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el consejo del vecindario de glassell park

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**GLASSELL PARK  
NEIGHBORHOOD  
COUNCIL  
OFFICERS**

**RUBY DeVERA**  
CHAIRPERSON

**LORENZO TOVAR**  
INTERIM VICE CHAIRPERSON

**GLADYS PINTO-MUÑOZ**  
SECRETARY

**ANDRE SAHAKIAN**  
INTERIM TREASURER

**MICHAEL DIVIC**  
MEMBER AT LARGE

**CITY OF LOS ANGELES**

CALIFORNIA



**ERIC M. GARCETTI**  
MAYOR

**GLASSELL PARK NEIGHBORHOOD COUNCIL  
GENERAL COMMUNITY STAKEHOLDERS  
MEETING MINUTES**

**Tuesday May 20, 2014**

Glassell Park Community & Senior Center  
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NEIGHBORHOOD COUNCIL**

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(LIST OF BOARD MEMBERS)  
LORENZO TOVAR - AREA 1  
VACANT - AREA 2  
CRYSTAL-LYNNE OROZCO - AREA 3  
MOLLY LYNN TAYLOR - AREA 4  
FRANCISCO CONTRERAS - AREA 5  
ANDRE SAHAKIAN - AREA 6  
GLADYS PINTO MUÑOZ - AREA 7  
BRADLEY - BUS. REP  
JAKE DANIEL SNEIDER - BUS. REP  
VACANT - BUS. REP  
MARGE PIANE - ORG. REP  
PAVLO VLANCO - ORG. REP  
AVA POLANCO - EDUC. REP  
RUBY De VERA - FAITH-BASED  
MICHAEL DIVIC - AT LARGE REP

(Approved Minutes On: 10 / 21 / 2014)

(10) Total Board members seated

(2) Alternate in Attendance

Ruby De Vera, Chairperson  
Ava Polanco  
Francisco "SCO" Contreras  
Gladys Pinto-Munoz, Secretary (Arrived 7:30pm)  
Pavlo Vlanco  
Channa Grace  
Maggie Lopez-Robles  
Mark Quiroz, (Alternate)  
Molly Lynn Taylor (Interim 2<sup>nd</sup> Signatory)  
Luis "Art" Camarillo  
Lorenzo Tovar (Interim Vice-Chair)  
Lázaro Agüero  
Bradley  
Michael Divic  
Baltazar Vega  
Andre Sahakian (Alternate 2013-2014/Interim Treasurer)  
Tony Butka, (Alternate)  
Jose Mére

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**1. Welcome and Introductions** (Meeting began at 7:05pm)

(Glassell Park Neighborhood Council Chair, Ruby DeVera presided, Mike Divic and Gladys Pinto-Muñoz retains Executive Committee position. Interim Vice-Chair, Interim Treasurer, and Interim 2<sup>nd</sup> Signatory to be selected/elected. Selection of vacant seats to be in accordance to GPNC By-Laws. Art. VI, Sec. 3 Selection of Officers.

Chair, Ruby DeVera called for introduction of board members present. Chair indicated they have a quorum of 8 minimally to commence meeting. Chair defers the seating of the newly elected board members to a DONE Rep.

**2 Acceptance/Review of GPNC GCS Mtg. Min. for February 22, 2014, March 18, 2014, April 15, 2014.** (If provided). (Tabled)

Minutes were not provided for February 22, 2014. Minutes were provided for March 18, 2014 and April 2014. Baltazar Vega raised objections to the content contained in DRAFT Mtg. Minutes and reference to the AppleOne Minute Taker notes/transcripts and various board comments made at the March and April GCS Mtgs. Chair called for votes to approve minutes.

Michael Divic introduces a motion to approve minutes. \_\_\_\_\_ Seconds motion to accept minutes.

**Vote Taken:** 4 in favor 0 opposed 6 abstention  
**Motion fails**

Yes Votes:  
Bradley  
Gladys Pinto-Muñoz  
Ruby DeVera  
Michael Divic

No Votes:  
None

Abstentions:  
Lorenzo Tovar  
Molly Lynn Taylor  
Francisco “SCO” Contreras  
Andre Sahakian  
Ava Polanco  
Pavlo Vlanco

Andre Sahakian introduces a motion to table the minutes. Mike Divic seconded the motion to table.

**Vote Taken:** 9 in favor 1 opposed 0 abstention  
**Motion passes**

Yes Votes:  
Lorenzo Tovar  
Molly Lynn Taylor  
Francisco “SCO” Contreras  
Gladys Pinto-Muñoz  
Andre Sahakian  
Ava Polanco  
Pavlo Vlanco  
Ruby DeVera  
Michael Divic

No Votes:  
Bradley

Abstentions:  
None

**3. Official/Public Comment (Non-Agenda Items) (2 Min. Max.)**  
**Gabrielle P. Taylor, Deputy City Attorney Office of the City Attorney, Neighborhood Prosecutor, Northeast**  
David Cons, Community Resource Specialist with the Safe Neighborhoods & Gang Division of the Office of the Los Angeles City Attorney’s Office presented Gabrielle Taylor as our Northeast LA NPP. Gabrielle Taylor introduced herself and informed stakeholders that she will be visiting all neighborhood councils. She informed us that she will

be proactive on addressing nuisance and blight sites in the Northeast LA Area and will use whatever legal means necessary to help residents with illegal dumping, gangs, graffiti and MMD's in the Northeast.

**Jennifer Lopez and Marie Luz, Campaign for Jay Gomez, LA County Supervisor 1<sup>st</sup> District**

They introduced themselves and spoke about the Jay Gomez Campaign.

**David Gomez, IBESPCA** (no information provided for recordation)

**Adam Bass, Field Deputy for City Councilmember Mitchell O'Farrell, City Council District 13**

Representative was not present. A CD13 Written Report was provided, Ruby DeVera requested that the CD13 Councilmember Mitch O'Farrell, Field Deputy Report be submitted into the record.

**Lauren Ballard, Field Deputy for City Councilmember Jose Huizar, City Council District 14**

There have been discussions to clean up around the Southbound Freeway 2 off ramp. This is Caltrans so we are working with the State of California. And other Community Clean-up initiatives are being consider in Cd14. We're going to keep insisting on remaining proactive on community-initiatives for clean-ups. They also replaced the solar light on the GP Monument and would like to install trash receptacles on York Blvd, Verdugo Road and Eagle Rock.

There is currently talk of a community marker/monument in that area. It has to be funded by outside sources and is a process. It is not to be funded by Caltrans.

Regarding utility box murals (which are on the agenda), this is still in process. We are still identifying artists.

**Baltazar Vega** informs board members about the Censure and Removal of Bradley and the reasons, background and basis of the Censure and Removal and GPNC By-laws Articles and Sections. He informs board members of his conversations with Alois Phillips, Dep. City Attorney with the Neighborhood Counsel Advice Division and DONE Sr. Project Coordinator, Lisette Covarrubias. Mr. Vega also comments on the content/context of the March/April AppleOne Minute Taker Notes/transcripts. Mr. Vega objects to lack of transparency from Chair and Secretary on Censure, Minutes, and lack of communication. Mr. Vega request status/update on the 3 three PRA Requests; and

**Tony Butka** raised objections to the board not agendizing the Censure and Removal of Bradley. Mr. Butka and the reasons, background and basis of the Censure and Removal. Reminds exec. committee of their duty to follow By-Laws; and

**Brian Frobisher** mentioned the Censure and Removal of Bradley and the lack of transparency of the exec. committee to agendize the request. Mr. Frobisher objected to the lack of conclusion of the GPNC Elections in reference to the 5 challenges submitted and not keeping stakeholders informed on the Censure/Removal issues. Mr. Frobisher also indicated that all matters of the board including the Censure/Removal be on the website and the status/update on the 4 four PRA Requests.

**Art Camarillo** stated he has informed previous board that he be vacating his Office Mgr. position as soon as new board members are seated and that he has been training Celina Pinto (current assistant) to take over the duties, role & responsibilities outlined in Att. B. He stated that Celina Pinto has been working Art Camarillo since November 2013. He stated that he might stay on for another 4 weeks; The Chair and board members thanked Mr. Camarillo for his commitment to the GPNC and for remaining flexible with his schedule to help us set-up, copy, and allow access; and He also stated that the 2014 Elections "Adhoc" Committee need to do a wrap-up of the GPNC Regional Elections, Results, documentation, and pick-up the referenced documents from DONE before they dispose of them.; and

Also, he reminded stakeholders of the upcoming 7<sup>th</sup> Annual Lummis Day Event and the 8<sup>th</sup> Memorial Day Event. He nominated herself to be an Alternate Board Member and that he will be limiting his role in committee & developments in the future. Ruby DeVera, Chair informed her that the selection of Alternates would have to be after June Meetings per the GPNC By-Laws & Standing Rules.

**Mark Quiroz** stated that the process of his candidacy was not correct and that the Election “Adhoc” Committee’s negligence in omitting his name as an Organization Rep. unfairly prejudiced his candidacy/election. He asked that the Dept. investigate and that his repeated requests for justifications were not addressed to date. Mark Quiroz stated that he would like to nominate himself as an Alternate Board Member, in case this matter is not cleared up. Chair informed her that the selection of Alternates would have to be after June Meetings per the GPNC By-Laws & Standing Rules.

**Maggie Lopez-Robles** stated that she would like to stay involved in the GPNC and nominated herself as an Alternate Board Member. Ruby DeVera, Chair informed her that the selection of Alternates would have to be after June Meetings per the GPNC By-Laws & Standing Rules.

**Celina Pinto** stated that she would like to remain as GPNC Office Mgr. and continue working with the GPNC newly elected board, stakeholders, seniors, and Rep’s using the Center for Meetings. She also nominated herself as an Alternate Board Member and reminded the board that in Feb/March she also put in a candidate’s filing form for Alternate. Ruby DeVera, Chair informed her that the selection of Alternates would have to be after June Meetings per the GPNC By-Laws & Standing Rules.

**Lázaro Agüero** stated that he would like to nominate himself as A Business Rep Bd. Member. He submitted a candidate filing form to the Secretary, Gladys Pinto-Muñoz and Chair, Ruby DeVera

**Jose Mére** stated that he would like to nominate himself as an Alternate Board Member. Mr. Mére submitted a candidate filing form to the Secretary, Gladys Pinto-Muñoz and Chair, Ruby DeVera

**4. Board Member Comment (Non-Agenda Items) (2 Min. Max.)**

Andre Sahakian stated that the board needs to develop board initiatives, mission statements, and tangible projects that needs to be addressed in the Neighborhood.

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**A. Neighborhood Council Board Business** (7:30pm) (Taken Out of Order after “Welcome & Introduction” for Seating of Newly Elected Board Members)

1. Installation of 2014 - 2016 GPNC Elected Board Members (Performed by DONE Rep., Jay Handal)

**Jay Handal, DONE Regional 8 IEA** presides over meeting. He requests the 2012 – 2014 board seats (and Alternates seated if any) not re-elected please vacate their board seats at this time. Jay Handal calls for the newly elected 2014 – 2016 board members be seated. Jay Handal swears-in entire board, reminds the board to review their by-laws, take City Ethics Training, and reminds board in its’ entirety of the “Code of Conduct.” Jay Handal congratulates newly seated board members present – seated as follows:

Lorenzo Tovar Area 1 Rep., Molly Lynn Taylor, Area 4 Rep., Francisco “SCO” Contreras, Area 4 Rep., Gladys Pinto-Muñoz Area 6 Rep., Andre Sahakian, Area 7, Rep., Bradley, Business Rep., Pavlo Vlanco, Org. Rep. Ava Polanco, Educ. Rep., Ruby DeVera, Faith-based Rep., Michael Divic, At Large Rep.

Jay Handal returns facilitation of the meeting convened to the Chair, Ruby DeVera,

Ruby DeVera, Chair congratulates newly seated board members present. Chair calls for vacant Executive Committee board positions to be filled with the assistance of a DONE Rep.

2. Selection/Election of Board Officers (*As Per By-Laws GPNC Approved January 26, 2014*)

**Art. VI, Sec. 3 Selection of Officers.** *The offices of Chairperson, Vice Chairperson, Treasurer, Secretary, and a Board Member-at Large shall be elected, by show of hands, at each year's July General Stakeholders' meeting by the members of the Governing Board. As with other GPNC elections conducted by a show of hands, a majority vote for a candidate or nominee is required for a person to prevail in the election. Board members who choose not to vote do not affect the election outcome. These officers shall constitute the Executive Committee of the Board; and*

**Art. VI, Sec. 4. Officer Terms.** *Officers serve for one (1) year, but if re-elected to the same or another Executive Committee position, may serve for no more than two (2) consecutive terms.*  
Chairperson (*Ruby DeVera retains EXEC. Bd. Position as per Art. VI., Sec. 3*)  
Vice Chairperson (Interim), (*if applicable, language not contained in the GPNC By-Laws*)  
Treasurer (Interim), (*if applicable, language not contained in the GPNC By-Laws*)  
Secretary (*Gladys Pinto-Muñoz retains EXEC. Bd. Position as per Art. VI., Sec. 3*)  
Board Member-at-Large, (*Michael Divic retains EXEC. Bd. Position as per Art. VI., Sec. 3*)

Amber Meschak, DONE Sr. Project Coordinator presides over GCS Meeting. Amber Meschak calls for interested parties to nominate/self-nominate for interim positions to fill vacated Executive Committee board positions.

**Amber Meschak calls for interested parties for the Interim Vice-Chair Exec. Committee Position.** She reads the position of the duties to be performed per GPNC By-Laws and entertains nominees.

Lorenzo Tovar, Area 1 Rep. self-nominates for Interim Vice-Chair position for Exec. Committee seat.

Amber Meshak calls for other interested parties on the board for nominees. None come forward. She calls for the vote.

**Vote Taken:**                                    10 in favor            0 opposed            0 abstention

Yes Votes:

- Lorenzo Tovar
- Molly Lynn Taylor
- Francisco “SCO” Contreras
- Gladys Pinto-Muñoz
- Andre Sahakian
- Bradley
- Pavlo Vlanco
- Ava Polanco
- Ruby DeVera
- Michael Divic

No Votes:

None

Abstentions:

None

Lorenzo Tovar, Area 1 Rep. self-nominates for Interim Vice-Chair position for Exec. Committee seat.

**Amber Meschak calls for interested parties for the Interim Treasurer Exec. Committee Position.** She reads the position of the duties to be performed per GPNC By-Laws and entertains nominees.

Andre Sahakian, Area 6 Rep. self-nominates for Interim Treasurer position for Exec. Committee seat.

Amber Meshak calls for other interested parties on the board for nominees. None come forward. She calls for the vote.

**Vote Taken:**                                    10 in favor            0 opposed            0 abstention

Yes Votes:

- Lorenzo Tovar
- Molly Lynn Taylor
- Francisco “SCO” Contreras

Gladys Pinto-Muñoz  
Andre Sahakian  
Bradley  
Pavlo Vlanko  
Ava Polanco  
Ruby DeVera  
Michael Divic

No Votes:  
None

Abstentions:  
None

Andre Sahakian, is elected as the Interim Treasurer position for Exec. Committee seat.

**Amber Meshak calls for interested parties for the Interim 2<sup>nd</sup> Signatory Position.** She reminds board members that this position is not an Exec. Committee position but is a requirement of the Dept. per the Funding Program, Policy, and Procedures and according to GPNC By-Laws has no allowances for exec. committee voting authority. She reads the position of the duties to be performed as per Dept. Funding Policies and entertains nominees.

Molly Lynn Taylor, Area 4 Rep. self-nominates for Interim for 2<sup>nd</sup> Signatory.

Amber Meshak calls for other interested parties on the board for nominees. None come forward. She calls for the vote.

**Vote Taken:**                                    10 in favor            0 opposed            0 abstention

Yes Votes:  
Lorenzo Tovar  
Molly Lynn Taylor  
Francisco “SCO” Contreras  
Gladys Pinto-Muñoz  
Andre Sahakian  
Bradley  
Pavlo Vlanko  
Ava Polanco  
Ruby DeVera  
Michael Divic

No Votes:  
None

Abstentions:

Molly Lynn Taylor is elected as the Interim 2<sup>nd</sup> Signatory.

Amber Meschak informs the Interim Treasurer and the Interim 2<sup>nd</sup> Signatory Position to meet with her after the meeting to discuss performance and documentation requirements as per Dept. Funding Policies. She returns facilitation of the meeting to the presiding Chair, Ruby DeVera and congratulates newly seated board members.

- 3 Election of GPNC Office Manager vacated by previous Rep., Art Camarillo.  
(Duties, Role, and Responsibilities shall include the following: Refer to Attachment ‘B’)

Art Camarillo reminded board members that he would not be serving as the Office Manager and that he has trained Celina Pinto to perform the duties, role and responsibilities as he has been performing them. He stated she has been very helpful in organizing the office, opening the center (since she lives in the adjacent vicinity) and knows DONE Staff, City officials, seniors, and Council Office Reps. Mr. Camarillo also stated that no one else informed him they were interested in the position.

Chair, Ruby Devera asked if Celina Pinto was interested in the position and if she agree to the duties, role and responsibilities outlined in Att. B. Celina Pinto stated that she has already been performing the Office Mgr. position as in assistant role. She was also asked if she had any conflicts with opening the Center for constituents or official. Celina Pinto mentioned that she lives around the corner and doesn't have any conflicts with opening/closing the Center when requested.

Bradley asked Celina if she understood that she would have to also help set-up, make copies of minutes, agendas, reference documents, and disseminate e-mails of events to the board members. She affirmed and stated that she is currently compiling their contact e-mail information now.

The Chair, Ruby DeVera asked if other board members had questions, comments and the nomination of Celina Pinto for Officer Manager. None objected; and

The Chair, Ruby DeVera asked if there was anyone interested in becoming the GPNC Office Manager. None replied. Gladys and Art stated that they would continue to assist her when necessary.

Chair, Ruby DeVera called for the vote to approve Celina Pinto as the Office Manager during this term.

**Vote Taken:**                                10 in favor        0 opposed        0 abstention

Yes Votes:

Lorenzo Tovar  
Molly Lynn Taylor  
Francisco "SCO" Contreras  
Gladys Pinto-Muñoz  
Andre Sahakian  
Bradley  
Pavlo Vlanco  
Ava Polanco  
Ruby DeVera  
Michael Divic

No Votes:

None

Abstentions:

None

Celina Pinto is elected as the GPNC Office Manager

**B. Glassell Park Neighborhood Council Elected Board Member Orientation/Trainings** (7:45 p.m.)

- 1. Amber Meshak/Senior Project Coordinator** (213) 978-1551 [Amber.Meshak@lacity.org](mailto:Amber.Meshak@lacity.org)  
For More Info. on GPNC Regional 8 Elections visit (<http://empowerla.org/gpnc/glassell-park-nc-2014-elections/>  
Dept. of Neighborhood Empowerment Training and Board Orientation including By-Laws, Laws that govern NC's that work, Conducting Successful Board and Community Meetings. Outreach, Advocacy, and subject matter including but not limited to associated topics on board orientation and training. ([www.empowerla.org](http://www.empowerla.org))

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Bradley introduced a motion to adjourn the meeting. Ava Polanco seconded the motion.

**Vote Taken:**            10 in favor        0 opposed        0 abstention

**Unanimous**

**Motion Passes**

**C      Adjourn (9:55pm)**

*(Minutes Prepared/Provided by Gladys Pinto-Muñoz, Secretary and Ruby DeVera, Chair)*