



Greater Valley Glen Council ("GVGC")



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REGULAR VIRTUAL BOARD MEETING

MINUTES – February 7, 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 849 9033 9344 and then press #** to join or use the link <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/84990339355>. 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

Anthony Bethel	President
Cosmo Moore	Vice President
Andrea Schmitt	Treasurer
Dan Stueve	Secretary

Board Members

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



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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 7:09 p.m. and Roll Call: 12 present, 4 absent (Cindy K. Braun, Andrea Jones, Rishab Nathan & Michael Hjelmsted). Quorum not achieved.

Item 3 Chair instructions for Public Comment.

**Item 4 * Approval of minutes *
Skipped – No Quorum.**

**Item 5 * Board Nominations:
Skipped – No Quorum.**

Item 6 Government Representative and LAPD Reports.

Reports provided by: Julien Antelin – Department of Neighborhood Empowerment, Carlos Rogel – SPARC, Michael Menjivar- LAUSD, Kelly Gonez, LAUSD President, Jeff Camp- Councilmember Paul Krekorian's office, Brenda Yanez – Supervisor Sheila Kuehl's office, Sophia Soudani, Assembly Member Adrian Nazarian's office & Osvaldo Ramirez – Congressman Cardenas' office.

Item 7 Representative Reports

Reports provided by: Joanne D'Antonio, Sustainability (a copy is attached at the end of the minutes)

Item 8 President's Motions & Comments.

Skipped Motions – No Quorum. President Bethel reports that the Sipp's, both Tony and Krista have resigned from the GVGC.

Item 9 Treasurer's Report and Motions.

Skipped Motion – No Quorum.

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.

No Report- No Chair.



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

Update given by Andrea Schmitt.

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

No Repot- No Chair.

Item 14 Homelessness Committee. There are no motions.

Skipped Motion- No Quorum.

Update given by chair: Sam May

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

No Report- No Chair.

Item 16 Planning and Land Use Committee Report and Motions.

Skipped Motion- No Quorum.

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.

Speakers: Rudy Melendez, Joanne D'Antonio

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.

Robin Shafer- Scheduling of slurrys/streets.

Item 19 * Motion to Adjourn * (Bethel/ Stueve) 8:30 p.m.

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

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



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Sustainability Report for 2-7-'22 Board Meeting

Neighborhood Council Sustainability Alliance (NCSA) Cool Blocks 1-13-'22

Cool Blocks LA is a free, five-month, nine-meeting, action-based program. **LOOKING FOR COOL BLOCK LEADERS in the city of Los Angeles to engage their neighborhood blocks in this effort.** It is self-directed by a team of five to eight households on your block (defined as both sides of the street up to the corners, a cul-de-sac, or an apartment building). A meeting is hosted by a different team member in his/her/their home (or via **Zoom**) every two weeks with the support of a step-by-step guide. Each 90-minute to two-hour meeting focuses on a distinct topic connected to **reducing your block's carbon footprint, adopting water stewardship practices, preparing for disasters, and improving the quality of life in your neighborhood.** Every Cool Block Leader will receive full training, coaching, and support. The time required is approximately two to three hours a week for five months. This is an opportunity to build a stronger community with your neighbors, expand or capitalize on your leadership skills, and improve the quality of life in your neighborhood. More info on NCSA website: https://www.ncsa.la/cool_blocks_la

Community Forest Advisory Committee Policy Committee (CFAC) 1-20-'22

Report by the people doing the financing study for the Urban Forest Management Plan to raise the services and budget for Urban Forestry. New trees would get 5 years of watering. Pruning cycle on existing right of way trees would be 5-7 years (currently 22 years). CFAC members felt that much was left out that is needed to cover the care of especially existing trees and will present their list of missing items.

Sidewalk Repair Program (SRP) Quarterly Meeting 1-27-'22

Council File 21-1469 (now passed with report back) to make changes to SRP to fund beyond Willets: Citywide assessment of sidewalks, modify prioritizations, allow smaller fix areas and interim patching for quicker responses by BOE. In the last 6 months of 2021, 119 sites repaired and 30 trees removed (preserved more than removed). Motion: https://clkrep.lacity.org/onlinedocs/2021/21-1469_mot_12-08-21.pdf

Community Forest Advisory Committee Building Around Trees Committee (CFAC) 1-27-'22

City Forest Officer Rachel Malarich working on guidelines to keep building materials away from trees 5-10 feet from the dripline during construction and have physical barriers. Also, City landscape ordinance is being rewritten.

Neighborhood Council Sustainability Alliance (NCSA) Trees Committee 1-29-'22

Presentation: DEMOLITION OF STRUCTURES: WHAT ABOUT THE TREES? Can neighborhood councils enlist LADBS and City Council to enforce tree preservation? Shared motion from GVGC PLUC.

Presentation: MAKING SURE A TREE HAS THE RIGHT UPBRINGING: WHOSE RESPONSIBILITY IS IT FOR A RIGHT OF WAY TREE? What is a resident's role in caring for a right of way tree?

Community Forest Advisory Committee (CFAC) 2-3-'22

Urban Forestry planning medians tree inventory. Rec and Parks (RAP) will hire a full time Urban Ecologist. RAP does not have funding for full-time planting, mulching or weed removal crews. The DWP stormwater project at NoHo Park does not have funding. Would take out a lot of big trees. UFD has been asking applicants to redesign to preserve trees. UFD unable to fight DWP transformer placements that remove trees. Public comments: issue that it is up to the Planning Dept. Project Planner to determine if trees are categorically exempt from the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA), and the reviewer may not be qualified to make this judgement. Building Lobby funds YIMBY groups to water down CEQA, but recently a judge did rule to preserve an oak woodland.