



# Greater Valley Glen Council ("GVGC")



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## REGULAR VIRTUAL BOARD MEETING

January 4, 2021 - 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 891 0503 2935** 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>Artur Manasyan</b>	Youth Rep
<b>Joseph Barmettler</b>	District 4 Rep	<b>Jah Milton</b>	At-Large Rep
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<b>Joanne D'Antonio</b>	At-Large Rep	<b>Sloan Myrick</b>	District 5 Rep
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<b>Heidi Harrison</b>	District 2 Rep	<b>Anthony Sipp</b>	District 6 Rep
<b>Mickey Jannol</b>	At-Large Rep	<b>Krista Sipp</b>	At-Large Rep
<b>Andrea Jones</b>	At-Large Rep	<b>Dan Stueve</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 December 7, 2020 Regular Board Meeting Minutes \***

**Item 5 \* Nomination of Michael Hjelmstad by Anthony Bethel for a District 2 Board Seat \***

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

**Item 7 \* President's Motions & Actions.** All motions marked \*

**Motion 1:** \* GVGC board approves expenditure of up to \$1000 to purchase up to 10 "dumping/311" signs to be installed initially at Whittsett median. \*

**Motion 2:** \* GVGC board approves expenditure of up to \$1500 to purchase 2 signs to be installed at the "Welcome to Valley Glen" monument at Burbank and Coldwater Cyn and 1 to be installed at Vanowen and Fulton. Signage will incorporate artwork similar to the current signage at the Vanowen/Fulton monument. \*

**Item 8 \* Treasurer's Report and Motions.** All motions marked \*

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

<https://clkrep.lacity.org/ncfunding/mer/B18C90C1-E804-453C-9C8C-94361CD39E65L.pdf>

**Item 9 \* Arts & Education Committee.** Report and Motions.\*

**Motion 1:** \* The GVGC moves that the Board endorse distribution of a book called Behind These Walls written by multiple youths during and after their time in Juvenile Detention, compiled by and provided free by Heidi Harrison, to troubled young people between the ages of 12 to 18 to help them and perhaps inspire them to write their own stories for a possible future GVGC initiative. \*



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**Item 10 \* Outreach Committee.** Report and Motions. \*

**Motions 1:** \* The GVGC moves that the board approve up to \$200 to Crowdpurrs for a second Virtual Trivia Night. The format for this will have more participant interaction and an emphasis on getting to know your neighbors. \*

**Motion 2:** \* The GVGC moves that the Board approve up to \$600 to print fliers about the Neighborhood Council Elections and to pay a service to deliver them to homes not covered by the Valley Glen Neighborhood Association's Valley Glen Voice, mostly in the Laurel Grove Area. \*

**Item 11 Public Safety Committee.** Report and Motions. There were no motions

**Item 12 Planning and Land Use Committee.** Report and Motions. There were no motions.

**Item 13 \* 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.legislature.ca.gov/faces/billSearchClient.xhtml>

**Motion 1 and CIS:** \* The Greater Valley Glen Council opposes the motion put forward in Council File 20-1376. The policies put forward will be expensive to enforce and ultimately ineffective. Furthermore, sweeping the homeless from freeway areas will drive them into residential areas. We maintain more supportive measures can be taken without criminalizing the unfortunate with this motion. [CIS: Against] \*

**Motion 2 and CIS:** \* The Greater Valley Glen Council recognizes that the entitlement process for new development in the City can be a very lengthy one but opposes the proposal put forth in CF 20-1477 to establish a new structural demolition policy that would allow demolition of existing properties without an approved set of development plans and which the motion characterizes as being a public nuisance. Such a policy could incentivize landlords to allow their properties to degrade to "public nuisance" status and demolish them hoping to facilitate planning approval but leave the affected community with long-term vacant lots as well as a diminished housing stock and fewer retail and commercial properties that could be otherwise repurposed for sheltering the homeless. The GVGC is on record (CIS, CF 20-1145) as favoring such repurposing. Demolition permits should only be issued upon approval of development plans for the properties involved and proof of financing for new construction. [CIS: Against] \*

**Motion 3:** \* The Greater Valley Glen Council approves sending of letters to the Board of Public Works stating its opposition to the final approval of any plan submitted in response to its Request for Proposals for a Sidewalk and Transit Amenities Program (STAP) that includes installation of any digital signs at bus shelters that are visible to drivers traveling on the adjacent street. [ Background: copy and paste [streetsla.lacity.org/stap-program-fact-sheet](https://streetsla.lacity.org/stap-program-fact-sheet) ] \*

**Item 14 Parks, Medians, & Improvements Committee.** Report and Motions. There were no motions.

## Representative Reports

**Item 15 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



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multiple speakers on a similar non-agendized item.

**Item 16 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 17 \* Motion to Adjourn \***

**Please note that, should this Meeting run longer than scheduled, a Special Continuance Meeting may be scheduled on January 6, 2021, pursuant to a majority Board vote.**

**Next Regular Board Meeting is on February 1, 2021 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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# Monthly Expenditure Report



Reporting Month: November 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
\$36066.37	\$877.07	\$35189.30	\$1456.18	\$750.00	\$32983.12

Monthly Cash Flow Analysis					
Budget Category	Adopted Budget	Total Spent this Month	Unspent Budget Balance	Outstanding	Net Available
Office	\$22371.06	\$634.63	\$15560.36	\$1456.18	\$14104.18
Outreach		\$242.44		\$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: \$750.00		Encumbrances: \$0.00		Previous Expenditures: \$5933.63	

Expenditures						
#	Vendor	Date	Description	Budget Category	Sub-category	Total
1	FEDEX OFFIC19000019026	11/24/2020	Flyers for Outreach event - GVGC Toy and Food Drive December 6, 2020. BAC 5 motion 1f on 6.25.20 meeting: page 9 of annual budget for fiscal 2020-2021 - line item 3 (Outreach) GVGC Community Outr...	General Operations Expenditure	Outreach	\$41.97
2	EIG CONSTANTCONTACT.CO	11/10/2020	Monthly email marketing service bill	General Operations Expenditure	Outreach	\$45.00
3	DOG WASTE DEPOT	11/18/2020	Motion to approve up to \$300.00 to purchase a 6-month supply of doggie waste bags to put in GVGC market metal boxes at the Valley Glen Community Park and Laurel Grove Park. This represents 6,000 rolls...	General Operations Expenditure	Outreach	\$155.47
4	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
5	WENDY L. MOORE / MOORE BUSINESS RESULTS	10/30/2020	Entire annual budget for fiscal 2020-2021 with friendly amendment to add \$1,326.06 to meeting space (Office Expense) Total budget including amendment \$60,621.06	General Operations Expenditure	Office	\$496.63
6	Personal Storage 3	11/12/2020	Motion 2 Approval to pay Personal Storage 3 \$23. (\$15 for a late fee and \$8 for a new padlock)	General Operations Expenditure	Office	\$23.00

<b>Subtotal:</b>	<b>\$877.07</b>
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<b>Outstanding Expenditures</b>						
<b>#</b>	<b>Vendor</b>	<b>Date</b>	<b>Description</b>	<b>Budget Category</b>	<b>Sub-category</b>	<b>Total</b>
1	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
2	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
3	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
4	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
5	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
6	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
7	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
8	WENDY L. MOORE / MOORE BUSINESS RESULTS	12/03/2020	Entire annual budget for fiscal 2020-2021 with friendly amendment to add \$1,326.06 to meeting space (Office Expense) Total budget including amendment \$60,621.06	General Operations Expenditure	Office	\$651.18
<b>Subtotal: Outstanding</b>						<b>\$1456.18</b>