



Greater Valley Glen Council ("GVGC")



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

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REGULAR VIRTUAL BOARD MEETING

December 6, 2021 - Call to Order at 7:00p.m.

VIRTUAL MEETING TELECONFERENCING NUMBER FOR PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

In conformity with the September 16, 2021 enactment of California Assembly Bill 361 (Rivas) and due to concerns over covid-19, the Greater Valley Glenn Neighborhood Council meeting will be conducted entirely with a call-in option or internet-based service option. Every person wishing to attend and/or comment at this meeting can dial (669) 900-6833 and enter 873 6237 8061 and then press # to join or use the link <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/87362378061>. 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.

AB 361 UPDATES

Public comment cannot be required to be submitted in advance of the meeting, only real-time public comment is required. If there are any broadcasting interruptions that prevent the public from observing or hearing the meeting, the meeting must be recessed or adjourned. If members of the public are unable to provide public comment or be heard due to issues within the Neighborhood Council's control, the meeting must be recessed or adjourned.

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	Alicia Bien
At-Large	Rishab Nathan	District 5 Resident	Tiffany Phelps
At-Large	Andrea Schmitt	District 6 Resident	Nadia Marina Thomas
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 November 1, 2021 Regular Board Meeting Minutes. *

Item 5 Board Nominations There are no nominations.

Note: Vacant seats consist of one Youth Rep, one District 2 Rep, two District 3 Reps, 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. There are no motions.

Item 9 Treasurer's Report and Motions. There are no motions.

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

Item 11 Community Outreach Committee. Report and Motions. There are no motions.

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



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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: * Regarding [Council File 21-0828](#), The Government Relations Committee moves to **oppose CF 21-0828**, unless it is amended to include only the replacement of outdated buildings and infrastructure, and to improve animal welfare and the visitor experience at the Los Angeles Zoo. Any other alternative is not supported, as they propose the destruction of the natural woodland habitat native to the area. **[Oppose unless amended]** *

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.

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Item 14 Homelessness Committee. There are no motions.

Item 15 Parks, Medians, & Improvements Committee. All motions are marked *

Motion 1: * 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 motion from the previous fiscal year. *

Motion 2: * The Parks and Community Improvement Committee moves to obtain insurance for a cost of up to \$1,000 and liability coverage for up to the requirement of Recreation and Parks for Right of Entry at Valley Glen Community Park for the planting of the Butterfly Garden in said park. *

Item 16 Planning and Land Use Committee. Report and Motions. All motions are marked *

Motion 1: * **Re: 13906 Oxnard St. Case VTT-83061-SL-HCA.** Motion to approve that the GVGC submit a position letter to the Hearing Officer regarding the demolition and new small lot subdivision at 13906 Oxnard St. While the GVGC has concerns that this project seems to be an overbuilt project for an R1.5 zoned parcel, it recognize the City's current Zoning codes. However, at this time, the GVGC is not able to support the applicant because of the following concerns. There has been little to no outreach to the neighborhood on the part of the applicant. There are levels of unsurety that there could be an extended period of time between demolition and building. Therefore we request some assurances of the estimated time to initiate new construction after the demolition is completed, and that this time be kept to the very minimum. We request that the trees bordering the southern neighbor of this property be retained for the purposes of privacy as requested by that neighbor. We request the retention of the two healthy north most Ranchito street trees and that they be protected properly with dripline fencing during construction. And, we request that the surrounding neighbors be notified well in advance of demolition. This is a respiratory health request as demolition will result in fugitive dust. This will allow neighbors to make plans accordingly. And, we request that there is no removal of any trees prior to new construction. *



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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 December 9, 2021, pursuant to a majority Board vote.

Next Regular Board Meeting is on January 3, 2022 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 13 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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