



# Greater Valley Glen Council ("GVGC")



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## REGULAR VIRTUAL BOARD MEETING

**May 3, 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 845 8685 4295** 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>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
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<b>September Forsyth</b>	At-Large Rep	<b>Andrea Schmitt</b>	District 6 Rep
<b>Jonathan George</b>	District 5 Rep	<b>Robin Shafer</b>	At-Large Rep
<b>Walter Hall</b>	At-Large Rep	<b>Alex Silva</b>	District 1 Rep
<b>Heidi Harrison</b>	District 2 Rep	<b>Anthony Sipp</b>	District 6 Rep
<b>Michael Hjelmstad</b>	District 2 Rep	<b>Krista Sipp</b>	At-Large Rep
<b>Mickey Jannol</b>	At-Large Rep	<b>Dan Stueve</b>	At-Large Rep
<b>Andrea Jones</b>	At-Large Rep		
<b>Artur Manasyan</b>	Youth Rep		
<b>Jah Milton</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 minutes \***

Motion 1: \* Approval of April 5, 2021 Regular Board Meeting Minutes \*

**Item 5 Left intentionally blank.**

**Note:** Vacant seats consist of two District 3 Reps and 2 At-Large Seats 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 & Comments.** All motions marked \*

**Motion 1 \*** The President moves that the GVGC approve a Neighborhood Purpose Grant in the amount of \$3,180.41 to Erwin Elementary School for the purpose of purchasing an ActivePanel V7 interactive smartboard for the classroom. The application is attached. \*

**Motion 2 \*** The President moves that the GVGC approve up to \$1,800 to renew its Zoom Pro subscription for one additional year. The current subscription expires on 06/16/2021. The term of the subscription will be from June 16, 2021 to July 15, 2022. It will continue to include 8 user licenses and 1 webinar license for up to 100 attendees per meeting or non-concurrent webinar. This account will continue to be used for remote Committee Meetings and is separate from the City provided Board license used for Board Meetings of up to 500 attendees. \*

**Motion 3 \*** The President moves that the GVGC approve a payment of \$130 to Personal Storage for the month of July. The payment is due by 06/30/2021 and the deadline to submit the payment request is 06/01/2021 \*

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

**Motion 1 \* Approval of March 2021 MER.** A copy is attached and there is also a link here: <https://clkrep.lacity.org/ncfunding/mer/A88AFCD6-A398-4A36-8D09-4E2FBAEFC5C1L.pdf>



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### **Item 9 \* Arts & Education Committee.** Report and Motions. All motions marked \*

**Motion 1:** \* The GVGC moves to approve up to \$100 for fliers and e-blasts to promote a Zoom based "Storytime For Children" ongoing program on Saturday mornings at 10 AM. The virtual events will be sponsored, administered, and run by the Group Rep Theater Group. The GVGC will be named as a sponsor solely for their promotion of the events. The projected start date is May 9, 2021. If approved. \*

### **Item 10 \* Community Safety Committee.** Report and Motions. All motions marked \*

**Motion 1** \* The Community Safety Committee moves that the Greater Valley Glen Council issue a Neighborhood Purpose Grant for up to \$7,000 to the Los Angeles Police Foundation for the purpose of purchasing a Radar Feedback Device. This motion supersedes any previous motion regarding the Radar Feedback Device. \*

### **Item 11 \* Outreach Committee.** Report and Motions. All motions marked \*

**Motion 1** \* The Outreach committee moves that GVGC sponsors a third Virtual Trivia Night on and requests funding up to \$175 to purchase a one month CrowdPurr Seminar subscription to run the program. \*

**Motion 2** \* The Outreach Committee moves that the GVGC approve funding of \$750 to purchase a one page advertisement in the VGNA Voice Newsletter to announce the new Board Members after the election and promote the Council to the community. \*

### **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.ca.gov/faces/billSearchClient.xhtml>

**Motion 1 and CIS:** \* The Greater Valley Glen Council recognizes Los Angeles and California as world leaders in striving to achieve 100% carbon-free, clean electricity. The NREL LA100 study finds "all LA100 scenarios include significant deployment of renewable and zero-carbon energy by 2035 , accounting for 84%–100% of energy" but also that "Accelerating the target year to 2035 increases both costs and benefits." The report projects "The estimated total cumulative costs of new investments needed to achieve the 100% target across the suite of scenarios explored range from \$57 billion to \$87 billion (2019\$) depending on the scenario and load projection." Without a benefit/cost analysis resulting from setting 2035 as the City's 100% clean electricity deadline and without an even-handed study of how such a goal would affect rates, we do not favor the imposition of the hard-and-fast 2035 deadline. We do favor this motion's recognition of the importance of environmental justice in any final plan. In all final decisions to be made in this matter, environmental review consistent with CEQA requirements should be required and not short-circuited in order to make a 2035 target. As emphasized, LADWP must be ready to maximize any funding that might become available under President Biden's initiative to decarbonize the electric grid. (CF 21-0352) [CIS: Against unless amended.] \*



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**Motion 2 and CIS:** \* The Greater Valley Glen Council recognizes the goal of reducing plastic waste both on land and at sea. We favor CF 21-0002-S100, the resolution in SUPPORT of the proposed Federal Break Free From Plastic Pollution Act that would shift responsibility for plastic waste pollution clean-up to those that produce it, the establishment of minimum recycled content mandates for certain products, the establishment of a national container deposit system, and the elimination of waste export loopholes. [At the same time, we recognize that between the producer and final disposition of a product's residues, there is the purchaser/user. Littering is an ongoing problem, and better enforcement of litter laws is needed.] [CIS: For] \*

### **Item 14 \* Parks, Medians, & Improvements Committee.** All motions marked \*

**Motion 1 \*** The Parks and Community Improvement Committee moves that the GVGC approve funding of up to \$400 to purchase large "gator" bags to provide water to young saplings that have been planted on Victory Blvd. \*

**Motion 2 \*** The Parks and Community Improvement Committee moves that the GVGC approve funding of up to \$600 to purchase pet waste bags to refill dog waste stations in Valley Glen and Laurel Grove parks. \*

**Motion 3 \*** 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 previously withdrawn motion. \*

### **Item 15 Representative Reports**

**Item 16 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 17 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 18 \* Motion to Adjourn \***

**Please note that, should this Meeting run longer than scheduled, a Special Continuance Meeting *may* be scheduled on May 5, 2021, pursuant to a majority Board vote.**

**Next Regular Board Meeting is on June 7, 2021 at 7:00 p.m.**



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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.

### 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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## Monthly Expenditure Report



Reporting Month: March 2021

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
\$39576.69	\$6377.32	\$33199.37	\$2422.15	\$0.00	\$30777.22

Monthly Cash Flow Analysis					
Budget Category	Adopted Budget	Total Spent this Month	Unspent Budget Balance	Outstanding	Net Available
Office		\$688.15		\$922.15	
Outreach	\$21045.00	\$194.99	\$7538.31	\$0.00	\$6616.16
Elections		\$2494.18		\$0.00	
Community Improvement Project	\$26250.00	\$3000.00	\$12250.00	\$1500.00	\$10750.00
Neighborhood Purpose Grants	\$12000.00	\$0.00	\$12000.00	\$0.00	\$12000.00
Funding Requests Under Review: \$0.00		Encumbrances: \$0.00		Previous Expenditures: \$21129.37	

Expenditures						
#	Vendor	Date	Description	Budget Category	Sub-category	Total
1	PAYPAL/FRD ADJ	03/22/2021	Refunded	General Operations Expenditure	Office	\$-96.00
2	FOREIGN FEE	03/24/2021	Refunded	General Operations Expenditure	Office	\$-0.86
3	CROWDPURR.COM PLAN	03/09/2021	Motion 1: Approval for up to \$200 for GVGC to host a virtual game night through Zoom using the CrowdPurr game app. Motion 2: Approval of August 3, 2020 Regular Meeting Agenda	General Operations Expenditure	Outreach	\$149.99
4	PAYPAL ICDSOFT	03/22/2021	Disputed transaction - please see letter.	General Operations Expenditure	Office	\$96.00
5	FOREIGN TRANSACTION FEE	03/24/2021	Disputed transaction - please see letter.	General Operations Expenditure	Office	\$0.86
6	EIG CONSTANTCONTACT.CO	03/10/2021	Page 9 of annual budget for fiscal 2020-2021 - line item 1 (Outreach) Email Marketing Service \$540	General Operations Expenditure	Outreach	\$45.00
7	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
8	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
9	L.A. Print Inc.	02/19/2021	The GVGC moves that the Board approve an expenditure of up to \$2,500 for printing and distribution of Neighborhood Council Election fliers to single family homes in areas not covered by the ad in the ...	General Operations Expenditure	Elections	\$2494.18
10	WENDY L. MOORE / MOORE BUSINESS RESULTS	03/02/2021	Payment to webmaster/marketing vendor Wendy Moore for February services	General Operations Expenditure	Office	\$458.15
11	Stay Green, Inc.	03/04/2021	Approval of the expenditure of up to \$1,750 per month for maintenance of the Medians, on an as requested basis. This includes regular watering to preserve the mulch work with the understa...	Community Improvement Project		\$1500.00
12	Stay Green, Inc.	03/04/2021	Approval of the expenditure of up to \$1,750 per month for maintenance of the Medians, on an as requested basis. This includes regular watering to preserve the mulch work with the understa...	Community Improvement Project		\$1500.00
Subtotal:						\$6377.32

Outstanding Expenditures						
#	Vendor	Date	Description	Budget Category	Sub-category	Total
1	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
2	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
3	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
4	WENDY L. MOORE / MOORE BUSINESS RESULTS	04/01/2021	page 8 of annual budget Line Item 7 (Office/Operational Expenditures) Web hosting and maintenance services \$6000.	General Operations Expenditure	Office	\$577.15
5	Stay Green, Inc.	04/06/2021	Motion 2: Approval of the expenditure of up to \$1,750 per month for maintenance of the Medians, on an as requested basis. This includes regular watering to preserve the mulch work with the understa...	Community Improvement Project		\$1500.00
Subtotal: Outstanding						\$2422.15



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March 18, 2021

Dear Neighborhood Council Members:

We are requesting this grant from the Great Valley Glen Neighborhood Council in order to make it possible to promote student engagement with their grade level peers and their teachers through the use of the interactive panel. The interactive board will be utilized to enhance all lessons in all academic subjects.

We have greatly enjoyed working with the Council in the past, and look forward to working with you again this school year.

Sincerely,

Marie Koudsi  
Principal