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Greater Valley Glen Council

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Regular Board Meeting Minutes

Monday, September 14th at 7 pm PST

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Ande Endewardt	At-Large Rep	Robin Shafer	District 5 Rep
Lisa Goich	District 1 Rep	Dwayne Shirley	District 2 Rep
Andrea Jones	At-Large Rep	Angel Song	Youth Rep
Robin Lev	District 6 Rep	Cher Tenbush	At-Large Rep
Daniel Lopez	At-Large Rep	Michael Woods	District 1 Rep
Joanne D'Antonio	At-Large Rep	Douglas Hileman	At-Large Rep

Notes:

- 1) A Quorum for any GVGC Board Meeting is 9 Board Members.
- 2) Motions (or Official Actions) pass with a Majority of the sum of Yes and No votes cast.
- 3) [Rosenberg's Rules of Order](#) shall decide all order/procedure not otherwise provided by the [GVGC Bylaws](#).

Secretary's Note: Each item # below matches the item # that appeared in the published agenda for this meeting.

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If a Neighborhood Council has a quorum of board members in a physical location, board members who wish to join the meeting via teleconferencing must adhere to AB 2449 rules and regulations. If a Neighborhood Council does not have a quorum of board members in a physical location, they must adhere to SB 411 rules and regulations. In the event of a disruption that prevents the eligible legislative body from broadcasting the meeting to members of the public using the call-in option or internet-based service option, or in the event of a disruption within the eligible legislative body's control that prevents members of the public from offering public comments using the call-in option or internet-based service option, the eligible legislative body shall take no further action on items appearing on the meeting agenda until public access to the meeting via the call-in option or internet-based service option is restored. Actions taken on agenda items during a disruption that prevents the eligible legislative body from broadcasting the meeting may be challenged pursuant to Section 54960.1.

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(i) An eligible legislative body that provides a timed public comment period for each agenda item shall not close the public comment period for the agenda item, or the opportunity to register, pursuant to subparagraph , to provide public comment until that timed public comment period has elapsed.

MINUTES

a. CALL TO ORDER

- i. Meeting Called to Order by Daniel Lopez 7:30

b. ROLL CALL

- i. Call of the roll and certification of a quorum

Present (13): David Berman, Joanne D'Antonio, Lisa Goich-Andreadis, Robin Lev, Daniel Lopez, Cosmo Moore, Sloan Myrick, Robin Shafer, Dwayne Shirley, Angel Song, Cher Tenhush, Michael Woods, Douglas Hileman

Absent (3): William Blanco, Ande Endewardt, Andrea Jones

c. APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES FROM PRIOR MEETINGS

i. August Minutes: Motion to approve August minutes by Daniel Lopez. Seconded by Robin Lev.

Ayes (12): David Berman, Joanne D'Antonio, Lisa Goich-Andreadis, Robin Lev, Daniel Lopez, Cosmo Moore, Sloan Myrick, Robin Shafer, Dwayne Shirley, Angel Song, Cher Tenhush, Michael Woods

Nays (0): NONE

Abstentions (0)

d. ELECTED OFFICES/DEPARTMENTS/ORGANIZATION ANNOUNCEMENTS

i. Public Safety Reports:

Officer Kristan Delatori introduced **Officer Grant Goosby** (Canine Unit) and new senior lead. Announced opportunity for a neighborhood to participate in Canine Training, a large scale training event with suspects hidden in the participating neighborhood. The request is for a neighborhood to volunteer. The training would shut down a couple blocks and residents would be asked to stay inside. The training involves hiding decoys in yards and actively searching in people's yards. Need pretty much 100 percent participation on a couple blocks. **Delatori**: Van Nuys has been battling with largest decrease in crime to date. 9th month of year, VN over 30% down for part 1 crimes. Need community to protect private spaces. 10/4 VC farmer's market opportunity to meet and talk with officers. **Officer Evelyn Akserelian** Basic Car A19: 9/29 coffee event corner of Sherman Way and Van Nuys. Will send flyer. (818)731-2566 39031@ladp.online contact information for Officer Evelyn Akserelian

ii. Government Departments/Agencies, including Budget Advocates, Librarian, etc.

Ben Kwok : Regarding Councilmember Nazarian's vote on 41.18 vote application in Councilmember Hugo Soto Martinez's CD area. Nazarian's vote in favor doesn't affect CD 2's methodology and philosophy towards the matter. Nazarian's vote was in deference to local a councilmember and we expect the same deference on a vote when it applies to issues in CD2. Given the vote, it could mean more resources regarding encampments are available in CD2 since CD13 won't be using them. The KUSC events had several thousand attendees. No smoking signs in VG and LG Parks: Rec and Parks will fabricate No Smoking and Leash Law signs too. Valley Glen monument sign: currently the plan to repair the sign

is to do a mural and paint it with anti-graffiti coating suggesting it is more practical solution given theft of any metals and ongoing vandalism. Playground surface in Valley Glen Park: maintenance acknowledges necessity and bundled repair with other parks. **Mickey Jannol** added that Tracy Goldberg directed maintenance people to do some patchwork repairs. There are visible seams but made repairs have been made. **Lionel Mares** asked a charter reform question – Ben will confer and get answer for next meeting. **Sloan Myrick** – asked if the monument sign on Vanowen and Fulton will be painted. The one at Burbank and Coldwater, frame falling off, not sure paint will work. Ben said it is not prudent to use something that can be stolen. Ben suggests that if we want to do improvements beyond painting maybe matching funds with our NC for improvements to signage. Murals come with contractual deal with artist to maintain for up to 2 years so wouldn't want to replace without that lapsing. Joanne D'Antonio asked if we will we get input on design of murals. Ben says Jackie will narrow down submissions. Joanne wants input on theme prior to submissions. Ben will defer to Jackie but open to input.

iii. DONE-Department of Neighborhood Empowerment General Report

Vincent Autiero: Congress of Neighborhoods, Saturday September 26, 2026 8am-5pm LA City Hall. Joy Akins Awards: Tuesday, September 22, 2026, at Los Angeles City Hall Public Works Board Room from 1:00-3:30 p.m. This ceremony will honor the nominees across the Neighborhood Council system and announce the winners of this year's Joy P. Atkinson Neighborhood Council Excellence Awards. RSVP by 9/17. Mayor's Office Community Safety Seminar Webinar: Wednesday, October 7, 2026 | Noon to 1:00 p.m./Virtual. Oct 14th Planning Community Clean Up Webinar Workshop: From Planning Community Cleanups to Increasing Neighborhood Engagement Wednesday, October 14 at Noon, Zoom Virtual Workshop. The Los Angeles Sanitation and Environment (LASAN) team will join us to share guidance ranging from planning tips and logistics to City resources available to Neighborhood Councils. EmpowerLA will also share strategies for using cleanups as more than a one-day event. They can be great for local partnerships, engaging stakeholders, and growing Neighborhood Council awareness. The workshop login link will be emailed upon registration via Zoom. The session will be recorded, and presentation materials will be shared with all who register. Elections: The Neighborhood Council Board should agendaize where you would like to have in person election. There will be in person or mail in voting. Chose primary location and alternate location. 4-6 hours.

iv. Officers of Congress, Assembly, Mayor, City Council, County Supervisor, and School Board

Fabian Alonso: Legislative update: 9 bills have made way to the Governor's desk; the Governor has until 9/30/2026 to sign, veto or leave inactive. On 8/6 the Assembly Office hosted an Open House with over 150 constituents. On 8/20 the Assembly Office had Small Business Summer Mixer with over 150 attendees. Fall internship application deadline 11/25/2026 to apply. Caltrans clean ups scheduled around Victory Blvd. on 9/4/2026 and another scheduled on 9/27/2026; Victory to Oxnard 9/4 and 9/17. Req for iron fencing: CalTrans doesn't have equipment to maintain and repair iron fencing. The Assembly Officer

continues to advocate for fencing. Continue to use CSRs and send CSRs to Fabian with photos.

e. GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENT ON NON-AGENDA ITEMS (2 min max)

Bea Rulli: Still need the Great Wall didactics approved. Still waiting for approval. Ben Kwok had no advice how to expedite the process, defers to Jackie Keene. Bea says they would love to host events at the Great Wall with the council office. Lucas Museum will be featuring sketches and other installations relating to the Great Wall in the museum. Bergamont showcased 1980s sketches. Vibes and Atmosphere on 11/13/2026 will be an event at Skirball celebrating the 50th anniversary of Great Wall. UCLA students had a final examination project designing a LA Great Wall Park, but no budget to actually create the park. "It would transcend." Tours: In anticipation of weather association with El Nino Bea is looking for ways to navigate tours of the Great Wall on school campuses, bringing the Wall to schools. Would be less expensive than renting a bus.

Lionel Mares: Raised awareness regarding Council file 26-12338 Ad Hoc Committee on charter review. Independent Ethics Committee meeting Wednesday.

f. Discussion and Possible Action: Brief Introduction Opportunity for Interested GVGC Candidates' Consideration and Possible Vote for Appointment to the GVGC Board.

There is only one vacancy on the Board and it is in District 3. Alison Godachy's appointment to the Board at our August meeting is void due to no vacancy.

a. Vacancy of District 3 (2027): No candidates presented themselves

NEW BUSINESS

g. TREASURER'S MOTIONS

i. Motion to approve the July MERs: Motion by Cher Tenbush, seconded by Daniel Lopez. [David Berman: Asked whether community improvement project money that is unspent could be spent to fix railing on NW corner of Burbank and Coldwater. No discussion of this until it is agendaized]

Ayes (11): David Berman, Joanne D'Antonio, Lisa Goich-Andreadis, Robin Lev, Daniel Lopez, Cosmo Moore, Sloan Myrick, Robin Shafer, Dwayne Shirley, Cher Tenbush, Michael Woods

Nays (0): NONE

Abstentions (0)

Ineligible (1): Angel Song

ii. Motion to approve the August MERs: Motion by Cher Tenbush, seconded by Robin Lev.

Ayes (11): David Berman, Joanne D'Antonio, Lisa Goich-Andreadis, Robin Lev, Daniel Lopez, Cosmo Moore, Sloan Myrick, Robin Shafer, Dwayne Shirley, Cher Tenbush, Michael Woods

Nays (0): NONE

Abstentions (0)

Ineligible (1): Angel Song

h. COMMITTEE REPORTS

i. Communications and Government Relations: Chair not present

ii. Parks, Medians and Improvements: **Sloan:** Contract signed for biweekly maintenance. Reached out to LACore waiting to get a return phone call for tree watering for Victory median. We had 2 inches of rain which helped for a little while. **Joanne:** met with American Heritage Landscape and they were prepared to water, and she suspects they will fill the watering bags on the Victory median. Someone already cleaned up Whitsett medians and American Heritage only had to pick up the bags. One piece of dumped furniture was there. An unknown person is planting in the Victory median.

iii. Public Safety and Health: **David** is chair. Committee has not met.

iv. Planning and Land Use:

v. Arts and Education: **Lisa:** tomorrow's meeting cancelled. Will meet in October.

i. COMMITTEE MEMBERSHIP AND COMPOSITION

Daniel: We have quorum of 9 so the max number of members on committees is 4. Arts Education has a 3 person committee. Public Safety and Health Committee members: Cosmo, David, Robin, Dwayne. Planning and Land Use: Dan will Chair, Joanne will be vice chair and Andi will be the third member. Committee will be ad hoc.

j. BOARD REPORTS

i. President

ii. Vice President

iii. Secretary

iv. Treasurer: **Cher** will update budget packet and changes will be submitted as an Agenda item.

v. Sustainability Report: **Joanne:** Zone Zero, Board of Forestry for state came up with regulations but before they could present them, a comment on the legality of them was made and the proposed regulations were withdrawn. No removal of any foliage has to take place. Chaparral is the best defense to fires. The artificial fire breaks create space for invasive weeds. Natural hillside plants most fire resistant thing we have in fire areas. Community forestry and budget advocates won a case to preserve trees in a development in Eagle Rock because the developer couldn't provide plans didn't consider trees on the hillside. Trees committee sustainability alliance will meet Saturday and will discuss the implications since urban forestry stopped sending notifications to NCs regarding removal of trees.

k. ADJOURNMENT 8:35 pm (Next meeting October 5, 2026.)

Submitted

Robin Lev, Greater Valley Glen Council Board Secretary

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