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**BOARD MINUTES
MONDAY, JANUARY 9, 2012
VALLEY COLLEGE
FACULTY LOUNGE
5800 FULTON AVENUE
VALLEY GLEN, CALIFORNIA 91401
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Charles Samson	Kathleen Schwartz
Bruce Thomas	Vic Viereck

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1. **MEET BONGHWAN KIM, Director Of The Los Angeles City Department Of Neighborhood Empowerment; short gathering for Board Members and the Public to meet and interact with Bonghwan Kim; Guest Speaker will focus on recent City Council Motion (see below) directing City Attorney to prepare ordinance transferring Neighborhood Council elections for 2012 to Department of Neighborhood Empowerment instead of City Clerk.**

2. **CALL TO ORDER AT 7:05 PM, PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE AND ROLL CALL LED BY Maria Denis.**
ROLLCALL: PRESENT: Terry Anderson, Douglas Breidenbach, Erwin Cervantes, Maria Denis, Carlos Ferreyra, William Fishman, Stanley Friedman, Ted Gelberg, Harrison Goldblatt, Allan Goldstein, Karen Klaparda, Charlotte Laws, Larry Jorgenson, Mike Mayes, Judy Price, Charles Samson, Kathleen Schwartz, Bruce Thomas, Vic Viereck
ABSENT: Sarai Bogoratt, Stephen Gonzalez, Montie Mazo

3. **GUEST SPEAKER – BONGHWAN KIM, DIRECTOR/DONE** Mr. Kim told us that it will be four to six weeks before we know when elections might be held and where the funding could come from. We went around the room and introduced ourselves to Mr. Kim.



There is discussion of Regional Hubs and Election Administration training pools similar to the County Clerk's office. Mr. Kim explained what Encumbering Funds is and that we might want to hold over funds until next year for elections. To encumber funds, a neighborhood council must have a Board approval of expenditure, a specific amount, a vendor and an invoice

4. LAPD SENIOR LEAD OFFICERS' REPORTS;

- North Hollywood: SLO Jennifer Du Vally/SLO Carol Sawamura reported that violent crime is down but distraction burglaries are on the rise.
- Van Nuys: SLO Stephen Underwood; Newly promoted Sergeant Lucas Hamilton, former Valley Glen SLO, will be replaced probably within the month. Congratulations Sgt. Hamilton. The house on Woodman that was fire damaged is now gone.

Representatives from the Fire Department, including Officers Beaty & Stanley introduced themselves and reminded us of Christmas Tree fire danger.

5. READING OF OUTSTANDING MINUTES of December 5, 2011; see Attachment 5 to the Agenda;

- Possible motions; Approval of minutes as presented moved by Bill Fishman and seconded by Doug Briedenbach.
- Public Comments: none
- Board Members Comment; Minutes Approved

6. TREASURY REPORT:

A. General Treasurer Report:

B. 2010/2011 TREASURER'S RUNNING BUDGET REPORT updated through December 31, 2011; Carlos moved to Approve – William seconded

DATE	VENDOR	DESCRIPTION	AMOUNT	Form of Payment
7/8/2011	Icontact	email service	\$ 23.20	cc
7/10/2011	Staples	Copies for mtg.	\$ 88.23	cc
7/25/2011	Smart and Final	Nat. Lights Out/VN	\$ 153.86	cc
8/1/2011	Vallarta	Food for mtg.	\$ 34.78	cc
8/1/2011	Staples	Copies for mtg.	\$ 92.46	cc
10/3/2011	Subway	Food for mtg.	\$ 41.75	cc
10/3/2011	Staples	Copies for mtg.	\$ 27.12	cc
10/10/2011	Icontact	email service	\$ 23.20	cc
11/6/2011	FedEX	Copies for mtg.	\$ 88.74	cc
11/7/2011	Número Uno	Food for mtg.	\$ 72.65	cc
11/10/2011	My Sign Co.	NW signs	\$ 3,340.00	dw
12/1/2011	IContact	email service	\$236.64	cc
12/1/2011	Sorcere's Workshop	website	\$ 420.00	dw
12/5/2011	Jon's Market	Food for mtg.	\$ 84.50	cc
12/5/2011	Staples	Copies for mtg.	\$ 70.76	cc
		BALANCE	\$ 40,202.11	

- Possible motions: Approval moved by Carlos Ferreyra, seconded by Bill Fishman.
- Public Comments:
- Board Members Comment; Bruce Thomas corrected Lights out to National Night out (3rd item on page 2/10)
- Motion Carried

C. PROPOSED MOTION FOR BOARD ACTION: Motion to approve the Greater Valley Glen Council budget for the fiscal year 2011-2012 and approved Budget is to be sent to DONE. See attached motion.

- Possible motions;
- Public Comments:
- Board Members Comment; **WITHDRAWN**

D. PROPOSED MOTION FOR BOARD ACTION: Motion to approve US Bank Statement per December 21, 2011. Possible motions; Carlos Moved to accept, Erwin seconded Motion passed unanimously.

- Possible motions: Approval moved by Carlos Ferreyra and seconded by Erwin Cervantes.
- Public Comments:
- Board Members Comment;

Motion unanimously approved.

REGULAR BOARD MEETING RECESSED.

EMERGENCY BOARD MEETING CALLED FOR EMERGENCY AGENDA

ITEM 8:30 – 8:32 PM

Moved by Carlos Ferreyra, seconded by Judy Price that the sum of \$144.00 for the West Coast Mail Center for the year.

No comments – approved unanimously

REGULAR BOARD MEETING RECALLED TO ORDER.

7. GOVERNMENT REPORTS:

A. Council District 2 Report: Mshak Ghazarian, Councilmember Krekorian's Field Deputy;

- Discussion of items of concern to GVGC as outlined in Anderson's e-mail letter to Councilmember Krekorian and Field Deputy Ghazarian's response; Attachment 7A; City does not want to close the Mammoth walkway and GVGC Board has not requested closure. Discussion then centered on other steps to be taken by LAPD and City to maintain walkway in a safe and usable condition and the installation of Q Star Cameras to ward off bad deeds. Note made that GVGC paid for 2 fully functional Q Star Cameras. Mshak Ghazarian to report back on these efforts and Q Star Camera efforts.

- B. State Senator Mike Feuer Office: Stephanie Gillette;
 - C. State Senator Alex Padilla's Office:
 - D. State Senator Carol Liu's Office:
 - E. Other Government Representatives Reports;
8. **GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENT and CONCERNS** (see rules above): None

9. **PRESIDENT'S REPORT:**

A. Submittal of 2012 Neighborhood Council Elections and Alternative Election Survey as approved by the GVGC Board: see attachment.

- Public Comment; none
- Board Members Comment: none

B. Review of City Council Motion requesting City Attorney to draft proposed ordinance transferring Neighborhood Council elections for 2012 to Department of Neighborhood Empowerment instead of City Clerk and ramifications of proposed ordinance: see attachment.

- Public Comment;
Board Members Comment; Judy Price wondering what District we might end up in and raised idea of supporting Studio City NC's proposed map
 - General comments and report.
- President referred matter to Government and Business Relations Committee to report back at next meeting.

10. **BOARD MEMBER COMMENTS:**

Judy Price Regarding City Council Redistricting for the Valley.

11. **PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE**

A. **General Committee Report** – Larry Jorgenson, Chair; Bruce Thomas, Vice Chair;

B. **PROPOSED RECOMMENDATION FOR BOARD ACTION: Larry Jorgenson moved Bruce Thomas Seconded Neighborhood Watch Summit 3/31 9AM – 1PM at the Fire Station** The Greater Valley Glen Neighborhood Council Board approves the expenditure of \$150.00 for the 2012 Annual Neighborhood Watch Summit. This expenditure will be used for all supplies (plates, cups, napkins, etc...) and all food items, (coffee, Danish, bagels and other food items TBD). These items and food will be used for the meet and greet continental breakfast held prior to the Neighborhood Watch Summit and during the training.

- Possible motions; Moved by Larry Jorgensen, seconded by Bruce Thomas.
 - Public Comments:
 - Board Members Comment;
- Motion Carries

C. PROPOSED RECOMMENDATION FOR BOARD ACTION: The Greater Valley Glen Neighborhood Council Board proposes to allocate not more than \$14,300.00 for the 2012 Annual GVGC Pancake Breakfast and Public Safety Fair to be held on April 22, 2012 at Los Angeles City Fire Station #102, Valley Glen and the Public Safety Fair which will also be held on the same day at Los Angeles Valley College (Site TBD). The funds will cover the purchase of food items for both the Pancake Breakfast and the Public Safety Fair. This expenditure will be used for all supplies (plates, cups, napkins, etc...) and, (soda, water, eggs, coffee, ice etc...at the two events. These monies will also cover the cost of giveaway items to given away to attendees at both events. Also the hiring of a band and a company to provide tenting, power, portable toilets and other costs associated with the staging of two such events. These items will be used for the two events and will be further broken down for the next general meeting. The monies will be used for both events and made be transferred to either event for the purchase of additional items by the Public Safety Committee and the GVGC President at their discretion.

- Possible motions; Moved by Bruce Thomas Seconded by Larry Jorgenson
- Public Comments:
- Board Members Comment;

Motion amended: Motion by Terry Anderson and seconded by Larry Jorgensen, and accepted by makers for Board to approve the \$14,300 amount in principal subject to Committee returning to Board with a detailed budget for Board approval.

- Voted amendment to motion – Failed: Ayes: 6 Nays 9

Second amendment to Motion: made by Karen Klarparda and seconded by Kathleen Schwartz and accepted by makers for Board to approve the \$12,000 in principal subject to Committee returning to Board with a detailed budget for Board approval.

- Motion as amended carried.

12. **PARKS & COMMUNITY IMPROVEMENTS COMMITTEE:**

A. General Committee Report: Charles Samson, Chair; Karen Klarparda, Co-Chair.

B. Valley Glen Community Park UAP Project: Re Playground Equipment, Exercise Track And Other Improvements at Valley Glen Community Park. Status of development. Terry Anderson outlined efforts to contact City Engineers Office and recent information provided back outlining projected schedule. Plan is to initiate construction of playground equipment this Spring.

C. PROPOSED MOTION FOR BOARD ACTION: The Greater Valley Glen Council Board supports a motion to add 4-6 new trees, temporary boulders to protect the trees and 2-3 benches to be located in the south west quadrant of Valley Glen Community Park to be installed and maintained by the City of Los Angeles Department of Recreation and Parks. Map attached shows suggested placement of boulders and benches. See attached motion and map.

- Possible motions; moved by Charles Samson and Seconded by Karen Klarparda,
- Public Comments:
- Board Members Comment;

Motion carried.

13. GOVERNMENT & BUSINESS RELATIONS COMMITTEE

General Committee Report: Vic Viereck, Chair and Karen Klaparda, Co-Chair.

- A. **RECOMMENDATION FOR BOARD ACTION:** The Greater Valley Glen Council opposes any Department of Water and Power rate increase until three months after a Ratepayer Advocate is appointed to allow the Ratepayer Advocate the opportunity to evaluate and make appropriate recommendations regarding any proposed increase in DWP rate increases and further, the GVGC Board urges that the Ratepayer Advocate be appointed as soon as possible and without further delay.

- Possible motions; Moved by Vic Viereck Seconded by Bruce Thomas.
- Public Comments:
- Board Members Comment;

Motion passed unanimously.

- B. **RECOMMENDATION FOR BOARD ACTION:** The Greater Valley Glen Council recommends that any increase in Sanitation charges (fees or taxes) be subject to Proposition 218 which disallows any increase in excess of actual cost increases.

- Possible motions; Moved by Vic Viereck Seconded by Bruce Thomas.
- Public Comments:
- Board Members Comment;

Motion carried: Ayes 16 Nays 0 Abstain 1

14. LAND USE AND PLANNING COMMITTEE:

General Report – Co-Chairs Ted Geldberg and Carlos Ferreyra

15. NEIGHBORHOODS AND COMMUNITY OUTREACH COMMITTEE:

- A. **General Committee Report:** Terry Anderson, Chair

16. CAMBRIDGE FARMS RECYCLING ISSUE AD HOC COMMITTEE

- ❖ General Committee Report – Maria Denis, Chair

17. RULES, BYLAWS AND ELECTIONS COMMITTEE

- ❖ General Committee Report - Stan Friedman, Chair;

18. **SOUTHEAST VALLEY DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE:** General Committee Report: Chair Ted Geldberg

19. **Adjournment:** *moved by Bruce Thomas, seconded by Karen Klaparda and unanimously approved.....Next scheduled meeting at February 6, 2012*