



Greater Valley Glen Council ("GVGC")

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REGULAR BOARD MEETING MINUTES

November 5, 2018, 7:00 p.m.

Los Angeles Valley College, Administration and Career Advancement Building, Room 2504

5800 Fulton Ave.

Valley Glen, CA 91401

Officers

Sloan Myrick	President
Jean Chadwick	Vice President
James Casey	Treasurer
Mickey Jannol	Secretary

Board Members

Michael Ashkinadze	Youth Rep	Derek Iversen	District 5 Rep
Joseph Barmettler	At-Large Rep	Mickey Jannol	Commercial Property Rep
James Casey	District 6 Rep	Malky Kertis	District 4 Rep
Julie Casey	District 6 Rep	Cosmo Moore	District 4 Rep
Joanne D'Antonio	District 1 Rep	Sloan Myrick	District 5 Rep
Carlos Ferreyra	District 2 Rep	Thomas Newton	Community Organizations Rep
September Forsyth	At-Large Rep	Jon Pelletier	At-Large Rep
Stanley Friedman	Religious Institutions Rep	Alex Silva	District 1 Rep
Walter Hall	Community Organizations Rep		

Board of Neighborhood Commissioners Required Disclosures:

- 1) A Quorum for any GVGC Board Meeting is 13 Board Members.
- 2) Motions (or Official Actions) pass with a Majority of the sum of Yes and No votes cast.
- 3) The attached Vote Tally Sheet on Page 9 shows how each Board Member voted.



Secretary's Note: Each item # below matches the item# that appeared in the published agenda for this meeting.

Call to Order was at 7:10 p.m. and commenced with the Pledge of Allegiance.

1. **Board Roll Call.** Thirteen (13) members present: Barmettler, James Casey, Julie Casey, D'Antonio, Ferreyra, Friedman, Hall, Iversen, Jannol, Moore, Myrick, Newton, and Pelletier. Five (5) members absent: Ashkinadze, Forsyth, and Kertis. A quorum of 13 was achieved.
2. **President's Comments. Possible Nominations to Fill Vacancies.** President Myrick announced the resignations of Rose and Wehrli. He noted that while there are pending nomination motions, GVGC is still seeking Board members. Open seats are now posted to the GVGC website at

<https://www.greatervalleyglencouncil.org/join-our-board/>

President Myrick also indicated that he'll be checking on everyone's required training and will let Board members know if any need to update their training. President's Comments were deferred until later in the meeting.

A. Motion for Board approval of appointment of Alex Silva to the GVGC Board as District 1 Rep. Motion made by Myrick. Seconded by Iversen.

Public Comment. Alex Silva introduced himself and explained that he lives in Valley Glen and works as a Psychologist for Los Angeles County. His interest in GVGC is safety and security, especially safety of children. Board Comment. Myrick indicated that Silva has taken the required training to vote on all matters. Without objection, President Myrick called the question. Non-Funding Action. Voice Vote: 13 Ayes, 0 Nos, 0 Abstentions, and 0 Ineligible. Motion passes.

Alex Silva took his seat on the Board and Quorum count became 14.

B. Motion for Board approval of appointment of Marco Recio to the GVGC Board as District 1 Rep. Without objection, President withdrew the motion as Marco Recio was unable to attend the meeting.

3. **Board approval of October 1, 2018 Regular Board Meeting Minutes.** Motion made by Myrick. Seconded by James Casey. Public Comment. None. Board Comment. Public Comment. None. Board Comment. None. Without objection, President Myrick called the question. Voice Vote. 12 Ayes, 0 Nos, 2 Abstentions (Julie Casey and Friedman), 0 Ineligible. Motion passes.
4. **Treasurer's Report.** Treasurer James Casey indicated that, since July 1, 2018, the Board has approximately \$29,175 remaining in the Treasury. He reminded Board members to get a receipt for all submitted expenses. James Casey proceeded to motions.

A. Motion for Board approval of September 2018 Monthly Expense Reports (MERs) as per DONE requirements. MERs are found on the following link: <https://cityclerk.lacity.org/NCFundPortal/display.cfm?id=1385&type=5>. Motion made by Myrick. Seconded by Barmettler.

Public Comment. None. Board Comment. None. Without objection, President Myrick called the question. Funding Action. Roll Call Vote: 14 Ayes, 0 Nos, 0 Abstentions, and 0 Ineligible. Motion passes.

B. Budget Advocate Report. Freddy Cupen-Ames, Budget Advocate was not present to give a report.



5. **LAPD Senior Lead Officer ("SLO") Reports.** Senior Lead Officer Jennifer DuValley ("SLO") announced that crime in her area – North Hollywood – is down. She discussed current issues and took questions from the Public. Public Comment. Annabelle Whettam thanked SLO DuValley for solving issues on Sylvan Avenue. Board Comment. None. SLO DuValley's email address is 30991@lapd.lacity.org.

SLO Mike Perez spoke to let everyone know he is now the permanent SLO for northwestern Valley Glen area. He has been with LAPD for 17 years and is eager to help create neighborhood watches in his area. SLO Perez discussed current issues such as IRS phone call scams, Google Gift Card scams, etc. and took questions from the Public. Public Comment. None. Board Comment. None. SLO Perez's email address is 35569@lapd.lacity.org.

SLO Benvenides also introduced himself as SLO for the southeastern area of Valley Glen to Whitsett Avenue between Burbank Blvd. and Coldwater Canyon. He has been with LAPD since 1997. Public Comment. None. Board Comment. Ferreyra suggested that GVGC put together a map of the GVGC SLOs on its website. President recommended Newton, Chair of Public Safety Committee, to work on a "one-sheeter" for the website.

6. **Government Representatives Reports.**

- A. **EMPOWER LA**, Representative Vanessa Serrano was not present to give a report.
- B. **LA City Councilmember Paul Krekorian**, Council District 2 (CD2). Sahag Yedalian, Field Deputy, was not present to give a report.
- C. **Congressmember Tony Cardenas**. Field Representative Nigel Sanchez was not present to give a report.
- D. **Assemblymember Adrin Nazarian**. Field Deputy Vanessa Carr was not present to give a report.

7. **Guest Speakers.** California State Senator Bob Hertzberg ("Herzberg"). Hertzberg announced that since the Legislature has been in recess since 8/31/2018, he has been visiting various community organizations and updating the on State issues. Hertzberg was a Guest Speaker one year ago, and updated GVGC on the State Budget, Homelessness, Earthquake Preparedness, Storm Water Capture, Maintaining SB-1 aka the Gas Tax, and other issues. Senator Hertzberg took questions from the Public and the Board. These questions ranged from, what controls exist to make sure money raised from Bond issues are spent on the purpose of the Bond, the 170 Freeway Sound Wall, Crime, and removal of Trees. Senator Hertzberg indicated that he will be the most senior California Senator during the next term, that he welcomes questions/ideas since he has access to a large staff of interns and retired professionals working on a variety of issues. Senator Hertzberg's presentation and Q & A were recorded on camera. This will be made available on the GVGC website.

8. **Public Comments on Items not on the Agenda.**

Annabelle Whettam, stakeholder, spoke about a puddle of water that forms on Sylvan Street east of Whitsett. She reported that the source of this water is from the Concorde career school on Victory Blvd., east of Whitsett, just north of her neighborhood. This standing water creates a mosquito risk and asked what could be done about this. D'Antonio suggested contacting The City Department of Street Services. James Casey offered a concern that water discharge from Concorde might contain medical/biological waste, making this a significant issue. Ferreyra indicated that chemicals might be discharged, as well. President Myrick recommended that Ms. Whettam meet with the Public Safety Committee on this matter.

Joanne Rivas, member of the North Hollywood Park Advisory Board, spoke about the North Hollywood Park and its activities (NoHo Park Summer Nights) over the past year, and plans for next year.

9. **President's Comments.** President Myrick had no comment at this time.

10. **Planning and Land Use Committee (PLUC) – J. Pelletier, Chair**

- A. **Committee Report.** Chair Pelletier proceeded to the motions.

B. “Motion 10.Ba” Motion for Board approval. Request that GVGC Board conceptually support the congregate living family facility's Conditional Use Permit (“CUP”) at 14011 Archwood St. Request is to expand existing congregate care facility capacity (from 6 beds) to 12 beds. Motion made by Ferreyra. Seconded by Myrick.

Public Comment. Chair Pelletier introduced Benjamin Fiss, Principal of Pacific Zoning, representative of the applicant congregate care facility. Fiss explained that the building on this site is a recently completed 6-bedroom house (the prior home burned several years ago) with six bathrooms, and room for 10 parking spaces off-street for employees and residents. The applicant has successfully operated and sold a 6-bed facility in Panorama City. Fiss explained that Current State Law promotes single family residences (“SFRs”) being used to house a variety of conditions, whether elderly requiring assistance or younger people who are victims of a stroke or other issue such that they need a separate residence but not more intense assisted living. The State allows up to 6 patients/people in a house; however, the amount can be increased provided that no more than 2 people occupy a single bedroom. The City requires an application be approved for a CUP so that the City, along with the Planning Commission with input from the public/neighbors as to specific terms that should be attached to the CUP. The applicant has not filed all the paperwork for the CUP but Ben Fiss, on behalf of the applicant, is requesting approval of the CUP.

Public Comment. None. Board Comment. Chair Pelletier confirmed that the parking spaces are 10 stacked parking spaces along an on-site driveway to the house. Silva noted the street in question is narrow, and that this could make off-site/street parking difficult. Fiss responded that since there are only 3 employees at any one time, no more than 4 cars will be utilizing the 10 on-site parking spaces, allowing for ample parking for visitors. Hall asked if the neighbors were contacted. Fiss responded that outside of formal notice separately received, neighbors were not specifically contacted, except some commented that they were happy to see the house completed. Several members of the Board indicated that this is a conceptual support motion and that the Applicant should complete outreach and report back to GVGC. As well, any further stakeholder comments can be directed to GVGC. D’Antonio had some questions about staffing levels. Without objection, President Myrick called the question. Funding Action. Roll Call Vote: 14 Ayes, 0 Nos, 0 Abstentions, and 0 Ineligible. Motion passes.

11. Community Outreach Committee – C. Ferreyra, Chair

A. Committee report. Chair Ferreyra is considering putting together a list of Board members who are operating the various social media sites GVGC uses to communicate with the Public. These include the website, a Facebook page, and a Twitter account. He then moved on to motions.

B. Motion 11.Ba. Motion for Board approval. Request for Board approval for the expenditure of no more than \$300.00 for two display banners for meetings and events. Motion made by Ferreyra. Seconded by Barmettler.

Public Comment. None. Board member Comment. Some discussion about use of banners. Chair Ferreyra responded that banners could be used for a variety of events. The banner offers the user the ability to insert different events, locations, and dates. Without objection, President Myrick called the question. Funding Action. Roll Call Vote: 14 Ayes, 0 Nos, 0 Abstentions, and 0 Ineligible. Motion passes.

C. Motion 11.Bb. Motion for Board approval. Request the Board approve new Outreach Committee mission statement to as follows: “To increase awareness among stakeholders and the community at large of the Greater Valley Glen Council (GVGC) and its Board meetings, community projects, and interaction with City and State officials. To interact with stakeholders at community events and through available means to encourage active participation from stakeholders who live, work, or have an interest in the area served by the GVGC”. Motion made by Ferreyra. Seconded by Barmettler.

Public Comment. Board member Comment. Chair Ferreyra and Barmettler discussed the Committee’s development of the statement. Board members were appreciative of the work as well as the statement. Without objection, President Myrick called the question. Non-Funding Action. Voice Vote: 14 Ayes, 0 Nos, 0 Abstentions, and 0 Ineligible. Motion passes.



12. Government Relations Committee – W. Hall, Chair

A. Committee report. Chair Hall had no report and proceeded to discuss motions.

B. Motions for Board approval.

Motion 12.Ba. The Greater Valley Glen Council supports the recommendations made in CF 18-0467 on Neighborhood Council Subdivision Reform but with these caveats:

- No new neighborhood councils should be created by subdivision or otherwise until the issue of equity funding of neighborhood councils, caused by the wide disparity in council sizes, is addressed and resolved.
- The 10,000 resident minimum size should be additionally conditioned with a demonstration of a unifying commonality in the new council. Motion made by Hall. Seconded by D'Antonio.

Public Comment. None. Board Comment. Ferreyra wanted to know more about the background of the recommended caveats and how the recommended caveats affect GVGC. Chair Hall discussed the background, including examples of funding inequity. Without objection. President Myrick called the question. Non-Funding Action. Voice Vote. 10 Ayes, 2 Nos (Iversen and Myrick), 2 Abstentions (Ferreyra and Jannol), and 0 Ineligible. Motion passes.

Motion 12.Bb. The Greater Valley Glen Council is deeply concerned with the declining condition of the City's urban forest and canopy. There have been several motions in the past several years to address the deficiencies in the management of our Urban Forest that have been adopted by City council but have gone nowhere. Our City has not kept up with new changes and trends in arboriculture and urban forest management. We endorse: efforts to hire a Director of Community Forestry along with supporting staff (CF 18-0988); the development of the various reports back to Council in support of the preservation of private trees affected by development projects (CF 18-0499-S1); and the development of the various reports from the Bureau of Street Services regarding the maintenance of existing and the planting of additional City trees as well as prioritization of the preservation of healthy City trees affected by sidewalk repairs (CF 15-0467-S8.) In addition, HOWEVER, these efforts require the assistance of a qualified outside professional consultancy service specializing in urban arboriculture (for example, Arbor Pro or Davey Trees); with due attention to other cities' successful implementation of programs that support their urban forests; and that the various reports as called for, after consultation with the affected entities and personages involved, be completed by a deadline certain as agreed to. Motion made by Hall. Seconded by Barmettler.

Public Comment. Annabelle Whettam appreciated the GVGC's efforts on this matter. Board Comment. Barmettler commented that three CISs will be generated. Friedman wanted to know the cost of this effort. Chair Hall and Barmettler indicated there should be no additional/extraordinary cost. Without objection. President Myrick called the question. Non-Funding Action. Voice Vote. 11 Ayes, 2 Nos (James Casey and Friedman), 1 Abstention (Pelletier), and 0 Ineligible. Motion passes.

Motion 12.Bc. The Greater Valley Glen Council supports preparation of an Ordinance establishing procedures that implement the right to appeal CEQA-related actions taken by a non-elected decision-making body or individual to the City Council as set forth in Public Resources Code section 21151 (c) and as proposed in CF 14-0090-S1. Motion made by Hall. Seconded by Barmettler.

Public Comment. None. Board Comment None. Without objection, President Myrick called the question. Non-Funding Action. Voice Vote. 14 Ayes, 0 Nos, 0 Abstentions, and 0 Ineligible. Motion passes.

Motion 12.Bd. Given the large number of mature trees being removed from our City's tree canopy for new driveways, home/building development, new public transit, street widening, electrical installations, sidewalk installations, and now sidewalk repair, the Greater Valley Glen Council has concerns that heat island effect and decline of air quality will be the unintended consequence of the loss of the valuable ecosystem services of the large trees removed for sidewalk repair. Because their value cannot be mitigated by replacement saplings, we therefore disagree with the denial of the appeal under the California Environmental Quality Act, and do not agree that this large removal of trees is "exempt" from CEQA. We are against proceeding with tree removals for sidewalk



repair until an EIR is in place, and the ramifications of this loss of canopy and its effect on respiratory health and energy utility needs/cost is fully calculated. Furthermore, we recommend consulting other cities such as Seattle, Santa Monica, Beverly Hills and Pasadena, which successfully repair their sidewalks without removing trees. [CFs 18-0725 and 18-0142] In view of the fact that City Council had already voted on this matter, and without objection, Chair Hall Withdrew the Motion.

Motion 12.Be. The Greater Valley Glen Council supports the instruction to BSS to find a solution to repair of the sidewalk on Cherokee Avenue that preserves trees. [Plus, the Motion above.] [CF 18-0707] In view of the fact that City Council had already voted on this matter, and without objection, Chair Hall Withdrew the Motion.

C. Los Angeles Department of Water & Power (DWP) Representative. Chair Hall submitted a report that will appear on the GVGC website.

D. City Sustainability Representative. D'Antonio noted that the new Director, Bureau of Street Services appears to be very knowledgeable about urban forestry matters. D'Antonio submitted a report that appears on page 10 of these Minutes.

E. Valley Alliance of Neighborhood Councils (VANC). There was no report for this meeting.

13. Parks, Community Improvements, and Medians Committee – S. Myrick, Chair

Committee report. Chair Myrick discussed the GVGC correspondence to the owner of property located at 12827 Victory Blvd (aka Cinemark Theatre property). D'Antonio sent a letter to the owner of the property regarding negligence surrounding death/decline of numerous mature Street and Parkway trees. This is primarily due to the removal of grass that surrounded the trees. Grass was replaced by Decomposed Granite, which basically suffocated the trees. The owner suggested GVGC speak to the property manager. The property manager suggested GVGC speak to the owner. It appears no party wants to be accountable. Myrick indicated that more work needs to be done on this at the next Committee meeting. There were no motions.

14. Arts and Education Committee – Julie Casey, Chair

A. Committee report. Chair Casey reported on monument signage at Burbank Blvd. and Coldwater Canyon. A sign vendor attended the last Committee meeting and suggested that the Burbank Sign should be torn down and that several bids should be obtained to construct a new sign. Board member Pelletier supported the idea of getting at least three quotes, and Chair Casey indicated that she would attempt to get at least three bids from local artist with monument design experience. Ferreyra and Barmettler suggested getting ideas from local schools to help with signage ideas.

B. Motions for Board approval. No motions submitted.

15. Community Safety Committee – Thomas Newton, Chair

A. Committee report. Chair Newton reported that the Committee will be discussing working on a "map your neighborhood" project in accordance with Ready Your LA Neighborhood ("RYLAN"). Open this link for more information <https://emergency.lacity.org/rylan>

B. Motions for Board approval. No motions submitted.

16. Ad hoc By-Laws Committee – T. Newton, Chair

A. Committee report. Chair Newton indicated that he and Iversen met to discuss Bylaws, including Censure language. No recommendations were reported. Chair Newton expects to continue to have monthly meetings to come up with revised Bylaws to bring to the Board.

B. Motions for Board approval. No motions submitted.



17. Board member comments on items not on agenda.

Ferreya reminded all Committee Chairs that they are responsible for posting agendas and doing minutes.

18. President's Motions.

Motion A for Board approval. President requests the Board approve Jon Pelletier as Chair of newly created ad-hoc "Board Nomination Vetting." Secretary Jannol raised a point of order that the Bylaws (Article VII, Section 2) give the GVGC President authority to establish temporary ad hoc Committees. Ferreyra concurred and indicated that the intention of an ad hoc Committee is to address an issue of a short-term nature. For example, an ad hoc Vetting Committee may be of some use between now and May 2019 Elections as the Public hears more about Board vacancies, and stakeholders contact GVGC to fill vacancies. However, once the election process commences the need for a Vetting Committee to assist in filling vacancies will be moot. There were comments by Pelletier and Iversen about the Vetting process. There were no Public Comments. Based on this discussion and without any objection, President Myrick, in accordance with the Bylaws, established the ad hoc Board Nomination Vetting Committee to be chaired by Jon Pelletier. The term of the Committee will be six months. Its purpose will be to review requests by stakeholders requesting appointment to the Board. The Committee will interview the candidates, assess their interests and qualifications, and report findings to the President and the Board. President Myrick suggested that if any Board member receives a request from a stakeholder to serve on the Board, they should notify him of the request.

Motion B for Board approval. President requests the Board approve expenditure up to \$200.00 for GVGC business cards for Carlos Ferreyra and Thomas Newton. Motion made by Myrick. Seconded by Pelletier.

Public Comment. None. Board Comment. None. Without objection, President Myrick called the question. Funding Action. Roll Call Vote. 14 Ayes, 0 Nos, 0 Abstentions, 0 Ineligible. Motion passes.

19. President's Comments.

President Myrick discussed Board Retreat ideas and scheduling a December Board meeting during the Holiday Season. Iversen suggested keeping the Regular December Board meeting as planned, given it is early in the month (December 3rd) and making the Retreat a to-be-scheduled item. President Myrick and all the other Board members agreed to follow the established calendar, with a plan to schedule a Board Retreat. [Board Retreats are a vehicle to for the Board to meet to discuss ways to operate the GVGC more efficiently and to the benefit of stakeholders, while staying within the structure of the Bylaws and the Brown Act]

20. Adjournment. Motion to Adjourn made by Myrick. Seconded by Iversen.

Public Comment. None. Board Comment. None. Without objection, President Myrick called the question. Non-Funding Action. Voice Vote: 14 Ayes, 0 Nos, 0 Abstentions, 0 Ineligible. Motion passes.

Meeting adjourned at 9:00 p.m. Next Board meeting (unless preceded by any Special Meeting) and location will be on December 3, 2018, 7:00 p.m., at Los Angeles Valley College, Administration and Career Advancement Building, Room 2504.

Submitted December 1, 2018

Mickey Jannol
Greater Valley Glen Council Board Secretary



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See the Following Pages for Vote Tally Sheet for Board Member Votes (page 9), and Government Relations Committee Reports per Item 12D (page 10).

		11-05-2018											
		VOTE TALLY SHEET											
		by Agenda item #											
Legend:		Roll Call 1	President's 2A	Minutes 3	Treasurer's 4A	Planning 10.Ba	Outreach 11.Ba	Outreach 11.Bb	Government 12.Ba	Government 12.BBb	Government 12.Bc	President's 18B	Adjournment 20
P = Present													
Y = Aye or Yes													
N = No													
A = Abstain													
I = Present but Ineligible to Vote													
R = Recused													
■ = Absent, or not yet seated													
Board Member Roll Call for:													
Michael Ashkinadze													
Joseph Barmettler		P	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y
James Casey		P	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	N	Y	Y	Y
Julie Casey		P	Y	A	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y
Joanne D'Antonio		P	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y
Carlos Ferreyra		P	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	A	Y	Y	Y	Y
September Forsyth													
Stanley Friedman		P	Y	A	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	N	Y	Y	Y
Walter Hall		P	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y
Derek Iversen		P	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	N	Y	Y	Y	Y
Mickey Jannol		P	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	A	Y	Y	Y	Y
Malky Kertis													
Cosmo Moore		P	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y
Sloan Myrick		P	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	N	Y	Y	Y	Y
Thomas Newton		P	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y
Jon Pelletier		P	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	A	Y	Y	Y
Alex Silva				Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y
	Present	13	13	14	14	14	14	14	14	14	14	14	14
	Yes	N/A	0	12	14	14	14	14	10	11	14	14	14
	No	N/A	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	2	0	0	0
	Abstentions	N/A	13	2	0	0	0	0	2	1	0	0	0
	Ineligible	N/A	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
	Recused	N/A	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
	Sum of Yes and No Votes	N/A	13	12	14	14	14	14	12	13	14	14	14
	Required Yes Votes to Pass	N/A	7	7	8	8	8	8	7	7	8	8	8
	Pass/Fail	N/A	Pass	Pass	Pass	Pass	Pass	Pass	Pass	Pass	Pass	Pass	N/A
	Quorum Count	13	13	14	14	14	14	14	14	14	14	14	14

Agenda Item 12D

Sustainability Report for November 5, 2018 Board Meeting

11-1-'18 Community Forest Advisory Committee (CFAC) 1:00 p.m. BPW at City Hall

-- Mayor's office announced that a new position of Chief Forester to be announced in Dec. or Jan. and salary level has been raised.

-- In Public Comment Joanne D'Antonio asked that CFAC ask UFD to make available to public the transmittals for Public Works Tree Removal hearings sooner than 3 days before the hearings.

-- Ileana Wachtel reported the growing public awareness of the tree canopy: lobbying efforts and sold out forum by Angelenos 4 Trees.

-- CD2 CFAC Rep Rachel Malarich reported Beverly Hills Chief Forester at a seminar last week was in shock at how much needs to be done in Los Angeles.

-- Aaron Thomas, the Mayor's CFAC rep, was elected as new Chair of CFAC; Ryan Allen now Vice-Chair.

-- Tim Tyson, UFD Division Manager, reported citations are issued by UFD under the ACE program but the \$250 fine does not come close to compensate for tree loss. He also reported new applications go UFD prior to plans being drawn, and tree removal requests for driveway relocation are being denied.

-- **Adel Hagekhalil, newly appointed Director of Street Services introduced himself and described new approaches to save trees while repairing more sidewalks in new ways, which include bulb-outs, meandering sidewalks, and uplifted panel removal/root prune/pour new material that matches old sidewalk. He reported that the City paid out \$6 million last year in sidewalk liability lawsuits. There will be "sidewalk closed" sign postings that precede repair.**

-- Jacky Suber of Angelenos 4 Trees reported illegal protected tree removals by developer on Pacheco Ave. Discussion ensued on need for higher fines and to make it a misdemeanor to remove protected trees, and the developer and contractor to be held responsible.

-- Joanne D'Antonio brought up Modesto ash tree removals and replacements on an entire block Canoga Ave. North of Burbank Blvd. that did not go through proper protocol of issuing a public tree removal notice. Neighbors questioned tree removals on Nextdoor, and a removal notice would have saved research efforts. Tim Tyson of UFD reported that the apartment building's contractor had root-pruned and compromised the City trees when replacing sidewalks. UFD demanded removal and 2 to 1 planting of same species on the same street, which was done without public notification.

10-17-'18 Public Works and Gang Reduction Committee and 10-31-'18 City Council

-- Motion passed to deny CEQA objection for tree removals on 3 streets for sidewalk repair, challenged by plaintiffs due to lack of EIR in place (CF 18-0142, CF 18-0725, CF 18-0707).

-- BSS was instructed to find a solution to removing the trees on Cherokee Ave. CF 18-0707.

10-11-'17 Urban Forestry Management Plan Working Group 9:00 a.m. City Hall

-- Presentations on current funding for trees in LA and other cities, how San Francisco was able to fund a robust Urban Forestry Management Plan, why LA UFD is underfunded and what steps are needed to properly fund, and how many City departments have some tree jurisdiction yet operate in a silo and can't share resources.

-- Report of this year-long working group will be publicly presented at BPW on December 4 at 4:00 p.m. (reservation required).

Joanne D'Antonio
Sustainability Representative, GVGC