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MINUTES
GREATER VALLEY GLEN COUNCIL
BOARD MEETING

JULY 14, 2009 at 7:00 PM

Meeting Room

St. Paul Assyrian-Caldean Catholic Church
13050 Vanowen Street
Greater Valley Glen, Ca. 91605

1. CALL to order at 7:05PM, with the PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE lead by Kathleen Schwartz, followed by ROLL CALL: Present: Terry Anderson, Fernando Ayala, Doug Breidenbach, Maria Denis, Carlos Ferreyra, William Fishman, Ted Goldberg, Larry Jorgenson, Eli Kademian, Montie Mazo, Chris Mushyan, Kathleen Schwartz, Bruce Thomas, Karo Torossian. Absent: Stanley Friedman, Hafeed Kardouh, Charlotte Laws, Gary Popenoe, Chris Ueland, Vic Viereck.
2. MINUTES Moved by Bruce Thomas and seconded by William Fishman that the Minutes be accepted as presented. For 12, Against 1, Abstain 0 Carried
3. FINANCIAL STATEMENTS Moved by Montie Mazo and seconded by William Fishman that the Financial Statements be accepted as presented. BOARD COMMENTS: Fernando Ayala indicated that the Beautification Committee is aware of and looking into the problem. Carlos Ferreyra and Kathleen Schwartz said the problem of the \$3,600.00 in related encumbrances related to Victory Blvd maintenance should be referred to the Beautification Committee. PUBLIC COMMENTS: Arlene Simon said that the contract was for watering only not weeding. For 12, Against 1, Abstain 0 Carried
4. PRESIDENTS REPORT President Anderson stated that Abdul Zohbi, Benjamin Goldblatt and Steve Hamm have tendered their resignation from the Council. Moved by William Fishman and seconded by Larry Jorgenson that the resignations be accepted. For 13, Against 0, Abstain 0 Passed
5. LAPD SENIOR LEAD OFFICERS No report
6. GOVERNMENT REPORT Council District 2 no report, Paul Kerkorian's Report: Karo Torossian indicates Mr. Kerkorian is in the running for Council District 2 seat. Done Report none.

7. GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENTS. Arlene Simon addressed the issue of the tree watering and general upkeep of the Victory/Whitsett Medians and the park benches in Valley Glen Community Park that have not been installed. Judy Price stated that there will be a Candidate Forum on August 18, 2009 at 6:30PM at Laurel Hall School. Terry Anderson indicated that the Department of Parks and Recreation will be contacted regarding the benches. Christine Essel indicating that she is running for Council of District 2.

8. BOARD COMMENTS Carlos Ferreyra addressed the need of special meetings. Bruce Thomas indicated that there was a lot of crime in the Greater Valley Glen and it will be addressed by the Public Safety Committee.

9. CONSENT CALENDAR none

10. RULES, BYLAWS AND ELECTIONS COMMITTEE UPDATE Kathleen Schwartz stated that the 2010 date for election of GVGC is to be Thursday May 27, 2010.

11. BEAUTIFICATION COMMITTEE (A) Terry Anderson indicated that the Grant application for \$500,000.00 for playground equipment and improvements to the GVC parks will be filed with the City of Los Angeles on July 126, 2009. (B) Arlene Simon indicted that the Laurel Grove Council had applied for a \$200,000.00 grant. (C) Fernando Ayala reported that he was talking to Sprint regarding the plans for the Valley Glen signs. Montie Mazo indicted that the "flagpole tower" did not cover the "blackhole" in the eastern portion of Valley Glen.

12. PLANNING & LAND USE COMMITTEE (A) DASHER LAWLESS Kathleen Schwartz recused herself, see attached statement of recusal. Fernando Ayala possible recusal was raised but the Chair ruled that since it only was a reporting item and not an action item, recusal on anyone's part was not required. Same with Ms.Schwartz. Ms. Schwartz elected to still recuse herself. Doug Breidenbach gave an update on the Planning Commission meeting of May 28, 2009 pertaining to the Glen. The project was approved for 500,000sq.ft, change to traditional height/density. It is anticipated that construction will commence the 1st quarter of 2010. The Plaza construction is expected to start two years later. Kathleen Schwartz addressed the Council as a concerned resident. There are a number of conditions and Terry Anderson stated that Wendy Gruel indicated that the City Council PLUM Committee will remove these conditions Doug Breidenbach indicate that the Planning Commission appears to try to legislate affordable housing and this is an issue the Governmental Committee should address.(B) 13720 Vanowen 7-06-09 Variance Hearing. The parcel has 3 different zones and we are waiting for the Zoning Commission to make a determination.

Bruce Thomas asked if the Council received notifications of new business in Greater Valley Glen so as to check regarding Q condition compliance. Doug Breidenbach stated that in general there is no such requirement. President Anderson clarified that the Q Conditions only applied to Valley Glen – not Greater Valley Glen and requested Ferryera to report at the next meeting on the steps required to apply the Valley Glen Q Conditions to all of Greater Valley Glen. Carlos Ferryera discussed the difference between the boundaries of Valley Glen and Greater Valley Glen.

13. CAMBRIDGE FARMS, Maria Denis, Chair, reported that there is talk of planting bushes to improve appearance of area and that Neighborhood Watch is pushing for more changes. A meeting is scheduled for July 23 to continue discussion of the mess and how to improve the situation.

14. COMMUNITY OUTREACH AND NEIGHBORHOOD COMMITTEE,

(A) General discussion.

(B) GVGC HOST CANDIDATE FORUM FOR VACANT COUNCIL DISTRICT 2 SEAT. Removed from calendar.

15. GOVERNMENT RELATIONS COMMITTEE, Charlotte Laws was absent.

(A) Montie Mazo, moved, and William Fishman, seconded, ECAF No Cap motion. Public Comments none Board Comments Carlos Ferreyra, moved, and Maria Denis, seconded, that motion be referred back to Committee for more details before vote. Carried.

(B) Moved by Carlos Ferreyra, moved and Bruce Thomas, seconded: A memo of understanding (MOU) between the Mayor/City Council of Los Angeles and the Neighborhood Councils (NC's) is to be entered into and NC's be given 90 days to review and act on all fee increases by the City. All such fee increases shall be retained by said Department to provide and improve services to the community for which the fee increase was created and not to be put into the General Fund. Board Comments none, Public Comments none. Carried

(C) City employee retirement accounts should be based on defined contribution rather than defined benefit. President Anderson referred it back to Government Relations Committee to review matter further, conduct Community and Public Outreach.

(D) Doug Breidenbach, moved, and Bruce Thomas, seconded The Greater Valley Glen Council supports a mandatory uniform policy for all LAUSD schools. It would help maintain discipline in the schools, reduce disruptions and violence associated with gang colors and helps eliminate socio-economic distinctions between families who can and cannot afford designer clothing. It would allow teachers to differentiate more easily between those who belong on campus and those who do not and it would contribute to an atmosphere of learning and scholarship. Board Comments: Kathleen Schwartz, Terry Anderson, Montie Mazo, Karo Torossian, Carlos Ferreyra and Doug Breidenbach all addressed the motion. Public Comments none Motion failed.

(E) Moved by Montie Mazo, seconded by Bruce Thomas: The Greater Valley Glen Council does not recommend point-of-sale sidewalk repair. Due to the downward turn in the economy, we feel this is the wrong time to implement such a program. Many homeowners have lost their jobs, have little or no equity in their homes and are struggling with tax increase imposed by the State. Board Comments: Montie Mazo, Doug Breidenbach Bruce Thomas and Ted Geldberg addressed this issue. It is difficult if not impossible to find a public contractor will to do the repairs due to inspection difficulties, the City would do the repairs on a fifty-fifty split with the average cost of approximately \$7,000.00. Public Comments none For 12, Against 0, Abstain 2 Carried (F)

(F) LANCC no report.

(G) Judy Price suggested it is a non issue for Valley Glen Item no report

16. PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE REPORT, Bruce Thomas, Chair. Bruce Thomas, moved, Montie Mazo, seconded: (1) The GVGC Public Safety Committee is authorized to allot no more than \$150.00 for each Neighborhood Watch 2009 National Night Out celebration: (a) deleted as suggested by Carlos Ferreyra (b) provided that the expenses covered by this stipend shall only cover items such as food, plates, tableware, clothes etc actually incurred and used for the local Neighborhood Watch celebration and (c) all such celebrations shall be held in Greater Valley Glen (d) all such expenses shall be confirmed by the Committee Chair as being in conformance with the Committee rules and (e) submitted on forms acceptable to the GVGC Treasurer (2) The total amount authorized for the National Night Out Program shall not exceed \$2,500.00 (3) In addition, the GVGC Public Safety Committee is authorized to spend an amount that shall not \$1,950.00 for customized Neighborhood Watch stickers for home or business windows. Board comments none, Public Comments Judy Price Passed

17. AD HOC CIVIC TOWN HALL Committee, Karo Torossian, Chair no report

18. No REPORTS (a) Southeast Valley Development Committee (b) Business Promotion & Development Committee

19. COMMITTEE CHANGES & DISCUSSION no report

20. ADJOURNMENT Doug Breidenbach, moved, Ted Geldberg, seconded, that we adjourn passed at 9:00PM. Approved