



# Greater Valley Glen Council ("GVGC")



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

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## REGULAR VIRTUAL BOARD MEETING

**November 02, 2020 - Call to Order at 7:00 p.m.**

### 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 837 8366 5847** 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

<b>Anthony Bethel</b>	President
<b>Cosmo Moore</b>	Vice President
<b>Andrea Schmitt</b>	Treasurer
<b>Joanne D'Antonio</b>	Secretary

#### Board Members

<b>Leslie Aguirre</b>	At-Large Rep	<b>Jah Milton</b>	At-Large Rep
<b>Joseph Barmettler</b>	District 4 Rep	<b>Cosmo Moore</b>	District 4 Rep
<b>Anthony Bethel</b>	District 1 Rep	<b>Sloan Myrick</b>	District 5 Rep
<b>Joanne D'Antonio</b>	At-Large Rep	<b>Kristin Robinson</b>	At-Large Rep
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<b>Mickey Jannol</b>	At-Large Rep	<b>Krista Sipp</b>	At-Large Rep
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<b>Artur Manasyan</b>	Youth Rep	<b>Grady Williams</b>	At-Large Rep



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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 and Roll Call.**

**Item 3 Chair instructions for Public Comment.**

**Item 4 \* Approval of September 14, 2020 Special Board Meeting Minutes. \***

**Item 5 \* Approval of October 05, 2020 Regular Board Meeting Minutes \***

**Item 6 \* Possible Nominations** by Board members to fill an open seat on the Board. \*

**Note:** Vacant seats consist of one District 2 Rep, and two District 3 Reps. 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 7 Government Representative and LAPD Reports.** Please alert the Chair if you wish to present. Please limit each presentation to 2 minutes unless the Chair allows more time.

**Item 8 \* President's Motions.** All motions marked \*

**Motion 1: \*Possible Nomination of Parks & Community Improvement Committee Chair. \***

**Motion 2: \* Approval of GVGC 2021 Neighborhood Council Elections Worksheet \***

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

**Motion 1 \* Approval of September 2020 MERs.** A copy is attached and there is also a link here:

<https://clkrep.lacity.org/ncfunding/mer/511F22A2-AA00-4DC2-9FD9-DBC5B681F72BL.pdf>

**Motion 2: \*Approval** to pay Personal Storage 3 **\$23. \$15** for a late fee and **\$8** for a new padlock. \*

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

**Item 11 \* Outreach Committee.** Report and Motions. \*

**Motion 1: \*** The GVGC shall schedule an event to hold a virtual trivia night on 11/14/2020 utilizing the CrowdPurr app and Zoom. \*



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## Item 12 \* Public Safety Committee. Report and Motions. \*

**Motion 1:** \* The Community Safety Committee will recommend the creation of a Community Benefits Agreement between the Greater Valley Glen Neighborhood Council and Los Angeles City Council District 2, with the intention of completion before April 2021. \*

**Motion 2:** \* The Community Safety Committee expresses its blanket support for any GVG constituent seeking to apply to the Slow Streets program. The committee trusts LADOT will determine the merits of each individual request and grant approval accordingly. \*

## Item 13 Planning and Land Use Committee. Report and Motions. There were no motions.

## Item 14 \* Government Relations Committee. Report and Motions. All motions marked \*

Where Los Angeles City Council Files (CF) are referenced, their intent, status and history can be found at the LACityClerk Connect website: <https://cityclerk.lacity.org/lacityclerkconnect/>

Where California State Legislation is referenced (SB or AB), their intent, status and history can be found at: <https://leginfo.ca.gov/faces/billSearchClient.xhtml>

**Motion 1 and CIS:** \* The Greater Valley Glen Council opposes the request in CF 20-1267 for a report from the Chief Legislative Analyst (CLA), the LAPD and the City Attorney on more effective ways to limit noise from vehicles with modified exhaust systems. Such noise is a chronic problem for GVGC neighborhoods. Instead of a report, we propose that enforcement of applicable California Vehicle Code Sections already on the books - that set well-defined decibel limits - be facilitated by supplying Sound Level Meters to enforcing officers. At the same time such devices would aid in enforcement of limits on sound levels from vehicle audio systems. [CIS: Against unless Amended] \*

**Motion 2 and CIS:** \* The Greater Valley Glen Council supports the recommendation in CF 16-0163-S12 to amend the Los Angeles Municipal Code to require the owner of a lot undergoing an improvement project or a lot with a private tree causing damage to a sidewalk to repair the abutting sidewalk, and to waive the dedication fees when a lot owner requests a sidewalk be diverted onto the owner's lot to save a tree. [CIS: For] \*

**Motion 3 and CIS:** \* The Greater Valley Glen Council supports the recommendation in CF 20-0189 instructing the Planning Department to prepare revised Transit Oriented Communities Guidelines to increase the 55-year covenanted affordable housing percentage requirements in high and mid-market areas. While supporting this effort, we see its benefits to be marginal. [CIS: For] \*

**Motion 4 and CIS:** \* The Greater Valley Glen Council supports Controller Ron Galperin's recommendation in his report (**Meeting the Moment; An Action Plan to Advance Prop. HHH**: CF 20-1145) that the City use HHH funds to pursue the acquisition of existing buildings, like hotels/motels, and unused commercial and office space for adaptive reuse as a quicker approach to house the homeless than the more long-term projects currently being built under HHH, which do not provide a sufficient number of units for the large numbers of homeless, and is not cost-effective. While we favor quickly built temporary housing, we are against putting this in public park space or removing trees to accommodate these structures. [CIS: For if Amended] \*

## Item 15 Parks, Medians, & Improvements Committee. Report and Motions. There were no motions.

## Representative Reports



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**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 \***

**Please, note that, should this Meeting run longer than scheduled, a Special Continuance Meeting *may* be scheduled on November 5, 2020, pursuant to a majority Board vote.**

**Next Regular Board Meeting is on December 07, 2020 at 7:00 p.m.**

Please note the following:

1) A copy of this Agenda is posted on the GVGC website and GVGC Facebook page. It is physically posted at Uncle Tony's Pizzeria, Erwin Street Elementary School, Monlux Elementary School, Kittridge Street Elementary School, and the baseball backstop at Valley Glen Community Park.

2) A Quorum of 12 Board members is needed to discuss/consider/vote on Official Actions. Official Actions by a majority of the sum of Aye and No votes cast. Abstentions are not considered.

3) The public is Invited to this meeting by accessing the Zoom information above. Pursuant to the Agenda, the Public is invited to comment on items as called for in the Agenda.



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## Disclosures:

**\*PUBLIC ACCESS OF RECORDS** • In compliance with Government Code section 54957.5, non-exempt writings that are distributed to a majority or all the board In advance of a meeting may be viewed at Uncle Tony's Pizzeria, 13007 Victory Blvd Valley Glen, CA 91606, at [www.greatervalleyglencouncil.org](http://www.greatervalleyglencouncil.org) or at a scheduled meeting. If you would like a copy of any record related to an item on the agenda, please contact Anthony Bethel, Board President, at [abethel@greatervalleyglencouncil.org](mailto:abethel@greatervalleyglencouncil.org) or at (323) 243-8191.

**PUBLIC INPUT AT NEIGHBORHOOD COUNCIL MEETINGS** - The public is requested to dial \*9 to raise their hand. When recognized to speak by the presiding officer, dial \*6 to unmute yourself to address the Board on any agenda Item before the Board takes an action on an item. Comments from the public on agenda items will be heard only when the respective item is being considered. Comments from the public on other matters not appearing on the agenda that are within the Board's jurisdiction will be heard during the General Public Comment period. Please note that under the Brown Act, the Board is prevented from acting on a matter that you bring to its attention during the General Public Comment period; however, the issue raised by a member of the public may become the subject of a future Board meeting. Public comment is limited to 2 minutes per speaker, unless adjusted by the presiding officer of the Board.

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# 2021 NEIGHBORHOOD COUNCIL ELECTIONS

## ELECTION INFORMATION WORKSHEET



The 2021 NC Elections will be all Vote-By-Mail. Please use this form to provide the Office of the City Clerk with your Neighborhood Council's preferred mail ballot drop box hours and location, translation preferences, and election chair for the 2021 Neighborhood Council Elections. This worksheet will supplement the policies and procedures in the Neighborhood Council 2021 Election Handbook.

Board action is required to confirm the information on this worksheet. If this worksheet is not returned to the City Clerk by **November 13, 2020**, the City Clerk will select the options for you.

**PLEASE SUBMIT THIS FORM TO THE CITY CLERK BY NOVEMBER 13, 2020**

1	<b>NEIGHBORHOOD COUNCIL:</b> <u>Greater Valley Glen</u>														
2	<b>DROP BOX HOURS:</b> Select a six to eight-hour window between the hours of 9:00 a.m. and 8:00 p.m. to have the drop box. <div style="display: flex; justify-content: space-around; align-items: center;"><div style="text-align: center;">12 : 00 a.m./p.m. START TIME</div><div>TO</div><div style="text-align: center;">8 : 00 a.m./p.m. END TIME</div></div>														
3	<p><b>DROP BOX LOCATION:</b> Provide a location (and an alternate) <i>within</i> your NC boundaries to use as a drop off location for NC ballots. The City Clerk will verify that this location is available on Election Day, complies with the Americans with Disabilities Act, and has adequate parking. The City Clerk reserves the right to use a facility that may not be a preferred location by the NC.</p> <p><b>Facility Name:</b> <u>Uncle Tony's Pizzeria</u></p> <p><b>Address:</b> <u>13007 Victory Blvd, North Hollywood, CA 91606</u></p> <p><b>Location Contact Information:</b></p> <table border="0" style="width: 100%;"><tr><td style="width: 40%;">Mary</td><td style="width: 40%;">info@uncletonys.pizza</td><td style="width: 20%;"></td></tr><tr><td>Contact Name</td><td>Email</td><td>Phone</td></tr></table> <p>Have you made contact with this location regarding the election? (Optional) <input checked="" type="radio"/> YES <input type="radio"/> NO</p> <p>-----</p> <p><b>Alternate Facility Name:</b> <u>Subway Sandwiches</u></p> <p><b>Address:</b> <u>13321 Burbank Blvd Suite E, Van Nuys, CA 91401</u></p> <p><b>Location Contact Information:</b></p> <table border="0" style="width: 100%;"><tr><td style="width: 40%;"></td><td style="width: 40%;"></td><td style="width: 20%;"></td></tr><tr><td>Contact Name</td><td>Email</td><td>Phone</td></tr></table> <p>Have you made contact with this location regarding the election? (Optional) <input type="radio"/> YES <input checked="" type="radio"/> NO</p>			Mary	info@uncletonys.pizza		Contact Name	Email	Phone				Contact Name	Email	Phone
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For more information, please contact the Office of the City Clerk – Election Division at  
(213) 978-0444 or toll free at (888) 873-1000

[clerk.electionsnc@lacity.org](mailto:clerk.electionsnc@lacity.org)



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## ELECTION INFORMATION WORKSHEET



4	<b>NC ELECTION BOARD CONTACT INFORMATION</b>			
	Election Committee Chair: <u>Anthony Bethel</u>		<u>323-243-8191</u>	<u>gvgc.abethel@gmail.com</u>
	Name		Phone	Email
	Secondary Contact: <u>Christopher (Cosmo) Moore</u>		<u>818-826-3704</u>	<u>gvgcmoore@gmail.com</u>
5	Name		Phone	Email
	<b>TRANSLATIONS:</b> Specify additional language(s) needed for the following forms. These documents will automatically be translated in Spanish and Korean. The Neighborhood Council <b>must</b> contribute \$200 for each additional language.			
	Candidate Filing Application: _____			
	Specify requested language(s)			
Vote-By-Mail Application: _____				
Specify requested language(s)				
<b>NEIGHBORHOOD COUNCIL APPROVAL</b>				
By signing below, the President/Chair of the above-named Neighborhood Council declares under the penalty of perjury that the information in this Election Information Worksheet was approved as an official action of the Board per the Neighborhood Council's Bylaws at a Brown Act-noticed Neighborhood Council public meeting, held with a quorum of the Board present. If requested, the Neighborhood Council will provide the Neighborhood Council agenda, minutes, or resolution supporting the approval of this document.				
Date of Board Action: <u>11/02/2020</u>		Board Vote: _____ Yes _____ No _____ Abstentions		
President/Chair: <u>Anthony Bethel</u>				
Name		Signature		
<u>323-243-8191</u>		<u>gvgc.abethel@gmail.com</u>		
Phone		Email		



# Monthly Expenditure Report



Reporting Month: September 2020 Budget Fiscal Year: 2020-2021

NC Name: Greater Valley Glen  
Neighborhood Council

Monthly Cash Reconciliation					
Beginning Balance	Total Spent	Remaining Balance	Outstanding	Commitments	Net Available
\$40190.28	\$2669.95	\$37520.33	\$2328.96	\$11000.00	\$24191.37

Monthly Cash Flow Analysis					
Budget Category	Adopted Budget	Total Spent this Month	Unspent Budget Balance	Outstanding	Net Available
Office	\$22371.06	\$375.00	\$17891.39	\$2328.96	\$15562.43
Outreach		\$2294.95		\$0.00	
Elections		\$0.00		\$0.00	
Community Improvement Project	\$33250.00	\$0.00	\$33250.00	\$0.00	\$33250.00
Neighborhood Purpose Grants	\$5000.00	\$0.00	\$5000.00	\$0.00	\$5000.00
Funding Requests Under Review: \$11000.00		Encumbrances: \$0.00		Previous Expenditures: \$1809.72	

Expenditures						
#	Vendor	Date	Description	Budget Category	Sub-category	Total
1	EIG CONSTANTCONTACT.CO	09/10/2020	Constant Contact Monthly Expense - email marketing	General Operations Expenditure	Outreach	\$45.00
2	Personal Storage 3	08/07/2020	Motion 4: Approval to pay "Personal Storage 3" \$115 for June 2020 storage Rent	General Operations Expenditure	Office	\$115.00
3	Personal Storage 3	09/07/2020	Motion 4: Approval to pay "Personal Storage 3" \$115 for June 2020 storage Rent	General Operations Expenditure	Office	\$115.00
4	Everythingbranded USA Inc	08/24/2020	Approval for up to \$2,250.00 to buy GVGC branded masks (a mix of adult and child sizes using the GVGC name and logo) to pass out as a promotional tool, with an attached paper ex...	General Operations Expenditure	Outreach	\$2249.95
5	Personal Storage 3	09/15/2020	Rent for June 6 2020 to July 7 2020	General Operations Expenditure	Office	\$115.00
6	Personal Storage 3	09/16/2020	Motion to approve payment to Personal Storage 3 of a \$30 Late Fee for the missed payment on the June 2020 invoice.	General Operations Expenditure	Office	\$30.00
<b>Subtotal:</b>						<b>\$2669.95</b>

Outstanding Expenditures
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#	Vendor	Date	Description	Budget Category	Sub-category	Total
1	Personal Storage 3	10/07/2020	Motion 4: Approval to pay "Personal Storage 3" \$115 for June 2020 storage Rent	General Operations Expenditure	Office	\$115.00
2	Personal Storage 3	11/07/2020	Motion 4: Approval to pay "Personal Storage 3" \$115 for June 2020 storage Rent	General Operations Expenditure	Office	\$115.00
3	Personal Storage 3	12/07/2020	Motion 4: Approval to pay "Personal Storage 3" \$115 for June 2020 storage Rent	General Operations Expenditure	Office	\$115.00
4	Personal Storage 3	01/07/2021	Motion 4: Approval to pay "Personal Storage 3" \$115 for June 2020 storage Rent	General Operations Expenditure	Office	\$115.00
5	Personal Storage 3	02/07/2021	Motion 4: Approval to pay "Personal Storage 3" \$115 for June 2020 storage Rent	General Operations Expenditure	Office	\$115.00
6	Personal Storage 3	03/07/2021	Motion 4: Approval to pay "Personal Storage 3" \$115 for June 2020 storage Rent	General Operations Expenditure	Office	\$115.00
7	Personal Storage 3	04/07/2021	Motion 4: Approval to pay "Personal Storage 3" \$115 for June 2020 storage Rent	General Operations Expenditure	Office	\$115.00
8	Personal Storage 3	05/07/2021	Motion 4: Approval to pay "Personal Storage 3" \$115 for June 2020 storage Rent	General Operations Expenditure	Office	\$115.00
9	Personal Storage 3	06/07/2021	Motion 4: Approval to pay "Personal Storage 3" \$115 for June 2020 storage Rent	General Operations Expenditure	Office	\$115.00
10	WENDY L. MOORE / MOORE BUSINESS RESULTS	09/22/2020	Web hosting and maintenance services (as part of annual budget)	General Operations Expenditure	Office	\$599.00
11	WENDY L. MOORE / MOORE BUSINESS RESULTS	10/02/2020	page 8 of annual budget Line Item 7 (Office/Operational Expenditures) Web hosting and maintenance services \$6000.	General Operations Expenditure	Office	\$694.96
	<b>Subtotal:</b> Outstanding					<b>\$2328.96</b>



## Apply Payment



SELECT SITE:

Personal Storage 3



ENTER UNIT

C-83

TRANSACTION # :

20201026120657

CUSTOMER :

GVGC Mickey Jannol (president) City of Los A

PAYMENT REASON :

Monthly Rent



AMOUNT :

0

PAYMENT METHOD

Cash



COMMENTS

BILLING CYCLE

7

MONTHLY RATE

115



Date	Description	Orig. Amount	Balance
2020-10-16	Late Fee	\$15.00	\$15.00
2020-10-26	Lock	\$8.00	\$8.00
Total			\$23.00

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Sustainability Report for 11-2-'20 GVGC Board Meeting  
submitted by Joanne D'Antonio, GVGC Sustainability Representative

The Greater Valley Glen Council submitted a CIS requesting that the Neighborhood Council Sustainability Alliance (NCSA) Trees Committee be a participant in the report described in Council File 03-1459-S3, which passed City Council last summer. This request was granted, and as Chair of the NCSA Trees Committee I had my first participation as a 25-minute listening session with City Forest Officer Rachel Malarich on October 27. Notes used for this call are below:

QUOTES FROM THE COUNCIL FILE MOTION 03-1459 S3 are below in lower case.

MY SUGGESTIONS FOLLOW EACH QUOTE BELOW IN CAPS.

“protected trees are too easily removed under the current permitting process.”

THE DUDEK REPORT NEEDS TO BE THE DRIVING FORCE TO CHANGE TREE POLICY AND SHOULD BE CHANGING TREE POLICY IN LA. – ALL SIGNIFICANT TREES NEED TO BE PROTECTED.

IT IS TOO INEXPENSIVE TO REMOVE ANY TREE FOR DRIVEWAY RELOCATION OR CONSTRUCTION. \$349.86 IS THE FEE TO REMOVE ANY TREE, EVEN A 60 FOOT TREE THAT IS WORTH \$30,000. AND UP TO 5 PROTECTED TREES CAN BE REMOVED FOR \$1,084. THE FEE SHOULD BE BASED ON THE VALUE OF THE TREE NOT THE PROCEDURAL EXPENSE, WHICH IS ALL THE CITY CODE CURRENTLY ALLOWS.\*

RAISE THE FEE TO THE ECOSYSTEM SERVICE VALUE OF THE REMOVED TREE, SO IT COSTS AS MUCH AS \$30,000 TO REMOVE A TREE THAT IS SIGNIFICANT. LET THESE MONIES FINANCE BETTER CONSERVATION APPROACHES TO URBAN FORESTRY.

INFORMATION IS WITHHELD FROM THE PUBLIC OR RELEASED THE DAY BEFORE A TREE REMOVAL HEARING, RENDERING DIALOGUE IMPOSSIBLE EARLY IN THE PLANNING PROCESS. ALL TREE REPORTS FOR ANY PROJECT OR TREE REMOVAL SHOULD BE AVAILABLE TO THE PUBLIC AS SOON AS SUBMITTED TO THE CITY.

“A healthy tree canopy is an essential component of the City’s climate disruption resilience”

PRUNING PRACTICES SHOULD NOT PRE-EMPT FUTURE LIABILITY. RETENTION OF CANOPY HAS TO BE THE PRIORITY IN DECIDING HOW MUCH TO PRUNE. DEAD LIMBS SHOULD BE THE PRIORITY, AND THEY SHOULD BE PRUNED BEFORE THEY FALL. CITY ATTORNEY SHOULD NOT DICTATE OVERPRUNING – WE NEED TO PRUNE WITH CANOPY

## PRESERVATION AS THE DRIVING FACTOR AND TREE SURGEONS NEED RE-TRAINING TO FOLLOW THESE GUIDELINES.

“trees are not being adequately protected and departments are not working well together to protect them. Trees are being cut before development permits are applied for, trees are not being protected during construction activities, and building permits are routinely issued without the Department of Building and Safety being aware of the presence of protected trees on the affected properties, all resulting in an accumulating net loss of trees, tree canopy and the accompanying ecosystem services across the City”

## SUGGESTIONS:

BY RIGHT PROJECTS DO NOT COME BEFORE NEIGHBORHOOD COUNCILS, AND THE COUNCILS CANNOT DICTATE TREE POLICY. THERE IS USUALLY NO ATTEMPT TO ADDRESS TREES (EXISTING OR PLANTING)

IN OTHER CITIES THERE ARE BLOCK CAPTAINS FOR TREES THAT MONITOR FOR TREE PRESERVATION. IN SANTA MONICA THERE ARE CODE ENFORCEMENT OFFICERS THAT DRIVE AROUND AND CAN GIVE TICKETS FOR INFRACTIONS.

SANTA MONICA URBAN FORESTRY HAS AN URBAN FOREST TASK FORCE TO WORK WITH BUILDERS OF LARGE PROJECTS TO PROTECT STREET TREES DURING CONSTRUCTION AND KEEPS THEM WATERED – LA DOES NOT. THEY ALSO PROVIDE PROTECTION REQUIREMENTS TO SMALLER BUILDERS.

DWP NEEDS TO CHANGE ITS THINKING THAT TREES ARE EXPENDIBLE WHEN INSTALLING LINES AND UTILITY BOXES. TALK TO DWP COMMISSIONERS?

“City department enforcement is not currently fully in line with the underlying principles and intent of the ordinance”

AT TREE REMOVAL HEARINGS UFD IS DEFENDING THE DEVELOPER WHO WANTS TO REMOVE THE TREE AND IT IS UP TO THE PUBLIC TO CALL IN TO TRY TO SAVE THE TREE AT THE 11 TH HOUR, WHICH IS GENERALLY UNSUCCESSFUL.

“recommendations for strengthening the Protected Tree Ordinance, including, but not limited to: determining methods to preserve overall native tree cover and habitat areas, limiting damage to trees retained during development, and possibly adding protected trees based on circumference and species notability.”

PALO ALTO HAS A PLANNING ARBORIST ON STAFF TO GO OVER THE TREES IN THE AREA THAT IS BEING CONSIDERED FOR A BUILDING AND WORK WITH THE DESIGN TO PRESERVE TREES AND TREE ROOTS.

PASADENA HAS TREE PROTECTION BASED ON CIRCUMFERENCE, AND IT INCLUDES PRIVATE PROPERTY TREES. WE SHOULD PRESERVE 10" AT BREAST LEVEL OR REQUIRE HEAVY FEES TO REMOVE.

BECAUSE WE ARE NO LONGER PLANTING LIQUIDAMBAR, MODESTO ASH AND INDIAN LAUREL FIG, WE NEED TO MAKE AN EFFORT TO PROTECT SIGNIFICANT TREES OF THESE SPECIES AND FIND WAYS TO CHANGE THE HARDSCAPE, OFTEN IN WAYS NOT THOUGHT POSSIBLE, TO ACCOMMODATE THEM.

WE NEED TO CHANGE THE GRADING REQUIREMENTS AT BUILDING AND SAFETY – OTHER CITIES (PALO ALTO) DO GRADING THAT ACCOMMODATES EXISTING TREES SO IT IS POSSIBLE. WE ALSO NEED TO GET RID OF BOE AUTOMATIC STREET WIDENING ORDINANCE BECAUSE NO ONE, INCLUDING THE DEVELOPERS, WANTS THIS. IT SHOULD ONLY BE IN EFFECT WHERE THE FIRE DEPARTMENT CANNOT ACCESS.

NO PARKING LOTS SHOULD BE ALLOWED IN FRONT OF RESIDENTIAL HOMES TO ACCOMMODATE ADUS BECAUSE THESE NEW DRIVEWAYS ARE CAUSING THE REMOVAL OF SIGNIFICANT TREES.

THE DECISION TO REMOVE A TREE SHOULD NOT JUST BE THE DECISION OF THE CHIEF FORESTER. IF THERE IS A CHALLENGE, THEN THERE NEEDS TO BE AN APPEALS PROCESS. THERE ARE NOT THAT MANY CHALLENGES THAT WOULD GO THIS FAR, BUT ONCE THE TREE IS REMOVED, THE ISSUE IS MOOT.

ALL TREE REMOVALS NEED TO BE APPROVED BEFORE ANY PLANNING IS DONE SO TREES GET EARLY CONSIDERATION. WE NEED AN EDUCATION CAMPAIGN SO DEVELOPERS DO NOT ASSUME THEY CAN EASILY REMOVE TREES.

\*SEC. 46.04. FEES. A fee shall be charged for issuance of any permit pursuant to this article, which permits the removal of one or more protected trees. The fee shall be determined and adopted in the same manner as provided in Section 12.37 I 1 of the Los Angeles Municipal Code for establishing fees.