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GREATER VALLEY GLEN COUNCIL  
BOARD MEETING – AGENDA  
MONDAY, February 3, 2020 @ 7:00 pm  
Uncle Tony's Pizzeria  
13007 Victory Blvd, Valley Glen 91606

13654 Victory Blvd., #136  
Valley Glen, CA 91401  
greatervalleyglencouncil.org

**BOARD MEMBERS**

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**GVGC QUORUM IS 13 BOARD MEMBERS**

**Public Parking: Use Parking Structure Roof Level**

1. Call to order and Pledge of Allegiance –
2. Board Roll Call – Secretary
  - a. Motion for approval of Minutes for December, 2019.- 2 minutes
3. Possible motion for nomination and approval of new Board members. – 2 minutes
4. Public Comment on Items not on current Agenda:- 6 minutes
5. Treasurer's Report – A. Sipp, Treasurer – 6 minutes.
  - a. Motion for approval of MERS.  
<https://cityclerk.lacity.org.NCFundPortal.display.cfm?id=1874&type=5>
  - b. Motion for approval of Affidavit for the incurred expenditure of \$129.47 at Tony's Pizzeria on 9/9/2019 and \$ 79.55 at Tony's Pizzeria on 11/26/2019. Both expenses were for food for general meeting and committee meeting .- 2 minutes
  - c. Motion for the expenditure of no more than \$1000.00 for required security and after-meeting maintenance for the District 3 LAUSD Debate at Monarch Hall, LAVC on February 26, 2020.
  - d. Motion for the payment of previously approved ad in the VGNA newsletter. Payment to be \$400.00.
  - e. Motion for reimbursement to Board member M. Jannol for expenditure of \$45.00 for food at PLUM Committee meeting.
6. LAPD Senior Leads Reports. 5 minutes
  - a. Officer Bergmann ([32052@lapd.lacity.org](mailto:32052@lapd.lacity.org))
  - b. Officer Perez ([35569@lacity.org](mailto:35569@lacity.org))
  - c. Officer Duvally ([30991@lapd.lacity.org](mailto:30991@lapd.lacity.org))
  - d. Government Representative Reports.
    - a. EmpowerLA Representative, Karen Hernandez – 2 minutes
    - b. LA City CD2, P. Krekorian Representative, Sahag Yedalian – 2 minutes
    - c. CA Assembly 46<sup>th</sup> District, A. Nazarian Representative, Stephanie Mkhlian – 2 minutes
- . Committee Reports and motions
- 7. Parks, Improvements & Medians Committee- M. Jannol, Chair**
  - a. Committee Report  
Motion 1. The GVGC approves the Adopt A Median program for the updating and repair of the sign on the Coldwater/Burbank median.
- 8.. Government Relations Committee – W. Hall, Chair - 10 minutes**
  - a. Committee report

Motion 1: The Greater Valley Glen Council favors the proposed report from the Department of Water and Power relative to the feasibility and costs to underground electric distribution facilities in high fire zones, but to additionally report on the feasibility and costs to use insulated conductors as an alternative solution to undergrounding, and on additional practices that would minimize possible utility-caused fire-starting points. (CF 19-1361) [**For if Amended**]

Motion 2: Blocking sidewalks by businesses and street vendors is a problem within the footprint of our neighborhood council and in surrounding areas. The Greater Valley Glen Council supports the City Council motion (19-1334) that requests development of an ordinance that would facilitate the citing of non-permit holders from creating violations of the Americans with Disabilities Act [**For**]

Motion 3: The Greater Valley Glen Council favors the City implementing the various measures proposed in CF 15-0499-S1 that are designed to enhance protection of the City's urban forest. [For] [The details of the measures as proposed can be found at [http://clkrep.lacity.org/online/docs/2015/15-0499-s1\\_mot\\_10-17-2018.pdf](http://clkrep.lacity.org/online/docs/2015/15-0499-s1_mot_10-17-2018.pdf) ]

Motion 4: The Greater Valley Glen Council approves the sending of a letter to the Bureau of Street Services Urban Forestry Division objecting to deficiencies in their planned tree inventory, especially the increased likelihood of mischaracterizing the health status of deciduous trees if surveyed during their dormant, winter state. GVGC proposes postponing the tree inventory until the summer months or otherwise follow-up the reporting on deciduous trees with a summertime reassessment.

Motion 5: For residents of Greater Valley Glen, the proposed joint development project at the Metro North Hollywood Station appears less than user-friendly. Without adequate and easily accessible parking, riding the Red Line in lieu of freeway use by our constituency is problematic. As proposed, parking for public transit users is to be scattered about various project structures, with a smart phone app listing of site-specific parking availability. With no guarantee that a spot will remain available, especially as traffic within and about the project will cause delays, finding parking becomes difficult and uncertain and ultimately sours Red Line ridership by those not within walking distance of it. The Greater Valley Glen Council approves sending a letter to project management asking for a redesign of parking facilities and the building of more parking in close proximity to the station. Additionally, this letter will communicate our objection to the project's proposed felling of many mature trees and ask for a redesign to save as many, if not all, of those trees.

Motion 6: This year marks the 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary of Earth Day. The GVGC supports the *Earth Day Greater Los Angeles 2020!* organized observance of this golden anniversary to be held at Grand Park and the surrounding Los Angeles Civic Center on Sunday, April 19, 2020. This effort is supported by a large number of sponsors, 33 as of January 21. The GVGC approves it becoming a co-sponsor of this Earth Day celebration and approves a \$3000 donation in support of it. Accordingly, the GVGC will receive appropriate recognition of this sponsorship.

Motion 7: The GVGC approves filing its comments on the Draft Environmental Impact Report now under review for the Safe Sidewalks LA proposal that would include:

1. Extension of the comment time by 60 days until April 24, 2020;
2. Call for every possible effort to redesign sidewalks around trees utilizing bulb-outs and meandering sidewalks and that only those trees absolutely necessary to be removed for sidewalk repair be removed, with no pre-emptive removal of trees not causing problems;
3. Replacement of all trees removed for the sidewalk repair program be mitigated at a ratio of 4:1, with species of equal size at maturity and located in the same neighborhood as those removed;
4. Require that the EIR be amended to consider tree removal a significant adverse impact with binding mitigation measures; and
5. Require that every tree removed under the sidewalk repair program require due process of notification through an Urban Forestry Division tree removal notice and that removal of more than 2 trees at a given site continue to require a Board of Public Works hearing.

Motion 8: The GVGC approves transmittal to the Bureau of Street Service its opposition to a Tree Blitz Program in place of one of two annual Pothole Blitz efforts as we find that City streets continue to demand attention and repair. We find the Tree Blitz proposal to be piecemeal in nature and lacking thoughtful planning with no analysis of possible benefits versus the time and dollars that would be expended on it. Accordingly the GVGC recommendation is that, before any such Tree Blitz effort be undertaken, the Street Tree Inventory be conducted first and an overall Urban Forestry Master Plan with ecological consultation from the scientific community be subsequently created and adopted so that future tree planting is done in a systematic and responsible way.

Motion 9: The GVGC recognizes the critical need for more affordable housing in California. We do not approve a one-size-fits-all approach imposed by State legislation. Approval of housing development is most effectively addressed at the local level. This is especially true in Los Angeles, the State's largest city. As such, we continue to oppose State Senate Bill SB 50, now under continued

#### **Sustainability Report for 11-20'19**

Report by Joanne D'Antonio, Sustainability Representative, GVGC.

Posted on GVGC website under City Reports: <https://www.greatervalleyglencouncil.org/special-reports/>

**VANC** report – none submitted.

#### **9. Planning and Land Use Committee – C. Ferreyra, Chair – 5 minutes**

- a. Committee report – M. Jannol for C. Ferreyra
- b. Motion 1. Committee recommends approval to support a zoning variance requested by Chan Thai Spa, at 12838 Victory Blvd., to operate a spa business in a C-1 (commercial/retail, not including spa businesses) zone.

#### **10. Community Safety Committee – A. Schmitt, Chair**

- a. Committee Report –

#### **12. Arts and Education Committee- - J. Milton, Chair**

- a. Committee report.

#### **13. Community Outreach Committee – S. Myrick, Chair**

- a. Committee report

**14.** Board member comments on items not on current agenda and opportunity to request placement of items on future agendas.

**Next GVGC Board meeting will be held Monday, March 2, 2020, 7:00pm  
Fireside Room, Campus Center, LA Valley College, 5800 Fulton Ave., Valley Glen, CA 910410**

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**RECONSIDERATION AND GRIEVANCE PROCESS**

For information on the PNC’s process for board action reconsideration, stakeholder grievance policy, or any other procedural matters related to this Council, please consult the PNC Bylaws. The Bylaws are available at our Board meetings and our website [www.greatervalleyglencouncil.org](http://www.greatervalleyglencouncil.org)

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