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**MINUTES
GREATER VALLEY GLEN
COUNCIL**

February 2, 2009 6:30 PM

PARK PLAZA APARTMENTS

6755 RHODES AVENUE
GREATER VALLEY GLEN, CA. 91606
*(1 Block East Of Whitsett And 1 Block
South Of Van Owen)*

**Motions: Approved means passed unanimously, Carried means majority vote.*

***All motions include the Proposed Motion for Board Action: Proposed Community Impact Statement; Community Benefit Statement; Proposed Budget Expenditure; Impact on Fiscal Year Budget; and any Agency or Department Letter Requesting item(s) or donation(s) contained in the Motion Form attached to the Meeting Agenda as amended and acted upon at the Meeting.*

1. Call to Order, Pledge of Allegiance, and Roll Call;
Meeting was called to order at 6:30PM by Council President, Terry Anderson, followed by the Pledge of Allegiance and Roll Call of Council Members:

Present: Terry Anderson, Fernando Ayala, Katrina Bada, Douglas Breidenbach, Carlos Ferreyra, William Fishman, Stanley Friedman, Ted Goldberg, Steven Hamm, Charlotte Laws, Montie Mazo, Gary Popenoe, Kathleen Schwartz, Bruce Thomas, Vic Viereck, Abdul Zohbi.
Absent: Katrina Bada, Maria Denis, Mathew Giaba, Eli Kademian, Hafeed Kardouh, Chris Mushyan, Karo Torossian, Chris Ueland

2. Community Forum re: MEASURE B – SOLAR PANEL INITIATIVE
Community Forum re Measure B, Solar Panel Initiative Aram Benyamin, Acting General Manager, DWP Power System gave an overview of the DWP's plan to increase the use of Solar Energy in providing power to the City of Los Angles. This was followed by a presentation by James Unger, Consultant Pro Measure B Campaign and Nick Patsouras, Past DWP Chair, Con Measure B Campaign. Council Members comments on the Initiative were followed by Public Comments. Messer Patsouras and Unger then summarized their position on the Initiative. President Anderson thanked them for their presentation.



Public Comment: by Haim Haim; Mary Garcia

3. Reading of Outstanding Minutes: January 12, 2009; possible motions;
Minutes of January 12, 2009 Meeting. Moved by Bruce Thomas and seconded by William Fishman that the minutes of the January 12, 2009 meeting be approved as corrected.
Public Comment: Judy Price Carried: For 14, Against 1, Abstain 0 CARRIED
4. Treasurer's Report: possible motions;
Vic Viereck explained the items on the report. Moved by Carlos Ferreyra and seconded by Kathleen Schwartz that the Treasurer's Report be accepted. Approved.
5. LAPD Senior Lead Officer Reports
LAPD Senior Lead Officers Report. SLO Jennifer DuVally discussed the crime in her area. This was followed by question/comments by Council Members. SLO Ron Carter was not present.
6. General Public Comment: *Judy Price stated that there would be an Art Show at the Plaza on February 13, 14, 15 and 21, 2009:*
7. President's Report: Announcement: resignations of Raffat Morcos due to illness and Katrina Bada due to work over-time;
 - Nomination of **Benjamin Goldblatt** for Youth Seat; Confirmation Vote by Board; Approved;
 - Nomination of **Larry G. Jorgenson** for Homeowner Representative Area 5; Confirmation Vote by Board; Approved:
 - Note: 3 Business Seats are vacant; suggestions welcomed;
 - Announcement of Committee Changes:
 - **Dissolving Ad Hoc Committee re South East Valley Development; Committee change on dissolving Ad Hoc Committee re Southeast Valley Development was withdrawn; Public Comment: Judy Price.**
 - **Dr. Susan Corleo to be Guest Speaker** at the GVGC Board's March 2nd Meeting and will speak on the Future of Valley College in Your Neighborhood;
8. Government Reports:
 - Wendy Greuel's Field Deputy Laura Davidson; *Discussed various issues in Valley Glen including Valley Glen Community Park improvements including parking, play ground equipment and participation in the Pancake Breakfast;*
 - Paul Kerkorian's Field Deputy Report; *Paul Kerkorian's Field Deputy was not present.*
 - Taneda Larios, Project Coordinator for DONE; *discussed the parking situation at the North Hollywood MTA Station, Porter Ranch meeting for pilot program for Emergency Preparedness meeting, business cards for Council Members, Ethics Training and April or May for Neighborhood Congress*
9. Board Member comments; *None;*



10. Consent Calendar: Possible motions;

- A. **PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE PROPOSED MOTION FOR BOARD ACTION:** To purchase large detailed maps of the Valley Glen / Valley Village area covered by the Greater Valley Glen Neighborhood Council. These maps would include all streets and LAPD area cars and neighborhood watch groups and would be made to allow modification to them as neighborhood watch groups come and go; these maps would be folding ones that could be taken down and set up for display at meeting or other functions; Size and dimensions to be determined by Public Safety Committee; to also allocate fund to purchase a briefcase type case that would contain these maps and prevent damage to them and to also allocate funds for folding stands for display purposes.
- B. **PROPOSED MOTION FOR BOARD ACTION:** The PLUM Committee recommends disapproval of the variance application for permission to maintain storage containers in the R-1 portion of the lot located at 13720 Van Owen St. The PLUM Committee would support a permanent accessory structure that would be primarily used for storage provided it would comply with all applicable codes and limitations and be designed to be compatible with the look, feel, and scale of the adjacent residential construction;
- C. **PROPOSED MOTION FOR BOARD ACTION:** The PLUM Committee recommends supporting the LA City PLUM motion of file # 08-2070 and #06-1786 of 8/6/08 regarding abandoned shopping carts that would be similar in concept to an ordinance that has been adopted by the City of Glendale with an additional recommendation that violators be cited for the removal of carts from shopping centers.

Carlos Ferreyra, moved, and Bruce Thomas, seconded, that the 3 recommendations of Agenda Item 10 be accepted by the Council. APPROVE;

11. Community Outreach Committee Report; Chris Ueland, Chr. Report;
Chris Ueland, Chair, Not Present President Anderson reported that the New Web Page is up and running and that GVGC business cards and badges will be available in March.
12. Cambridge Farms Recycling Issue Committee Report; Maria Denis, Chr.; Report;
Maria Denis, Chair. Not Present. President Anderson stated that the Committee is meeting and that SLO Du Vally is on the Committee and the committee is looking at all avenues to resolve the problem.
13. Beautification Committee Report; Fernando Ayala, Chr.: **Committee Report;**
- **PROPOSED MOTION FOR BOARD ACTION:** That the Board authorize hosting a Town Hall Meeting Re: Playground Equipment at Valley Glen Community Park to gage the opinions and wishes of all those stakeholders serviced by the Park;
 - 1.the Town Hall will be primarily directed for those who live in areas serviced by the Park;
 2. to review the desire and need for playground equipment and surrounding issues like parking enforcement, lighting and fencing;
 3. a survey shall be taken of all those in attendance at the Town Hall Meeting on the issue of playground equipment at the Park; and the results of the survey and the Town Hall Meeting



shall be reported back to the GVGC Board;

4. the proposed Town Hall Meeting shall be part of the planned GVGC Outreach Committee Spring Newsletter to be sent to all residents in Greater Valley Glen; and
5. the Board authorize an amount not to exceed \$750 to cover all expenses of the Town Hall Meeting plus all Outreach Committee and Newsletter expenses; **Possible Motions;**

Fernando Ayala moved; Seconded by Ted Geldberg

Kathleen Schwartz amended the motion to increase the authorized expenditure not to exceed \$1,000. Seconded by Montie Mazo. Amendment approved.

Laura Davidson indicated that the installation of benches at the Park has been approved and will be installed soon, playground equipment was considered at this time.

After discussion by the Council members, Stakeholder Mickey Jannol addressed the issues noted above. Motion Approved

14. Rules & Bylaws Committee Report; Stanley Friedman, Chair; Report

- *The committee will meet on Thursday, February 19, 2009 at a place to be determined.*

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

A. **PROPOSED MOTION FOR BOARD ACTION:** “The Greater Valley Glen Council supports solar power, but opposes Measure B.

1. Measure B is open-ended: there is no specific price tag or plan in place.
2. DWP recently increased customer rates by 24%; it is the wrong time to raise rates further. Taxpayers are financially strapped due to the recession, and Measure B is expected to require significant rate increases.
3. The public and neighborhood councils were not given an opportunity to properly discuss and comment on this proposed ballot initiative. It was hastily passed by the City Council. .
4. Measure B contracts will go exclusively to the DWP Union. There will be no competitive bidding. It is likely the private sector could do the work at a lesser cost, thus saving taxpayers money.”

Charlotte Laws moved that the GVGC support solar power but oppose Measure B. Motion was seconded by Ted Geldberg. Approved.

B. **PROPOSED MOTION FOR BOARD ACTION:** “When food companies hide the presence of MSG (or free glutamic acid) in products, consumers are misled and lose the ability to choose what they put into their bodies. It is estimated that 2% - 40% of the public are negatively affected or become quite ill by the presence of MSG. Food companies may hide MSG under 40+ names that consumers would not recognize, (i.e. gelatin, natural flavor, soy sauce, seasonings, autolyzed yeast, calcium caseinate, textured protein, yeast food, etc.). The Greater Valley Glen Council wants to see improved product labeling and suggests the following: When there is a new product on the market or a recipe change, the food manufacturer must measure for free glutamic acid and disclose it as MSG on the label with levels present in milligrams.” Possible



Motions; *Charlotte Laws, moved and Abdul Zohbi, seconded; Public Comment: Mickey Jannol; Judy Price. For 14, Against 1, Abstain 0, Carried.*

- C. **PROPOSED MOTION FOR BOARD ACTION:** The City Council should revise ordinance number 180441 also known as “Eviction of Tenants from Foreclosed Residential Rental Properties or Article 14.1 of Chapter IV of the Los Angeles Municipal Code. After the one-year sunset clause, the City Council should not renew the ordinance, unless previously altered to apply only to buildings with five units or more.

This ordinance was not properly vetted. Neighborhood Councils and stakeholders did not have sufficient time to comment. The issue was initiated by the City Council on December 11, 2008 and signed into law on December 23, 2008.

Charlotte Laws, moved and Montie Mazo, seconded. Doug Breidenbach, Montie Mazo and Vic Viereck commented on the motion as did Stakeholder Judy Price. For 12, Against 1, Abstain 2 Carried.

- D. Update on Valley Alliance by Vic Viereck; *Vic Viereck indicate that Nick Pat Patsouras addressed the Alliance about the pitfalls of Measure B, the Alliance will hold its next meeting and a Forum form for Candidates for Public Office on February 12 and a Town Hall Meeting on March 12th, 2009*

- E. Update on LANCC by Charlotte Laws; *Charlotte Laws reminded that on February 17 at 6:30PM at Kittridge Elementary School there will be a Clean Money Workshop.*

16. Public Safety Committee Report; Terry Anderson, Chr.

- Discussion re Pancake Breakfast and Public Safety Fair (and Engine Dedication) set for April 26, 2009 at Valley Glen Fire Station 102 and Valley College; Bruce Thomas, Steve Hamm and Terry Anderson;

- A. **PROPOSED MOTION FOR BOARD ACTION:** To allocate funds not to exceed \$5,000 for the pancake breakfast/safety fair on April 26, 2009 at Valley College. The funds will cover food items that are needed for the breakfast, advertising (print media), giant street banner to hang over Burbank Blvd at the fire house address advertising the event and other promotional efforts; and giveaway promotional items to be given away to the public attendees with the GVGC logo on them to the extent possible; All expenditures to be determined and approved by the Public Safety Fair Ad-Hoc Committee. *Bruce Thomas, moved and Steve Hamm, seconded.*

There will be a charge for the Breakfast.

Steve Hamm indicated that IHOP will supply free or at their cost, Valley College offered their BBQ grill and Committee is working in obtaining other equipment that is needed. LAFD will have other specialized pieces of equipment at the Station to view and children can “climb on”. All of this activity is being coordinated with Captain Martinez. Bruce Thomas indicted he is working with the Sheriff’s Department to have some of their equipment at the Fair.

Assemblyman Paul Kerkorian’s office will participate in the Fair and there is a possibility the Councilperson Wendy Greuel’s office will also.



Motion passed.

B. PROPOSED MOTION FOR BOARD ACTION: To allocate funds to purchase more anti-graffiti cameras for the Valley Glen area and warning signs advertising the video surveillance of the area with the Public Safety Committee to determine the locations and the placement of cameras; and to determine where the current cameras are located. *The Motion for additional funds for a anti-graffiti camera was **withdrawn** and referred back to Committee.*

17. Ad Hoc Civic Town Hall Meeting Committee Report; Karo Torossian, Chair; Report and **Possible Motions.** *Charlotte Laws, moved and Bruce Thomas, seconded the motion that \$2,000. be allocated for a Public Officials Night. Charlotte Laws explained that LAVC Students Union will co-host the event which will be held in Monarch Hall. For 14 Against 0 Abstain 1 Motion Carried*
18. Planning & Land Use Committee: Doug Breidenbach, Chr.; Report; *No Report*
19. Business Promotion & Development Committee Report; Carlos Ferreyra, Chair.; Report; None
20. Southeast Valley Development Committee; Terry Anderson, Chr. *No report.*
21. Adjournment. *Ted Geldberg moved and Vic Viereck seconded that the meeting be adjourned. Motion carried and meeting adjourned at 10PM*

Next scheduled meeting **March 2, 2009 at 7:00 PM**

SUSAN CARLEO, PHD, PRESIDENT

Guest Speaker: SUSAN CARLEO, PHD, President of Valley College on:

THE FUTURE OF VALLEY COLLEGE IN YOUR NEIGHBORHOOD

**** Please see attached Motions and Motions Forms as attached to the Agenda for the February 2, 2009 Meeting**

