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**MINUTES
GREATER VALLEY GLEN COUNCIL
BOARD**

May 4, 2009 at 7:20 pm
College Cafeteria
Los Angeles Valley College
5800 Fulton Avenue
Valley Glen, CA 91401

- Board Members -

Terry Anderson	Fernando Ayala
Douglas Breidenbach	Maria Denis
Carlos Ferreyra	William Fishman
Stanley Friedman	Ted Geldberg
Benjamin Goldblatt	Steven Hamm
Eli Kademian	Hafeed Kardouh
Charlotte Laws	Larry G. Jorgenson
Montie Mazo	Chris Mushyan
Gary Popenoe	Kathleen Schwartz
Bruce Thomas	Karo Torossian
Chris Ueland	Vic Viereck
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1. Call to Order at 7:30PM, Pledge of Allegiance was led by Kathleen Schwartz and followed by Roll Call: Present Terry Anderson, Fernando Ayala, Benjamin Goldblatt, Doug Briedenbach, Maria Denis, Carlos Ferreyra, William Fishman, Stanley Friedman, Larry Jorgenson, Eli Kademian, Hafeed Kardouh, Charlotte Laws, Montie Mazo, Chris Mushyan, Gary Popenoe, Kathleen Schwartz, Bruce Thomas, Karo Torossian, Chris Ueland, Vic Viereck. Absent: Ted Geldberg, Steven Hamm, Adbul Zohbi
2. Minutes of meeting of April 6, 2009: Doug Breidenbach, moved, and Chris Ueland, seconded that Minutes be approved as submitted. For 17, Against 0, Abstain 3 Carried
3. Treasurer's Report: Gary Popenoe, moved, and William Fishman, seconded, that the Treasurer's Report be approved as submitted. Approved

Bruce Thomas, moved, and Carlos Ferreyra, seconded, that \$10,000.00 be transferred from the Beautification Budget to Outreach Budget. For 19, Against 1 Abstain 0 Carried

The Treasurer indicated that there were outstanding invoice of \$6,000.00 (Outreach) and \$5, 000.00 (Beautification)
4. Report on Firefighter's Breakfast and Safety Fair on April 26, 2009 was made by Terry Anderson. Approximately 1,000 people attended the Pancake Breakfast and 2,000 the Safety Fair. Valley College waived all related expenses except for a clean up fee of \$182.00. A special thanks to Jean Sinatra, James McDevitt, Vince Stamboni and LAPD SLO's Ron Carter, Jennifer Duvally, Carol Sawamura and Lucas Hamilton and IHOP of North Hollywood and Manager

Suzanne Tiniarski for all the food for the the Breakfast and helping to cook. \$2,800.00 was raised. Anderson also thanked those many members of the GVGC Board who volunteered cooking, cleaning, organizing, putting up ents etc. He noted that this was the first time the Board glued together as a team with outstanding results. Bruce Thomas added his salutary comments for everyone's efforts. Final Report Attached.

Karo Torossian indicated that Paul Kerkorian, Assemblyman for our District presented a Certificate of Appreciation to Fire Station 102.

Accomplishments of GVGC Board to date:

- Barbara Ann Issue Community Forum on December 1, 2008 at GVGC Board Meeting;
- Clean Money Workshop: February 17, 2009 at Kittridge Elementary School sponsored by GVGC Government Relations Committee;
- Measure B Debate-Community Forum at February 2, 2009 Board Meeting;
- GVGC Elected Public Officials Night on March 12, 2009 at Monarch Hall, Valley College; sponsored by GVGC Ad Hoc Civic Town Hall Meeting Committee;
- GVGC Town Hall Meeting on April 6, 2009 re Plaza at the Glens/Dasher-Lawless Development DEIR at Board Meeting;
- GVGC Firefighters' Pancake Breakfast & Community Safety Fair on Sunday, April 26, 2009 at Fire Station 102/Valley College sponsored by the GVGC Public Safety Committee
- Valley Glen Park Town Hall Meeting regarding Playground Equipment to be held on May 20, at Erwin Street School at 7:00PM

2 Business Seats are vacant; suggestions welcomed;

5. LAPD Senior Lead Officers' Reports; SLO Jennifer DuVally made a report on police activity in her district including the problems at Macy's Department Store, shopping carts, a homicide and other problems. She answered questions from Board Members and the Public.
6. A. Guest Speaker: **Jill Banks Barad**, President, Sherman Oaks Neighborhood Council discussed the makeup and activities of her Council. She also mentioned some the problems in Sherman Oaks that they dealt with: Best Buy, Buckley School, Chabad and the Van Nuys neighborhood that want to become part of Sherman Oaks. She indicated that they have a Neighborhood Services Committee that intervenes in resolving issues between residents and the various City of Los Angeles Departments. She responded to questions by Board Members, Carlos Ferreyra, Bruce Thomas, Charlotte Laws, Maria Denis and the Public. Terry Anderson thanked her for coming and informing our Board about the SONC.

B. **"Bureau of Sanitation – Presentation on Alternative Technologies"** Presentation to inform stakeholders and Board Members about the feasibility of integrating new technologies capable of processing municipal solid waste into renewable energy and

reducing dependence on landfills. **Helen Yoon**, Alternative Technology Outreach Team. The presentation was made by Arasuela Larios and Miguel Zermeno, Project Manager.

7. Government Reports:

- Wendy Greuel's Report: Field Deputy Laura Davidson. She indicated that it is anticipated that there will be a special election to Ms Greuel who will resign on June 3, 2009. Laura also indicated that she will be leaving to go to Medical School in the fall.
- Paul Kerkorian's Report: Field Deputy Report. Karo Torossian indicated their Field Office had been moved to Burbank. A Basic Safety Response Workshop is being held on May 21, 2009 and on May 23, 2009, a Housing/Financial Workshop will be sponsored there office.
- DONE Report: Taneda Larios, Project Coordinator; The budget for NC's is anticipated to be cut by \$5,000(after meeting it was learned that it may be even more).On May 14, 2009, an Emergency Preparedness Committee Meeting will be held in the MarvinBarude Building at 6:30PM. The Valley Regional Congress will meet on May 30, 2009 and will include a food drive.

8. General Public Comment: Judy Price announced the Valley Glen Neighborhood Association will be holding it's Art Show on May 9 and 10 and on May 16 VGNA Yard Sale. The winner of the raffle for a dinner for 4 at Barroni's is Gregg Taylor.

9. Board Member comments: Carlos Ferreyra that there is a new restaurant on the corner of Fulton and Victory and Anderson mentioned that the Mid Valley Police Council is hosting a Cop and Cowboy Auction raising funds to support the Van Nuys Police Division. Vie Viereck announced that the North Hollywood Chamber of Commerce will hold a Fitness Challenge at the North Hollywood YMCA. Bruce Thomas that Councilman Zine will host a fund raiser for the West Valley Police Station.

10. Consent Calendar: Possible motions: Karo Torossian made the following statement: "To hold the highest standard of ethics, I will be recusing myself. This is due to the fact that my boss, Paul Kerkorian, has expressed an interest in this position being discussed, item 10(A). To prevent any potential perception of a conflict of interest that may occur contingent on his final decision". Copy attached. Karo Torossian left the meeting room and returned after the vote on the Consent Calendar had been taken.

Doug Breidenbach, moved, and Montie Mazo, seconded that all items on the Consent Calendar, A thru G be approved as presented. Motion Carried.

- A. PROPOSED MOTION from GOVERNMENT RELATIONS COMMITTEE:
The Greater Valley Glen Council advocates holding a special election for the 2nd City Council District seat which will be vacated by Wendy Greuel on July 1, 2009. It is

important that the voters have the opportunity to choose their representative. The last mayoral appointment for a City Council seat occurred way back in the 1960's.

- B. PROPOSED MOTION FROM GOVERNMENT RELATIONS COMMITTEE:
That the Greater Valley Glen Council agrees to participate in the Foreclosure Action Network.
- C. PROPOSED MOTION FROM PLANNING & LAND USE COMMITTEE: *By unanimous vote the PLUM Committee recommends that the GVGC Board approve the application for a CUB (Conditional Use Permit) for on-site sales of beer and wine at an existing restaurant at 13245 Victory Boulevard, Valley Glen.*
- D. PROPOSED MOTION FROM PLANNING & LAND USE COMMITTEE: *By unanimous vote the PLUM Committee recommends that the GVGC Board approve the application for a CUB (Conditional Use Permit) for on-site sales of beer and wine at an existing restaurant at 12515 Burbank Boulevard, Valley Village that is currently undergoing remodeling.*
- E. PROPOSED MOTION FROM PLANNING & LAND USE COMMITTEE: *By unanimous vote the PLUM Committee recommends that the GVGC Board support the appeal of the denial of a approval of the application Variance for the continued use of an auto repair facility at 12113 Burbank Boulevard, Valley Village.*
- F. PROPOSED MOTION FROM BEAUTIFICATION COMMITTEE: *The GVGC Beautification Committee recommends that the GVGC Board approved an additional \$500 to the \$1000 budget approved for the Valley Glen Community Park Town Hall Meeting re Playground Equipment and Park Security Concerns for a total budget of \$1500 to cover all expenses for the Town Hall Meeting. **see attached flyer.*
- G. PROPOSED MOTION FROM BEAUTIFICATION COMMITTEE: *The GVGC Beautification Committee recommends that the GVGC Board approved the attached design for monument signs for the Fulton/Vanowen Triangle and other locations in Greater Valley Glen. Design attached to this motion. **see attached drawing.*

11. Beautification Committee Report:

- a) Review and discussion of plans for **Town Hall Meeting re: PLAYGROUND EQUIPMENT AND SECURITY CONCERNS set for May 20th** at Erwin Street School. Fernando Ayala indicated that notices will be distributed as part of the Council Outreach program. There was no Public or Board Comments.
- B) Fulton/Vanowen Triangle – Sprint Tower Report. Karo Torossian indicated that he has been in touch with Carl Drew of Sprint who indicated that Sprint is setting aside funds for the monument which will include design, construction and installation and that we will be able to use the design in the future at no cost.

- Public Comment: None
- Board Members Comment. Carlos Ferreyra

12. Rules and Bylaws Committee Report: Stan Friedman, Chair;

- **BYLAW CHANGES AND ELECTION RULES STIPULATIONS**; approved by DONE; see copy of current Bylaws as amended and approved;
 - **Update Report** by Judy Price, Chr. Of Elections Ad Hoc Committee. Judy Price indicate that they have been approved by DONE and that we were the first NC to submit the amended By Laws.

❖ Public Comment: None

❖ Board Members Comment: Stanley Friedman, Committee Chair thanked Judy Price for all her hard work and getting approval so quickly.

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

a) General Report:

b) **Van Nuys Airport report: None**

c) Update on Valley Alliance by Vic Viereck: Prop 1(A) to 1(E) No, Prop1(F) Yes

d) Update on LANCC by Charlotte Laws: none

14. Southeast Valley Development Committee; Terry Anderson, Chr. Terry Anderson stated that the Valley Plaza/Laurel Canyon EIR is before the City Council and the City Council is expected to approve the final EIR on Tuesday, May 5, 2009 even though it was heavily opposed by the GVVC and Laurel Grove Homeowners Association.

ITEMS 15 THRU 20 WERE DEFERRED TO THE JUNE MEETING.

Bruce Thomas, moved, and Doug Breidenbach, seconded that the meeting be adjourned.
Approved 9:30PM

Next scheduled meeting **June 1, 2009 at 7:20 P.M.**

** Please see attached Motions.

*** Also see Attached Flyers...