

Greater Valley Glen Council ("GVGC")

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

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REGULAR VIRTUAL BOARD MEETING Minutes

June 1, 2020 - 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 address the Neighborhood Council must dial **(669) 900 - 6833** and **enter 951 2179 9133** and **then press #** to join the meeting. You may join the meeting as early as 6:30 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

Mickey Jannol	Acting President
Vacant	Vice President
Anthony Sipp	Treasurer
Joanne D'Antonio	Secretary

Board Members

Leslie Aguirre	At-Large Rep	Cosmo Moore	District 4 Rep
Joseph Barmettler	District 4 Rep	Sloan Myrick	District 5 Rep
Anthony Bethel	District 1 Rep	Kristen Robinson	At-Large Rep
Joanne D'Antonio	At-Large Rep	Andrea Schmitt	District 6 Rep
Walter Hall	Community Organizations Rep	Robin Shafer	Community Organizations Rep
Mickey Jannol	Commercial Property Rep	Alex Silva	District 1 Rep
Artur Manasyan	Youth Rep	Anthony Sipp	District 6 Rep
Jah Milton	Education Institutions Rep	Krista Sipp	At-Large Rep

1. Call to Order 7:00 p.m.

2. Roll Call. The following 15 members were present Leslie Aguirre, Joseph Barmettler, Anthony Bethel, Joanne D'Antonio, Walter Hall, Mickey Jannol, Artur Manasyan, Cosmo Moore, Sloan Myrick, Kristen Robinson, Robin Shafer, Alex Silva, Anthony Sipp, Krista Sipp. Quorum achieved.

3. Nominations for and election of President, conducted by Jasmine Elbarbary, EmpowerLA Neighborhood Empowerment Advocate ("NEA"). Joanne D'Antonio nominated Mickey Jannol and Anthony Bethel seconded. No other nominations and no public or Board comments. Mickey Jannol elected GVGC President. 12 yes, 0 no, 1 abstain (Jannol), 1 absent (Milton), 2 ineligible (Aguirre, K. Sipp)

4. Nominations for and election of Vice President, conducted by NEA Jasmine Elbarbary. J. D'Antonio nominated Anthony Bethel and A. Silva seconded. No other nominations and no public or Board comments. Anthony Bethel elected GVGC President. 12 yes, 0 no, 1 abstain (Bethel), 1 absent (Milton), 2 ineligible (Aguirre, K. Sipp)

Rest of meeting conducted by Board President

5. Nominations for and election of Treasurer to start July 1 and complete training prior to that (advised by Jasmine Albarbary). J. D'Antonio nominated Andrea Schmitt and A. Bethel seconded. No other nominations and no public or Board comments. Andrea Schmitt elected GVGC Treasurer. 12 yes, 0 no, 1 abstain (Schmitt), 1 absent (Milton), 2 ineligible (Aguirre, K. Sipp)

6. Nominations and elections for vacant board seats. New bylaws voted at last meeting have to be approved by BONC and go into effect at next regular neighborhood council election. Bylaws Change window is about to close so we cannot make more changes. M. Jannol corrected record: Joseph Barmettler was elected Dist. 4 Representative at last election and no longer serves At Large (mistake on a previous agenda. Anthony Bethel was elected to District 1 Rep at first May 27 Board meeting. Mickey Jannol moved from At Large to Commercial Property Rep at last Board meeting to open an at large seat, which was filled at that meeting. **Vacant seats consist of:**

Two (2) District 2 Reps, Two (2) District 3 Reps, One (1) District 5 Rep, Two (2) Business Reps, One (1) Religious Institution Rep, and One (1) Commercial Property Rep.

Matthew Brashear self nominated for Business Rep. Seconded by Andrea Schmitt. Public comments against were made by: Wendy Elgin Silva, Bart Cannistre, Dorteia Sargent, September Forsythe. Public comments in favor were made by: Lindsey Hopkins, Catherine Inglese. Board members voiced concerns, including use of City Seal for a purportedly unauthorized event and suggested he serve on a Committee as a stakeholder first. Election failed. 1 yes (Hall), 11 no, 1 abstain (Manasyan), 1 absent (Milton), 2 ineligible (Aguirre, K. Sipp)

Government Rep Reports (not on agenda)

Caroline Menjivar, East Valley Rep for Mayor's Office gave update on free coronavirus testing sites, LAFD fire response in place. Report on protests, looting, curfew, arrests, in this area. Census is below 10 years ago. caroline.menjivar@lacity.org

7. Government Relations Committee – W. Hall, Chair

Motion 1: GVGC favors the proposed report from the Department of Water and Power relative to the feasibility and costs to underground electric distribution facilities in high fire zones, but to additionally report on the feasibility and costs to use insulated conductors as an alternative solution to undergrounding, and on additional practices that would minimize possible utility-caused fire-starting points. (CF 19-1361) [For if Amended] Motion passed. 13 yes, 0 no, 0 abstain, 1 absent (Milton), 2 ineligible (Aguirre, K. Sipp)

Motion 2: Blocking sidewalks by businesses and street vendors is a problem within the footprint of our neighborhood council and in surrounding areas. The Greater Valley Glen Council supports the City Council motion (19-1334) that requests development of an ordinance that would facilitate the citing of non-permit holders from creating violations of the Americans with Disabilities Act. [For] Withdrawn by Committee Chair -- City Attorney is working on an ordinance.

Motion 3: For residents of Greater Valley Glen, the proposed joint development project at the Metro North Hollywood Station appears less than user-friendly. Without adequate and easily accessible parking, riding the Red Line in lieu of freeway use by our constituency is problematic. As proposed, parking for public transit users is to be scattered about various project structures, with a smart phone app listing of site-specific parking availability. With no guarantee that a spot will remain available, especially as traffic within and about the project will cause delays, finding parking becomes difficult

and uncertain and ultimately sours Red Line ridership by those not within walking distance of it. The Greater Valley Glen Council approves sending a letter to project management asking for a redesign of parking facilities and the building of more parking near the station. Additionally, this letter will communicate our objection to the project's proposed felling of many mature trees and ask for a redesign to save as many, if not all, of those trees. Motion passed. 12 yes, 0 no, 0 abstain, 2 absent (Milton, Moore), 2 ineligible (Aguirre, K. Sipp)

Motion 4: The GVGC approves transmittal to the Bureau of Street Service its opposition to a Tree Blitz Program in place of one of two annual Pothole Blitz efforts as we find that City streets continue to demand attention and repair. We find the Tree Blitz proposal to be piecemeal in nature and lacking thoughtful planning with no analysis of possible benefits versus the time and dollars that would be expended on it. Accordingly, the GVGC recommendation is that, before any such Tree Blitz effort be undertaken, the Street Tree Inventory be conducted first and an overall Urban Forestry Master Plan with ecological consultation from the scientific community be subsequently created and adopted so that future tree planting is done in a systematic and responsible way. Motion passed. 13 yes, 0 no, 0 abstain, 1 absent (Milton), 2 ineligible (Aguirre, K. Sipp)

Motion 5: The Greater Valley Glen Council supports preparation of an ordinance that would restrict parked vehicle idling and preparation of a marketing campaign to publicize the health consequences of needless idling. The ordinance, when prepared, should include emphasis on strict enforcement and carry significant financial penalties for non-compliance. (CF 19-0604) [For if Amended] Motion passed. 12 yes, 0 no, 1 abstain (A. Sipp), 1 absent (Milton), 2 ineligible (Aguirre, K. Sipp)

Motion 6: The GVGC approves sponsorship of this year's ONEgeneration Senior Symposium at a cost of \$300. Motion passed. 12 yes, 0 no, 0 abstain, 1 absent (Milton), 3 ineligible (Aguirre, Manasyan, K. Sipp)

Motion 7: The GVGC supports the proposal at City Council to allow Park Rangers to, after necessary training, carry firearms, CF 20- 0190. **[For]** Motion failed. 4 yes, 6 no (Hall, Jannol, Myrick, Robinson, Schmitt, A. Sipp), 3 abstain (Manasyan, Shafer, Silva,) 1 absent (Milton), 2 ineligible (Aguirre, K. Sipp)

Motion 8: The Greater Valley Glen Council recommends passing CF 15-0499-S1 with the simple addition that the division of biologists and horticulturalists proposed in the motion extend their consultation to the management of the City's street trees as well as to the private tree population as indicated in the motion. It is crucial that all trees in the City benefit from this added expertise. **[For if Amended]** Motion passed 13 yes, 0 no, 0 abstain, 1 absent (Milton), 2 ineligible (Aguirre, K. Sipp)

Information Items: Government Rep reports: Sustainability, VANC, and LA DWP.

8. President's Motions

Motion 1: Approval of up to \$1,750 to purchase a one-year subscription from Zoom (Zoom Pro) to provide a license for each Committee Chair and hosting capability for Committee meetings. The Zoom Pro account offers "bandwidth" to accommodate up to 100 attendees for each Committee meeting. This is in addition to the City-provided Board license which supports up to 500 attendees. Motion passed 12 yes, 0 no, 0 abstain, 1 absent (Milton), 3 ineligible (Aguirre, Manasyan, K. Sipp)

Motion 2: Approval to pay the attached Moore Business Results invoice for webmaster services for May 2020. Motion passed 12 yes, 0 no, 0 abstain, 1 absent (Milton), 3 ineligible (Aguirre, Manasyan, K. Sipp)

Motion 3: Approval of the attached FY 2020 - 2021 Administrative Packet for submission to EmpowerLA and the City Clerk. Motion withdrawn by President. Administrative Packet to be revised and considered at special board meeting in June,

Motion 4: Approval to write letter to support the May 7, 2020 attached letter from Steering Board Members of the Neighborhood Council Sustainability Alliance to Mayor Garcetti regarding Council Files 20-0482 (climate as essential services) and 20-0600 (proposed budget). Motion passed. 11 yes, 0 no, 2 abstain (Hall, Manasyan), 2 ineligible (Aguirre, K. Sipp)

9. President's Comments

Committee Chairs needed. Joanne D'Antonio volunteered to chair PLUC.

10. Public Comment on non-Agenda Items. Please see Disclosures on page 7.

Brandon Pender, Budget Advocate asked that we appoint Budget Reps -- default is President and Treasurer. Offered to send Budget White Paper,

11. Board Comments on items not covered in this Agenda.

Robin Shafer to chair Outreach Committee.

Joanne D'Antonio sending Board Roster info requests to Board members. Will send roster to Board and to DONE and arrange email forwarding.

12. Scheduling of next Board Meeting to handle motions and Important Deadlines below:

June 8, 2020 - Deadline to receive refund checks to ensure reimbursed funds are credited back to the NC's account this Fiscal year

June 15, 2020 - Final date to submit a check payment request, including NPG applications (normally June 1st every year)

June 20, 2020 - Final date to make purchases with the NC bank card

June 30, 2020 - Deadline to submit Encumbrance Requests to clerk.NCFunding@lacity.org

13. Motion to Adjourn. Motion passed. Meeting adjourned at 10:10 p.m.

Agenda Item #8, Motion 2 Attachment



Invoice #GVG 2020 0601
Number

Date June 1, 2020

Please remit to:

Mr. Mickey Jannol
President
Greater Valley Glen NC
13659 Victory Blvd, #136
Valley Glen, CA 91401

Wendy L. Moore
Moore Business Results
19300 Rinaldi, #7524
Northridge, CA 91327

818 252-9399
<http://www.moorebusinessresults.com/>
City of LA Tax #549794-29

Communications services	508.13
Constant Contact for 1 month	45.00
Total Amount Due:	\$553.13

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Date	Details	Hours
5/1/2020	Agenda. Facebook.	0.17
5/5/2020	Add renderings stormwater	0.17
5/7/2020	Special meeting agendas. Facebook. Eblast.	0.75
5/12/2020	Updated fact sheet stormwater	0.17
5/16/2020	Constant Contact settings update. Community plan on news. Blood drive on calendar. Eblast. Facebook	1.00
5/18/2020	Agenda	0.17
5/22/2020	Art competition on calendar. Agenda. COVID news. Eblast. Facebook.	1.00
5/26/2020	Safety Minutes	0.17
5/28/2020	Calendar: Stormwater capture meeting info, grab & go, Nazarian meeting. Update board page. Facebook.	0.67
	Communications Total	4.27

Agenda Item #8, Motion 4 Attachment



Mayor Eric Garcetti
200 N. Spring Street
Los Angeles, CA 90012

May 7, 2020

Re: Council Files 20-0482 (climate as essential services) and 20-0600 (proposed budget)

Dear Mayor Garcetti and the City Council:

If there is any lesson many of us in the Neighborhood Council Sustainability Alliance have learned over the course of the coronavirus pandemic, it is that we have to be forward-thinking and prepare for what we know will come; we ignore predicted crises at our peril. In that vein, we object to the proposed budget as described in Council File 20-0600, and we support Council File 20-0482, to classify as essential emergency services any efforts to reduce greenhouse gas and toxic emissions.

Unfortunately, the climate crisis will not wait on hold while we address the impacts of the coronavirus pandemic, and although we expect to see some cuts to climate mitigation programs in order to close the budget gap caused by the projected drop in revenue and unexpected costs due to the pandemic, those programs should not be eliminated; we do not want you to repeat the mistake made by the Trump administration in disbanding the Office of Global Health Security and Biodefense prior to the pandemic.

Specifically, our concerns include:


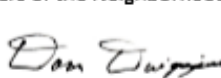
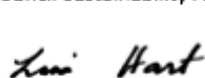


- the elimination of the Office of Climate Emergency Mobilization, the Climate Emergency Commission, and Community Assemblies (all of which were just about to launch, and which would have engaged low-income communities, who are particularly vulnerable to the climate crisis as well as this pandemic, in a just transition to a sustainable economy)
- the elimination of the Wildlife Pilot Study, which protects habitat connectivity
- reductions in funding for protection and maintenance of existing mature trees throughout the city—now more than ever, we need to protect the lungs of Los Angeles

We have known about and felt the effects of the escalating climate crisis for many years—each year breaking new records with more extreme weather and wildfires. Although the speed at which we are experiencing the impacts of these two crises is different, make no mistake that the climate crisis is causing increasing numbers of human deaths. To continue to react to short-term threats while postponing, or outright ignoring, whole-system issues is near-sighted and dangerous. Far better would be to treat the immediate crisis as a part of our overall strategy for dealing with the larger one that we know will be a multi-generational, global endeavor.

This is a painful time, but we do not want to return to the way things were; we want to do better. And this budget is, at the end of the day, a statement of our values.

Sincerely,

Steering Board Members of the Neighborhood Council Sustainability Alliance

				
Shelley Billik	Don Dwiggins	Lisa Hart	Ernesto Hidalgo	Loraine Lundquist

Disclosures:

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