

Greater Valley Glen Council ("GVGC")

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

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Minutes - REGULAR VIRTUAL BOARD MEETING (Zoom)

August 3, 2020

Officers

Mickey Jannol	President
Anthony Bethel	Vice President
Andrea Schmitt	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	At-Large Rep	Robin Shafer	At-Large Rep
Mickey Jannol	At-Large Rep	Alex Silva	District 1 Rep
Artur Manasyan	Youth Rep	Anthony Sipp	District 6 Rep
Jah Milton	At-Large Rep	Krista Sipp	At-Large Rep

Item 1 President Jannol called meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

Item 2 Roll Call: 15 members present, 1 absent (Milton)

Item 3 Approval of July 6, 2020 Board Meeting Minutes as submitted.
Motion passed. 15 yes, 0 no, 0 abstain, 1 absent (Milton), 0 ineligible, 0 recused

Item 4 Nomination by Board member Mickey Jannol of former Board member September Forsyth to fill an open At-Large seat on the Board, (Seconded by Alex Silva).
Motion passed. 15 yes, 0 no, 0 abstain, 1 absent (Milton), 0 ineligible, 0 recused

Item 5 President's Announcements

Promotion to fill Vacant Board seats. Vacant seats now consist of two (2) District 2 Reps, two (2) District 3 Reps, one (1) District 5 Rep, and three (3) or four (4) At-Large Reps, depending on the outcome of Item 4.

Appointment of Leslie Aguirre as Homelessness Liaison and Data Liaison. From EMPOWERLA's website: City of Los Angeles elected officials, departments, and even other NCs are frequently looking for an NC contact person to work with on a matter. During the year, agencies will ask EmpowerLA for Liaison contact information to send invitations to meetings or events of interest, to receive feedback, or simply to request help in sharing information with NCs and stakeholders. The Liaison is the contact person that will help our NC improve government responsiveness to our community's needs.

Item 7 Treasurer's Report.

Motion 1: Approval of the June 2020 MERs.

<https://clkrep.lacity.org/ncfunding/mer/A604CB8D-66A3-4D92-A07F-DBE5815FFE74L.pdf>

Motion passed. 14 yes, 0 no, 0 abstain, 1 absent (Milton), 2 ineligible (Manasyan, Forsyth), 0 recused

Motion 2: Approval to pay West Coast Mail Center \$10.50, as a correction to the bill approved for 6/20/2020 to 6/20/2021 mailbox rental (\$224.70 from \$214.20). is for a \$10.50 late fee assessed after we voted on the main bill.

Motion passed. 14 yes, 0 no, 0 abstain, 1 absent (Milton), 2 ineligible (Manasyan, Forsyth), 0 recused

Motion 3: Approval to pay Webmaster Moore Business Results \$494.82 for website management services in July 2020.

Motion passed. 13 yes, 0 no, 0 abstain, 2 absent (Milton, Moore), 2 ineligible (Manasyan, Forsyth), 0 recused

Motion 4: Approval to pay Constant Contact \$45.00 for upcoming August 2020 Internet Services. Webmaster Moore Business Results paid for Constant Contact's July services.

Motion passed. 14 yes, 0 no, 0 abstain, 1 absent (Milton), 2 ineligible (Manasyan, Forsyth), 0 recused

Item 8 Presentation by Paola Garcia (up to 10 minutes) from City of LA Sanitation Department regarding the Northern Victory Blvd. Median Stormwater Capture Project:

Rain gardens have been changed to catch basins. There will be curb cuts but there will no longer be rocks in the median design. Existing trees will be protected from equipment, though replacement trees will be planted if there is damage. New planting by UFD will be 2 deodar cedars and 1 valley oak tree. Project to provide above ground irrigation and plant medians with new grasses. A decomposed granite, sand-like path to be installed on the length of the medians. A flyer will go out to the neighbors.

Item 6 Government Representative and LAPD Reports. Caroline Menjivar, the Mayor's SFV representative presented a Covid info page for distribution and expressed the Mayor's concern regarding ending the Census early.

Item 9 Public Safety Committee.

Public comment by Cheryl Cashman recommending property owner be responsible for fireworks on property. Recommended re-encactment of 3 expired fireworks Council files: 17-1421, 17-1421 S1, 14-0818 S5. Committee agreed to consider. Other public comments on fireworks and LAPD online sales busts.

Motion 1: Approval to send a letter to Councilmember Krekorian to urge him to introduce a motion for City Council to increase Los Angeles City municipal fines for fireworks usage to \$2,500 - \$5,000 for offenses. Language used may be consistent with language used in State statutes for illegal fireworks usage. Current City and State fines start at \$500.

Motion failed. 6 yes (Jannol, Moore, Myrick, Robinson, Schmitt, Silva) 7 no, 2 abstain (Hall, Manasyan), 1 absent (Milton), 1 ineligible (Forsyth), 0 recused

Item 10 Outreach Committee.

Motion 1: Approval for up to \$2,250.00 to buy GVGC branded masks (a mix of adult and child sizes using the GVGC name and logo) to pass out as a promotional tool, with an attached paper explaining the function and purpose of the GVGC.

Board comments on quality, filters, individual package.

Motion passed. 13 yes, 0 no, 0 abstain, 2 absent (Milton, Moore), 2 ineligible (Manasyan, Forsyth), 0 recused

Motion 2: Approval for up to \$200.00 for GVGC to host a virtual game night through Zoom using the **Kahoot!** game development program to make up game questions about GVGC, the community, and trivia questions. **Kahoot!** is a game-based learning platform, used as educational technology in schools and other

educational institutions. Its learning games, "Kahoots", are user-generated multiple-choice quizzes that can be accessed via www.kahoot.com or the Kahoot app. The games promote fun and sharpening of minds while promoting social distancing. For more information, please visit the Wikipedia link on **Kahoot!** <https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Kahoot!>

Motion passed. 12 yes, 2 no (Moore, Silva), 0 abstain, 1 absent (Milton), 2 ineligible (Manasyan, Forsyth), 0 recused.

Item 11 Planning and Land Use Committee

Motion 1: Approval to provide a letter of support for a Conditional Use Permit (CUP) request to allow sale and dispensing of a full-line of alcoholic beverages for on-site consumption 1,483 sq. ft. interior and 304 sq. ft. outside patio, and interior live entertainment at Elite Garden Café (Applicant) 12909-12911 Victory Blvd. at Coldwater Canyon from 11:30 a.m. -11:00 p.m. Sunday through Thursday and 11:30 a.m. – 2:00 a.m. Friday and Saturday. The requested support letter will contain language that GVGC's support of the CUP is subject to the Applicant reaching out to adjacent neighbors Summit View School and St. Jane Frances de Chantal Catholic Church.

Motion passed. 15 yes, 0 no, 0 abstain, 1 absent (Milton), 1 ineligible (Forsyth), 0 recused

Item 12 Government Relations Committee

Note: 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 Greater Valley Glen Council opposes at this time City efforts (CF 20-0838) to create a *Permanent Slow Street Program*. [Against]

Motion failed. 4 yes (Barmettler, D'Antonio, Jannol, Myrick), 8 no, 3 abstain (Manasyan, Moore, Robinson), 1 absent (Milton), 1 ineligible (Forsyth), 0 recused

Motion 2:

The Greater Valley Glen Council is in support of Resolution 20-002-S101 that opposes enactment of SB 1120 which would allow for approval of a housing development of two residential units (duplexes) and parcel map division of a lot into two equal parts both without a discretionary review process. [For] Accordingly, the GVGC opposes Resolution 20-002-S107 that is in support of SB 1120. [Against]

Motion passed. 10 yes, 2 no (Aguirre, K.Sipp), 3 abstain (Moore, Silva, A.Sipp), 1 absent (Milton), 1 ineligible (Forsyth), 0 recused

Motion 3:

The GVGC approves transmittal to the Aliso Canyon Disaster Health Research Study its request that full public disclosure be made and issued by the Southern California Gas Company of all chemicals released during the 2015 gas leak, of all chemicals released in conjunction with attempts to cap the leak, of all chemicals released in subsequent leaks, and of all chemicals released during ongoing operations.

Motion passed. 15 yes, 0 no, 0 abstain, 1 absent (Milton), 1 ineligible (Forsyth), 0 recused

Note: For Motions 4 through 8 that follow, if approved, letters to Senator Hertzberg and Assemblymember Nazarian as well as posting on the "State Portal" of GVGC opposition to the enumerated State legislative proposals will be made. (Also to Governor Newsom per friendly amendment)

Motion 4:

The GVGC is in opposition to SB 995 that would allow fast-tracking large apartment complexes with reduced numbers of affordable units.

Motion passed. 13 yes, 0 no, 2 abstain (Aguirre, Silva), 1 absent (Milton), 1 ineligible (Forsyth), 0 recused

Motion 5:

The GVGC is in opposition to AB 1279 that would allow for State designation of "Opportunity Zones" where large apartment buildings with up to 120 units could be constructed or, with payment of an *in lieu fee*, 10-unit luxury apartments without any affordable units, all with limited local oversight.

Motion passed. 11 yes, 0 no, 4 abstain (Aguirre, Moore, Myrick, Silva), 1 absent (Milton), 1 ineligible (Forsyth), 0 recused

Motion 6:

The GVGC is in opposition to AB 2345 that would allow for a 50% bonus to a building size if more affordable housing units are included and would allow bypassing many local standards, including parking, trees, and open space requirements.

Motion passed. 9 yes, 1 no (A.Sipp), 5 abstain (Aguirre, Moore, Myrick, Silva, K.Sipp), 1 absent (Milton), 1 ineligible (Forsyth), 0 recused

Motion 7:

The GVGC is in opposition to AB 3040 that allows for loss of control over local planning by California cities when they do not meet RHNA-required availability of affordable housing units and with subsequent limited local oversight.

Motion passed. 10 yes, 0 no, 5 abstain (Aguirre, Moore, Myrick, Silva, K.Sipp), 1 absent (Milton), 1 ineligible (Forsyth), 0 recused

Motion 8:

The GVGC is in opposition to AB 3107 that would allow tall apartment building construction where commercial establishments now stand and to a height of the tallest commercial or residential structure within one-half mile. **Motion Passed. 11 yes, 0 no, 4 abstain (Aguirre, Silva, A. Sipp, K.Sipp), 1 absent (Milton), 1 ineligible (Forsyth), 0 recused**

Committee Government Rep Reports:

Sustainability Report – D’Antonio reported on Liveable California efforts regarding State housing bills
LA DWP Report – Hall reported on DWP hydration stations

Item 13. President’s Motions.

Motion 1:

Motion to approve up to \$300.00 to purchase a 6-month supply of doggie waste bags to put in GVGC market metal boxes at the Valley Glen Community Park and Laurel Grove Park. This represents 6,000 rolls bags used by Park patrons to clean up after their dogs. Parks Committee member Rosa Mirna Pajuelo fills GVGC metal boxes with bags. Both Parks are out of supply.

Motion passed. 14 yes, 0 no, 0 abstain, 1 absent (Milton), 2 ineligible (Manasyan, Forsyth), 0 recused

Item 14. Public Comment on non-Agenda Items. No public comment.

Item 15. Board Comments on non-Agenda Items. Next regular Board meeting should be September 14 due to Labor Day, not September 7 as listed on agenda. Noted.

Item 16. Motion passed to adjourn. Meeting adjourned 9:25 p.m.

Next Regular Board Meeting is on September 14, 2020 at 7:00 p.m.

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