



Greater Valley Glen Council ("GVGC")



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REGULAR VIRTUAL BOARD MEETING

MINUTES – July 11, 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) 900-9128 and enter 875 3464 0062 and then press #** to join or use the link: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/87534640062> 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



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 7:04 p.m. and Roll Call: 14 present, 3 absent (May, H.Moore, Nguyen). Quorum achieved.

Item 3 Chair instructions for Public Comment.

Item 4 *Nomination and Election of 4 Officer Positions. *

Position 1: President – Anthony Bethel. Board to nominate. Roll call election by Board. Nominee receiving majority of votes becomes Officer. * (Stueve, Forsyth) Motion passed. 13 yes, 0 no, 1 abstain (Bethel), 3 absent (May, H.Moore, Nguyen), 0 ineligible, 0 recused.

Position 2: Vice President – Cosmo Moore. Board to nominate. Roll call election by Board. Nominee receiving majority of votes becomes Officer. * (Bethel, Shafer) Motion passed. 13 yes, 0 no, 1 abstain (C.Moore), 3 absent (May, H.Moore, Nguyen), 0 ineligible, 0 recused.

Position 3: Treasurer – Andrea Schmitt. Board to nominate. Roll call election by Board. Nominee receiving majority of votes becomes Officer. * (Bethel, Jannol) Motion passed. 13 yes, 0 no, 1 abstain (Schmitt), 3 absent (May, H.Moore, Nguyen), 0 ineligible, 0 recused.

Position 4: Secretary- Dan Stueve. Board to nominate. Roll call election by Board. Nominee receiving majority of votes becomes Officer. * (Shafer, Jones) Motion passed. 13 yes, 0 no, 1 abstain (Stueve), 3 absent (May, H.Moore, Nguyen), 0 ineligible, 0 recused.

Item 5 * Approval of minutes *

Motion 1: * Motion to approve the June 6, 2022 Regular Board Meeting Minutes. * (Bethel, Shafer) Motion passed. 14 yes, 0 no, 0 abstain, 3 absent (May, H.Moore, Nguyen), 0 ineligible, 0 recused.

Item 6 Board Nominations

Note: Vacant seats consist of two (2) 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.

Comments by Board President, Anthony Bethel: Michael Hjelmstad removed from the board. Rishab Nathan is leaving the board. Sam May leaving the board.



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Item 7 Government Representative and LAPD Reports. Please alert the Chair if you wish to present. **Please limit each presentation to 2 minutes unless the Chair allows more time.**

Reports provided by: SLO Duvally, SLO Delatorre, Jeff Camp & Brend Yanez

Item 8 Representative Reports

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

Item 9 President's Motions & Comments.

All motions are marked *

Motion 1 and CIS: * [CF 22-0628](#) The President moves that the GVGC support Councilmember Mitch O'Farrell's motion, dated May 27, 2022, that the Los Angeles Homeless Services Authority report on their food distribution programs to the City Council. The Greater Valley Glen Council is dismayed to learn of reports that some Los Angeles County Homeless Services Authority Staff were seen discarding sealed meals at the end of their shift, as well as spending significant amounts of their workday at restaurants, coffee shops and retail stores versus conducting outreach. Los Angeles stakeholders approved several tax and bond measures, including Proposition HHH in 2016 and Measure H in 2017, to increase local support of Homeless Services. It is imperative that all who serve the unhoused endeavor to reflect the will of the voters, which is to expediently address the myriad of issues facing the unhoused population with care and compassion, and to steward the public's resources to the best of their ability. Such reports weaken the public's trust and jeopardize future support if not properly addressed.

<https://www.lamag.com/article/why-is-los-angeles-tossing-food-for-its-homeless-population-indumpsters/>

[CIS: For] * (Bethel, Schmitt) Motion passed. 14 yes, 0 no, 0 abstain, 3 absent (May, H.Moore, Nguyen), 0 ineligible, 0 recused.

Item 10 Treasurer's Report and Motions.

All motions are marked *

Motion 1: * Approval of May 2022 MER. A copy is attached and there is also a link here: <https://clkrep.lacity.org/ncfunding/mer/D830F231-A207-E10A-7D5B-8EE903AD1C69L.pdf> * (Schmitt, Bethel) Motion passed. 14 yes, 0 no, 0 abstain, 3 absent (May, H.Moore, Nguyen), 0 ineligible, 0 recused.

Motion 2: * Approval of June 2022 MER. A copy is attached and there is also a link here: <https://clkrep.lacity.org/ncfunding/mer/88416371-EA73-8806-A4EF-5ACC535C2BF4L.pdf> * (Schmitt, Bethel) Motion passed. 14 yes, 0 no, 0 abstain, 3 absent (May, H.Moore, Nguyen), 0 ineligible, 0 recused.

Motion 3: * The Treasurer moves that the GVGC approve the attached Administrative Packet containing the GVGC Budget for Fiscal Year 2022-2023, authorized signers, and other Financial information. * (Schmitt, Bien) Motion passed. 14 yes, 0 no, 0 abstain, 3 absent (May, H.Moore, Nguyen), 0 ineligible, 0 recused.

Motion 4: * The Treasurer moves that the GVGC approve payment to Personal Storage 3 in the amount of \$141.00 for the past due storage rental of \$126 for July, 2022 and the late fee of \$15. * (Schmitt, C.Moore) Motion passed. 14 yes, 0 no, 0 abstain, 3 absent (May, H.Moore, Nguyen), 0 ineligible, 0 recused.



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Motion 5: * *The Treasurer moves that the GVGC approve 11 monthly scheduled payments to Personal Storage 3 in the amount of \$126 per month for a total of \$1,386. Payments for each month are due before the 1st of that month. This motion is for a term of 08/01/2022 through 06/30/2023 with the final payment being due 06/01/2022.* * **(Schmitt, Jannol) Motion passed. 14 yes, 0 no, 0 abstain, 3 absent (May, H.Moore, Nguyen), 0 ineligible, 0 recused.**

Motion 6: * *Motion to approve payment of up to \$1500 per month for maintenance of the Victory Blvd and Whitsett Ave Medians. This includes regular watering to preserve the mulch and grading work funded by the GVGC and completed by Stay Green previously. The GVGC authorizes continuing the contract with Stay Green for said services for 12 months, from 07/01/2022 to 06/30/2023.* * **(Schmitt, Stueve) Motion passed. 13 yes, 0 no, 1 abstain (Forsyth), 3 absent (May, H.Moore, Nguyen), 0 ineligible, 0 recused.**

Item 11 Arts & Education Committee. Reports and Motions. There are no motions. Report by Chair: Robin Shafer.

Item 12 Community Outreach Committee. Reports and Motions. All motions are marked * Report by Chair: Robin Shafer.

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, Bethel) Motion passed. 14 yes, 0 no, 0 abstain, 3 absent (May, H.Moore, Nguyen), 0 ineligible, 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. We will ask them to print an extra 500 copies to be distributed to the Laurel Grove area, which our committee has agreed to deliver.* * **(Shafer, Jones) Motion passed. 12 yes, 0 no, 2 abstain (Jannol, Shafer), 3 absent (May, H.Moore, Nguyen), 0 ineligible, 0 recused.**

Item 13 Community Safety Committee. Report and Motions. There are no motions.

Motion by President Bethel: Motion to dissolve the Homeless Committee. **(Bethel, Jones) Motion passed. 14 yes, 0 no, 0 abstain, 3 absent (May, H.Moore, Nguyen), 0 ineligible, 0 recused.**



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Item 14 Government Relations Committee. Report and Motions. There are no motions.

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>

Item 15 Homelessness Committee. There are no motions. – Committee dissolved on prior board action.

(Drew Vandiver left meeting at 8:39 p.m.)

Item 16 Parks, Medians, & Improvements Committee. All motions marked * Report by Chair: Alicia Bien.

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.* **(Bien, Shafer) Motion passed. 13 yes, 0 no, 0 abstain, 4 absent (May, H.Moore, Nguyen, Vandiver), 0 ineligible, 0 recused.**

Item 17 Planning and Land Use Committee Report and Motions. There are no motions. Report by Chair: Dan Stueve

Item 18 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 19 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 20 * Motion to Adjourn * (Bethel/ Bien) 9:02 p.m.

Next Regular Board Meeting is on August 1, 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 7-11-'22 Board Meeting
Report prepared by Joanne D’Antonio, GVGC Sustainability Representative

Southeast Valley Community Plan Workshop 6-14-'22

Ventura – Cahuenga corridor has been added to our Southeast Community Plan, and the Specific Plan rewrite for this area has been included in for rezoning. City Planning wants to approve 3-5 stories from Whitsett to Laurelgrove and Ventura Cyn to Coldwater Cyn., 3-7 stories Laurelgrove to Colfax. (This could impact the rare native southern walnut trees on the hill on the south side of Ventura Blvd. They are considering this a transit accessible area even though they are building the light rail on Van Nuys Blvd., and no transit improvement is



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planned on Ventura Blvd.) You can listen to this meeting workshop on the City Planning site. They are having 40 minute office hours July 13, 14, 18, 19 – make an appointment if you want to give your asks.

CFAC Policy Subcommittee 6-16-'22

Tree of the month – island oak, a drought tolerant native species of Catalina, can grow to 66' and stays upright and not a lot of acorns; 32 of these in our city inventory so far. It is grown at Devil Mountain Nursery in Fillmore, and CFAC took staff from Urban Forestry to visit in an effort to work out possible arrangements to get these native trees.

CFAC Enforcement Subcommittee 6-28-'22

There are difficulties reporting certain types of tree issues because MyLA311 is not set up to handle these, so people give up trying to use it. Yet City Forest Officer said they are assessing the staffing needs to respond to these reports by how many they get. The financial study for the Urban Forest Management Plan (UFMP) is under way and should be done by end of July. The UFMP will become an ordinance if passed by City Council.

Wildlife Ordinance Workshop 6-28-'22

Though this only applies to hillside development it affects the whole city, which is dependent on this area for its ecological balance. The proposed ordinance covers just the hillside area between the 405 and 101. It does not preserve woodlands but it does require new construction to not block wildlife access by requiring fencing that does not impede wildlife crossing areas. It also includes ridgeline limitations. While this ordinance is not perfect for ecologists, it is better than no ordinance, and it could protect some trees and provide some wildlife protection that for example keeps birds from flying into glass. It has passed City Council, but it will be at the Planning Commission hearing Wednesday July 13 from 5-7 pm. There is opposition and it would be great if people would call in support. Join Zoom meeting:

<https://planning-lacity-org.zoom.us/j/82594053759>

Dial by your location: +1 669 900 9128 US or +1 213 338 8477 US

Meeting ID: 825 9405 3759 Password: 700816

Sidewalk Repair Program quarterly meeting 6-28-'22

Program is still prioritizing access requests and City facility sites. (3,181 city facilities). From June '21 to May '22, 40 sites repaired, 139 trees planted, and 42 trees removed.

CFAC 7-7-'22

CFAC passed a motion to submit letter supporting the Wildlife Ordinance. Also, passed a motion to request tree planting by the city change to native tree species in recognition of the City Biodiversity Report.

Plancheck NC 7-9-'22 (meets 2nd Saturday of the month)

Planning Dept. has increased number of paid positions from 500 to 550.

Many Council files presented for possible weigh-in. Tourism and Convention wants to put digital kiosks all over the city streets and take up street tree space – money gets transferred to non-profits that do not have to be transparent. State bills are abusing density bonuses like extending to non-Transit Oriented Communities to keep from building parking. Also, density bonuses for co-housing and defining a unit as a bed that is rented.

Organization called Streets for All is pushing a requirement that developers put in bike lanes, but this will result in piecemealing bike lanes that could be dangerous. Aiming for 2024 ballot.

NCSA 7-10-'22

Presentation and motion on trying to get a Council motion that factors in the carbon cost of large city projects when considering them. I voted for it since it would only be a report back from LASAN, who has people who can assess this.

NCSA Trees Committee – will meet on 7-30-'22 Roundtable on what is missing in the ordinance that set up Urban Forestry, why street trees are not totally cared for, and why enforcement of ordinances is problematic. Open to the public. Email trees@ncsa.la to get Zoom.