



# Greater Valley Glen Council ("GVGC")



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## REGULAR VIRTUAL BOARD MEETING

September 13, 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 can dial (669) 900-6833 and enter 854 7231 4857 and then press # to join or use the link <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/85472314857>. 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

Anthony Bethel	President
Cosmo Moore	Vice President
Andrea Schmitt	Treasurer
Dan Stueve	Secretary

#### Board Members

At-Large	Cindy K Braun	District 1 Resident	Anthony Bethel
At-Large	September Forsyth	District 1 Resident	Dan Stueve
At-Large	Andrea Jones	District 2 Resident	Michael Hjelmstad
At-Large	Scott Kriloff	District 4 Resident	Christopher "Cosmo" Moore
At-Large	Daniel Lopez	District 4 Resident	Cindy M Ortiz
At-Large	Samuel May	District 5 Resident	Tiffany Phelps
At-Large	Rishab Nathan	District 6 Resident	Nadia Marina Thomas
At-Large	Andrea Schmitt		
At-Large	Robin Shafer		
At-Large	Anthony "Tony" Sipp		
At-Large	Krista Sipp		



## 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:** \* Motion to approve the August 2, 2021 Regular Board Meeting Minutes. \*

**Item 5 \* Board Nomination** by Board member Anthony Bethel of **Alicia Bien** to join the GVGC Board as a District 5 Representative. \*

**Note:** Vacant seats consist of one Youth Rep, one District 2 Rep, two District 3 Reps, one District 5 Rep, one District 6 Rep, and one At-Large Rep 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 Representative Reports**

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

**Motion 1** \* The President moves that the GVGC oppose by written letter to the City Forest Officer the most recent Draft Tree List for Public Right of Way. The published draft does not follow the City Council directive to follow the LASAN Biodiversity Report that would require the planting of more native tree species. The list does not include large canopy tree species, nor does it state environmental when choosing street trees. \*

**Motion 2** \* The President moves that the GVGC appoint Stakeholder and GVGC Sustainability Rep Joanne D'Antonio as its delegate to the Neighborhood Council Sustainability Alliance (NCSA), allowing her to vote there on our behalf. \*



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**Motion 3** \* 12041-12053 Burbank Blvd and 6217 Agnes Ave (“Subject Property”) The President moves that the GVGC submit a letter to the Hearing Officer for the City Planning Commission commending the Yeshiva Ketana School’s successful efforts at neighborhood traffic mitigation by facilitating student drop off and pick up at a neighboring retail property. We ask that any issuance of a CUP for this property be contingent upon the continued limitation of traffic from student families and staff of the School in the R1 zoned surrounding neighborhood and that it be a condition of any such CUP. \*

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

**Motion 1** \* **Approval of July 2021 MER.** A copy is attached and there is also a link here: <https://clkrep.lacity.org/ncfunding/mer/4CF0270F-6AC2-49A7-BF51-2568804795EFL.pdf> \*

**Motion 2** \* The GVGC moves to approve payment to Personal Storage 3 of \$126 monthly for the term of 10/01/2021 through 06/01/2022. Due to a cost increase, this motion supersedes the 07/12/2021 motion only for the monthly payments listed here. \*

**Motion 3** \* The GVGC moves to approve payment to Personal Storage 3 of \$11 for the month of September and due on 09/01/2021. This additional amount reflects the cost increase beginning 09/01/2021. \*

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

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

**Motion 1** \* The Outreach committee moves that GVGC sponsors a Virtual Trivia Night on October 23<sup>rd</sup> and requests funding up to \$250 to purchase a one month CrowdPurr Seminar subscription to run the program.\*

**Item 12 Community Safety Committee. Report and Motions.** There are no motions

**Item 13 Government Relations Committee.** Report and Motions. All motions are 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 GVGC opposes Council File: 12-0460-S4 (CFMS) as it does not provide for input from neighborhood councils on planning projects, as has been the case in the past. This eliminates the opportunity for direct public engagement with developers on land use issues.  
[CIS: Against]

**Motion 2 and CIS:** \* The GVGC supports Council File: 21-0899 and recommends it not delay the report, as ghost guns are a serious problem. \*  
[CIS: For]



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The following Motions support or oppose certain State legislation now under consideration. If adopted, that support or opposition will be forwarded to Senator Hertzberg and Assemblyman Nazarian as well as posted on the California Legislature Position Letter Portal.

**Motion 3** \* The Government Relations committee moves to support AB 43 with the adoption of language from AB 550 as follows.

22429.

(a) A city or city and county shall offer a diversion program for indigent speed safety system violation recipients, to perform community service in lieu of paying the penalty for a violation.

(b) A city or city and county shall offer the ability for indigent speed safety system violation recipients to pay applicable fines and penalties over a period of time under a payment plan with monthly installments of no more than twenty-five dollars (\$25) and shall limit the processing fee to participate in a payment plan to five dollars (\$5) or less.

(c) Notwithstanding subdivisions (a) and (b), a city or city and county shall reduce the applicable fines and penalties by 80 percent for indigent persons, and by 50 percent for individual's 200 percent above the federal poverty level \*

**Item 14 Parks, Medians, & Improvements Committee.** There are no motions.

**Item 15 Planning and Land Use Committee. Report and Motions.** All motions are marked \*

**Motion 1** \* The Planning and Land Use Committee moves to include on the GVGC website the following language: "It has been observed that many property owners are converting their front yards into paved parking lots, creating an environmental impact by contributing to our community's "heat island effect". This is a violation of LADBS Zoning Code 12.21C.19(g). Property owners may report these conversions to Building and Safety Code Enforcement." \*

**Motion 2** \* The Planning and Land Use Committee moves to oppose CF 12-0460-S4 and CF 12-0460-S5. This would effectively revise Chapter 1 of the City Charter and transfer land use authority from the City Council to the Director of Planning. Being an unelected official, this would violate the City Charter and eliminate any stakeholder engagement with regards to their own community by eliminating any previous language granting authority for Neighborhood Councils to receive notice of land use issues within their boundaries and conduct public meetings to engage stakeholders and provide feedback. \*

**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 September 15, 2021, pursuant to a majority Board vote.**

**Next Regular Board Meeting is on October 4, 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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**SERVICIOS DE TRADUCCION** - Si requiere servicios de traducción, favor de avisar al Concejo Vecinal 3 días de trabajo (72 horas) antes del evento. Por favor contacte a Anthony Bethel de la Mesa Directiva, al [abethel@greatervalleyglencouncil.org](mailto:abethel@greatervalleyglencouncil.org) o por correo electrónico avisar al Concejo Vecinal.

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# Monthly Expenditure Report



Reporting Month: July 2021

Budget Fiscal Year: 2021-2022

NC Name: Greater Valley Glen  
Neighborhood Council

Monthly Cash Reconciliation					
Beginning Balance	Total Spent	Remaining Balance	Outstanding	Commitments	Net Available
\$42000.00	\$1545.00	\$40455.00	\$8666.93	\$0.00	\$31788.07

Monthly Cash Flow Analysis					
Budget Category	Adopted Budget	Total Spent this Month	Unspent Budget Balance	Outstanding	Net Available
Office	\$16000.00	\$0.00	\$15955.00	\$2666.93	\$13288.07
Outreach		\$45.00		\$0.00	
Elections		\$0.00		\$0.00	
Community Improvement Project	\$21500.00	\$1500.00	\$20000.00	\$6000.00	\$14000.00
Neighborhood Purpose Grants	\$4500.00	\$0.00	\$4500.00	\$0.00	\$4500.00
Funding Requests Under Review: \$0.00		Encumbrances: \$0.00		Previous Expenditures: \$0.00	

Expenditures						
#	Vendor	Date	Description	Budget Category	Sub-category	Total
1	EIG CONSTANTCONTACT.CO	07/10/2021	Monthly invoice for email marketing	General Operations Expenditure	Outreach	\$45.00
2	Stay Green, Inc.	07/21/2021	Motion to approve payment of up to \$1750 per month for maintenance of the Victory Blvd and Whitsett Ave Medians. The GVGC authorizes entering into a contract with Stay Green for said ser...	Community Improvement Project		\$1500.00
<b>Subtotal:</b>						<b>\$1545.00</b>

Outstanding Expenditures						
#	Vendor	Date	Description	Budget Category	Sub-category	Total
1	WENDY L. MOORE / MOORE BUSINESS RESULTS	07/02/2021	Website maintenance and email marketing	General Operations Expenditure	Office	\$186.67
2	Personal Storage 3	08/01/2021	Motion to approve payment to Personal Storage 3 of \$115 monthly for the term of 08/01/2021 through 06/01/2022. Moved: Andrea Schmitt; Second: Anthony ...	General Operations Expenditure	Office	\$115.00

3	Personal Storage 3	09/01/2021	Motion to approve payment to Personal Storage 3 of \$115 monthly for the term of 08/01/2021 through 06/01/2022. Moved: Andrea Schmitt; Second: Anthony ...	General Operations Expenditure	Office	\$115.00
4	Personal Storage 3	10/01/2021	Motion to approve payment to Personal Storage 3 of \$115 monthly for the term of 08/01/2021 through 06/01/2022. Moved: Andrea Schmitt; Second: Anthony ...	General Operations Expenditure	Office	\$115.00
5	Personal Storage 3	11/01/2021	Motion to approve payment to Personal Storage 3 of \$115 monthly for the term of 08/01/2021 through 06/01/2022. Moved: Andrea Schmitt; Second: Anthony ...	General Operations Expenditure	Office	\$115.00
6	Personal Storage 3	12/01/2021	Motion to approve payment to Personal Storage 3 of \$115 monthly for the term of 08/01/2021 through 06/01/2022. Moved: Andrea Schmitt; Second: Anthony ...	General Operations Expenditure	Office	\$115.00
7	Personal Storage 3	01/01/2022	Motion to approve payment to Personal Storage 3 of \$115 monthly for the term of 08/01/2021 through 06/01/2022. Moved: Andrea Schmitt; Second: Anthony ...	General Operations Expenditure	Office	\$115.00
8	Personal Storage 3	02/01/2022	Motion to approve payment to Personal Storage 3 of \$115 monthly for the term of 08/01/2021 through 06/01/2022. Moved: Andrea Schmitt; Second: Anthony ...	General Operations Expenditure	Office	\$115.00
9	Personal Storage 3	03/01/2022	Motion to approve payment to Personal Storage 3 of \$115 monthly for the term of 08/01/2021 through 06/01/2022. Moved: Andrea Schmitt; Second: Anthony ...	General Operations Expenditure	Office	\$115.00
10	Personal Storage 3	04/01/2022	Motion to approve payment to Personal Storage 3 of \$115 monthly for the term of 08/01/2021 through 06/01/2022. Moved: Andrea Schmitt; Second: Anthony ...	General Operations Expenditure	Office	\$115.00
11	Personal Storage 3	05/01/2022	Motion to approve payment to Personal Storage 3 of \$115 monthly for the term of 08/01/2021 through 06/01/2022. Moved: Andrea Schmitt; Second: Anthony ...	General Operations Expenditure	Office	\$115.00
12	Personal Storage 3	06/01/2022	Motion to approve payment to Personal Storage 3 of \$115 monthly for the term of 08/01/2021 through 06/01/2022. Moved: Andrea Schmitt; Second: Anthony ...	General Operations Expenditure	Office	\$115.00
13	WENDY L. MOORE / MOORE BUSINESS RESULTS	08/02/2021	Website maintenance and email marketing - August invoice	General Operations Expenditure	Office	\$746.38

14	Stay Green, Inc.	08/03/2021	Motion to approve payment of up to \$1750 per month for maintenance of the Victory Blvd and Whitsett Ave Medians. The GVGC authorizes entering into a contract with Stay Green for said serv...	Community Improvement Project		\$1500.00
15	Stay Green, Inc.	08/09/2021	The GVGC moves to authorize a payment for \$1,500 to Stay Green, Inc. for past due payment (invoice # 33378) for services rendered in May 2021. The contractor performed prev...	Community Improvement Project		\$1500.00
16	Stay Green, Inc.	08/09/2021	The GVGC moves to authorize a payment for \$1,500 to Stay Green, Inc. for past due payment (invoice # 34965) for services rendered in June 2021. The contractor performed pre...	Community Improvement Project		\$1500.00
17	WENDY L. MOORE / MOORE BUSINESS RESULTS	09/02/2021	Website maintenance and email marketing - Sept invoice	General Operations Expenditure	Office	\$468.88
18	Stay Green, Inc.	09/03/2021	Motion to approve payment of up to \$1750 per month for maintenance of the Victory Blvd and Whitsett Ave Medians. The GVGC authorizes entering into a contract with Stay Green for said serv...	Community Improvement Project		\$1500.00
<b>Subtotal: Outstanding</b>						<b>\$8666.93</b>