



Greater Valley Glen Council ("GVGC")



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REGULAR VIRTUAL BOARD MEETING

MINUTES – June 6 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 865 1912 1762 and then press #** to join or use the link: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/86519121762> 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 7:02 p.m. and Roll Call: 14 present, 4 absent (Hjelmstad, Lopez, May, Vandiver). Quorum achieved.

Item 3 Chair instructions for Public Comment.

Item 4 * Approval of minutes *

Motion 1: * Motion to approve both the April 4, 2022 and May 2, 2022 Regular Board Meeting Minutes. * with modification to strike "Vacant seats consist of on Youth Rep" on both minutes under Item 5, Board Nominations **(Bethel, Forsyth) Motion passed. 13 yes, 0 no, 0 abstain, 4 absent (Hjelmstad, Lopez, May, Vandiver), 1 ineligible (H.Moore), 0 recused.**

Item 5 Board Nominations

Note: Vacant seats consist of one (1) District 2 Rep, one (1) District 3 Reps, one (1) District 6 Rep, and four (4) 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: Brenda Yanez and Jeff Camp

Item 7 Representative Reports

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

Board Member Drew Vandiver joined the meeting at 7:12

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

Motion 1: * The President moves on behalf of the Community Outreach Committee that the GVGC approve a food drive in cooperation with Councilmember Paul Krekorian, in July with donations to be immediately delivered to Interfaith Food Pantry in North Hollywood. * **(Bethel, Shafer) Motion passed. 14 yes, 0 no, 0 abstain, 3 absent (Hjelmstad, Lopez, May), 1 ineligible (H.Moore), 0 recused.**



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Motion 2: * The President moves on behalf of the Homelessness Committee that the GVGC approve an expenditure of up to \$350 to print updated Community Safety Flyers for community disbursement. Flyers will provide with the public with updated service contact information regarding homelessness and other community safety issues. * **(Bethel, C.Moore) Motion passed. 11 yes, 2 no (Forsyth, Stueve), 0 abstain, 3 absent (Hjelmstad, Lopez, May), 2 ineligible (H.Moore, Nguyen), 0 recused.**

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

Motion 1: * **Approval of March 2022 MER.** A copy is attached and there is also a link here: <https://clkrep.lacity.org/ncfunding/mer/4BF92C2F-95C0-B734-C6F1-B50474D1E1DEL.pdf> * **(Schmitt, Bethel) Motion passed. 12 yes, 0 no, 0 abstain, 4 absent (Hjelmstad, Lopez, May, Vandiver), 2 ineligible (H.Moore, Nguyen), 0 recused.**

Motion 2: * **Approval of April 2022 MER.** A copy is attached and there is also a link here: <https://clkrep.lacity.org/ncfunding/mer/B0C8E783-B16C-877B-7CB5-C940EE0D377CL.pdf> * **(Schmitt, Bethel) Motion passed. 12 yes, 0 no, 0 abstain, 4 absent (Hjelmstad, Lopez, May, Vandiver), 2 ineligible (H.Moore, Nguyen), 0 recused.**

Motion 3: * The Treasurer moves that the GVGC approve the expenditure of \$214.20 to West Coast Mail Center for the term of 06/20/2022 to 06/20/2023. The payment is due before 06/20/2022. * **(Schmitt, Forsyth) Motion passed. 12 yes, 0 no, 0 abstain, 4 absent (Hjelmstad, Lopez, May, Vandiver), 2 ineligible (H.Moore, Nguyen), 0 recused.**

Motion 4: * Motion to approve an expenditure of up to \$1,800 to Zoom to renew or maintain 8 licenses and 1 webinar license from 06/18/2022 through 06/17/2023. These licenses are to be used by both the sitting President and each sitting Committee Chair. The GVGC may renew its existing license or opt in to the City of Los Angeles new Zoom license model for Neighborhood Councils only if needed. * **(Bethel, Schmitt) Motion passed. 13 yes, 0 no, 0 abstain, 3 absent (Hjelmstad, Lopez, May), 2 ineligible (H.Moore, Nguyen), 0 recused.**

Discussion 1: 2022 – 2023 Budget This discussion will include only Board Member comments. Public stakeholders are welcome to email the President, Anthony Bethel, at abethel@greatervalleyglencouncil.org. It will be limited to 10 minutes and focus on the two largest budget items before this Board, the continued maintenance of the Victory medians and the proposed improvement of the two Valley Glen signs. City Council financial cooperation will be critical to the GVGC's ability to accomplish these goals.



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Item 10 Arts & Education Committee. Reports and Motions. There are no motions. Report by Chair: Robin Shafer.

Item 11 Community Outreach Committee. Reports and Motions. There are no motions. Report by Chair: Robin Shafer.

Item 12 Community Safety Committee. Report and Motions. **All motions are marked ***

Motion 1: * Consistent with the March 6, 2022 Letter of Support for the expansion of Yeshiva Ketana to 324 students sent by GVGC to the Planning Commission, GVGC moves to add to the Letter of Support the following conditions:

1. Yeshiva Ketana to hire a crossing guard during pick up and drop off times to aid in safe crossing across Burbank Blvd at the intersection of Laurel Canyon Blvd from the Adat Ari El campus to the Yeshiva Ketana campus
2. Yeshiva Ketana to hire a traffic monitor to mitigate illegal u turns
3. Vehicle drop off and pickup of students be allowed only using the parking lot on Laurel Canyon
4. Yeshiva Ketana use the triplex only for offices
5. Yeshiva Ketana install noise canceling mitigation to the north side of the triplex
6. The green curb on Agnes Ave be painted red
7. No school activities or routine maintenance be allowed to take place on the property after 10pm, unless there is an emergency condition.

(Jones, Jannol) Motion passed. 8 yes, 3 no (Bethel, Kriloff, Stueve), 2 abstain (Schmitt, Shafer), 3 absent (Hjelmstad, Lopez, May), 1 ineligible (H.Moore), 1 recused (Thomas).

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: * **CF 21-0658** The Government Relations Committee moves to oppose the report back unless amended with an updated timeline of the "expedited permitting process that establishes a maximum review per submittal time of 15 business days for projects", as this timeline does not allow ample time for Neighborhood council review. We propose a substitute timeline of at minimum 60 business days as a compromise of time, which allows for appropriate due diligence and review.

[CIS: Against unless amended] * **(Kriloff, Jannol) Motion failed. 1 yes (Kriloff), 9 no (Bethel, Bien, Forsyth, C.Moore, Nathan, Shafer, Stueve, Vandiver), 4 abstain (Jannol, Jones, Thomas, Nguyen), 3 absent (Hjelmstad, Lopez, May), 1 ineligible (H.Moore), 0 recused.**

Motion 2 and CIS: * The Government Relations Committee moves to oppose Council motion CF 22-0392 because the joint program between METRO and the City is likely to present the



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following issues:

1) the placement of 300 signs along public right of ways, as reported by the West Side NC. 2) brightness levels may exceed LA Municipal Code maximums, and will thus create undue visual pollution. 3) persistent strobe effects, flickering errors, or other effects to electronic billboards that would present public health and safety risks.

[CIS: Against] * **(Kriloff, Bethel) Motion passed. 14 yes, 0 no, 0 abstain, 3 absent (Hjelmstad, Lopez, May), 1 ineligible (H.Moore), 0 recused.**

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.

Motion 3 and CIS: * The Government Relations Committee moves to oppose SB 930, due to the potential for forced building, without regard to due process of law, and without taking into account other public considerations.

[CIS: Against] * **(Kriloff, Schmitt) Motion passed. 11 yes, 1 no (Vandiver), 2 abstain (Shafer, Nguyen), 3 absent (Hjelmstad, Lopez, May), 1 ineligible (H.Moore), 0 recused.**

Motion 4 and CIS: * The Government Relations Committee moves to oppose SB 1457, as the current form of the bill does not meet the original intent of financing homeownership, and is instead financing developers.

[CIS: Against] * **(Kriloff, Schmitt) Motion passed. 13 yes, 0 no, 1 abstain (Stueve), 3 absent (Hjelmstad, Lopez, May), 1 ineligible (H.Moore), 0 recused.**

Item 14 Homelessness Committee. There are no motions.

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

Motion 1: * The Parks Committee moves that the GVGC sponsor a movie night in the park in late summer or early autumn. The GVGC shall request assistance from Councilmember Paul Krekorian's office in expenditures for outreach with GVGC covering costs of up to \$500. * **MOTION PULLED.**

Motion 2: * The Parks Committee moves that the GVGC approve an expenditure of up to \$750 for the purchase doggy bags to restock the doggy bag dispensers in our three parks and greenway. * **(Bien, Jannol) Motion passed. 13 yes, 0 no, 0 abstain, 3 absent (Hjelmstad, Lopez, May), 2 ineligible (H.Moore, Nguyen), 0 recused.**

Motion 3: * The Parks Committee moves that the GVGC approve an expenditure of up to \$40 to purchase bumper stickers with strong adhesive for branding the doggy bag boxes with appropriate GVGC recognition. * **(Bien, Bethel) Motion passed. 13 yes, 0 no, 0 abstain, 3 absent (Hjelmstad, Lopez, May), 2 ineligible (H.Moore, Nguyen), 0 recused.**

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



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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.

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) 9:47 p.m.

Next Regular Board Meeting is on July 11, 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 6-6-'22 Board Meeting Report prepared by Joanne D'Antonio, GVGC Sustainability Representative

Community Forest Advisory Committee (CFAC) Building Around Trees Subcommittee 5-26-'22

City Staff rewriting the Landscape Ordinance presented their work in progress. One large species tree per lot will still be required, and at least one tree every 400' feet of frontage. It was reported that Costco in Van Nuys removed most of its parking lot trees, which are required, in the current landscape ordinance. Urban Forestry is investigating.

Meeting with Carolyn Juacalla of LA Dept. of Building and Safety (LADBS) 5-25-'22

GVGC has passed a motion to produce a letter regarding tree removals during demolitions, which has not been sent yet. I am trying to get information reflects understanding permit process. The CFAC co-chair and I set up this LADBS meeting to address the issue that lots are getting cleared of trees when the demolitions are permitted. Response was that LADBS has nothing to do with trees, and if there are protected trees on site, it is up to the property owner to contact Urban Forestry to apply for a permit to remove. I asked about grading and was told there are no grading requirements on flat lots. I then asked why there are demolition permits issued that say "clear lot", and she said that only means the **structures**. To get this clarified on permits, she recommended that CFAC write a letter to the head of LADBS to get this wording changed on the permits. CFAC will agendize this. **ALL THIS TIME, PERMITS HAVE BEEN MISINTERPRETED TO MEAN "CLEAR ALL THE VEGETATION AND TREES AS WELL AS THE STRUCTURES!"** At this point the letter we voted would just get a response that LADBS has no say about trees. We can send it if LADBS is resistant to making a clarification on their permits.

Neighborhood Council Sustainability Alliance (NCSA) Trees Committee 5-21-'22

Charles Miller of LA Native presented a program on why we need to plant native trees and plants to sustain the local ecosystem, which has been disrupted by the planting of so many exotic trees and plants that are sterile to the local songbirds and other fauna. He also talked about the success his neighborhood had in getting the city to create the Westwood Greenway of native plants and trees along the Expo Line between Westwood Blvd and Overland. Tours available. Contact the Trees Committee trees@NCSA.la to be put touch to get a tour.

CFAC Policy Subcommittee 5-19-'22

Tree of the month – coast live oak, a drought tolerant native species, can grow to 80', or can stay dwarf if there is not enough soil. Only 3% of street trees counted so far in city inventory are native. Inventory is 75% complete. SB 1404 to better mitigate replacement for removed oak trees was killed in the State Senate by pressure from the building lobby.

NCSA 5-15-'22

Presentation on green hydrogen and consideration of a motion to support **CF 22-0255** to procure green



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hydrogen from local sea water to burn at coal plants for energy. This passed for NCSA support and also passed City Council. I voted against it for GVGC, siding with Heal the Bay that said it may harm sea life, but it is only a report back.

Plancheck NC 5-14-'22 (meets 2nd Saturday of the month)

Planning Dept. Valley Representative reported that SB9 housing was not considered when the State deemed the Los Angeles Housing Element of the General Plan in "non-compliance". The City and State are arguing over the numbers, and amendments are needed to get the Housing Element approved.

CFAC Tree Equity Subcommittee 5-13-'22

CF 15-0499-S2 passed in City Council to report back with a goal of considering trees at the start of projects and adding in the preservation of significant trees, all this in view of the lack of City tree canopy, which is as low as single digits in some Council Districts. CFAC will participate in this report back to Council.

CFAC 5-5-'22 (meets first Thursday of the month) Urban Forestry did not receive any budget increase in the upcoming budget despite being underfunded compared to other cities. Both Palms and Del Rey neighborhood councils have passed motions requiring all new street tree planting must be native species and they want to postpone planting. Urban Forestry is having difficulty procuring natives for smaller tree wells, and they have requirements to plant in this fiscal year.

CD 2 Tree Guarantee Fee street tree planting All 19 trees have been planted for our Council District, this year in North Hollywood sites (last year's sites were in Valley Glen). Seven of the 19 are native desert willow trees. The other 12 are non-native, and I was not able to change this. No large trees were planted, primarily due to small parkways at the chosen sites. I will work to get all natives and larger trees in next year's planting.