



Greater Valley Glen Council ("GVGC")



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REGULAR VIRTUAL BOARD MEETING

MINUTES – March 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 841 2197 3622 and then press #** to join or use the link: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/84121973622>. 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 7:02 p.m. and Roll Call: 15 present, 1 absent (Cindy K. Braun). Quorum achieved.

Item 3 Chair instructions for Public Comment.

Item 4 * Approval of minutes *

Motion 1: * Motion to approve the February 7, 2022 Regular Board Meeting Minutes. * (Bethel, Bien) Motion passed. 15 yes, 0 no, 0 abstain, 1 absent (Braun) 0 ineligible, 0 recused.

Item 5 Board Nominations

Nomination 1: The President moves to nominate Alicia Bien as the new Parks and Community Improvement Committee Chair in recognition of her efforts as a committee member and particularly the Butterfly Garden project. (Bethel, Schmitt) Motion passed. 15 yes, 0 no, 0 abstain, 1 absent (Braun) 0 ineligible, 0 recused.

Nomination 2: The President moves to nominate Scott Kiloff as the new Government Relations Committee Chair. (Bethel, Bien) Motion passed. 15 yes, 0 no, 0 abstain, 1 absent (Braun) 0 ineligible, 0 recused.

Nomination 3: The President moves to nominate Heidi Moore as a District 4 Rep Board Member. (Bethel, Forsyth) Motion passed. 13 yes, 0 no, 1 abstain (Moore), 2 absent (Braun, Stueve) 0 ineligible, 0 recused.

Nomination 4: Cosmo Moore moves to nominate Drew Vandiver as a District 3 Rep Board Member Appointment 1 (pursuant to Board confirmation): (Moore, May) Motion passed. 14 yes, 0 no, 0 abstain, 2 absent (Braun, Stueve) 0 ineligible, 0 recused.

The President appoints Zoe Nguyen to the Youth Seat of the GVGC Board. (Seconded by Moore)

Note: Vacant seats consist of one Youth Rep, one District 2 Rep, two District 3 Reps, one District 4, one District 6 Rep, and three 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 Perez, SLO Delatori, SLO Duvalley, Jeff Camp- Councilmember Paul Krekorian's office, Sophia Soudani, Assembly Member Adrian Nazarian's office, Brenda Yanez – Supervisor Sheila Kuehl's office, Osvaldo Ramirez – Congressman Cardenas' office, Joel Gonzalez- D.O.N.E. & Brandon Pender – Budget Advocate, Region 4.



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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. All motions are marked *

Motion 1 * The President moves that the GVGC support City Council Motion **CF-22-0029** Fire / Vacant Property / Fire Life Safety Equipment Requirement / Enhanced Security Measures. **(Bethel, Schmitt) Motion passed. 14 yes, 0 no, 0 abstain, 2 absent (Braun, Stueve) 0 ineligible, 0 recused.**

In the first council session of the new year, Councilmember Paul Krekorian introduced a motion, seconded by Councilmember Mitch O'Farrell, calling for an ordinance requiring property owners to install fire safety equipment and enhanced security at any building that remains vacant for more than 180 days. Councilmember Krekorian's motion further instructs the Fire Department and the Department of Building and Safety to report on a proactive inspection program for vacant buildings. These requirements will pressure owners of vacant property to put it to productive use, or if they fail to do so, to bear the expense of keeping it safe and preventing harm to the surrounding community.

With regard to the specific incident at Valley Plaza, Councilmember Krekorian also requested that the City Attorney endeavor to recoup the costs of the fire from the property owner and ensure that the owner eliminates blight and preserves public safety at the vacant shopping center. Remarkably, just hours after the motion was introduced, another fire erupted in a different building at the Valley Plaza site, again imperiling lives. The City must act to hold negligent property owners accountable and to prevent further expense to the City and danger to the people of Los Angeles. [See Councilmember Krekorian's motion attached and here: http://clkrep.lacity.org/onlinedocs/2022/22-0029_misc_1-7-22.pdf] *

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

Motion 1 * **Approval of December 2021 MER.** A copy is attached and there is also a link here: <https://clkrep.lacity.org/ncfunding/mer/57121F49-0DD3-4B05-91BC-F1349217DD53L.pdf> * **(Schmitt, Bethel) Motion passed. 14 yes, 0 no, 0 abstain, 2 absent (Braun, Stueve) 0 ineligible, 0 recused.**

Motion 2: * **Approval of January 2022 MER.** A copy is attached and there is also a link here: <https://clkrep.lacity.org/ncfunding/mer/621E3194-0F1E-C96C-4CE0-267D2EFF9C05L.pdf> **(Schmitt, Bethel) Motion passed. 14 yes, 0 no, 0 abstain, 2 absent (Braun, Stueve) 0 ineligible, 0 recused.**

Item 10 Arts & Education Committee. Report and Motions. All motions are marked *

Motion 1: * The Arts and Education Committee moves to approve the Neighborhood Purpose Grant submitted by Erwin Street School for a Soundboks PA System for \$2796.66.* **(Shafer, Jones) Motion passed. 13 yes, 0 no, 1 abstain (May), 2 absent (Braun, Stueve), 0 ineligible, 0 recused.**

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

Chair Report: No Report and No Chair

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

Chair Report: Andi Jones



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

No Report

Item 14 Homelessness Committee. All motions are marked *

Motion 1 * The Committee moves that the GVGC direct the Planning Department and Housing and Community investment Department, in consultation with the City Attorney, to prepare and present a permanent ordinance to implement the Mello Act, including a requirement for all new housing and developments that are subject to the Mello Act to provide a minimum of no less than 20% affordable housing. Mello act link: <https://ceqanet.opr.ca.gov/2021020124> * **(May, Nathan)**
Motion passed. 11 yes, 0 no, 2 abstain (Bien, Shafer), 3 absent (Braun, Hjelmsted, Stueve) 0 ineligible, 0 recused.

Item 15 Parks, Medians, & Improvements Committee. All motions are marked *

Motion 1: * The Committee moves to approve the expenditure for the purchase of two (2) additional pet waste bag dispensers and the hardware to install them in Rhodes Park. The cost is up to \$150 per dispenser including hardware, total: \$300. **(Bien, Jones)** **Motion passed. 13 yes, 0 no, 0 abstain, 3 absent (Braun, Hjelmstad, Stueve) 0 ineligible, 0 recused.**

Item 16 Planning and Land Use Committee Report and Motions. All motions are marked *

Motion 1: * PLUC moves to support Uncle Tony’s Pizza request for a new conditional use permit (CUP) to allow on-site alcohol (liquor) sales and consumption in conjunction with an existing and operating 2,370 sq.ft. restaurant w/82 interior seats, 28 exterior seats on a 590 sq.ft. patio on private property from 10 am-12 am Sun-Thurs, 10 am- 1 am Fri-Sat in a C2 Zone located at 13007 Victory Boulevard. The business holds an existing CUP for beer and wine. * **(Bethel, Moore)**
Motion passed. 13 yes, 0 no, 0 abstain, 3 absent (Braun, Hjelmstad, Stueve) 0 ineligible, 0 recused.

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: David, Mickey Jannol.

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) 9:22 p.m.

Next Regular Board Meeting is on April 4, 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 3-7-'22 Board Meeting

Community Forest Advisory Committee Policy Committee (CFAC) 2-17-'22

The Urban Design Studio of the City Planning Dept. reported that they are redoing the Landscape Element of the City Code for multiunit zoning.

United Neighbors 2-26-'22

Reported that there are 90,000 vacant homes in Los Angeles. In Amsterdam if vacant for 3 years, then the city rents it out. Also, it was pointed out that in Los Angeles there is an ordinance that demolition at a property cannot take place until plans are approved – not made public on by right projects.

Neighborhood Council Sustainability Alliance (NCSA) 2-27-'22

Ernest Hidalgo stepping down as chair of NCSA, looking for new chair and board members. Speakers from LASAN discussed City's goal to reduce methane by having no waste put into landfills by 2050, and their current programs to divert waste from restaurants and farmers markets. At this time food scraps can't go into green bins, but garden fruits and vegetables can. There was a vote taken of NCSA reps to support the Mobility Plan – this is a plan for bike lanes and does not impact trees. I voted yes for our NC, as did most of the reps who did not abstain.

Link: https://planning.lacity.org/odocument/523f2a95-9d72-41d7-aba5-1972f84c1d36/Mobility_Plan_2035.pdf

Plan for Healthy Los Angeles 3-2-'22 (rewrite of Landscape Ordinance for non single family lots)

Making landscape part of a numerical point system. Initial draft in May. Their presentation is available at <https://storymaps.arcgis.com/stories/fd221bd31cc14048b41e0a5d3362da68> and <https://arcg.is/nyruX>

Send your questions, comments, and feedback: planning.liaison@lacity.org

There is no draft yet of new ordinance, but here is the existing Landscape Ordinance for non single family properties in the City as it currently stands:

<https://planning.lacity.org/odocument/3de931fb-5553-4db1-8d0b-a1b4fcfaf0d5/Landscape%20Guidelines%20%5BCity%20of%20Los%20Angeles%20Landscape%20Ordinance%20Guidelines%5D.pdf>

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

Public comment from Hollywood United NC: 1) illegal artificial turf in parkways (only UFD can approve this and they don't) 2) problem getting Urban Forestry to plant native trees led to more public comments on the importance of planting native trees to comply with the City Biodiversity Directive. UFD reported that biodiversity grants have been received from State to plant designated medians in tree-poor areas, including converting one from paved to landscaped, and will have to be planted with native trees. Rachel Malarich reported that the Urban Forest Management Plan will be moving to the public process by the end of the year. Carolyn Juancalla of LADBS indicated that there should be no need for grading permits in the flats so trees should not be removed for that purpose. Tree Guarantee Fee trees are due to be planted in April, and once again they are planning to plant almost no natives despite the request last year that UFD make arrangements to procure these. CD 2 is supposedly getting 19 trees on Vanowen and adjacent streets – none of them native unless we can change the plan. (Contact me if you want to see the plan).

Office of Climate Emergency Mobilization – Climate Equity LA series 3-3-'22

A lot of people with important jobs in the City spoke, but Director Marta Segura's approach to climate issues is asking the public what they want. They don't seem to be consulting climate scientists. Someone asked if they get to the Valley since the focus has been South LA. She said yes, next year. The meeting did not leave much time for public input/questions. There are more 2 meetings planned.

Livable California 3-5-'22

They outlined a lot more bills coming up in Sacramento that affect development and the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA). I can submit some of these to our Government Relations Committee.