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AGENDA

**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 Whitsit And 1 Block
South Of Vanowen)*

The public is requested to fill out a "Speaker Card" (per individual item) to address the Board on any item of the agenda prior to the Board taking action on an item. Comments from the public on Agenda items will be heard only when the respective item is being considered. Comments from the public on other matters not appearing on the Agenda that is within the Board's subject matter jurisdiction will be heard during the Public Comment period. Public comment is limited to 2 minutes per speaker, unless waived by the presiding officer of the Board. Presiding officer reserves the right to limit further, depending on number of speakers. No person may assign their speaking time to another person. Period for comment not to exceed 15 minutes.

Agenda is posted for public review at: Erwin Street School, 13400 Erwin Street, Valley Glen, CA; Cambridge Farms, 12431 Burbank, Valley Glen, CA; Monlux Elementary School, 6051 Bellaire, Valley Glen, CA; Kittridge Street Elementary School, 13619 Kittridge Street, Valley Glen, CA.; and on the web site, www.greatervalleyglenCouncil.org or www.gvgc.us.

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1. Call to Order, Pledge of Allegiance, and Roll Call;
2. Community Forum re: MEASURE B – SOLAR PANEL INITIATIVE
 - Solar Thoughts; [Aram Benyamin, Acting General Manager, DWP Power System](#);
 - James Unger, Consultant, Pro Measure B Campaign
 - Nick Patsouras, Past DWP Commission Chair, Con Measure B Campaign
 - Board Questions;
 - Public Questions;
 - Conclusion – Patsouras
 - Conclusion – James Unger
3. Reading of Outstanding Minutes: January 12, 2009; possible motions;
4. Treasurer's Report: possible motions;
 - Review of all Outstanding Invoices; possible motions;



5. LAPD Senior Lead Officer Reports
 - A. SLO Jennifer Duvally
 - B. SLO Ron Carter –
6. General Public Comment (see rules above);
7. President’s Report:
 - Announcement: resignation 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;
 - Nomination of **Larry G. Jorgenson** for Homeowner Representative Area 5; Confirmation Vote by Board;
 - Note: 3 Business Seats are vacant; suggestions welcomed;
 - Announcement of Committee Changes:
 - **Dissolving Ad Hoc Committee re SouthEast Valley Development** and merging responsibilities of that Committee into the GVGC Planning and Land Use Committee with the provision that all delegations to inter-neighborhood council meetings pertaining to South East Valley development shall consist of the President, Vice President of the Board and the Chair and Co-Chair of the GVGC Plum Committee;
 - **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;
 - Paul Krekorian’s Field Deputy Report;
 - Taneda Larios, Project Coordinator for DONE;
9. Board Member comments;
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 Vanowen 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. - 2 -



- 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.

11. Community Outreach Committee Report; Chris Ueland, Chr. Report;

- New Web Page status;
- Business Cards;
- Name tags;

12. Cambridge Farms Recycling Issue Committee Report; Maria Denis, Chr.; Report;

13. Beautification Committee Report; Fernando Ayala, Chr.: **Committee Report**; and

- **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**;

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

- Set Meeting Date of _____, 2009;

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.”



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;

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.

D. Update on Valley Alliance by Vic Viereck;

E. Update on LANCC by Charlotte Laws;

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.

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.



17. Ad Hoc Civic TownHall Meeting Committee Report; Karo Torossian, Chr; Report and **Possible Motions**
18. Planning & Land Use Committee: Doug Breidenbach, Chr.; Report;
19. Business Promotion & Development Committee Report; Carlos Ferreyra, Chr.; Report;
20. Southeast Valley Development Committee; Terry Anderson, Chr.
21. Adjournment.

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

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