



Greater Valley Glen Council ("GVGC")



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Minutes

REGULAR VIRTUAL BOARD MEETING

November 02, 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 837 8366 5847** 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

Anthony Bethel	President
Cosmo Moore	Vice President
Andrea Schmitt	Treasurer
Joanne D'Antonio	Secretary

Board Members

Leslie Aguirre	At-Large Rep	Jah Milton	At-Large Rep
Joseph Barmettler	District 4 Rep	Cosmo Moore	District 4 Rep
Anthony Bethel	District 1 Rep	Sloan Myrick	District 5 Rep
Joanne D'Antonio	At-Large Rep	Kristin Robinson	At-Large Rep
September Forsyth	At-Large Rep	Andrea Schmitt	District 6 Rep
Jonathan George	District 5 Rep	Robin Shafer	At-Large Rep
Walter Hall	At-Large Rep	Alex Silva	District 1 Rep
Heidi Harrison	District 2 Rep	Anthony Sipp	District 6 Rep
Mickey Jannol	At-Large Rep	Krista Sipp	At-Large Rep
Andrea Jones	At-Large Rep	Dan Stueve	At-Large Rep
Artur Manasyan	Youth Rep	Grady Williams	At-Large 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 Call to Order at 7:02. Pledge of Allegiance.

Item 2 Roll Call 18 present, 4 absent (Aguirre, Forsyth, Stueve, Williams). **Quorum achieved.**

Item 3 Chair instructions for Public Comment.

Item 4 * Approval of September 14, 2020 Special Board Meeting Minutes. (Bethel, Harrison)
Motion passed. 18 yes, 0 no, 0 abstain, 4 absent (Aguirre, Forsyth, Stueve, Williams), 0 ineligible, 0 recused

Item 5 * Approval of October 05, 2020 Regular Board Meeting Minutes (Bethel, Hall)
Motion passed. 18 yes, 0 no, 0 abstain, 4 absent (Aguirre, Forsyth, Stueve, Williams), 0 ineligible, 0 recused

Item 6 * No nominations made to fill an open seat on the Board. Bethel to respond to any requests for Board appointments.

Note: Vacant seats consist of one District 2 Rep, and two District 3 Reps. 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.

Item 7 Government Representative and LAPD Reports.

Tammy Ramirez representing School Board Member Scott Schmerelson reported on webinar and town halls held to prepare for return to in-person school and also on extension of Choices applications deadline.

Caroline Menjivar representing Mayor Eric Garcetti reported on parking regulation changes that can be found on LADOT website. Also, veterans can register to get bags being distributed in Pacoima on Veterans Day.

Brandon Pender, Region 4 Budget Advocate, announced new website: budgetadvocates.com where their agendas and meeting minutes are posted.

Stephanie Mkhlian, representing Assembly Member Adrin Nazarian, reported that joint meetings to streamline interface of Caltrans with the City and County are taking place.

Loraine Diaz, representing City Council Member Paul Krekorian, reported a search for new GVGC field deputy to replace Narek Jaladyan, who has taken a new job. Their toy drive will be combined with GVGC food/toy drive this year. CD2 has exceeded required number of permanent supportive housing units, but not all are built. Sixty per cent of temporary homes for the homeless in CD2 are to be built by April.



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Item 8 * President's Motions. All motions marked *

Motion 1: * Nomination of Sloan Myrick as Parks & Community Improvement Committee Chair. *

(Bethel, Jannol) Motion passed. 17 yes, 0 no, 1 abstain (Myrick), 4 absent (Aguirre, Forsyth, Stueve, Williams), 0 ineligible, 0 recused

A. Sipp has resigned from the Arts and Education Committee. Bethel to send Committee member list to whole board.

Motion 2: * Approval of GVGC 2021 Neighborhood Council Elections Worksheet *

(Bethel, D'Antonio) Motion passed. 18 yes, 0 no, 0 abstain, 4 absent (Aguirre, Forsyth, Stueve, Williams), 0 ineligible, 0 recused

City to decide if drop-off boxes will be inside or outside.

Item 9 * Treasurer's Report and Motions. All motions marked *

Motion 1 * Approval of September 2020 MER. Link here:

<https://clkrep.lacity.org/ncfunding/mer/511F22A2-AA00-4DC2-9FD9-DBC5B681F72BL.pdf>

(Schmitt, Bethel) Motion passed. 17 yes, 0 no, 0 abstain, 4 absent (Aguirre, Forsyth, Stueve, Williams), 1 ineligible (Manasyan), 0 recused

Motion 2: *Approval to pay Personal Storage 3 \$23. (\$15 for a late fee and \$8 for a new padlock.) *

(Schmitt, Bethel) Motion passed. 15 yes, 0 no, 1 abstain, 5 absent (Aguirre, Forsyth, Myrick, Stueve, Williams), 1 ineligible (Manasyan), 0 recused

Schmitt reported payments after this late fee are starting to be on time.

Item 10 Arts & Education Committee. Committee Chair Milton reported ideas are being discussed for an afterschool program and a mural. There were no motions.

Item 11 * Outreach Committee. Committee Chair Shafer announced food/toy drive in Valley Glen Park on Dec. 6 1-4 PM co-sponsored with CD 2 Office and VGNA. GVGC masks are available for distribution.

Motion 1: * The GVGC shall schedule an event to hold a virtual trivia night on 12/12/2020 utilizing the CrowdPurr app and Zoom. * (This later date was chosen to meet notice requirements.)

(Shafer, Bethel) Motion passed. 18 yes, 0 no, 0 abstain, 4 absent (Aguirre, Forsyth, Stueve, Williams), 0 ineligible, 0 recused

Item 12 * Public Safety Committee. Committee Chair Schmitt reported on negotiation efforts regarding tiny homes. *

Motion 1: * The Community Safety Committee will recommend the creation of a Community Benefits Agreement between the Greater Valley Glen Neighborhood Council and Los Angeles City Council District 2, with the intention of completion before April 2021. *

Public Comment from Rudy Melendez that a park is not an appropriate location for pallet housing.
(Schmitt-Barmettler) Motion Passed. 15 yes, 1 no (D'Antonio), 2 abstain (Manasyan, A. Sipp),



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4 absent (Aguirre, Forsyth, Stueve, Williams), 0 ineligible, 0 recused

Motion 2: * The Community Safety Committee expresses its blanket support for any GVG constituent seeking to apply to the Slow Streets program. The committee trusts LADOT will determine the merits of each individual request and grant approval accordingly. *
Hall indicated that Slow Streets program CF 20-3808 S1 is probably on hold. No vote taken.

Item 13 Planning and Land Use Committee. D'Antonio reported there was no regular meeting Oct. 26, but there will be a special PLUC meeting on November 9. There were no motions.

Item 14 * Government Relations Committee. Motions. All motions marked *

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 the request in CF 20-1267 for a report from the Chief Legislative Analyst (CLA), the LAPD and the City Attorney on more effective ways to limit noise from vehicles with modified exhaust systems. Such noise is a chronic problem for GVGC neighborhoods. Instead of a report, we propose that enforcement of applicable California Vehicle Code Sections already on the books - that set well-defined decibel limits - be facilitated by supplying Sound Level Meters to enforcing officers. At the same time such devices would aid in enforcement of limits on sound levels from vehicle audio systems. [CIS: Against unless Amended] *

(Hall, D'Antonio) Motion passed. 16 yes, 1 no (A. Sipp), 1 abstain (K. Sipp), 4 absent (Aguirre, Forsyth, Stueve, Williams), 0 ineligible, 0 recused

Motion 2 and CIS: * The Greater Valley Glen Council supports the recommendation in CF 16-0163-S12 to amend the Los Angeles Municipal Code to require the owner of a lot undergoing an improvement project or a lot with a private tree causing damage to a sidewalk to repair the abutting sidewalk, and to waive the dedication fees when a lot owner requests a sidewalk be diverted onto the owner's lot to save a tree. [CIS: For] *

(Hall, D'Antonio) Motion failed. 4 yes (Bamettler, D'Antonio, Hall, Jones), 10 no, 4 abstain (George, Manasyan, Robinson, Shafer), 4 absent (Aguirre, Forsyth, Stueve, Williams), 0 ineligible, 0 recused

Motion 3 and CIS: * The Greater Valley Glen Council supports the recommendation in CF 20-0189 instructing the Planning Department to prepare revised Transit Oriented Communities Guidelines to increase the 55-year covenanted affordable housing percentage requirements in high and mid-market areas. While supporting this effort, we see its benefits to be marginal. [CIS: For] *

Public Comment from Rudy Melendez against the motion.

(Hall, D'Antonio) Motion failed. 5 yes (Bamettler, D'Antonio, George, Hall, Jones), 10 no, 3 abstain (Manasyan, Milton, Shafer), 4 absent (Aguirre, Forsyth, Stueve, Williams), 0 ineligible, 0 recused

Motion 4 and CIS: * The Greater Valley Glen Council supports Controller Ron Galperin's recommendation in his report (**Meeting the Moment; An Action Plan to Advance Prop. HHH**: CF 20-1145) that the City use HHH funds to pursue the acquisition of existing buildings, like hotels/motels, and unused commercial and office space for adaptive reuse as a quicker approach to house the homeless than the more long-term projects currently being built under HHH, which do not provide a sufficient number of units for the large numbers of homeless, and is not cost-effective. While we favor quickly built temporary housing, we are



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against putting this in public park space or removing trees to accommodate these structures. [CIS: For if Amended] *

Public comment from Rudy Melendez supporting essence of the motion.

Motion passed. 14 yes, 0 no, 3 abstain (Shafer, A. Sipp, K. Sipp), 5 absent (Aguirre, Forsyth, Moore, Stueve, Williams), 0 ineligible, 0 recused

Item 15 Parks, Medians, & Improvements Committee. There were no motions.

Item 16 Representative Reports --

Hall reported that DWP did not meet.

D’Antonio Sustainability Report:

1) Greater Valley Glen Tree Inventory had to be suspended in the summer due to extreme heat.

2) At City Council Public Works and Gang Reduction Committee determining fate of an oak woodland in the Sunshine Terrace area, City Attorney appeared to take the role of determining tree policy.

3) Information is on the SaveWeddington.org website to help preserve original Weddington estate trees on the Weddington golf course that are slated for removal by Harvard Westlake School that is proposing to build an artificial turf sports event stadium.

Public comment by Rudy Melendez that this project is an abuse of land and that Paul Krekorian is on the wrong side of this issue.

Item 17 Public Comment on non-Agenda Items.

David Sussan inquired on locations of public posting of GVGC agendas and commented about the condition of the Greater Valley Glen medians.

Item 18 No Board Comments on non-Agenda Items.

Item 19 * Motion to Adjourn *

(Bethel, Jannol) Passed unanimously. Meeting adjourned at 9:19 PM

Next Regular Board Meeting is on December 07, 2020 at 7:00 p.m.

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