconded by Larry Jorgenson. FOR 14, AGAINST 0,
ABSTAIN 0, CARRIED

5. TREASURER’S REPORT:

a) Financial report for the 6 months ended December 31, 2009

Vic Viereck, Treasurer, was not present. There were no questions from the Board or Public.

Moved by Chris Ueland and seconded by Doug Breidenbach that the report be approved as submitted.

FOR 13, AGAINST 0, ABSTAIN 1. MOTION PASSED

b) Status of DONE RECONCILIATION REPORT/ROLL OVER FUNDS; Tanada Larios reported that it was still being worked on.

c) Status of Wendy Greuel \$500 contribution towards the Firefighter’s Pancake Breakfast; President Anderson reported that a check for \$500 was sent, but it was made payable to the GVGC and as we do not have a checking account it was returned to DONE that it be credited to our account.

6. GOVERNMENT REPORTS:

Council District 2 Report:

Karo Torossian indicated that he has resigned since he now is a Member of Councilman Paul Krekorian’s staff, it has been determined that there is the potential for a conflict of interest. He will still be active in the Community and will continue to chair the GVGC Elected Public Officials Night and City Department Leaders Night.

Councilman Paul Krekorian arrived and addressed the Board and indicated the various Committees that he will be serving on and problems facing the City of Los Angeles, DWP, Rate Payer Advocate, Tax problems, Neighborhood Councils and their funding and Neighborhood Council budgets and elections. He indicated that he is pushing for an overturn of the Planning Commission’s decision on the Magnolia Avenue Project. The Councilman presented a Certificate of Appreciation to Karo Torossian for his work on GVGC. This was followed by questions from the Board and Public.

State Senator Alex Padilla: Deputy Gemma Jimenez
Discussed the Budget process.

State Senator Carol Liu: no representation

Other Government Representative Reports:

DONE. Tanada Lario reported that additional signatures are need on recent submissions.

7. PRESIDENT'S REPORT

- A. Vacant Board Seats will be addressed at the February meeting and suggestions Welcomed. The letters of resignation from Karo Torossian and Hafeed Kardouh were Read and accepted.
- B. Board and Committee Meeting Rooms Schedule were sent by email.
- C. President's proposed Committee Chair Changes: Asked the Board to approve the **appointment of Jean Sinatra and Bruce Thomas as Joint Chairs of the Public Safety Committee.** FOR 14, AGAINST 0, ABSTAIN 0. APPROVED
- D. President's concerns regarding Committee Chairs and lack of Committee Meetings; All the Committee's are not meeting on a regular basis and emphasized the requirement for posting the Agenda and date, time and place of the meetings on the Web and at all posting sites.
Comments by Board Members.
- E. Reminder: 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.

8. **General Public Comment:** Judy Price, Irene Harris and Mike Gaffney

9. **Board Member comments: Bruce Thomas**

10. **CONSENT CALENDAR: No items for Consent Calendar.**

11. **PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE REPORT;** Bruce Thomas, Chr.

Planning is well underway for the April 25 Firefighters Breakfast and Safety Fair which we anticipate will be held at the same location as last year. It will cost a third less than last year - about \$12,000 which is the budget approved by the Public Safety Committee. We intend to do things better for less money. We are looking for more sponsors, i.e. local banks and business's and anticipate participation by LAPD, Sheriff, Metro, LA Fire Department and others

12. **BEAUTIFICATION COMMITTEE REPORT:**

A Review of Grant Application re: PLAYGROUND EQUIPMENT and other Valley Glen Community Park improvements Proposition K Grant Application is now being reviewed by the City Proposition K Steering Committee.

Fulton/Vanowen Triangle /SPRINT TOWER REPORT: no report;

Victory/Whitsett Medians:

Terry Anderson suggested that one possible solution to its addressing these medians for long term improvement would be to have these medians reassigned from the City's Street Services Department over to the City's Park Department and then have them declared parkland which would allow us to use some of the Quimby Funds soon anticipated from the Dasher Lawless development to improve and re-landscape these medians .Park Management might go along with the idea, since it may be similar to other medians in the City. However, Parks is not willing to maintain these medians as parks so Valley

Glen needs to come up with a maintenance plan – and Anderson suggested that the only feasible plan would be for Dasher Lawless to agree to maintain these medians until such time as a BID(Business Improvement District) is formed and agrees to take over maintenance of these medians as they do in Studio City. Anderson made it very clear that there is absolutely no way that the GVGC would be in a position to maintain or even assist in maintaining the improved medians. This plan requires cooperation from the City, City Councilmember Krekorian, the GVGC as lead agency, the VGNA and Dasher Lawless if it is to be successful.

Public Comments: None

Board Comments: Terry Anderson, Carlos Ferreyra, Ted Geldberg, Gary Popenoe, Bruce Thomas

13. **AD HOC CIVIC TOWN HALL MEETING COMMITTEE REPORT**; Karo Torossian, Chr. Karo Torossian reported that he will continue, as a Committee of One in planning for the Valley Glen Elected Public Officials Night and City Department Leaders Night. A date is yet to be determined. He will also contact the elected officials that represent the area to encourage their participation.

14. **AD HOC COMMITTEE RE ACCESSORY DWELLING UNITS**: Doug Breidenbach, Chr. PROPOSED MOTION: The Greater Valley Glen Neighborhood Council recommends that the City of Los Angeles adopts the following conditions beyond the State Requirements for the implementation of AB 1866 regarding the allowance of accessory dwelling units on parcels that are in more restrictive than R2 zones.

Minimum Lot Size: 8,500 SF

Unit Size: Maximum of 650SF, the total build out of the property shall not exceed the allowable FAR under the mansionization ordinance now in place.

Height limit: 17'*(see change below)

Setbacks: If it is a detached building, a 10' separation is required. All other setback requirements shall be observed.

Parking: One additional stall is required, not to be located in the front yard. It may be provided as an uncovered space.

Only one additional unit may be permitted.

Ownership: Either the Primary unit or the Accessory unit must be occupied by the owner of the property.** (see change below)

Only one main entrance for the property shall be visible from the street.

Existing Accessory Dwelling Units shall be granted “grandfather” status and be deemed legal under these terms.

Moved by Doug Breidenbach and seconded by Maria Denis.

Public Comments: Judy Price

Board Member Comments: Charlotte Laws, Doug Breidenbach, Ted Geldberg

The movers of the Motion accepted the following changes to the Motion:

*Height Limit from 17' to 24'

** Ownership: At time the Application for Building Permit is issued, either the Primary unit or the Accessory unit must be occupied by the Owners of the property.

FOR 13, AGAINST 1, ABSTAIN 1, MOTION CARRIED

15. GOVERNMENT AND BUSINESS RELATIONS COMMITTEE: CHARLOTTE LAWS AND

CARLOS FERREYRA, CO CHAIR.

- A. General Committee Status Report; The Committee has been meeting each month and addressing the various issues effecting GVG.
- B. Status of previously **approved motions for Council Files: No Report**
 - regarding special elections (council file number 09-1222-S1)
 - regarding Medical Marijuana Clinics: Laws to follow up on.
- C. **PROPOSED MOTION:** "In order to assure strong independent financial oversight of the Los Angeles Department of Water and Power (LADWP), the Greater Valley Glen Council supports a rate payer advocate committee, comprised of seven unpaid volunteers, one from each planning area. The seven individuals should be selected in the same manner as the area representatives who served on the 912 Commission."
Motions: Moved Charlotte Laws and seconded by Carlos Ferreyra
Public Comments: Judy Price
Board Members Comment; Carlos Ferreyra, Ted Geldberg, Stanley Friedman, Montie Mazo,

Motion withdrawn and referred back to Committee.
- D. **Other Government and Business Relations Reports:**
 - a. DWP NC MOU Report; Montie Mazo. No reports as none of the DWP Committee have meet since last report.
 - b. GVGC Census involvement; No Report;
 - c. Status of Council Files Report: Charlotte Laws No Report

d. **LANCC by Charlotte Laws General Report; SPECIAL REPORT RE LANCC 1-10-10 MEETING REGARDING CITY'S FINANCIAL PROBLEMS; Discussions addressed the budgetary problems, possible declaration of bankruptcy and reducing the budget of all City departments by 9%.**

e. Update on Valley Alliance by Vic Viereck; No Report;

f. Invitation for Stakeholders to join Recycled Water: No Report

Public Comments: None

Board Comments: Chris Ulend, Ted Geldberg, Bruce Thomas

16. PLANNING & LAND USE COMMITTEE: Doug Breidenbach, Chr.;

A. General Committee Status Report: No Report

B. Committee participation in PlanCheckNC; Doug Briedenbach; No Report

C. PRESIDENT'S REQUEST: GVGC Board revisit the Board action of February 4, 2008 regarding the following matter since it now is coming for Office of Zoning Administration hearing for approval of the proposed Zone Variance on January 25, 2010:

"Motion by D. Breidenbach, second V. Viereck recommending Board approval of a Zone Variance to allow residential use in the P Zone portion of the 13724 W. Victory Blvd. address in Valley Glen. This motion addresses the Zone change issue only, not the density or number of units allowed by prevailing codes. 9 Yes, 10 No's, 1 Abstain.

Yes votes: D. Breidenbach, M. Denis, S. Friedman, C. Ferreyra, M. Mazo, J. Price, E. Sadot, A. Zohbi.

No's: T. Anderson, K. Bada, T. Geldberg, H. Kardouh, C. Laws, B. Pezner, G. Popenoe, C. Ueland, V. Viereck, L. Wehrl.

Abstain: A. Simon. .

Motion fails."

Moved by Terry Anderson To ; oppose granting of the Variance.

seconded by Ted Geldberg.

Public Comments: Judy Price

Board Comments: Chris Ueland, Ted Geldberg, Bruce Thomas

FOR 12, AGAINST 0, ABSTAIN 1 MOTION PASSED

D. Draft Bicycle Plan Update: Malky Kertis; No Report

E. Status of expanding **Valley Glen "Q" Conditions** to entire area of Greater Valley Glen: Report at February meeting

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F. Status of Dasher Lawless Development on Victory Boulevard; Ted Geldberg indicated the second project will probably start before the first one. Hope to a report at the next meeting.

G. Status of Marijuana Clinic Proposed Ordinance Update: No Report

17. **CAMBRIDGE FARMS RECYCLING ISSUE COMMITTEE REPORT;** Maria Denis, Chr.; Report; No report.

18. **COMMUNITY OUTREACH AND NEIGHBORHOODS REPORT;** Terry Anderson, Chr,

19. **SOUTHEAST VALLEY DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE;** Chris Ueland, Chr.
No report this month...

20. **ADJOURNMENT @10:15PM**
SO MOVED BY DOUG BREIDENBACH AND SECONDED BY CHRIS UELAND
PASSED.

Next scheduled meeting **February 1, 2010 at 7:00 pm.**

**FIREFIGHTER'S PANCAKE BREAKFAST
AND
COMMUNITY SAFETY FAIR
SUNDAY, APRIL 25, 2010
AT
VALLEY GLEN FIRE STATION 102 AND VALLEY COLLEGE**

Board Members are requested to reserve the date to assist

***** 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.***