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Greater Valley Glen Council



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REGULAR VIRTUAL BOARD MEETING

MINUTES – September 13, 2021

VIRTUAL MEETING TELECONFERENCING NUMBER FOR PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

In conformity with the Governor's Executive Order N-29-20 (MARCH 17, 2020) and due to concerns over COVID-19, the Greater Valley Glen Council meeting will be conducted entirely telephonically. Every person wishing to attend and/or comment at this meeting must **dial (669) 900-6833** and **enter 845 8685 4295** and **then press #** to join the meeting. You may join the meeting as early as 6:45 p.m. Instructions on how to sign up for public comment will be given to listeners at the start of the meeting, 7:00 p.m.

Officers

Anthony Bethel	President
Cosmo Moore	Vice President
Andrea Schmitt	Treasurer
Dan Stueve	Secretary

Board Members

At-Large	Cindy K Braun	District 1 Resident	Anthony Bethel
At-Large	September Forsyth	District 1 Resident	Dan Stueve
At-Large	Andrea Jones	District 2 Resident	Michael Hjelmstad
At-Large	Scott Kriloff	District 4 Resident	Christopher "Cosmo" Moore
At-Large	Daniel Lopez	District 4 Resident	Cindy M Ortiz
At-Large	Samuel May	District 5 Resident	Tiffany Phelps
At-Large	Rishab Nathan	District 6 Resident	Nadia Marina Thomas
At-Large	Andrea Schmitt		
At-Large	Robin Shafer		
At-Large	Anthony "Tony" Sipp		
At-Large	Krista Sipp		



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AGENDA

Items with a heading followed by an asterisk () indicate there are possible motions for all listed Motions that follow. Motions are followed by a second, Public comment, Board comment/discussion, and other actions including a Call for the question, and Roll Call vote.*

Item 1 Pledge of Allegiance.

Item 2 Call to Order at 7:05 p.m. and Roll Call: 14 present, 3 absent (Cindy K. Braun, Michael Hjelmstad & Scott Kriloff) Quorum achieved.

Item 3 Chair instructions for Public Comment.

Item 4 * Approval of minutes *

Motion 1: Motion to approve the August 2, 2021 Regular Board Meeting Minutes: (Bethel, Forsyth) **Motion passed. 14 yes, 0 no, 0 abstain, 3 absent (Braun, Hjelmstad & Kriloff) 0 ineligible, 0 recused.**

Board Member: Scott Kriloff joined meeting at approximately 7:13 p.m.

Item 5 * Board Nomination by Board member Anthony Bethel of Alicia Bien to join the GVGC Board as a District 5 Representative. (Bethel, Moore) Motion passed. 15 yes, 0 no, 0 abstain, 3 absent (Braun, Hjelmstad & Phelps) 0 ineligible, 0 recused.

Note: Vacant seats consist of one Youth Rep, one District 2 Rep, two District 3 Reps, one District 5 Rep, one District 6 Rep, and one At-Large Rep at the time of this Agenda. Per the Bylaws Article V, Section 6, any Board member may nominate a stakeholder to the President and the President will submit the nomination for the next Board meeting's agenda. Stakeholders shall meet the same eligibility requirements that apply to the position they would fill, as are required of elected Board Members.

Item 6 Government Representative and LAPD Reports.

Reports provided by: Officer Delatori - LAPD, Officer Perez – LAPD, Sophia Soudani, Assembly Member Adrin Nazarian's office

Item 7 Representative Reports

Reports provided by: Mickey Jannol, BANC; Joanne D'Antonio, Sustainability

Item 8 President's Motions & Comments. All motions marked *

Motion 1 * The President moves that the GVGC oppose by written letter to the City Forest Officer the most recent Draft Tree List for Public Right of Way. The published draft does not follow the City Council directive to follow the LASAN Biodiversity Report that would require the planting of more native tree species. The list does not include large canopy tree species, nor does it state



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environmental impact when choosing street trees. * **(Bethel, Stueve) Motion passed. 15 yes, 0 no, 0 abstain, 3 absent (Braun, Hjelmstad & Phelps) 0 ineligible, 0 recused.**

Motion 2 * The President moves that the GVGC appoint Stakeholder and GVGC Sustainability Rep Joanne D’Antonio as its delegate to the Neighborhood Council Sustainability Alliance (NCSA), allowing her to vote there on our behalf. * **(Bethel, Forsyth) Motion passed. 15 yes, 0 no, 0 abstain, 3 absent (Braun, Hjelmstad & Phelps) 0 ineligible, 0 recused.**

Motion 3 * 12041-12053 Burbank Blvd and 6217 Agnes Ave (“Subject Property”) The President moves that the GVGC submit a letter to the Hearing Officer for the City Planning Commission commending the Yeshiva Ketana School’s successful efforts at neighborhood traffic mitigation by facilitating student drop off and pick up at a neighboring retail property. We ask that any issuance of a CUP for this property be contingent upon the continued limitation of traffic from student families and staff of the School in the R1 zoned surrounding neighborhood and that it be a condition of any such CUP. * **(Bethel, Thomas) Motion passed. 8 yes, 1 no (Stueve), 6 abstain (Forsyth, Jones, Kriloff, Thomas, Nathan & Ortiz), 3 absent (Braun, Hjelmstad & Phelps) 0 ineligible, 0 recused.**

Item 9 Treasurer’s Report and Motions. All motions marked *

Motion 1 * **Approval of July 2021 MER.** A copy is attached and there is also a link here:

<https://clkrep.lacity.org/ncfunding/mer/4CF0270F-6AC2-49A7-BF51-2568804795EFL.pdf> * **(Schmitt, Bethel) Motion passed. 15 yes, 0 no, 0 abstain, 3 absent (Braun, Hjelmstad & Phelps) 0 ineligible, 0 recused.**

Motion 2 * The GVGC moves to approve payment to Personal Storage 3 of \$126 monthly for the term of 10/01/2021 through 06/01/2022. Due to a cost increase, this motion supersedes the 07/12/2021 motion only for the monthly payments listed here. * * **(Schmitt, Bethel) Motion passed. 15 yes, 0 no, 0 abstain, 3 absent (Braun, Hjelmstad & Phelps) 0 ineligible, 0 recused.**

Motion 3 * The GVGC moves to approve payment to Personal Storage 3 of \$11 for the month of September and due on 09/01/2021. This additional amount reflects the cost increase beginning 09/01/2021. * * **(Schmitt, Bethel) Motion passed. 15 yes, 0 no, 0 abstain, 3 absent (Braun, Hjelmstad & Phelps) 0 ineligible, 0 recused.**

Item 10 Arts & Education Committee. Report and Motions. There are no motions.

Update given by chair: Robin Shafer

Item 11 Community Outreach Committee. Report and Motions. All motions are marked *

Motion 1 * The Outreach committee moves that GVGC sponsors a Virtual Trivia Night on October 23rd and requests funding up to \$250 to purchase a one month CrowdPurr Seminar subscription to run the program.* **(Krista Sipp, schmitt) Motion passed. 14 yes, 1 no (Moore), 0 abstain, 3 absent (Braun, Hjelmstad & Phelps) 0 ineligible, 0 recused.**



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Item 12 Community Safety Committee. Report and Motions. There are no motions.

Update given by chair: Andi Jones

Item 13 Government Relations Committee. Report and Motions. All motions are marked *

Motion 1 and CIS: * The GVGC opposes Council File: 12-0460-S4 (CFMS) as it does not provide for input from neighborhood councils on planning projects, as has been the case in the past. This eliminates the opportunity for direct public engagement with developers on land use issues.

[CIS: Against] **(Tony Sipp, Nathan) Motion passed. 15 yes, 0 no, 0 abstain, 3 absent (Braun, Hjelmstad & Phelps) 0 ineligible, 0 recused.**

Motion 2 and CIS: * The GVGC supports Council File: 21-0899 and recommends it not delay the report, as ghost guns are a serious problem. *

[CIS: For] **MOTION WITHDRAWN**

The following Motions support or oppose certain State legislation now under consideration. If adopted, that support or opposition will be forwarded to Senator Hertzberg and Assemblyman Nazarian as well as posted on the California Legislature Position Letter Portal..

Motion 3 * The Government Relations committee moves to support AB 43 with the adoption of language from AB 550 as follows.

22429.

(a) A city or city and county shall offer a diversion program for indigent speed safety system violation

recipients, to perform community service in lieu of paying the penalty for a violation.

(b) A city or city and county shall offer the ability for indigent speed safety system violation recipients to pay applicable fines and penalties over a period of time under a payment plan with monthly installments of no more than twenty-five dollars (\$25) and shall limit the processing fee to participate in a payment plan to five dollars (\$5) or less.

(c) Notwithstanding subdivisions (a) and (b), a city or city and county shall reduce the applicable fines and penalties by 80 percent for indigent persons, and by 50 percent for individual's 200 percent above the federal poverty level * **(Tony Sipp, Forsyth) Motion passed. 14 yes, 0 no, 1 abstain (May), 3 absent (Braun, Hjelmstad & Phelps) 0 ineligible, 0 recused.**

Item 14 Parks, Medians, & Improvements Committee. There are no motions.

Item 15 Planning and Land Use Committee. Report and Motions. All motions are marked *

Motion 1 * The Planning and Land Use Committee moves to include on the GVGC website the following language: "It has been observed that many property owners are beginning to convert their front yards into paved parking lots, creating an environmental impact by contributing to our community's "heat island effect". This may be a violation of LADBS Zoning Code 12.21C.1, 12.21C.5, 12.21A6. Property owners are encouraged to discuss these effects with their neighbors and advise them that they may be reported for these conversions to Building and Safety Code Enforcement." * **(Stueve, Bethel) Motion passed. 15 yes, 0 no, 0 abstain, 3 absent (Braun, Hjelmstad & Phelps) 0 ineligible, 0 recused.**



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Motion 2 * The Planning and Land Use Committee moves to oppose CF 12-0460-S4 and CF 12- 0460-S5. This would effectively revise Chapter 1 of the City Charter and transfer land use authority from the City Council to the Director of Planning. Being an unelected official, this would violate the City Charter and eliminate any stakeholder engagement with regards to their own community by eliminating any previous language granting authority for Neighborhood Councils to receive notice of land use issues within their boundaries and conduct public meetings to engage stakeholders and provide feedback. * **MOTION WITHDRAWN.**

Item 16 Public Comment on non-Agenda Items. Public comment is limited to 2 minutes per speaker, unless adjusted by the Chair including but not limited to cases where there are multiple speakers on a similar non-agendized item.

Item 17 Board Comments on non-Agenda Items, including but not limited to brief announcements by Standing Committee Chairs (designees) wherein the Committee has no motions but wishes to update Board and Public on significant matters.

Item 18 * Motion to Adjourn * (Bethel/ May)

Next Regular Board Meeting is on October 4, 2021 at 7:00 p.m.

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