



# Greater Valley Glen Council ("GVGC")



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## REGULAR VIRTUAL BOARD MEETING

March 7, 2022 - Call to Order at 7:00 p.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 Glen 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 841 2197 3622** and **then press #** to join or use the link **<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/84121973622>**. You may join the meeting as early as 6:50 p.m. Instructions on how to present public comment will be given to listeners at the start of the meeting, 7:00 p.m. 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.

### 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 5 Resident	Alicia Bien
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		



## 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 February 7, 2022 Regular Board Meeting Minutes. \*

**Item 5 Board Nominations**

**Nomination 1:** The President moves to nominate Alicia Bien as the new Parks and Community Improvement Committee Chair in recognition of her efforts as a committee member and particularly the Butterfly Garden project.

**Nomination 2:** The President moves to nominate Scott Kiloff as the new Government Relations Committee Chair.

**Nomination 3:** The President moves to nominate Heidi Moore as a District 4 Rep Board Member

**Nomination 4:** Cosmo Moore moves to nominate Drew Vandiver as a District 3 Rep Board Member

**Appointment 1 (pursuant to Board confirmation):** The President appoints Zoe Nguyen to the Youth Seat of the GVGC Board.

**Note:** Vacant seats consist of one Youth Rep, one District 2 Rep, two District 3 Reps, one District 4, one District 6 Rep, and three 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 are marked \*



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**Motion 1** \* The President moves that the GVGC support City Council Motion [CF-22-0029](#) Fire / Vacant Property / Fire Life Safety Equipment Requirement / Enhanced Security Measures.

In the first council session of the new year, Councilmember Paul Krekorian introduced a motion, seconded by Councilmember Mitch O'Farrell, calling for an ordinance requiring property owners to install fire safety equipment and enhanced security at any building that remains vacant for more than 180 days. Councilmember Krekorian's motion further instructs the Fire Department and the Department of Building and Safety to report on a proactive inspection program for vacant buildings. These requirements will pressure owners of vacant property to put it to productive use, or if they fail to do so, to bear the expense of keeping it safe and preventing harm to the surrounding community.

With regard to the specific incident at Valley Plaza, Councilmember Krekorian also requested that the City Attorney endeavor to recoup the costs of the fire from the property owner and ensure that the owner eliminates blight and preserves public safety at the vacant shopping center. Remarkably, just hours after the motion was introduced, another fire erupted in a different building at the Valley Plaza site, again imperiling lives. The City must act to hold negligent property owners accountable and to prevent further expense to the City and danger to the people of Los Angeles. [See Councilmember Krekorian's motion attached and here: [http://clkrep.lacity.org/online/docs/2022/22-0029\\_misc\\_1-7-22.pdf](http://clkrep.lacity.org/online/docs/2022/22-0029_misc_1-7-22.pdf)] \*

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

**Motion 1** \* **Approval of December 2021 MER.** A copy is attached and there is also a link here:

<https://clkrep.lacity.org/ncfunding/mer/57121F49-0DD3-4B05-91BC-F1349217DD53L.pdf> \*

**Motion 2:** \* **Approval of January 2022 MER.** A copy is attached and there is also a link here:

<https://clkrep.lacity.org/ncfunding/mer/621E3194-0F1E-C96C-4CE0-267D2EFF9C05L.pdf>

## Item 10 Arts & Education Committee. Reports and Motions. All motions are marked \*

Motion 1: \* The Arts and Education Committee moves to approve the Neighborhood Purpose Grant submitted by Erwin Street School for a Soundboks PA System for \$2796.66.\*

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

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

## Item 13 Government Relations Committee. Report and Motions. There are no motions.

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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.



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## **Item 14 Homelessness Committee.** All motions are marked \*

**Motion 1 \*** The Committee moves that the GVGC direct the Planning Department and Housing and Community investment Department, in consultation with the City Attorney, to prepare and present a permanent ordinance to implement the Mello Act, including a requirement for all new housing and developments that are subject to the Mello Act to provide a minimum of no less than 20% affordable housing. Mello act link: <https://ceganet.opr.ca.gov/2021020124> \*

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

**Motion 1: \*** The Committee moves to approve the expenditure for the purchase of two (2) additional pet waste bag dispensers and the hardware to install them in Rhodes Park. The cost is up to \$150 per dispenser including hardware, total: \$300.

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

**Motion 1: \*** PLUC moves to support Uncle Tony's Pizza request for a new conditional use permit (CUP) to allow on-site alcohol (liquor) sales and consumption in conjunction with an existing and operating 2,370 sq.ft. restaurant w/82 interior seats, 28 exterior seats on a 590 sq.ft. patio on private property from 10 am-12 am Sun-Thurs, 10 am- 1 am Fri-Sat in a C2 Zone located at 13007 Victory Boulevard. The business holds an existing CUP for beer and wine. \*

**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 Thursday, March 10, 2022, pursuant to a majority Board vote.**

**Next Regular Board Meeting is on April 4, 2022 at 7:00 p.m.**



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**PUBLIC POSTING OF AGENDAS** – GBGC agendas are posted for public review as follows:

- Uncle Tony's Pizzeria, Erwin Street Elementary School, Monlux Elementary School, Kittridge Street Elementary School, and the baseball backstop at Valley Glen Community Park.
- <http://www.greatervalleyglencouncil.org>
- You can also receive our agendas via email by subscribing to L.A. City's Early Notification System (ENS) at [www.lacity.org/government/subscribe-agendasnotifications/neighborhood-councils](http://www.lacity.org/government/subscribe-agendasnotifications/neighborhood-councils).

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# Monthly Expenditure Report



Reporting Month: December 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
\$28024.61	\$2395.71	\$25628.90	\$4700.86	\$0.00	\$20928.04

Monthly Cash Flow Analysis					
Budget Category	Adopted Budget	Total Spent this Month	Unspent Budget Balance	Outstanding	Net Available
Office	\$16000.00	\$850.71	\$11628.90	\$1700.86	\$9928.04
Outreach		\$45.00		\$0.00	
Elections		\$0.00		\$0.00	
Community Improvement Project	\$21500.00	\$1500.00	\$9500.00	\$3000.00	\$6500.00
Neighborhood Purpose Grants	\$4500.00	\$0.00	\$4500.00	\$0.00	\$4500.00
Funding Requests Under Review: \$0.00		Encumbrances: \$0.00		Previous Expenditures: \$13975.39	

Expenditures						
#	Vendor	Date	Description	Budget Category	Sub-category	Total
1	EIG CONSTANTCONTACT.CO	12/10/2021	Monthly bill from email vendor Constant Contact	General Operations Expenditure	Outreach	\$45.00
2	Personal Storage 3	12/01/2021	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 t...	General Operations Expenditure	Office	\$126.00
3	WENDY L. MOORE / MOORE BUSINESS RESULTS	12/01/2021	Monthly webmaster and communication fees for council - December 1 invoice	General Operations Expenditure	Office	\$724.71
4	Stay Green, Inc.	12/03/2021	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:</b>						<b>\$2395.71</b>

Outstanding Expenditures						
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1	Personal Storage 3	01/01/2022	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 t...	General Operations Expenditure	Office	\$126.00
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6	Personal Storage 3	06/01/2022	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 t...	General Operations Expenditure	Office	\$126.00
7	WENDY L. MOORE / MOORE BUSINESS RESULTS	01/03/2022	Monthly fee from webmaster and email marketing services - Jan 1 2022 invoice	General Operations Expenditure	Office	\$428.40
8	Stay Green, Inc.	01/12/2022	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
9	WENDY L. MOORE / MOORE BUSINESS RESULTS	02/03/2022	Monthly fee from webmaster and email marketing services - Feb 1 2022 invoice	General Operations Expenditure	Office	\$516.46
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	<b>Subtotal:</b> Outstanding					<b>\$4700.86</b>

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Monthly Cash Reconciliation					
Beginning Balance	Total Spent	Remaining Balance	Outstanding	Commitments	Net Available
\$25628.90	\$2099.40	\$23529.50	\$2646.46	\$0.00	\$20883.04

Monthly Cash Flow Analysis					
Budget Category	Adopted Budget	Total Spent this Month	Unspent Budget Balance	Outstanding	Net Available
Office	\$16000.00	\$554.40	\$11029.50	\$1146.46	\$9883.04
Outreach		\$45.00		\$0.00	
Elections		\$0.00		\$0.00	
Community Improvement Project	\$21500.00	\$1500.00	\$8000.00	\$1500.00	\$6500.00
Neighborhood Purpose Grants	\$4500.00	\$0.00	\$4500.00	\$0.00	\$4500.00
Funding Requests Under Review: \$0.00		Encumbrances: \$0.00		Previous Expenditures: \$16371.10	

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<b>Subtotal:</b> Outstanding						<b>\$2646.46</b>

## PUBLIC SAFETY

### MOTION

On the evening of December 13, 2021 a long-vacant property at 2118 Sylvan Street in North Hollywood (part of the old Valley Plaza shopping center), caught fire. Over 100 Los Angeles Fire Department firefighters were required to respond to that fire, at significant risk to their own lives and at great expense to the City. After they courageously extinguished the fire, the remaining unsafe structure was demolished by the LAFD, at significant further expense to the City.

The property, and others in Valley Plaza under common ownership, have been vacant and in a state of disrepair for many years. At this location, and at countless similar locations throughout the city, vacant buildings create a blight on surrounding neighborhoods. Particularly when they have not been secured and are vulnerable to entry by squatters and other trespassers, these vacant structures also put nearby buildings at increased risk of fire.

I THEREFORE MOVE that the Council INSTRUCT the City Attorney, in consultation with the Department of Building and Safety and the Fire Department, to prepare an ordinance requiring property owners to install and maintain fire life safety equipment and enhanced security measures at any structure that remains vacant for more than 180 days.

I FURTHER MOVE that the Council INSTRUCT the Chief Legislative Analyst to report, in concert with the Department of Building and Safety and the Fire Department, on a proactive vacant structure inspection program that will ensure that vacant structures throughout the city are held to the standards contemplated in the aforementioned ordinance.

I FURTHER MOVE that the Council REQUEST the City Attorney to evaluate and pursue all remedies that may be available to the City (i) to recoup costs associated with the December 13, 2021 fire at 2118 Sylvan Street from the property owner, and (ii) to ensure that the property owner maintains the property and surrounding parcels under its ownership in a manner that eliminates blight and preserves public safety.

Presented by:



PAUL KREKORIAN

Councilmember, 2<sup>nd</sup> District



Seconded by:



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