



Greater Valley Glen Council ("GVGC")



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REGULAR VIRTUAL BOARD MEETING

MINUTES – December 6, 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 873 6237 8061** and **then press #** to join or use the link <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/87362378061> . 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	Alicia Bien
At-Large	Rishab Nathan	District 5 Resident	Tiffany Phelps
At-Large	Andrea Schmitt	District 6 Resident	Nadia Marina Thomas
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 7:02 p.m. and Roll Call: 15 present, 4 absent (Cindy K. Braun, Michael Hjelmsted, Scott Kriloff & Daniel Lopez). Quorum achieved.

Item 3 Chair instructions for Public Comment.

Board Member: Scott Kriloff joined meeting at approximately 7:05 p.m.

Item 4 * Approval of minutes *

Motion 1: Motion to approve the November 1, 2021 Regular Board Meeting Minutes: (Bethel, Moore) **Motion passed. 16 yes, 0 no, 0 abstain, 3 absent (Braun, Hjelmstad & Lopez) 0 ineligible, 0 recused.**

Item 5 * Board Nominations: There are no motions.

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: SLO Jennifer Duvally, Assembly Member Adrian Nazarian, Emma Taylor, District Director, Assembly Member Adrian Nazarian's office, Adriana Cabrera – Department of Neighborhood Empowerment, Jeff Camp- Councilmember Paul Krekorian's office & Brenda Yanez – Supervisor Sheila Kuehl's office.

Item 7 Representative Reports

Reports provided by: Joanne D'Antonio, Sustainability (a copy is attached at the end of the minutes) & Mickey Jannol – VANC.

Item 8 President's Motions & Comments. There are no motions.



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Item 9 Treasurer’s Report and Motions. There are no motions.

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. There are no motions.

Update given by chair: Krista Sipp

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: * Regarding [Council File 21-0828](#), The Government Relations Committee moves to oppose CF 21-0828, unless it is amended to include only alternative one, which includes the replacement of outdated buildings and infrastructure, and to improve animal welfare and the visitor experience at the Los Angeles Zoo. Any other alternative is not supported, as they propose the destruction of the natural woodland habitat native to the area. [Oppose unless amended] * **(Moved as amended: Tony Sipp, Second: Krista Sipp) Motion passed. 16 yes, 0 no, 0 abstain, 3 absent (Braun, Hjelmstad & Lopez) 0 ineligible, 0 recused.**

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.

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Item 14 Homelessness Committee. There are no motions and no report by chair.

Item 15 Parks, Medians, & Improvements Committee. All motions marked *

Motion 1: * The Parks and Community Improvement Committee moves that the GVGC approve funding of up to \$500 for signage, plants, and supplies to build a butterfly garden in Valley Glen Park. This initial project may lead to similar projects in other Greater Valley Glen Parks. The goal is to provide vegetation to promote the health of local butterfly species. This motion supersedes the motion from the previous fiscal year. ***(Moved: Bethel, Second: Thomas) Motion passed. 16 yes, 0 no, 0 abstain, 3 absent (Braun, Hjelmstad & Lopez) 0 ineligible, 0 recused.**

Motion 2: * The Parks and Community Improvement Committee moves to obtain insurance for a cost of up to \$1,000 and liability coverage for up to the requirement of Recreation and Parks for Right of Entry at Valley Glen Community Park for the planting of the Butterfly Garden in said park. * **(Moved: Bethel, Second: Stueve) Motion passed. 16 yes, 0 no, 0 abstain, 3 absent (Braun, Hjelmstad & Lopez) 0 ineligible, 0 recused.**



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Item 16 Planning and Land Use Committee Report and Motions. All motions are marked*

Motion 1: * Re: 13906 Oxnard St. Case VTT-83061-SL-HCA. Motion to approve that the GVGC submit a position letter to the Hearing Officer regarding the demolition and new small lot subdivision at 13906 Oxnard St. While the GVGC has concerns that this project seems to be an overbuilt project for an R1.5 zoned parcel, it recognizes the City's current Zoning codes. However, at this time, the GVGC is not able to support the applicant unless the following concerns are addressed. There has been little to no outreach to the neighborhood on the part of the applicant. There are levels of uncertainty that there could be an extended period of time between demolition and building. Therefore we request some assurances of the estimated time to initiate new construction after the demolition is completed, and that this time be kept to the very minimum. We request that the trees bordering the southern neighbor of this property be retained for the purposes of privacy as requested by that neighbor. We request the retention of the two healthy north most Ranchito street trees and that they be protected properly with dripline fencing during construction. And, we request that the surrounding neighbors be notified well in advance of demolition. This is a respiratory health request as demolition will result in fugitive dust. This will allow neighbors to make plans accordingly. And, we request that there is no removal of any trees prior to new construction. ***(Moved as amended: Bethel, Second: Moore) Motion passed. 15 yes, 0 no, 1 abstain (Stueve), 3 absent (Braun, Hjelmstad & Lopez) 0 ineligible, 0 recused.**

Item 17 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 18 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 19 * Motion to Adjourn * (Bethel/ Stueve) 9:29 p.m.

Next Regular Board Meeting is on January 10, 2022 at 7:00 p.m.

Inquiries may be directed to Dan Stueve, Board Secretary, at dstueve@greatervalleyglencouncil.org or at (310-595-5875).



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Sustainability Report for 12-6-'21 Board Meeting

Tree Removal request 13343 W. Friar Received from Urban Forestry for liquidambar tree. Not challenged due to tree condition.

Community Forest Advisory Committee (CFAC) 11-4-'21

Leon Boroditsky of Rec and Park indicated that the pine tree that fell on 27 cars and injured 2 people at the Greek Theater had had root damage from cars parking on top of its shallow roots.

Growing Vibrant Communities – “Save Our Water and Our Trees” – City Plants webinar 11-9-'21

Overall message was “important to water trees during drought as they give the water back.” Webinar available at https://www.ncsa.la/growing_vibrant_la_communities

Neighborhood Council Sustainability Alliance (NCSA) 11-14-'21

Center for Biological Diversity recommended simplifying the holidays and giving non-tangible gifts.

NCSA voted non-support of full Zoo Expansion Project that would remove 400 trees and non-support of Alternative 2 which removes 200 trees, but voted to support Alternative 1 that does not remove any trees but allow expansion of Zoo. CF 21-0828

NCSA voted support of the Mulholland Design Review Board CF 21-1286

Spectrum One 11-17-21

Coverage of Sunswept Project at Ventura Blvd. opposite Bed, Bath & Beyond. Member of Studio City NC and neighbor stopped development excavation without permits near over 100 protected walnut trees.

Community Forest Advisory Committee (CFAC) 12-2-'21

Discussion of 500 year old valley oak tree that caused a fatality: Google Maps shows excavation at base of tree in past years and irrigated turf over roots of tree that possibly contributed to decline of tree. Also neighbors noticed lean of tree accelerating.

Concerns that SB9 will result in severe loss of property trees. City Forest Officer has not been able to come up with a plan with enforcement to save landmark property trees, though Council File passed to preserve these trees.

State Water Board Meeting 12-3-'21

Los Angeles water needs for trees calculated only counting street trees and front yard trees. Problem that they could not figure out how to count backyard trees. (90% of LA trees are on private property.)

Community effort to save landmark tree at 4837 Laurelgrove in Valley Village – 100 people signed petition and they are planning a press event. Property belonged to John Wayne at one time.