



# Greater Valley Glen Council ("GVGC")



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## REGULAR VIRTUAL BOARD MEETING

### MINUTES

December 7, 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 862 2103 3384** 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

<b>Anthony Bethel</b>	President
<b>Cosmo Moore</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>Dan Stueve</b>	At-Large Rep
<b>Artur Manasyan</b>	Youth Rep		



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## AGENDA

*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 President Bethel called meeting to order at 7:02 PM. Pledge of Allegiance.**

**Item 2 Roll Call 20 present, 1 absent (Silva).**

**Item 3 Bethel: Instructions for Public Comment.  
Monique Lukens of 5G Free LA commented against 5G.**

**Item 4 \* Approval of November 2, 2020 Regular Board Meeting Minutes \*** (Bethel, Schmitt)  
**Motion Passed.** 19 yes, 0 no, 1 abstain (Hall), 1 absent (Silva), 0 ineligible, 0 recused.

**Item 5 \* Bethel reported that At-Large Board member Grady Williams has resigned.  
Nomination of Margie Curtis for an At-Large Board Seat \*** (Bethel, Barmettler)  
**Motion Passed.** 19 yes, 0 no, 0 abstain, 1 absent (Silva), 0 ineligible, 0 recused.

**Note:** At time of vote vacant seats consisted of one District 2 Rep, two District 3 Reps, and 1 At-Large Rep at the time of the Agenda. 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 6 Government Representative and LAPD Reports.**

Officer Joe Leon is covering Area 37 for Justin Bergman, who has retired.

Officer Perez reported property crime is down in his area. Towing ban was lifted on Oct 15, and vehicles that are inoperable or have expired registration are being towed.

John Darnell from DONE is covering for Jasmine Elbarbary who is out for 10 weeks.

Sophia Yurdin of the Mayor's Office went over emergency relief available, testing sites, and lockdown closures.

**Item 7 \* President's Motions & Actions.** All motions marked \*

**Motion 1 \*** Adopt GVGNC bylaws amended and approved by the Department of Neighborhood Empowerment on Nov. 18th, 2020. These bylaw amendments are a result of the Uniform Age Ordinance and Community Interest Stakeholder Ordinance recently passed by the Los Angeles City Council. \* (Bethel, Barmettler)

**Motion Passed.** 19 yes, 0 no, 1 abstain (Hall), 1 absent (Silva), 1 ineligible (Curtis), 0 recused.

**Action 1:** The President shall task the Parks and Community Improvement Committee to address and possibly act on both of the two Valley Glen welcome signs.



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**Action 2:** The President established an Ad-Hoc Elections Committee consisting of himself Jonathan George, Robin Shaffer, Dan Stueve, and Mickey Jannol. This committee shall also coordinate with the Community Outreach Committee.

Lanee Basulto presented Neighborhood Council election information for the Office of the City Clerk, which will be conducting elections in 2021. GVGC Election Day is May 11, 2021. Starting Jan 9 there is a 45 day candidate filing period using paper or online portal. Ballots can be requested by paper or online portal 60 days prior to election, and last day to request a ballot is seven days before election day; mailed ballots must be postmarked by election day or put in a designated dropbox. Portal: Clerk.lacity.org/elections and select appropriate NC.

**Item 8** Lisa Weisbaum from Jewish Family Service LA was not able to attend to give presentation.

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

**Motion 1 \* Approval of October 2020 MER.** A copy is attached to agenda and this is a link:

<https://clkrep.lacity.org/ncfunding/mer/531E63AD-9057-4319-8625-AB90D35B0AFDL.pdf>

(Schmitt, Jones)

**Motion Passed.** 18 yes, 0 no, 1 abstain (D'Antonio), 1 absent (Silva) 2 ineligible (Curtis, Manasyan), 0 recused.

**Item 10 \* Arts & Education Committee.** Report and Motions.\*

Milton reported Committee is exploring mural possibility with Covid message.

**Motion 1 \* Motion to approve a Neighborhood Purpose Grant for Monlux Elementary School in the amount of \$500 for 6 bookcases for their reading lab. \* (Milton, Jannol)**

**Motion Passed.** 19 yes, 0 no, 0 abstain, 1 absent (Silva) 2 ineligible (Curtis, Manasyan), 0 recused.

**Item 11 Outreach Committee.**

Shafer reported very successful toy and food drive was held.

**Motion 1 \* Motion to take out an ad in the Valley Glen Voice newsletter announcing the May elections for the Greater Valley Glen Council to be a full page for the price up to \$750 with an ad placement deadline of January 23. \* (Shafer, Barmettler)**

**Motion Passed.** 18 yes, 0 no, 1 abstain (Milton), 1 absent (Silva) 2 ineligible (Curtis, Manasyan), 0 recused.

Aguirre volunteered to put election information on Instagram.

**Item 12 Public Safety Committee.** There were no motions.

Bethel appointed a committee to interface with the Tiny Homes project: Schmitt, Aguirre + members of Laurel Grove Neighborhood Association. More members needed.

**Item 13 \* Planning and Land Use Committee. \***



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D'Antonio reported the receipt of demolition notices to demolish garages to build ADUs, no trees to be removed, and neighbors have been or will be notified.

**Motion 1** \* The GVGC supports the Conditional Use Beverage request ZA-2020-6108-CUB ENV-2020-6109-CE for a new supermarket at 13646 W. Vanowen (formerly Star Video, and now a vacant liquor store), with the caveat that malt liquor will not be sold. This exception has had past precedent in liquor license approval recommendations in the community. \* (D'Antonio, Forsyth)

**Motion Passed with friendly amendment to remove the malt liquor caveat.** 17 yes, 1 no (Harrison), 2 abstain (Hall, Milton), 1 absent (Silva), 1 ineligible (Curtis), 0 recused

**Item 14 \* Government Relations Committee.** Report and Motions. All motions marked \*

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Where California State Legislation is referenced (SB or AB), their intent, status and history can be found at: <https://leginfo.ca.gov/faces/billSearchClient.xhtml>

**Motion 1** \* The Greater Valley Glen Council voices its concern regarding the siting of 5G wireless infrastructure and possible concurrent health risks associated with the high radio frequencies, up to 95 Gigahertz, that will be used. As such, letters to Councilmembers and County Supervisors will be sent expressing this concern and asking that the City use the powers it has to delay installation of high frequency 5G infrastructure until a definitive science-based consensus on possible health risks is arrived at. We additionally ask that when siting installation of 5G hardware, antennas or otherwise, due notification of affected surrounding neighborhoods be given with affected parties' concerns being duly considered. [A website citing numerous peer-reviewed research on wireless radiation is available at <https://ehtrust.org/science/research-on-wireless-health-effects/>, the link here is to the final report of the New Hampshire commission to study the environmental and health effects of evolving 5G technology: <http://emfsafetynetwork.org/wp-content/uploads/2020/11/NH-State-5G-final-report-2020.pdf> ]\*

(Hall, Barmettler)

Julie Levine, Ann Kirkpatrick, and Jay Mack made public comments in support of motion to delay 5G installations.

**Motion Failed.** 8 yes (Barmettler, D'Antonio, Forsyth, George, Hall, Harrison, Jannol, Jones), 10 no, 2 abstain (Manasyan, Shafer), 1 absent (Silva), 1 ineligible (Curtis), 0 recused

**Motion 2 and CIS:** \* The Greater Valley Glen Council opposes the motion put forward in Council File 20-1373. The policies put forward will be expensive to enforce and ultimately ineffective. Furthermore, sweeping the homeless from freeway areas will drive them into residential areas. It will also take away their personal property pushing them further into poverty. We maintain more supportive measures can be taken without criminalizing the unfortunate with this motion. [CIS: Against] \* (Hall, D'Antonio)

**Motion to table and refer back to next GR Committee Meeting** (Barmettler, Bethel)

**Motion to table passed.** 14 yes, 4 no (Aguirre, D'Antonio, Harrison, Schmitt), 2 abstain (Manasyan, Moore), 1 absent (Silva), 1 ineligible (Curtis), 0 recused

**Motion 3 and CIS:** \* The Greater Valley Glen Council opposes those recommendations made in the Chief Legislative Analyst's report to the Rules, Elections, and Intergovernmental Relations Committee regarding the 2021-22 State Legislative Program (CF 21-0002-S4) that provide: 1) for exemption to the California Environmental Quality Act for projects proposed under declaration of a homeless crisis; and 2) inclusion of public parks as sites for emergency homeless shelters, with or without declaration of a shelter crisis. [CIS: Against Unless Amended]\*

**Motion Passed.** 14 yes, 0 no, 5 abstain (Aguirre, Jannol, Milton, A. Sipp, K. Sipp), 2 absent (Myrick, Silva). 1 ineligible (Curtis), 0 recused



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**Item 15 Parks, Medians, & Improvements Committee.** Report and Motions. There were no motions.

## **Representative Reports –**

**Homeless Liaison** Aguirre attended Metro meeting that described social worker and nurse engagement with homeless ridership to connect with available services.

**Sustainability Representative** D'Antonio reported that Urban Forestry Chief Forester Tim Tyson has retired and David Miranda is covering his duties. The Greater Valley Glen tree inventory has resumed after it was suspended for extreme heat. The Protected Tree Amendment (CF 13-1339) to extend protection to the toyon and Mexican elderberry has passed the City Council with its original specs for a qualifying tree restored, and a new fee structure is being determined for removal of protected trees.

**DWP Representative** Hall reported that the DWP is trying to figure out how to replace gas plants to get to reliable 100% renewable power production.

## **Item 16 No Public Comment on non-Agenda Items.**

## **Item 17 Board Comments on non-Agenda Items --**

D'Antonio reported that Stay Green will be removing dead trees from Victory north medians and then proceed with the clean up project on all the medians. Geosyntec will be providing decomposed granite and plants on the Victory north medians as part of the LASAN stormwater capture project. Two of the three new trees they are providing have arrived.

Bethel gave a reminder to take training from Planning Dept. as a requirement to serve on PLUC.

Robinson reported that the EIR for the citywide cat program has been approved and the vote on the motion (to capture, neuter and release feral cats) would be Dec. 8 at full City Council. D'Antonio indicated that GVGC has filed a CIS on this motion.

D'Antonio announced the Growing Vibrant LA Communities webinar on Urban Heat will take place on December 8 at 10:00 and that she will be presenting for the Neighborhood Council Sustainability Alliance Trees Committee.

## **Item 18 \* Motion to Adjourn \***

(Bethel, Robinson) Motion Passed unanimously. Meeting adjourned at 9:45 p.m.

**Next Regular Board Meeting is on January 4, 2021 at 7:00 p.m.**

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