



Greater Valley Glen Council ("GVGC")



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REGULAR VIRTUAL BOARD MEETING

MINUTES – May 2, 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 874 7098 0194 and then press #** to join or use the link: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/87470980194>. 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	September Forsyth	District 1 Resident	Anthony Bethel
At-Large	Andrea Jones	District 1 Resident	Dan Stueve
At-Large	Scott Kriloff	District 2 Resident	Michael Hjelmstad
At-Large	Daniel Lopez	District 3 Resident	Drew Vandiver
At-Large	Samuel May	District 4 Resident	Christopher “Cosmo” Moore
At-Large	Rishab Nathan	District 4 Resident	Heidi Moore
At-Large	Andrea Schmitt	District 5 Resident	Alicia Bien
At-Large	Robin Shafer	District 6 Resident	Nadia Marina Thomas
		Youth Representative	Zoe Nguyen



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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 7:12 p.m. and Roll Call: 13 present, 4 absent (Bien, Hjelmstad, May, Nathan). Quorum achieved.

Item 3 Chair instructions for Public Comment.

Item 4 * Approval of minutes *

Motion 1: * Motion to approve the April 4, 2022 Regular Board Meeting Minutes. * Motion pulled.

Item 5 Board Nominations

Possible Board Nominations pursuant to 04/04/2022 By-Law Amendment approval by DONE. Motion to appoint Mickey Jannol to board as District 5 Representative. (Bethel, C. Moore) Motion passed. 11 yes, 0 no, 0 abstain, 4 absent (Bien, Hjelmstad, May, Nathan) 2 ineligible (H.Moore, Vandiver), 0 recused.

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: Joel Gonzalez – EmpowerLA, SLO Perez, Sophia Soudani, Assembly Member Adrin Nazarian's office.

Item 7 Representative Reports

Reports provided by: Joanne D'Antonio, Sustainability (a copy is attached at the end of the minutes), Brandon Pender – Budget Advocate.

Item 8 President's Motions & Comments. There are no motions.



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Item 9 Treasurer's Report and Motions. There are no motions.

Item 10 Arts & Education Committee. There are no motions.

Item 11 Community Outreach Committee. Repots and Motions. All motions are marked *.

Motion 1: * The Community Outreach Committee moves that The GVGC approve an expenditure of up to \$1,000 to fund a Shredding Event at Greater Valley Glen Park to be Co-sponsored by Valley Glen Neighborhood Association and Councilmember Paul Kekorian's Office. * **(Shafer, Schmitt) Motion passed. 19 yes, 0 no, 1 abstain (Shafer), 4 absent (Bien, Hjelmstad, May, Nathan) 3 ineligible (H.Moore, Vandiver, Nguyen), 0 recused.**

Motion 2: * The Community Outreach Committee moves that the GVGC an expenditure of up to \$750 to take out an article in the Valley Glen Voice to promote the Greater Valley Glen Council. * **(Shafer, Schmitt) Motion passed. 19 yes, 0 no, 1 abstain (Shafer), 4 absent (Bien, Hjelmstad, May, Nathan) 3 ineligible (H.Moore, Vandiver, Nguyen), 0 recused.**

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

Item 13 Government Relations Committee. Report and Motions. All motions are 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 Government Relations Committee moves to support SB1404, as well as the supporting Los Angeles City Council motion [CF 22-0002-S55](#), that supports SB1404. *
[CIS: For] **Motion sent back to committee.**

The following Motions support or oppose certain State legislation now under consideration. If adopted, that support or opposition will be forwarded to Senator Hertzberg and Assemblyman Nazarian as well as posted on the California Legislature Position Letter Portal.

Item 14 Homelessness Committee. There are no motions.

Item 15 Parks, Medians, & Improvements Committee. There are no motions.

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

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/ Stueve) 8:51 p.m.

Next Regular Board Meeting is on June 6, 2022 at 7:00 p.m.

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

Sustainability Report for 5-2-'22 Board Meeting

Report prepared by Joanne D'Antonio, GVGC Sustainability Representative

Community Forest Advisory Committee (CFAC) 4-7-'22 (meets first Thursday of the month)

City staff reported that tree disclosure form to be used before approval of development or construction only covers protected trees, street trees and certain eucalyptus trees, whereas earlier versions required disclosure of all trees. Planning Dept. said they did not want to be overly burdensome on the applicant. CFAC Chair said this was not what they were hoping for.

Plancheck NC 4-9-'22 (meets 2nd Saturday of the month)

A lot of state bills and city council files were presented that affect the quality sustainability and quality of life, but it was too late to get them on our agenda for the Government Relations Committee April 12 meeting. We should see if there is a way to have our GR meeting to work with this.

Caltrans Beautification 4-12-'22

Caltrans is planting all native plants in the area around the 170 Fwy in our area, but they are not planting shade trees, giving concerns about trimming crews proximity to traffic as the reason.

Community Forest Advisory Committee (CFAC) Policy Subcommittee 4-21-'22

Tree of the month – California bay, a great native species to plant, and the leaves can be used in cooking. Arbor Day 40 native trees were given away by City Plants and TreePeople only gave away native trees. Objection was raised that Protected Tree Ordinance tree removals have been allowing replanting of 3 trees in one hole, which is not mitigation. If there is no room for sustainable replanting, the protected tree should be allowed to remain in place.

CFAC helped get Council File 15-0499-S2 introduced requiring a report back to give recommendations relative to ongoing tree and biodiversity planning, strategies and/or efforts to protect and grow the City's urban canopy, as instructed by the Council on August 12, 2020 (CF 15-0499-SI); and provide recommendations to require the placement of trees, and timing of any tree removals, at an earlier phase in the land use/environmental review, and permitting review process, and thereby maximize City efforts to grow tree canopy coverage; and (3) prepare and present an ordinance to effectuate these directives.

Community Forest Advisory Committee (CFAC) Enforcement Subcommittee 4-26-'22

Urban Forestry staff reported that there are no tree experts in Planning to advise about trees and no department or funding at Urban Forestry to deal with property trees except the 6 species of protected trees. Also, they have no good mechanism for enforcing tree violations beyond a \$200 fine and a requirement to replant. A better system is needed given the value of a tree that gets removed illegally. CFAC pointed out that Santa Monica has a way to calculate the value of a tree and enforces fines. Also, according to the LA Times in 1991 there was a \$1000 fine, jail sentence for up to 6 months, and a 10-year ban on development if a protected oak has been removed. Can Google Maps photos begin to be used as evidence? These issues need to be taken up with the City Attorney.