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**MINUTES
GREATER
VALLEY GLEN COUNCIL
March 2, 2009 7:30 PM
VALLEY COLLEGE CAFETERIA
5800 FULTON AVENUE
VALLEY GLEN, CA. 91401**

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 7:20PM by Council President Terry Anderson, followed by the Pledge of Allegiance and Roll Call of Council Members:

Present: Terry Anderson, Benjamin Goldblatt, Doug Briedenbach, Maria Denis, Carlos Ferreyra, William Fishman, Stanley Friedman, Ted Goldberg, Steven Hamm, Larry Jorgenson, Eli Kademian, Hafeed Kardouh, Charlotte Laws, Montie Mazo, Chris Mushyan, Kathleen Schwartz, Bruce Thomas, Karo Torossian, Chris Ueland, Vic Viereck. Absent: Fernando Ayala, Gary Popenoe, Abdul Zohbi.

2. Guest Speaker: **Dr. Susan Carleo, PHD., President, Los Angeles Valley College:** Described the improvements and construction of new facilities and plans for the future improvements on the Campus. This was followed by questions from Council Members and the Public. President Anderson thanked Dr. Carleo for the presentation.
3. Presentation of **MTA UNIVERSAL DEVELOPMENT PROPOSAL –vs- RIVERWALK PLAN** by Studio City Neighborhood Council Land Use Committee; Comparison of Plans attached. This slide presentation was described by Lisa Sarkin. This was followed by various members of



the Council and none from the Public. President Anderson thanked Ms. Sarkin for the presentation.

4. **Tom Greigos, Deputy City Attorney**, DONE; see Government Reports for discussion of Conflict of Interest.
5. LAPD Senior Lead Officer Reports
 - A. SLO Jennifer DuVally was not present and her report was given by Bruce Thomas, who reported that crime in general was done in her area of GVG. SLO Carol Sawamura of Basic Car A-21 was present but due to the long presentation at the beginning of the Meeting had to leave to attend a Neighborhood Watch meeting.
 - B. SLO Ron Carter was not present and no report.
6. General Public Comments by Judy Price; Rick Stoff; Kathleen Schwartz (her comments attached and are part of the minutes), Greg Bartz, DWP liason to NC who announced that there will be a DWP Workshop on March 14th at DWP Headquarters starting at 9AM.

Kathleen Schwartz relinquished her seat on the Council and made the following statement:
“I am speaking during the public comment portion of tonight’s meeting. I am recused as a Board member because I have a direct economic interest in the matter since I own real property within 500 feet of the development project and I am acting in my private capacity as a stakeholder in Greater Valley Glen.

The land development could impact your residential property. 2 CCR 18703.5 and 18704.2(a)(1)

There is a limited exception under the Political Reform Act that allows me to provide comment as a member of the public. 2 CCR 18702.4(b)(1)(A).”

See special comment at end of Minutes.

7. Reading of the Minutes of February 2, 2009. William Fishman, moved, and Bruce Thomas, Seconded, that the minutes be approved as read. Approved.
8. Treasurer’s Report. Carlos Ferreyra, moved, Ted Geldberg, seconded, that the report be accepted as presented. Approved.
9. Government Reports:
Wendy Greuel’s Field Deputy Laura Davidson reported all is well and vote on Tuesday.

Paul Kerkorian’s Field Deputy not present, however, Karo Torossian reported that there will be a Film Festival on May 15, at the Alex Theatre, Glendale, California starting at 6:30PM. and a Financial Workshop being scheduled.



Taneda Larios, Project Coordinator for DONE reminded the Council of the need to complete the Ethics Program, a training workshop is scheduled for March 21 from 8 to 12AM to be held in the Braude Building.

Public Comment: Judy Price

10. President's Report-none

Board Member Comments: none

Public Comments: Clay McFarland

11. Board Member Comments: Montie Mazo, Bruce Thomas, Carlos Ferreyra.

12. Consent Calendar:

Public Safety Committee: Motion that GVGC find and investigate cost of buying clamps that allow Neighborhood Watch signs to be clamped on circular post. Not to exceed \$100.

Bruce Thomas and Carlos Ferreyra commented on the motion. Carlos Ferreyra, moved, and Karo Torossian, seconded. Bruce Thomas and Carlos Ferreyra commented on the Motion Approved.

13. Ad Hoc Civic Town Hall Meeting Committee Report; Karo Torossian, Chr; Report

Report on Public Officials Night set for March 12, 2009 by Committee chair. Flyer distributed to all Council Members and others in attendance. Board Comments: Terry Anderson

Public Comments: Judy Price

14. Community Outreach Committee Report; Chris Ueland, Chair.

The Web Page is up and running. A Town Hall meeting is planned for May 20, 2009 to discuss the playground equipment issue and other issues related to the Valley Glen Community Park. Business Cards were distributed to Board Members Additional time will be required to acquire name tags.

Motion: Approve the expenditure not to exceed \$12,000 to distribute a printed version of the Vanguard community newsletter to Greater Valley Glen Community. It will be mailed with a combination of walking man, for residences (15,000), and USPS for businesses (2,000) and multi-family dwellings (8,000). Quotes will be gotten from at least two vendors. Moved by Karo Torossian and seconded by Doug Breidenbach.

President Terry Anderson relinquished the gavel to amend the motion "to approximately: 15,000 residences, 2000 business and 8,000 multi-family dwellings" Amendment accepted by Mssrs Torossian and Breidenbach.

Public Comment: Clay McFarland; Board Comment: Kathleen Schwartz. Approved

15. Cambridge Farms Recycling Issues Committee Report; Maria Denis, Chair. Discussions are continuing and SLO DuVally is participating in them.

16. Beautification Committee Report; Fernando Ayala, Chair was not present and there was no



report. See attached flyer for May 20, 2009 Town Hall Meeting re playground equipment.

17. Rules & Bylaws Committee Report; Stanley Friedman, Chair. No Report.

18. A Government Relations Committee Report; CharlotteLaws, Chair.

Motion: The Greater Valley Glen Council supports the Memorandum of Understanding between the Neighborhood Councils and the Los Angeles Department of Transportation dated 1/21/2009 with the following exception. District office liaisons will identify issues that are significant interest to the individual Neighborhood Councils (NCs) within the District boundaries and will provide NCs with advance notice of no less than 45 calendar days an identified item is scheduled for consideration by the Board of Transportation Commission. Moved by Charlotte Laws and seconded by Doug Breidenbach.

Public Comments: Judy Price; Board Comments: Bruce Thomas. Approved

B Motion: That the Greater Valley Glen Council hereby RESOLVES and URGES the Los Angeles City Council and Mayor to put a measure on the ballot that would provide public funding of campaigns for all City Council and City races that matches the wishes of Los Angeles Neighborhood Councils. Moved by Charlotte Laws and seconded by Bruce Thomas.

Public Comments: Clay McFarland; Board Comments: Karo Torossian, Montie Mazo and Carlos Ferreyra Approved

C Motion: RESOLVED, That the Greater Valley Glen Council urges that the Humane Art Ordinance will make the commission of a crime of Animal Abuse for purposes of creating media to now be illegal, punishable as a misdemeanor or felony, and, be it FURTHER RESOLVED, That the City of Los Angeles will not Commission or sponsor Exhibits where in the creator of the media caused the crime of Animal Abuse to occur; and, be it FURTHER RESOLVED, That the ordinance would be drafted as a two pronged test for the Actual director. The necessary elements of the crime are (a) Animal Abuse as defined under Los Angeles local ordinances, state, federal or international law must have taken place, (b) the defendant would have caused or created or contributed to the crime of Animal Abuse to take place for the purposes of his or her creation of the media or exhibit. Moved by Charlotte Laws and seconded by William Fishman

Public Comment: None; Board Comment: Ted Geldberg, Chris Ueland

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D Van Nuys Airport Issue- next meeting

E Valley Alliance, Vic Viereck detailed the activities for the past month. A candidate forum was held and all five City Attorney candidates participated. A mayorial forum was attended by all six candidates except the current Mayor who did not participate in the forum.

F LANCC by Charlotte Laws- no report



- 19 Public Safety Committee Report, Terry Anderson, Chair.
Report on the Pancake Breakfast and Public Safety Fair (and engine dedication) set for April 26, 2009 at Valley Glen Fire Station 102 and Valley College;
Steve Hamm: IHOP will donate pancake mix, syrup etc and will provide sausage etc at no cost or their cost. Costco will supply water and set up a booth at no cost. BBQ set up will be available if needed. Expect over 300 people to attend and there will be a charge of \$5 for adults and \$3 for children ages 4 through 12, and a complimentary child's plate for children 3 and under, with the money going to support the Fire Station activities.
Councilperson Wendy Greuel and Assemblyman Paul Kerkorian are also co-sponsors.

Bruce Thomas indicated that LAPD, LAPD Explorers, earthquake preparedness companies, CERT, USAR, LAFD Helicopters will participate and expect to have 25 to 30 Booths. Banners will be installed in various locations promoting the Breakfast/Fair.

Terry Anderson stated that not enough money has been set aside and the Public Safety Committee may require additional funds.

Public Comments: Judy Price

- 20 Planning & Land Use Committee: Doug Breidenbach, Chair; no activity and therefore no report.
- 21 Business Promotion & Development Committee Report; Carlos Ferreyra, Chr.; Report;
No meeting
- 22 Southeast Valley Development Committee; Terry Anderson, Chr. No meeting

SPECIAL COMMENT

At the end of the meeting, Deputy City Attorney Thomas Greigo clarified the issue of recusal and Public Comment by a board Member who elects to recuse himself/herself from participating on the Board when they have a conflict of interest concerning an agenda item:

First, recusal requires that: (1) you announce to the Board that you are recusing yourself from entire discussion concerning the subject agenda item; (2) publicly state the specific reason for conflict of interest; and (#) then leave the Meeting Room and remain outside the Meeting Room until the subject agenda item is disposed of by the Board.

Second, provided the Board Member falls within the limited exception of the Political Reform Act as advised by the City Attorney, if the Board Member desires to make public comment on The subject agenda item, the Board Member, after completing steps (1) and (2), may remain in The Meeting Room for the sole purpose of making comment during Public Comment on the subject agenda, then must comply with step (3) above-leave the Meeting Room and remain outside the Meeting Room until the subject Agenda Item is disposed of by the Board.



If the matter with which a Board Member has a conflict of interest is not on the Agenda, it is not Proper for the Board Member to comment upon that matter as a Stakeholder during Public Comment. However, the Board Member is not required to recuse himself/herself if someone else discusses the matter during General Public Comment.

This statement was reviewed and confirmed by Deputy City Attorney Thomas Greigo.

23 Adjournment. At 9:50 PM

Next scheduled meeting

April 6, 2009 at 7:30 PM

Guest Speaker: Ben Nuemann, President of Studio City Neighborhood Council

and

Dasher-Lawless Presentation and Report re Victory Boulevard Development

