



Greater Valley Glen Council ("GVGC")



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MINUTES

REGULAR VIRTUAL BOARD MEETING

September 14, 2020

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 attend and/or comment at this meeting must dial **(669) 900-6833** and **enter 94025852382** and **then press #** to join the meeting. 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.

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
September Forsyth	At-Large Rep	Robin Shafer	At-Large Rep
Walter Hall	At-Large Rep	Alex Silva	District 1 Rep
Mickey Jannol	At-Large Rep	Anthony Sipp	District 6 Rep
Artur Manasyan	Youth Rep	Krista Sipp	At-Large Rep
Jah Milton	At-Large Rep		



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Item 1 Moment of Silence in Remembrance of 911. Pledge of Allegiance.

Item 2 President Jannol called meeting to order at 7:00.

Roll Call. (16 present 1 absent (Jah Milton - joined the meeting after Item 3)

Condolences to Sloan Myrick for the loss of his mother.

Item 3 Approved Regular Board Meeting Minutes for August 1, 2020 as submitted.

14 yes, 0 no, 2 abstain (Moore, K. Sipp), 1 absent (Milton), 0 ineligible, 0 recused

Item 4 Nomination of Heidi Harrison, District 2 resident, to fill an open District 2 Rep seat on the Board.

Motion passed. 17 yes, 0 no, 0 abstain, 0 absent, 0 ineligible, 0 recused

Item 5 Nomination of Jonathan George, District 5 resident, to fill an open District 5 Rep seat on the Board.

Motion passed. 17 yes, 0 no, 0 abstain, 0 absent, 1 ineligible (Harrison), 0 recused

Item 6 Nomination of Grady Williams to fill an open At-Large seat on the Board.

G. Williams indicated that previously considered by this Council planned pod house on his street was sold and did not become a pod living situation.

Motion passed. 17 yes, 0 no, 0 abstain, 0 absent, 2 ineligible (Harrison, George), 0 recused

Note: Vacant seats consist of one or two District 2 Reps, depending on outcome of Item 4, two District 3 Reps, none or one District 5 Rep, depending on the outcome of item 5, and two or three At-Large Reps, depending on outcome of Item 6. 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.

Meeting recessed at 7:25 p.m. to begin special Board meeting.

Regular Board Meeting resumed at 7:37 p.m.

Item 7 Government Representative and LAPD Reports – No LAPD.

Narek Jalladyan of Councilmember Krekorian's CD 2 Office reported that Lorraine Diaz and Karo Torossian of CD 2 would present tiny houses project at our October 5th Board meeting.

Tammy Ramirez of School Board Member Schmerelson's office reported on fall enrichment classes, virtual learning, and meals.

Item 8 Treasurer's Report and Motions.

Motion 1: Approval of the July 2020 MERs.

<https://clkrep.lacity.org/ncfunding/mer/0C7B2CDE-5F2A-45EA-94DA-D83831E3A814L.pdf>

Motion passed.

15 yes, 0 no, 0 abstain, 1 absent (Myrick), 5 ineligible (George, Harrison, Jones, Manasyan, Williams), 0 recused.

Motion 2: Approval of the August 2020 MERs.

<https://clkrep.lacity.org/ncfunding/mer/EF42D771-FBBC-4E3B-85A8-5EF384A1B894L.pdf>

Motion Passed.

15 yes, 0 no, 0 abstain, 1 absent Myrick, 5 ineligible (George, Harrison, Jones, Manasyan, Williams), 0 recused.

Item 9 Arts & Education Committee. Report and Motions. None.

Item 10 Outreach Committee. Report and Motions.



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Motion 1: Approval for up to \$200 for GVGC to host a virtual game night through Zoom using the Crowd Purrs game app replacing previously approved game expenditure, this with an easier app.

Motion Passed.

15 yes, 0 no, 0 abstain, 1 absent (Myrick), 5 ineligible (George, Harrison, Jones, Manasyan, Williams), 0 recused.

Item 11 Public Safety Committee. Report and Motions.

Motion 1: Approval to issue letter to Los Angeles Councilmember Paul Krekorian (with copies to all Councilmembers) to request the LA City Council to implement a Fireworks Social Host Ordinance similar to the (link follows in bold) **Fireworks Social Host Ordinance** in force in Kern County.

Motion Passed.

14 yes, 0 no, 2 abstain (A. Sipp, K. Sipp), 1 absent (Myrick), 4 ineligible (George, Harrison, Jones, Williams), 0 recused

Motion 3: Approval to issue letter to LA City Council's Public Safety Committee reactivate and restore the following Council Files to their most recent legislative status. The files are:

Council File 17-1421-S1 Motion (Huizar - Rodriguez) expired 6-27-2020

Council File 14-0818-S5 Motion (Krekorian - Koretz) expired 6-12-2020

Motion Passed.

13 yes, 0 no, 3 abstain (Aguirre, A. Sipp, K. Sipp), 1 absent (Myrick), 4 ineligible (George, Harrison, Jones, Williams), 0 recused

Motion 2: Approval to issue letter to Councilmember Paul Krekorian to request LA City Council to ask the LA City Attorney for records of how many citations were issued, how many arrests were made and prosecuted, and how many were dismissed for illegal fireworks violations since January 1, 2017.

Motion Passed.

16 yes, 0 no, 0 abstain, 1 absent (Myrick), 4 ineligible (George, Harrison, Jones, Williams), 0 recused

Item 12 President's Motions.

Motion 1: Board approval of the expenditure of up to \$11,000 to clean up, remove ant moguls, grade, and mulch the Victory Blvd. and Whitsett Ave. Medians (mulch delivery, water, and watering included). GVGC authorizes entering into a contract with Stay Green for \$11,000 to clean up and mulch the Medians (not including dead tree removal if any). Said contract to be subject to City approval. (Re-do of previous motion to put in current fiscal year.)

Motion Passed.

11 yes, 1 no (Barmettler), 1 abstain (Forsyth), 3 absent (Milton, Moore, Myrick), 5 ineligible (George, Harrison, Jones, Manasyan, Williams), 0 recused

Motion 2: Approval of the expenditure of up to \$1,750 per month for maintenance of the Medians, on an as requested basis. This includes regular watering to preserve the mulch work with the understanding that we will get quarterly approvals from the Board for actual payment of the work. This motion funds 7 months of work. To cover the full year, CD 2 will contribute \$8,400, roughly 5 months of work. (Re-do of previous motion to put in current fiscal year.)

Motion Passed.

12 yes, 1 no (Barmettler), 1 abstain (Forsyth), 2 absent (Milton, Myrick), 5 ineligible (George, Harrison, Jones, Manasyan, Williams), 0 recused.



Item 13 Intentionally Omitted.

Item 14 Planning and Land Use Committee. Report and Motions.

Motion 1: 12041-12053 Burbank Blvd. and 6217 Agnes Avenue ("Subject Property") - Northwest corner of Burbank Blvd. and Agnes Ave. **Applicant represented by Rabbi Rubenstein and Sarah Golden. Numerous public comments for and against.**

Motion recommending approval to send letter of support for Yeshiva Ketana's (Applicant) request for a Zone Variance and Conditional Use Permit to permit the operation of a Private Elementary School (actually K through 8) on the Subject Property in the P and C1 Zone with friendly amendment accepted to add 25 additional staff parking spaces at Temple parking across the street.

Motion Passed.

(9 yes, 2 no (Forsyth, Hall), 3 abstain (Barmettler, Manasyan, Silva), 3 absent (Milton, Moore, Myrick), 4 ineligible (George, Harrison, Jones, Williams), 0 recused.

Motion 2: 6603-6605 Fulton Avenue ("Subject Property") - Northwest corner of Fulton Avenue and Kittridge Street. Motion recommending approval to send a conditional letter of support for Michael Khacho's ("Applicant") request for a demolition permit of a Single-Family Dwelling subject to the retention of the two large street trees on Fulton Avenue.

Motion Passed.

14 yes, 0 no, 1 abstain (Silva), 2 absent (Milton, Myrick), 4 ineligible (George, Harrison, Jones, Williams), 0 recused.

Motion 3: 13906 Oxnard ("Subject Property") - Southwest corner of Oxnard and Ranchito. Motion to support application by Dan Reichman ("Applicant") to demolish existing unoccupied Single-Family Dwelling subject to an environmentally safe plan with existing trees to remain in place.

Motion Passed.

13 yes, 0 no, 1 abstain (Hall), 3 absent (Milton, Moore Myrick), 4 ineligible (George, Harrison, Jones, Williams), 0 recused.

Item 15 Government Relations Committee. Report and Motions.

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 endorses City Council Resolution 20-0002-S315 favoring support of State Legislation SB 731 which would create a statewide process to revoke the peace officer status of individuals convicted of certain serious crimes or terminated from employment as a peace officer due to misconduct and empower the California Department of Justice to investigate allegations of police misconduct and strengthen existing California civil rights laws to prevent law enforcement abuses. [For]

Motion passed.

15 yes, 0 no, 0 abstain, 2 absent (Milton, Myrick), 4 ineligible (George, Harrison, Jones, Williams) 0 recused.

Motion 2 and CIS: The Greater Valley Glen Council recognizes the importance of the need for Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion in the make-up of Neighborhood Councils and for decisions made by the councils to be bias-free. At the same time, we recognize that Neighborhood Council board and committee members are volunteers already donating many hours to council business. The imposition of additional training hours over and above those now required would be a burden that isn't justified. In place of the training called for in this Council File, development of a set of principles and/or guidelines that board and committee members sign onto, similarly to the in place Code of Conduct, is a preferable alternative and would prove equally effective. (CF 20-0990) [For if Amended]



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Motion failed.

2 yes (D'Antonio, Hall) 11 no, 2 abstain (Barnettler, Moore), 2 absent (Milton, Moore), 4 ineligible (George, Harrison, Jones, Williams) 0 recused.

Motion 3: The Greater Valley Glen Council endorses the stated Mission of the Department of Recreation and Parks to *enhance the quality of life in Los Angeles by providing attractive, safe and well-maintained parks with diverse opportunities to serve and enrich every community* and its Vision for an *accessible, dynamic and sustainable park system for all Los Angeles residents and visitors to play, enjoy and build community*. As such we oppose RAP's approval of a proposed pallet-home encampment in Alexandria Park in North Hollywood (Report 20-161) that would use up a majority of park land and would mean less grass, tree removal and paving over a wide swath of the remaining park with an access road from Laurel Canyon Blvd. to the encampment. (If approved, a letter with the motion content would be sent to the RAP commissioners, Councilmember Krekorian, CFAC and other impacted agencies and individuals.)

Motion passed. 11 yes, 0 no, 3 abstain (Shafer, A. Sipp, K. Sipp), 3 absent (Milton, Moore, Myrick), 4 ineligible (George, Harrison, Jones, Williams), 0 recused.

Representative Reports

J. D'Antonio (Sustainability) reported that tree condition that is being gathered in the Davey Tree Inventory currently in progress is not being made public.

Announcement that the City is sponsoring a tree webinar on Sept. 22: "Growing Vibrant LA Communities: Inventory in Action."

No DWP meeting to report.

Item 16 Parks, Medians, & Improvements Committee. Report and Motions.

Motion 1: Motion for Board approval of the allocation up to \$1,000 for "No Smoking" signs for Greater Valley Glen parks. (Re-do of motion from previous fiscal year)

Motion passed. 10 yes, 1 no (Silva), 2 abstain (Hall, Schmitt), 3 absent (Milton, Moore, Myrick), 5 ineligible (George, Harrison, Manasyan, Jones, Williams), 0 recused.

Item 17 Public Comment on non-Agenda Items. Jasmine Elbarbary, DONE Rep introduced herself (joined mid-meeting).

Item 18 Board Comments on non-Agenda Items

J. D'Antonio reported that the rendering is inaccurate on the flyer distributed to nearby residents by the City for the Victory medians storm water project.

M. Jannol reported that the ad in the VGNA newsletter worked to bring new board members and acknowledged design by K. Robinson.

Item 19 Motion to Adjourn passed at 10:32 p.m.

Next Regular Board Meeting is on October 5, 2020 at 7:00 p.m.

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