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**Greater VALLEY GLEN COUNCIL**

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**MINUTES**

**7:00 PM**

**MONDAY, FEBRUARY 1, 2010**

**VALLEY COLLEGE**

**FACULTY LOUNGE**

**5800 FULTON AVENUE**

**VALLEY GLEN, CALIFORNIA 91401**

*Free Parking in Parking Lot B Only*

**- Board Members -**

Terry Anderson	Fernando Ayala
Douglas Breidenbach	Maria Denis
Carlos Ferreyra	William Fishman
Stanley Friedman	Ted Geldberg
Eli Kademian	Hafeed Kardouh
Charlotte Laws	Larry G. Jorgenson
Malky Kertis	Montie Mazo
Chris Mushyan	Gary Popenoe
Kathleen Schwartz	Bruce Thomas
Karo Torossian	Chris Ueland
Vic Viereck	

- 1. CALL TO ORDER** by President Anderson at 7:08pm; PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE led by Larry Jorgenson: ROLL CALL: PRESENT: Terry Anderson, Fernando Ayala, Doug Breidenbach, Malky Kertis, Maria Denis, Jozef Essavi, William Fishman, Stanley Friedman, Ted Geldberg, Stephen Gonzalez, Larry Jorgenson, Charlotte Laws, Montie Mazo, Kathleen Schwartz, Bruce Thomas, Chris Ueland, Vic Viereck, ABSENT: Erwin Cervants, Carlos Ferreyra, Eli Kademian, ChrisMushyan, Gary Popenoe.
- 2. GUEST SPEAKER: NONE**
- 3. LAPD SENIOR LEAD OFFICERS' REPORTS;**  
Van Nuys: SLO Ron Carter Not Present  
North Hollywood: SLO Jennifer Du Vally: Discussed police activity and indicated that burglary was on the increase and will probably continue to increase. She discussed the importance of the Neighborhood Watch program and responded to questions by Board Members and the Public.
- 4. READING OF OUTSTANDING MINUTES:** of January 11, 2010;  
Moved by William Fishman and Seconded by Doug Breidenbach that the Minutes be approved as presented. PASSED
- 5. TREASURER'S REPORT:**  
(a) Moved by Montie Mazo and Seconded by Charlotte Laws that the Treasurer's Report for for the seven months ending January 27, 2010 be approved as presented. Treasurer Vic Viereck explained the report and answered questions.  
PUBLIC COMMENTS: Judy Price  
BOARD COMMENTS: Bruce Thomas  
PASSED



(b) **Status of DONE RECONCILIATION REPORT/ROLL OVER FUNDS;**

BOARD COMMENTS: Terry Anderson explained that there was a possibility that the Carry Over Funds may be taken away due to the current budget crisis faced by the City of Los Angeles, and that our Budget may be reduced for the coming fiscal year. In addition the staffing of DONE is expected to be reduced by 50% and or combined with other Departments.

Vic Viereck, Montie Mazo, Bruce Thomas

PUBLIC COMMENTS: Judy Price, Jean Sinatra

(c) Status of Wendy Greuel \$500 contribution towards the Firefighter's Pancake Breakfast; See attached e-mail from DONE. Vic Vierick indicated that no action has been taken.

**6. GOVERNMENT REPORTS:**

Taneda Larios, DONE: No Report

**Council District 2 Report: Eric Menjivar**, Councilmember Krekorian's Field Deputy; The Field Office is not fully staffed, although the Downtown Office is. Response to calls and questions maybe a little slow until this problem is corrected. Discussed various projects in the Council District as well the financial problems facing the City. Some Departments will be lost or combined with others. He can be reached at 818-755-7676.

State Senator Alex Padilla's Office: Not Present

State Senator Carol Liu's Office: Not Present

Other Government Representatives Reports: None

**7. PRESIDENT'S REPORT**

President Anderson:

A. re: Vacant Board Seats

- 1 Education Seat and
- 1 Youth Seat are vacant

- suggestions welcomed;

President Anderson MOVED the name of Stephan Gonzalez for the Business/Education Seat: Seconded by Montie Mazo. PASSED

**B. STATUS OF UPCOMING NEIGHBORHOOD COUNCIL ELECTIONS AND FUNDING FOR ELECTIONS AND ELECTION OUTREACH;**

- Public Comments: Judy Price
- Board Members Comment; Terry Anderson, Kathleen Schwartz, Chris Ueland, Larry Jorgenson. Moved by William Fishman and Seconded by Doug Breidenbach that we encumber \$10,000.00 to cover the cost of Outreach for coming Neighborhood Council Elections with \$5000 to go towards the cost of

the GVGC Sprint Newsletter in addition to the \$5000 for the Spring Newsletter for the Firefighter's Pancake Breakfast and Community Safety Fair – if approved later tonight. CARRIED: For 14 Against 0 Abstain 2

8. **General Public Comment** : Judy Price

9. **Board Member comments: Ted Geldberg, Terry Anderson, Montie Mazo, Bruce Thomas, Doug Breidenbach.**

**10. CONSENT CALENDAR:**

**No items for Consent Calendar.**

11. **PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE REPORT;** Jean Sinatra and Bruce Thomas, Joint-Chairs  
**A.** General Committee report; Jean Sinatra reported the Plans for the Pancake Breakfast/Safety Fair are moving forward and the Committee is soliciting “participants and sponsors” including Valley Glen businesses for the event. Bruce Thomas stated that he has made email contact with LAPD, LASD, METRO, LAFD and that they will participate in the event.

**B. MOTION:** The Public Safety Committee recommends an amount of \$12, 000 dollars for the Firefighter's Pancake Breakfast and Community Safety Fair to be held on April 25, 2010 from 10:00 am to 2:00 pm. The Pancake Breakfast will be held at LA City Fire Station 102, 13200 Burbank Boulevard and the Community Safety Fair will be held at Parking Lot G, Los Angeles Valley College. These monies will cover the items needed to hold such events i.e....Food, Tents, Stage, Power, Permits, paper Goods, Toilets and other items that will be noted in **Attachment A**, and

This motion hereby authorizes GVGC President Terry Anderson and the event Co-Chairs Bruce Thomas and Jean Sinatra to appropriate and spend monies interchangeably within this \$12,000 amount but not to exceed this amount. All such expenditures shall be by majority vote and noted in an Expenditure Memorandum. The Treasurer is authorized to issue demand warrants as requested by an Expenditure Memorandum, but not to exceed the total amount of \$12,000;

MOVED by Bruce Thomas and seconded by Chris Ueland. PASSED

Public Comments: Judy Price, Jean Sinatra

Board Members Comment; Terry Anderson, Kathleen Schwartz, Charlotte Laws, Breidenbach, Chris Ueland, Ted Geldberg, Stephan Gonzalez.

**C. MOTION:** That the GVGC Board authorizes a letter to be drafted to the Mayor of the City of Los Angeles and members of the Los Angeles City Council Public Safety Committee urging them to continue with the hiring of Police Officers. The letter will read in part: “that the Los Angeles Police Department should be allowed to continue hiring Police Officers at such a rate that would meet the staffing level of 10,000 officers policing the streets of Los Angeles as stated by the Mayor in his campaign promises. The letter would also state that the City of Los Angeles is able to recruit qualified candidates and replace those officers that retire with new recruits attending the Police Academy. This

letter shall also be sent to the other Neighborhood Councils in the San Fernando Valley urging them to do the same. MOVED by Bruce Thomas and seconded William Fishman

Public Comments: Judy Price, Ayla Stern

Board Members Comment; Montie Mazo, Charlotte Laws

CARRIED: FOR 14 AGAINST 1 ABSTAIN 0

- D. **MOTION:** That the GCGC Board hereby approves a general letter to be drafted and sent to both the elected officials of the State of California, The California Governor and those of the City of Los Angeles denouncing the release of more than 6,500+ inmates from California prisons, under the supervision of the Department of Corrections. Our board in writing this letter hereby supports both the Sheriff of Los Angeles County, Lee Baca and the Chief of the Los Angeles Police Department, Charlie Beck, whom both protest the release of these prisoners. The GCGC Board hereby also objects to the change in status of more than 7,700+ inmates that have been released from the California prisons. This change in status would be from that of "Supervised" to that of "Non Supervision." MOVED by Bruce Thomas and seconded by Ted Geldberg

Public Comments: Jean Sinatra, Ayla Stern, Judy Price

Board Members Comment; Doug Breidenbach, Terry Anderson, William Fishman, Charlotte Laws, Bruce Thomas

CARRIED For 12 Against 2 Abstain 1

## 12. **BEAUTIFICATION COMMITTEE REPORT:**

A. General Committee Status Report; Fernando Ayala

- Grant Application re: PLAYGROUND EQUIPMENT and other Valley Glen Community Park improvements in City Steering Committee for their February or March meeting.

### **B. Fulton/Vanowen Triangle – SPRINT TOWER REPORT;**

Fernando Ayla reported on the ongoing discussion or lack thereof regarding Sprint's lack of completion of the promised monument sign, bench and landscaping at the Vanowen/Fulton Triangle and Sprint's new request for installation of equipment at 13050 Vanowen Street. Sprint has set aside funds to make the improvements but wants the Council to do the work, which we can't do. Have contacted Councilman Paul Kerkorian who stated that Sprint must fulfill its obligation. If no satisfactory agreement is reached with Sprint than we and the Councilman will oppose the application of the new towers Sprint wishes to install two blocks east of the Triangle.

The State Government Affairs Department has been contacted and their local office is now involved the dispute. See attached Zoning Application and Letter and E-mails.

Motion: that, in the event that GVGC, the City and Sprint are unable to conclude a specific timeline agreement for completion of all of the work required by Sprint at the Fulton/Vanowen Triangle Median on or before February 16, 2010, then the GVGC will request that the Zoning Administrator in Case NO. ZA 2005-2975(CU)(PA1) postpone consideration of Sprint's application until such time that Sprint has concluded such an agreement and has completed all of the work required to the satisfaction of the GVGC. If such postponement is not granted by the Zoning Administrator, then the GVGC opposed the application in it's entirety on the basis that Sprint has failed to comply with its agreements pertaining to installation and maintenance of other cell tower and equipment in Greater Valley Glen and therefore poses a possible public safety and public nuisance problem for the surrounding community. Further, based on Sprint's failure to abide by and complete the agreed upon improvements at the Fulton/Vanowen Triangle Median and the problems of possible public safety and public nuisance problems, the GVGC requests that the City of Los Angeles revoke Sprint's authority to maintain the cell tower and equipment on that median and order all such cell tower and equipment be removed within 30 days. A copy of this motion is to be forwarded to Councilmember Paul Krekorian with a request for his assistance in this effort.

Moved by Terry Anderson and seconded by Doug Breidenbach.

Public Comments: None

Board Members Comment; Terry Anderson, Kathleen Schwartz, Doug Breidenbach,

CARRIED FOR 14 AGAINST 2 ABSTAIN 0

**C. Status of Victory and Whitsett Median clean-up;**

Fernando Ayla, Chair, stated that Volunteers of America have cleaned up both sides of the Victory Boulevard Median for \$300.00. We want them to go back and remove all the dead vegetation and trees. We will look into the installation of synthetic "grass" as an alternative as a Pilot Program for the City. In the process allow the contractor to install a sign promoting the Company.

**MOTION:** The GVGC Board authorize the GVGC Beautification Committee to proceed with a plan to arrange for placing artificial grass in the Victory medians by a private company at no cost to the GVGC and allow that company to place signs advertizing its product; and to work with Councilmember Krekorian and his staff in establishing these arrangements and obtaining all required City approvals; ***the final plan shall come back to the GVGC Board for approval.***

Moved by Fernando Ayala and seconded by Bruce Thomas

Public Comments: Ayla Stern, Judy Price

Board Members Comment: Charlotte Laws, Doug Breidenbach, and Stanley Friedman, Ted Geldberg, Fernando Ayala

CARRIED For 13 Against 1 Abstain 0

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

A. Committee Report: Chair; None

B. **MOTION:** The Planning and Land Use Committee set up a web page on the GVGC website listing all GVGC Planning and Land Use decisions by address of property affected and then date of decision, and that this process be implemented no later than March 1, 2010, and that all past decisions should be listed no later than 6 months from March 1, 2010; Moved by Terry Anderson seconded by Bruce Thomas

Public Comments: Judy Price

Board Member Comments: Ted Geldberg, terry Anderson, Stephan Gonzalez, Doug Breidenbach; Stephen Gonzalez volunteered to spearhead setting up the web page on the GVGC Website and to research back to add all past decisions; GVGC Planning and Land Use Committee shall be responsible for adding all Planning and Land Use decisions after March 1, 2010.

CARRIED FOR 12 Against 1 Abstain 0

C. **MOTION:** The GVGC should purchase ads in the next VGNA Newsletter and Laurel Grove Newsletter to promote candidates for the upcoming Neighborhood Council election and the Firefighter's Pancake Breakfast and Community Safety Fair in an amount not to exceed \$600. This only applies to the next editions of these newsletters and other ads may be recommended in future editions. MOVED by Terry Anderson and seconded by Chris Ueland

Public Comments: Judy Price

Board Comments: Bruce Thomas

CARRIED FOR 12 AGAINST 1 ABSTAIN 0

D. **MOTION:** The GVGC authorizes \$5000 towards the GVGC Spring Newsletter to promote the upcoming Firefighter's Pancake Breakfast and Community Safety Fair which is a very successful community unifying event. Moved by Terry Anderson and seconded by Chris Ueland

PUBLIC COMMENTS: NONE

BOARD COMMENTS: NONE

APPROVED FOR 13 AGAINST 0 ABSTAIN 0

**14. AD HOC CIVIC TOWN HALL MEETING COMMITTEE REPORT;** Karo Torossian, Chr.

NO REPORT

## 15. GOVERNMENT AND BUSINESS RELATIONS COMMITTEE

- A. General Committee Status Report; No Report on Items B and C below
  - B. Status of previously **approved motions for Council Files:**
    - regarding **AD HOC COMMITTEE RE ACCESSORY DWELLING UNITS**
  - C. Status of Committee Revamp effort re:  
**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."  
*Committee was to bring a revised plan for Board consideration but did not yet accomplish that task.*
  - D. **Other Government and Business Relations Reports:**
    - a. DWP NC MOU Report; Montie Mazo reported on the DWP Urban Water Management Plan Year 2010 Update meeting on January 12, 2010, DWP Memorandum of Understanding Oversight Committee on January 30, 2010, DWP Winter , DWP Winter Budget Workshop on January 30, 2010
    - b. **STATUS RE CITY'S FINANCIAL PROBLEMS;** See discussion in Section 5.b. above.
    - c. Update on Valley Alliance by Vic Viereck; No Report
- Public Comments: None
  - Board Members Comment; None

## 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. **Draft Bicycle Plan Update:** Malky Kertis; City of Los Angeles is drafting a plan
- D. Status of expanding **Valley Glen "Q" Conditions** to entire area of Greater Valley Glen: No Report
- E. Status of **Dasher Lawless Development** on Victory Boulevard; No Report

## 17. CAMBRIDGE FARMS RECYCLING ISSUE COMMITTEE REPORT; Maria Denis, Chr.;

- Report;
- No report.

18. **SOUTHEAST VALLEY DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE**; Chris Ueland, Chr.

● No report this month...

19. **ADJOURNMENT AT 10:18PM:**

*Next scheduled meeting March 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.*