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GREATER VALLEY GLEN COUNCIL

JANUARY 12, 2009
ROOM CC104 – VALLEY COLLEGE

MINUTES

AGENDA ITEM 1: Meeting called to order at 7:08PM by President Terry Anderson with the Pledge of Allegiance and Roll Call: Present: Terry Anderson, Fernando Ayala, Douglas Breidenbach, Maria Denis, Carlos Ferreyra, William Fishman, Stanley Friedman, Ted Goldberg, Steven Hamm, Eli Kademian, Hafeed Kardouh, Charlotte Laws, Montie Mazo, Chris Mushyan, Gary Popenoe, Kathleen Schwartz, Bruce Thomas, Karo Torossian, Chris Ueland, Vic Viereck, Abdul Zohbi. Absent: Katrina Bada, Raafat Marcos

Motion: Approved means passed unanimously, Carried means majority vote.

AGENDA ITEM 2: MINUTES OF DECEMBER 1, 2008 MEETING Moved by Karo Torossian and seconded by Gary Popenoe, that the Minutes of the December 1, 2008 be accepted as corrected. For: 19, Against 0, Abstain 1. Carried

AGENDA ITEM 3: TREASURER’S REPORT presented by Vic Viereck who explained that paper work is progressing on getting outstanding items paid. Council Members asked questions regarding various items to which the Treasurer responded. Ted Goldberg moved and Doug Breidenbach seconded that the Treasurer’s Report be accepted as presented. Approved

AGENDA ITEM 4: LAPD SENIOR LEAD OFFICERS REPORT: SLO Jennifer Duvally reported that 2 new Police Stations have opened in the San Fernando Valley and there was a reassignment of Officers. She stated there was a 4% decrease in overall crime in our area, from 792 to 752: there are still problems at Bally’s Gym, 5 banks were robbed. Council Members discussed various crime related issues in area.

SLO Ron Carter was not present.

AGENDA ITEM 5: BRIDGE IN VALLEY GLEN Social and Public Art Resources Center Executive Director Debera Padilla and Judy Baca, Founder and Artistic Director made a presentation of the planned Bridge over the Tujunga Wash adjacent to east side of Grant High School on Goldwater Canyon. They indicated that the construction would cost \$1,000,000, and would be using many recycled materials and include solar panels for lighting, information signs and water fountains. Ms Baca indicated that the current mural, which is the longest in the world, will be repaired and be extended to include the continued growth of Los Angeles. The project is fully funded by grants from the State of California and other sources. Council members enquired about ongoing maintenance, viewing stations, dog runs, fencing, which were answered by the presentors.

AGENDA ITEM 6: GUEST SPEAKER was Father Noel Gorgis of St Paul Assyrian-Caldean Catholic Church, Valley Glen, California. Father Gorgis, was born in Iraq, and indicated that church membership is made up of people from the Middle East. The membership of 450 people is a cross section of the community.

AGENDA ITEM 7: GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENTS Tom Coyle addressed the issue of traffic patterns of The Glen, Exhibit A, which was prepared by Los Angeles Department of Transportation showing a marked increase in traffic on both Erwin Street east of Fulton and Ethel Avenue south of Victory Blvd. The Council asked that the Developer of The Glen address this issue at the next Council meeting.

SECRETARIES NOTE: A few days after this meeting, an email was received from Kathleen Schwartz requesting the following be added to the minutes:” I, Kathleen Schwartz, per previous advice for the LA City Attorney’s Office, got up and sat with the audience during the presentation”. I discussed this after the fact email with the LA City Attorney’s Office and was told that this statement has no validity and is meaningless. If Ms Schwartz wanted to make a statement, then she should have (1) recused herself publicly by announcing it at the Board Meeting at the time of the recusal (2) stated with specificity the reason for taking the action and (3) leave the Council Room. She didn’t, therefore, the statement is of no consequence. In addition, the LA City Attorney’s Office stated that it is at the discretion of Council Secretary if it should even be noted in the Minutes. This action sets a precedent, and will require noting in the Minutes each time a Council Member leaves the Council table.

AGENDA ITEM 8: PRESIDENT’S REPORT

Recommends that the Council host a Community Forum to discuss the Solar Initiative, Measure B on upcoming City of Los Angeles election, with representatives representing the pros and cons of this measure. This will take place at the February meeting from 6:30PM to 7:30PM. Approved

Reminded Council Members of the importance of attending Committee meetings.

All prior dates for Committee meetings are cancelled and will be scheduled. The College has new Administration and our contact is no longer at the College. They are proposing 28 days a year of which 12 are our regular monthly meetings. Will set up dates for the second to last and last Tuesday of each month, to be allocated between the College and Erwin Street School.

AGENDA ITEM 9: GOVERNMENT REPORTS

Laura Davidson, Councilperson Wendy Greuel representative not in attendance-no report
Paul Krekorian Field Deputy not in attendance Karo Torossian indicated that Paul Krekorian was appointed Assistant Majority Leader and we should advise him of concerns that might be become law.

Taneda Larios, Project Coordinator for DONE has other commitments for the 2nd Monday and not in attendance. Terry Anderson reminded everyone of the need to complete the Ethics Training, which is a must, and responding to the Budget Survey which is optional.

AGENDA ITEM 10

Bruce Thomas noted that the Los Angeles School District is sending termination notices to teachers.

Carlos Ferreyra discussed the change in the Council's letterhead and should be approved by the Council. Terry Anderson noted that the masthead has been changed many times and never submitted for approval.

Montie Mazo stated that we need new College Parking Permits as well as those issued by the City of Los Angeles. President Anderson indicated he has them but didn't bring them with him.

CONSENT CALENDAR

a-GVGC PLUM Committee moved the approval of Application to subdivide Lot 1 Tract 16855 at 13528 Bassett St. Ted Geldberg explained that it is an oversize parcel but under required width if subdivide be approved. Karo Torossian moved and Douglas Breidenbach seconded the motion (attached). Passed

b-GVGC PLUM Committee moved the approval of the application for installation of cellular equipment on the roof of the building at 13915 Oxnard St with a screen that exceeds the 45" height limit by 2" be approved. Karo Torossian moved and Douglas Breidenbach seconded the motion (attached). Motion passed

c-BEAUTIFICATION COMMITTEE recommendation regarding the median islands on Victory Boulevard at Whitsett Avenue and the installation of playground equipment at Valley Glen Community Park be referred back to Committee and motion withdrawn.

Members of the Community were present to discuss the motion spoke on it. Gloria Kahn, Lillian Silverstone-Carman, Joseph Rosenthal and Tom Coyle all were against the installation of the playground equipment at the Valley Glen Community Park because of the noise, parking, gangs, litter and the type of equipment allowed.

AGENDA ITEM 12 COMMUNITY OUTREACH COMMITTEE Chris Ueland, Chair, previewed the new website which will go online in a few days. Carlos Ferreyra suggested that a manual be prepared for the future use.

AGENDA ITEM 13 PLAN AND LAND USE COMMITTEE Douglas Breidenbach, Chair, moved that the Master Plan Use Permit, detailed attached, for 12158 Emilita St. be denied. Ted Goldberg seconded the motion. For 18 Against 0 Abstain 1, motion carried

AGENDA ITEM 14 Ad Hoc Civic Town Hall Meeting Committee Karo Torossian, Chair, moved that GVGC host a Public Officials Night on March 12, 2009, seconded by Vic Viereck. Valley College Student Union expressed interest in co-hosting the Meeting to include Local, State and Federal officials for office at the College. Terry Anderson, relinquished the gavel, and stated in answer to a question by Judy Price, that if we included all the adjoining Neighborhood Councils the number of Candidates would be very large because of how the voting districts are set. Motion passed.

AGENDA ITEM 15 BUSINESSES PROMOTION & DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE Carlos Ferreyra, Chair.

a- Carlos Ferreyra moved and Karo Torossian seconded, that the "Q" conditions violation procedure and reporting form, be approved. This requirement would affect Valley Glen only and not the Greater Valley Glen area. Carlos Ferreyra explained the procedure in detail. Motion passed

b- Carlos Ferreyra recommended approval that the Committee is allowed to research costs and design of street banners at central cross streets Greater Valley Glen. Judy Price stated that there are no major thorough fares in Valley Glen and it would be a waste of money. Terry Anderson noted that the banners in Valley Village are not easy to read, look bad and are ragged. Montie Mazo stated that with the projects on Victory Blvd it will become a major east west artery. Ted Goldberg indicated that there are banners on Victory Blvd west of Hazeltine. Charlotte Laws do it, Gary Popenoe do it. Bruce Thomas suggested that research be done on the life of the banners. Carlos Ferreyra moved and Douglas Breidenbach seconded that this motion. For 18 Against 0 Abstain 2 Motion carried

c- Carlos Ferreyra moved and Chris Ueland seconded approval of letter, attached, to be sent to commercial real estate agents and such informing them of the "Q" conditions requirements for their commercial property renters/lessee at a cost of \$300.00. Judy Price suggested that the Neighborhood Association should be included to ensure that the information is correct. Terry Anderson said that it should be limited to GVGC and the final letter be approved by the GVGC President. Motion approved

AGENDA ITEM 16 CAMBRIDGE FARMS RECYCLING ISSUE Maria Denis, Chair. Maria Denis indicated the Committee will be meeting with Cambridge Farms next week.

AGENDA ITEM 17 BEAUTIFICATION COMMITTEE REPORT Fernando Ayala, Chair

Fernando Ayala stated that some people in the community wanted the playground equipment in Valley Glen Community Park. He will follow up on the car traffic issue raised by Tom Coyle earlier in the meeting as well as status of the Sprint tower at Van Owen and Fulton in North Hollywood. Money was paid for work on the Victory Blvd median years ago but there is no paperwork showing the work was done.

AGENDA ITEM 18 RULES & BYLAWS COMMITTEE Stanley Friedman, Chair
Committee will be meeting shortly to review by laws

AGENDA ITEM 19 GOVERNMENT RELATIONS COMMITTEE Charlotte Laws, Chair

- 1) Vic Viereck reported on Valley Alliance Christmas Party which was well attended by elected and appointed officials. The next meeting was held on January 8, 2009
- 2) Next meeting is on January 21, 2009 and Karo Torossian will be bringing more information on the Solar Initiative.

AGENDA ITEM 20 PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE Terry Anderson, Chair

Steve Hamm reported that the plans for the Open House/Safety Fair are progressing and will be held on April 16, 2009 and most of Neighborhood Associations in the Greater Valley Glen area will co-sponsor the event.

AGENDA ITEM 21 SOUTHEAST VALLEY DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE Terry Anderson, Chair
Studio City Neighborhood Council invitation to with Neighborhood Councils regarding development was referred to the Southeast Valley Development Committee.

AGENDA ITEM 22 ADJOURNMENT Doug Breidenbach moved and Bruce Thomas seconded that GVGC adjourn. Council members reminded that the next meeting will be on February 2, 2009 at 7:00PM Motion carried Council meeting adjourned at 10:05PM