



# Greater Valley Glen Council ("GVGC")



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## MINUTES October 05, 2020 REGULAR VIRTUAL BOARD MEETING

### VIRTUAL MEETING TELECONFERENCING NUMBER FOR PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

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#### Officers

<b>Anthony Bethel</b>	Acting President
<b>Anthony Bethel</b>	Vice President
<b>Andrea Schmitt</b>	Treasurer
<b>Joanne D'Antonio</b>	Secretary

#### Board Members

<b>Leslie Aguirre</b>	At-Large Rep	<b>Jah Milton</b>	At-Large Rep
<b>Joseph Barmettler</b>	District 4 Rep	<b>Cosmo Moore</b>	District 4 Rep
<b>Anthony Bethel</b>	District 1 Rep	<b>Sloan Myrick</b>	District 5 Rep
<b>Joanne D'Antonio</b>	At-Large Rep	<b>Kristin Robinson</b>	At-Large Rep
<b>September Forsyth</b>	At-Large Rep	<b>Andrea Schmitt</b>	District 6 Rep
<b>Jonathan George</b>	District 5 Rep	<b>Robin Shafer</b>	At-Large Rep
<b>Walter Hall</b>	At-Large Rep	<b>Alex Silva</b>	District 1 Rep
<b>Heidi Harrison</b>	District 2 Rep	<b>Anthony Sipp</b>	District 6 Rep
<b>Mickey Jannol</b>	At-Large Rep	<b>Krista Sipp</b>	At-Large Rep
<b>Andrea Jones</b>	At-Large Rep	<b>Grady Williams</b>	At-Large Rep
<b>Artur Manasyan</b>	Youth Rep		



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*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 Board Vice President/Acting President A. Bethel Called meeting to order at 7:01 PM. Secretary J. D'Antonio called the roll.**

**Quorum achieved.** 17 present, 4 absent (George - arrived for Item 6, Harrison - arrived for Item 4, Milton, Williams)

**Item 3 Brief statement by A. Bethel:**

**Resignation of President Jannol for health reasons, though remaining on Board. NC purpose and goals, encouragement of neighborly behavior, and instructions for public comment during meeting.**

**Item 4 Approval of September 14, 2020 Regular Board Meeting Minutes as submitted. \***

**Motion passed.** 16 yes, 0 no, 0 abstain, 3 absent (George, Milton, Williams) 2 ineligible (Harrison, Jones), 0 recused

**Item 5 Nomination of Anthony Bethel for President.\* M. Jannol moved and C. Moore seconded. No other nominations. \***

**Motion passed.** 14 yes, 0 no, 2 abstain (Bethel, D'Antonio), 3 absent (George, Milton, Williams), 2 ineligible (Harrison, Jones), 0 recused

**Item 6 Nomination of Cosmo Moore for Vice President.\* J. Barmettler moved and A. Bethel seconded. (J. Barmettler was nominated but declined)**

**Motion passed.** 15 yes, 0 no, 1 abstain (Moore), 2 absent (Milton, Williams), 3 ineligible (George, Harrison, Jones), 0 recused

**Item 7 Nomination** by Board member September Forsythe of **Dan Stueve**, to fill an open at large seat on the Board. \*

**Motion passed.** 16 yes, 0 no, 0 abstain, 2 absent (Milton, Williams), 3 ineligible (George, Harrison, Jones), 0 recused

**Item 8 Government Representative and LAPD Reports.**

**SLO Perez** sent word he would be at our next meeting.

**Stephanie Mkhlian** of Assembly Member Nazarian's office offered help with Unemployment Insurance (EDD) issues.

**Tammy Ramirez** of School Board Member Schmerelson's office offered help for students applying to college.

**Oswaldo Ramirez** of Congress Member Cardenas' office reported on efforts to restore the USPS in Santa Clarita, which affects our area service. Can be reached at (818) 221-3718

**Presentation by Lorraine Diaz and Narek Jalladyan from CD2 Re: Tiny Home Village at Alexandria Park.**

**Rebuttal by Diann Corral, Laurelgrove Homeowners Association.**



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**Rebuttal by Venice Neighborhood Council – Allan Parsons, stakeholder, and Vicky Halliday, Venice NC Board Member.**

**Public Comments on Presentation and Rebuttal, Board Comments/Discussion Re: Tiny Home Village at Alexandria Park.**

**Item 9 President’s Motions.**

**Motion 1: The Greater Valley Glen Council is against the Tiny Home Village project at Alexandria Park, citing health, safety issues and lack of outreach to the community. \***

**Motion passed.** 11 yes, 3 no (Aguirre, Shafer, K. Sipp), 1 abstain (Manasyan), 3 absent (Milton, A. Sipp, Williams), 4 ineligible (George, Harrison, Jones, Stueve), 0 recused

**Item 10 Treasurer’s Report and Motions.**

**Medians contract reported in progress.**

**Motion 1:** Approval to pay Constant Contact \$45.00 for upcoming October 2020 Internet Services \*

**Motion passed.** 14 yes, 0 no, 0 abstain, 3 absent (Milton, A. Sipp, Williams), 4 ineligible (George, Harrison, Jones, Stueve), 0 recused

**Item 11 Arts & Education Committee.** Report and Motions. There were no motions.

**Item 12 Outreach Committee.** Report and Motions. There were no motions.

**Item 13 Public Safety Committee.** Report and Motions. There were no motions.

**Item 14 Planning and Land Use Committee.** Report and Motions. All motions marked \*

Chair J. D’Antonio reported that weeds and trash were cleaned up at property at 13906 Oxnard. No hearing scheduled yet per Council Office.

**Motion 1:** Proposed Daycare 11841 W. Burbank Blvd. (subject property); Case No. ZA-2018-5057-CE. Motion to recommend in writing the Board's support for the Applicant's CEQA Exemption, CUP authorizing a childcare facility for a maximum of 31 children, and waiver of dedication and improvement for a five-foot dedication and widening along Burbank Blvd, but only contingent upon the adherence to the Recommended Conditions prepared by the applicant and listed with this letter including but not limited to the construction of a circular driveway between tied properties (with childcare facility at 11849 Burbank Blvd.) for ingress and egress and sound barriers adjacent to rear of property be completed prior to the operation of a childcare facility at this site.

Public Comments heard. Applicant Viktorija Marguleta present, agreed to also plant trees.

**Motion passed.** 10 yes, 1 no (Forsyth), 3 abstain (Hall, Manasyan, Moore), 3 absent (Milton, A. Sipp, Williams), 4 ineligible (George, Harrison, Jones, Stueve)

**Item 15 Government Relations Committee.** Report and Motions. All motions marked \*

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**Motion 1 and CIS:** The Greater Valley Glen Council opposes any proactive move by the City to transfer the maintenance of additional medians to other entities. It is preferable for the public to be able to contact the City as the responsible agency if there is an issue at one of the medians. It is especially problematic for Neighborhood Councils to be responsible for medians. There is frequent turnover in board members, and new boards will inherit financial obligations of past boards. Our Neighborhood Council shoulders the maintenance of three very long medians in Valley Glen and tried to improve on the substandard monthly maintenance we had been getting from a service company used by the City on other medians in our area. We located a City-acceptable environmentally-responsible service, but ALL maintenance has been delayed for over a year because we have not been able to get through the City Clerk's elusive and complicated requirements. The medians look worse than ever, with weeds and compacted soil, and we feel thwarted in our desire to use our Neighborhood Council funds to clean up, mulch, and water. Each time we submit a document requested by the City Clerk, we are asked to submit yet another one. And the contract has yet to be done. We are unpaid volunteers and should not have to assume the burden of trying to figure out the City's bureaucratic procedures to get work done. **(CF 20-1071)** [CIS: Against, letter to Councilmember Krekorian and others.]

**Motion passed.** 14 yes, 0 no, 0 abstain, 4 absent (Milton, Myrick, A. Sipp, Williams) 4 ineligible (George, Harrison, Jones, Stueve) 0 recused.

**Motion 2 and CIS:** The Greater Valley Glen Council opposes the proposal to bypass the Planning and Land Use Management Committee (PLUM) and bring directly to the City Council what are being termed "high value projects." We assume that "high value projects" implies projects of significant size and impact on their neighboring communities and, indeed, our entire city. As such, they deserve full vetting at the City Planning Commission, an objective PLUM and, if there approved, the full City Council. If the proposed project is of high value, sufficient time is needed for evaluating its impact. This proposed shortcut will allow for limiting public participation in the approval process. The entire planning process should reflect the Planning Commission's Core Objective: [To work] with local communities to enhance and preserve the built environment for future generations. [CIS: Against]

**Motion passed** 14 yes, 0 no, 0 abstain, 4 absent (Milton, Myrick, A. Sipp, Williams) 4 ineligible (George, Harrison, Jones, Stueve) 0 recused.

## Representative Reports

**Sustainability Report:** J. D'Antonio reported:

Oct. 14 Lunch with the City Forest Officer would be Chief Forester Tim Tyson addressing pruning practices. Zoom open to public – info to be sent to Board.

Save Weddington is looking for support to save the last non-public land 16 acre open space with very large trees due to be cut down to build artificial turf sports fields for Harvard-Westlake School.

**DWP Report:** W. Hall reported that there is a proposed DWP project at the Hyperion Wastewater plant.

**Homeless Liaison Report:** L. Aguirre reported that Project Roomkey may address racial equity issues.

**Item 16 Parks, Medians, & Improvements Committee.** Report and Motions. There were no motions.

**Item 17 Public Comment on non-Agenda Items.** Community College candidate Lidia Gutierrez talking about trade training that is moving from high school to community college and trade tech.

**Item 18 Board Comments on non-Agenda Items**

**Item 19 Motion to Adjourn passed and meeting adjourned at 10:04 PM.**

**Next Regular Board Meeting is on November 2nd, 2020 at 7:00 p.m.**



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