



# Greater Valley Glen Council ("GVGC")



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## REGULAR VIRTUAL BOARD MEETING

### MINUTES – January 10, 2022

#### VIRTUAL MEETING TELECONFERENCING NUMBER FOR PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

In conformity with the September 16, 2021 enactment of California Assembly Bill 361 (Rivas) and due to concerns over covid-19, the Greater Valley Glenn Neighborhood Council meeting will be conducted entirely with a call-in option or internet-based service option. Every person wishing to attend and/or comment at this meeting can **dial (669) 900-6833 and enter 823 2525 9245 and then press #** to join or use the link <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/82325259245>. You may join the meeting as early as 6:45 p.m. Instructions on how to present public comment will be given to listeners at the start of the meeting, 7:00 p.m. The public is invited to this meeting by accessing the Zoom information above. Pursuant to the Agenda, the Public is invited to comment on items as called for in the Agenda.

#### AB 361 UPDATES

Public comment cannot be required to be submitted in advance of the meeting, only real-time public comment is required. If there are any broadcasting interruptions that prevent the public from observing or hearing the meeting, the meeting must be recessed or adjourned. If members of the public are unable to provide public comment or be heard due to issues within the Neighborhood Council's control, the meeting must be recessed or adjourned.

#### Officers

<b>Anthony Bethel</b>	President
<b>Cosmo Moore</b>	Vice President
<b>Andrea Schmitt</b>	Treasurer
<b>Dan Stueve</b>	Secretary

#### Board Members

<b>At-Large</b>	Cindy K Braun	<b>District 1 Resident</b>	Anthony Bethel
<b>At-Large</b>	September Forsyth	<b>District 1 Resident</b>	Dan Stueve
<b>At-Large</b>	Andrea Jones	<b>District 2 Resident</b>	Michael Hjelmstad
<b>At-Large</b>	Scott Kriloff	<b>District 4 Resident</b>	Christopher "Cosmo" Moore
<b>At-Large</b>	Daniel Lopez	<b>District 5 Resident</b>	Alicia Bien
<b>At-Large</b>	Samuel May	<b>District 5 Resident</b>	Tiffany Phelps
<b>At-Large</b>	Rishab Nathan	<b>District 6 Resident</b>	Nadia Marina Thomas
<b>At-Large</b>	Andrea Schmitt		
<b>At-Large</b>	Robin Shafer		
<b>At-Large</b>	Anthony "Tony" Sipp		
<b>At-Large</b>	Krista Sipp		



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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 Pledge of Allegiance.**

**Item 2 Call to Order at 7:02 p.m. and Roll Call: 15 present, 3 absent (Cindy K. Braun, Michael Hjelmsted & Tiffany Phelps). Quorum achieved.**

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

**Item 4 \* Approval of minutes \***

**Motion 1:** Motion to approve the December 6, 2021 Regular Board Meeting Minutes: (Bethel, Shafer) **Motion passed. 15 yes, 0 no, 0 abstain, 3 absent (Braun, Hjelmstad & Phelps) 0 ineligible, 0 recused.**

**Item 5 \* Board Nominations:** There are no motions.

**Note:** Vacant seats consist of one Youth Rep, one District 2 Rep, two District 3 Reps, one District 5 Rep, one District 6 Rep, and one At-Large Rep at the time of this 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.**

**Reports provided by:** SLO Jennifer Duvally, Jeff Camp- Councilmember Paul Krekorian's office, Brenda Yanez – Supervisor Sheila Kuehl's office & Sophia Soudani, Assembly Member Adrian Nazarian's office.

**Item 7 Representative Reports**

**Reports provided by:** Joanne D'Antonio, Sustainability (a copy is attached at the end of the minutes) & Mickey Jannol – VANC.

**Item 8 President's Motions & Comments.** All motions are marked \*

**Motion 1 \* [Possible motion, additional public comment will be allowed before this motion is made.]** The President moves to support designating the area between Hazeltine Ave to Ranchito Ave, and Calvert St to Sylvan St as a Preferential Parking District (PPD). \* **(Bethel, Stueve) Motion passed. 14 yes, 0 no, 1 abstain (Krista Sipp), 3 absent (Braun, Hjelmstad & Phelps) 0 ineligible, 0 recused.**



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

**Motion 1 \* Approval of October 2021 MER.** A copy is attached and there is also a link here: <https://clkrep.lacity.org/ncfunding/mer/6F3D2A20-AD95-47C0-9BD7-93E412F716EFL.pdf> \* **(Schmitt, Bethel)** Motion passed. 15 yes, 0 no, 0 abstain, 3 absent (Braun, Hjelmstad & Phelps) 0 ineligible, 0 recused.

**Motion 2 \* Approval of November 2021 MER.** A copy is attached and there is also a link here: <https://clkrep.lacity.org/ncfunding/mer/B65290B7-4E87-44B8-8FFA-1FFA2745BC3EL.pdf> \* **(Schmitt, Bethel)** Motion passed. 15 yes, 0 no, 0 abstain, 3 absent (Braun, Hjelmstad & Phelps) 0 ineligible, 0 recused.

**Item 10 Arts & Education Committee.** Report and Motions. There are no motions.

Update given by chair: Robin Shafer.

**Item 11 Community Outreach Committee.** Report and Motions. There are no motions.

Update given by chair: Krista Sipp

**Item 12 Community Safety Committee.** Report and Motions. There are no motions.

Update given by chair: Andi Jones

**Item 13 Government Relations Committee.** Report and Motions. There are no motions.

Update given by chair: Tony Sipp

**Item 14 Homelessness Committee.** There are no motions.

Update given by chair: Sam May

**Item 15 Parks, Medians, & Improvements Committee.** There are no motions and no update by chair.

**Item 16 Planning and Land Use Committee Report and Motions.** There are no motions.

Update given by chair: Dan Stueve

**Item 17 Public Comment on non-Agenda Items.** Public comment is limited to 2 minutes per speaker, unless adjusted by the Chair including but not limited to cases where there are multiple speakers on a similar non-agendized item.



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**Item 18 Board Comments on non-Agenda Items**, including but not limited to brief announcements by Standing Committee Chairs (designees) wherein the Committee has no motions but wishes to update Board and Public on significant matters.

**Item 19 \* Motion to Adjourn \* (Bethel/ Forsyth) 8:55 p.m.**

**Next Regular Board Meeting is on February 7, 2022 at 7:00 p.m.**

Inquiries may be directed to Dan Stueve, Board Secretary, at [dstueve@greatervalleyglencouncil.org](mailto:dstueve@greatervalleyglencouncil.org) or at (310-595-5875).



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Sustainability Report for 1-10-'22 Board Meeting

## **Community Forest Advisory Committee Policy Committee (CFAC) 12-9-'21**

Explanation of proper care of valley oak (aka white oak). Collapse of a leaning tree of this species resulted in a death in November. All native oak species will be overwatered when healthy turf grass is grown on their root spread; even riparian trees like sycamores do not need turf watering, so best not to plant trees where there is turf and remove turf in the root area of native trees.

## **Community Forest Advisory Committee (CFAC) 1-6-'22**

Ad hoc subcommittees to explore tree ordinance enforcement and tree equity were formed. Joanne D'Antonio to chair the former and Robin Gilliam the latter. RAP reported that DWP is going through plans to dig up parks and remove trees to install cisterns in SFV despite the fact that open space and trees are natural ways to conserve water. UFD reported that supervisors are being assigned specific geographic areas to better address local issues. UFD reports tree trimming cycles are now at 22 years but would prefer 5 to 7 year cycle. A group in Venice has worked to clear local tree wells of bricks, asphalt, etc. that impedes water getting to tree roots. City Forest Officer reported that a financing study is in progress to address cost of better urban forestry budget to address the needs of city trees.

## **Board of Public Works 1-7-'22**

Chief Forest Officer gave her report and President Good indicated that progress is being made in consideration of trees at the beginning of the Planning Dept. process.

## **Plancheck NC 1-8-'22**

All voting members of Planning and Land Use committees must take training before voting. Training does not expire. If committee members do not take training, whole board will be required to take it. Future Plancheck NC meetings will want to have representation from LA Building and Safety as so many projects do not go through the Planning Dept. and demolitions are taking place that remove character of the community and clear cut all trees, often illegally removing street trees.

## **Neighborhood Council Sustainability Alliance (NCSA) 1-9-'22**

No votes taken. Controversial presentation on Transit Oriented Communities program. Presenter favored the program but many attendees spoke of problems with its implementation and negative results of developers utilizing the opportunity to fast-track getting projects built that did not serve the community. Comments on large number of vacant market rate apartments in Hollywood, disruption of existing affordable housing with gentrification, and cheap unattractive buildings.

## **Japanese Garden Project Negative Declaration Public Meeting 1-10-'22**

No objections to project or problematic issues.