



# Greater Valley Glen Council ("GVGC")



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## REGULAR VIRTUAL BOARD MEETING

### Minutes

February 1, 2021

#### 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 847 3162 1939** 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>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>Michael Hjelmstad</b>	District 2 Rep	<b>Krista Sipp</b>	At-Large Rep
<b>Mickey Jannol</b>	At-Large Rep	<b>Dan Stueve</b>	At-Large Rep
<b>Andrea Jones</b>	At-Large Rep		
<b>Artur Manasyan</b>	Youth Rep		
<b>Jah Milton</b>	At-Large Rep		

*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.*



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**Item 1 Pledge of Allegiance.**

**Item 2 Call to Order at 7:01 and Roll Call** 20 present, 1 absent (Harrison – arrived later)

**Item 3 Chair instructions for Public Comment.**

**Item 4 \* Approval of January 4, 2021 Regular Board Meeting Minutes \*** (Bethel, Hall)  
**Motion passed.** 20 yes, 0 no, 0 abstain, 1 absent (Harrison), 0 ineligible, 0 recused  
**January 4 Special Meeting Minutes not agendized. To be considered next month.**

**Item 5 No board member nominations.**

**Note:** Vacant seats consist of two District 3 Reps and 2 At-Large Seats at the time of 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.**

**Nikki Ezhari CD2:** Parks signs, vaccine appointments, upcoming TreePeople Water event

**Michael Perez SLO, William Guterrez SLO** (taking place of Justin Bergman)

New policy: online reporting only for traffic incidents, no in person investigations except deaths and serious injuries. New traffic complaint office Officer Phil Buenvides [32152@lapd.online](mailto:32152@lapd.online) (818) 644-8041

Reports of package thefts at apartments and theft of older model Toyotas and Hondas at night.

**Caroline Menjivar – Mayor's East Valley Rep.**

If no text or email for 2<sup>nd</sup> vaccine dose is received, if past due just go with card and photo ID to Dodger Stadium.

VA giving vaccine to front line workers

**Oswaldo Ramirez for Representative Cardenas'** Announced SBA Town Hall (818) 388-0685 work cell. Can help with PPP loan forgiveness.

**Item 7 President's Comments.** Feb 23 end of board candidate filing. Can order ballots March 12.

**Item 8 \* Treasurer's Report and Motions.** All motions marked \*

**Motion 1 \* Approval of December 2020 MERs.** Link here:

<https://clkrep.lacity.org/ncfunding/mer/BAB07996-47DF-4885-871C-8E8C1F04BD1BL.pdf>

(Schmitt, Bethel) **Motion passed.** 19 yes, 0 no, 0 abstain, 1 absent (Harrison), 1 ineligible (Manasyan), 0 recused.

**Item 9 Arts & Education Committee.** Milton reported that proposed mural cannot be on private property if NC funds are used.

Board member Heidi Harrison arrived.



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## Item 10 \* Outreach Committee. Report and Motions. \*

**Motions 1:** \* The GVGC moves that the Board approve replacing the current "Mission Statement" language specifically and only on our Website to the following:

"Neighborhood Councils are official bodies created under the City Charter of Los Angeles. The Greater Valley Glen Council consists of committed stakeholders who plan and implement community projects, and serves as a link between stakeholders and elected representatives and government agencies. The GVGC shall seek to enhance the economic vitality and quality of life of the community, and to preserve and enhance its character." \*

(Shafer, Bethel) **Motion passed.** 18 yes, 0 no, 3 abstain (D'Antonio, Hall, Harrison), 0 absent, 0 ineligible, 0 recused.

**Motion 2:** \* The GVGC moves that the Board approve an expenditure of up to \$2,500 for printing and distribution of Neighborhood Council Election fliers to single family homes in areas not covered by the ad in the Valley Glen Voice and multifamily homes throughout Greater Valley Glen. This motion supersedes the previous motion for up to \$600 from 01/04/2021. \*

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

**Item 11 Public Safety Committee.** Report and Motions. There were no motions  
Schmitt announced radar tracking device presentation at next board meeting.

**Item 12 Planning and Land Use Committee.** D'Antonio reported that Parks Stormwater capture to be at Alexandria Park. It was reported that some of tiny homes infrastructure will be repurposed for stormwater capture project, which will be delayed.

## Item 13 \* Government Relations Committee. Report and 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 supports the creation of a report enumerating the costs and status of all Prop HHH projects as called for in CF 21-0032, including the expected time for entitlement for those projects not yet so approved. [CIS: For] \* (Hall, D'Antonio) **Motion passed.** 17 yes, 0 no, 3 abstain (Moore, Shafer, Silva), 1 absent (Robinson), 0 ineligible, 0 recused.

**Motion 2 and CIS:** \* The Greater Valley Glen Council supports the effort to seek advice from the City Attorney, as called for in CF 21-0043, on options for withdrawing present commitments to Prop HHH projects now in the pre-development phase or without a formal loan agreement/contract with the City. This matter is time-sensitive and needs to include a deadline of 30-days or less. [CIS: For if Amended] \* (Hall, D'Antonio)

**Motion passed.** 19 yes, 0 no, 2 abstain (Shafer, Silva), 0 absent, 0 ineligible, 0 recused.



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**Motion 3 and CIS:** \* The Greater Valley Glen Council supports the efforts called for in CF 21-0040 for determining the feasibility and costs associated with using hotels and motels as temporary shelters for the homeless and the costs and feasibility for turning such temporary housing into permanent supportive housing. [CIS: For] \* (Hall, Hjelmstad)

**Motion passed.** 20 yes, 0 no, 1 abstain (Silva), 0 absent, 0 ineligible, 0 recused.

**Motion 4 and CIS:** \* The Greater Valley Glen Council supports the establishment by the City of design requirements for new temporary housing units for sheltering the homeless as allowed for under AB 2553. In establishment of such standards, a definition of "temporary" needs to be included. [CIS: For] \* (Hall, Hjelmstad)

**Motion passed.** 17 yes, 1 no (Jones), 3 abstain (Shafer, Silva, K.Sipp), 0 absent, 0 ineligible, 0 recused.

**Motion 5 and CIS:** \* The Greater Valley Glen Council supports LA Sanitation developing voluntary, service-based protocols for citywide CARE+ operations that includes among other provisions no use of law enforcement personnel. [CIS: For] \* (Hall, D'Antonio)

**Motion passed.** 15 yes, 3 no (Jones, Myrick, Silva), 3 abstain (Barmettler, Moore, Robinson), 0 absent, 0 ineligible, 0 recused.

**Motion 6 and CIS:** \* The Greater Valley Glen Council supports City Council Resolution (CF 21-0002-S18) opposing proposed legislation SB 9 that would mandate ministerial approval of residential duplex construction on a now single parcel lot and related matters. [Under existing provisions in the law, it is argued that passage of SB 9 could allow up to 8 units on an existing single family lot.] [CIS: For] [With approval of this motion, GVGC's opposition to SB 9 will also be posted on the Legislature's *Position Letter Portal*] \* (Hall, D'Antonio)

**Motion passed.** 20 yes, 0 no, 1 abstain (K. Sipp), 0 absent, 0 ineligible, 0 recused.

**Motion 7 and CIS:** \* The Greater Valley Glen Council supports the City Council Resolution (CF 21-0002-S18) opposing proposed legislation SB 10 that mandates cities allow midrise, medium-density housing on sites that are either within one-half mile of high-quality public transportation or within a job-rich, high-opportunity neighborhood close to key job centers without affordability requirements or sensitivity to the character of existing neighborhoods. [If SB 10 becomes law, it is argued that locally approved protections on land usage could be negated.] [CIS: For] [With approval of this motion, GVGC's opposition to SB 10 will also be posted on the Legislature's *Position Letter Portal*] \* (Hall, D'Antonio)

**Motion passed.** 19 yes, 0 no, 2 abstain (A. Sipp, K. Sipp), 0 absent, 0 ineligible, 0 recused.

**Motion 8 and CIS:** \* The Greater Valley Glen Council opposes creation of a ballot measure to address updating the City's zoning code as called for in CF 20-1042. We favor letting the ongoing efforts to update many of the City's Community Plans play out while at the same time endorsing efforts designed to create an equitable distribution of new housing, including affordable housing, within the City. Development of a new zoning should be carried out in a deliberative process and by ordinance and not at the ballot box. [CIS: Against] \* (Hall, D'Antonio)

**Motion passed.** 18 yes, 0 no, 3 abstain (Milton, A. Sipp, K. Sipp), 0 absent, 0 ineligible, 0 recused.

## **Item 14 \* Parks, Medians, & Improvements Committee. Report and Motions. \***

**Motion 1:** \* The GVGC moves that the Board approve an expenditure of up to \$100 to produce and print a "no dumping" flyer to be distributed to homes around GVGC, eg. Medians. \* (Myrick, Jannol)

**Motion passed.** 19 yes, 0 no, 1 abstain (A. Sipp), 0 absent, 1 ineligible (Manasyan), 0 recused.



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**Motion 2:** \* The GVGC moves that the Board approve an expenditure of up to \$950 to purchase "no dumping" signs to be installed as needed around GVGC, e.g. Medians. \* (Myrick, Hall)  
**Motion passed.** 18 yes, 1 no (A. Sipp), 1 abstain (Forsyth), 0 absent, 1 ineligible (Manasyan), 0 recused.

## Representative Reports

### D'Antonio, Sustainability Rep

- Street tree removal on Vanowen pending information.
- Park Stormwater Projects MND comment period is now.
- Had meeting with City Forest Officer Rachel Malarich to create new tree protection policy, but no enforcement ideas were proposed. Malarich reported that Urban Forest Management Plan that is being put together is grant-based, not affected by budget cuts.
- NCSA is working on developer guidelines for use by neighborhood councils.
- At VANC meeting Adel Hagekhalil reported that City tree-trimming is back on normal schedule. We will have tree inventory demo next month at Board meeting.
- Mulching on medians is complete.

**Item 15 Public Comment on non-Agenda Items – None.**

### Item 16 Board Comments on non-Agenda Items

Jannol reported VG Voice to be out this week that includes outreach election ad.  
March 4 is VGNA meeting

Shafer reported new neighborhood council digital media policy -- allowed to have 3 accounts and 3 people can post. President mediates.

D'Antonio offered help to anyone interested in learning to be secretary for next board as she will be termed out as board member.

Requests to put photo of median mulching on website.

**Item 17 \* Motion to Adjourn \*** (Bethel, Shafer) **Motion Passed.** Unanimous. Adjourned at 9:12 p.m.

**Next Regular Board Meeting is on March 1, 2021 at 7:00 p.m.**

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