



# Greater Valley Glen Council ("GVGC")



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## REGULAR VIRTUAL BOARD MEETING

### MINUTES – August 1, 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 846 3276 5303 and then press #** to join or use the link: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/84632765303>. 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

<b>Anthony Bethel</b>	President
<b>Cosmo Moore</b>	Vice President
<b>Andrea Schmitt</b>	Treasurer
<b>Dan Stueve</b>	Secretary

#### Board Members

<b>At-Large</b>	September Forsyth	<b>District 1 Resident</b>	Anthony Bethel
<b>At-Large</b>	Andrea Jones	<b>District 1 Resident</b>	Dan Stueve
<b>At-Large</b>	Scott Kriloff	<b>District 3 Resident</b>	Drew Vandiver
<b>At-Large</b>	Daniel Lopez	<b>District 4 Resident</b>	Christopher “Cosmo” Moore
<b>At-Large</b>	Samuel May	<b>District 4 Resident</b>	Heidi Moore
<b>At-Large</b>	Andrea Schmitt	<b>District 5 Resident</b>	Alicia Bien
		<b>District 5 Resident</b>	Mickey Jannol
<b>At-Large</b>	Robin Shafer	<b>District 6 Resident</b>	Nadia Marina Thomas
		<b>Youth Representative</b>	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 7:04 p.m. and Roll Call: 13 present, 3 absent (Lopez, Vandiver & Bien). Quorum achieved.**

**Item 3 Chair instructions for Public Comment.**

**Item 4 \* Approval of minutes \***

*Motion 1: \* Motion to approve the July 11, 2022 Regular Board Meeting Minutes. \* (Bethel, C. Moore) Motion Passed. 13 yes, 0 no, 0 abstain, 3 absent (Lopez, Vandiver & Bien), 0 ineligible, 0 recused.*

**Item 5 Board Nominations**

Nomination 1: The President moves to nominate Joanne D'Antonio as an At-Large Rep Board Member. *(Bethel, Stueve) Motion Passed. 13 yes, 0 no, 0 abstain, 3 absent (Lopez, Vandiver & Bien), 0 ineligible, 0 recused.*

Nomination 2: Nadia Marina Thomas moves to nominate Francois Bennet as a District 6 Rep Board Member. *(Thomas, Bethel) Motion Passed. 13 yes, 0 no, 0 abstain, 3 absent (Lopez, Vandiver & Bien), 1 ineligible (D'Antonio), 0 recused.*

Note: Vacant seats consist of two (2) District 2 Rep, one (1) District 3 Reps, one (1) District 6 Rep, and five (5) 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.

(Board Members: Forsyth & May left the meeting at 7:20 p.m.)

**Item 6 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.**

**Speakers: U.S. Representative (CD 29) Tony Cardenas, Jeff Camp, Elisa Schwartz, 46<sup>th</sup> Assembly, Kelly Gonez, LAUSD President, Brenda Yanez, Joel Gonzalez - DONE**

**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.** There are no motions.



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

**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. There are no motions. Report by Chair: Andi Jones

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

Report by: Scott Kriloff

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Where California State Legislation is referenced (SB or AB), their intent, status and history can be found at: <https://leginfo.ca.gov/faces/billSearchClient.xhtml>

(Drew Vandiver left meeting at 8:35 p.m.)

**Item 14 Parks, Medians, & Improvements Committee.** All motions marked \* No Report by Chair, Motion on Agenda Pulled.

**Item 15 Planning and Land Use Committee Report and Motions.** There are no motions. Report by Chair: Dan Stueve

(Robin Shafer left meeting at 8:41 p.m.)

**Item 16 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.

(Scott Krillof left meeting at 9:00 p.m.)

**Item 17 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 18 \* Motion to Adjourn \* (Bethel/ Stueve) 9:01 p.m.**

**Next Regular Board Meeting is on September 12, 2022 at 7:00 p.m.**



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

## **Sustainability Report for 8-1-'22 Board Meeting** **Report prepared by Joanne D'Antonio, GVGC Sustainability Representative**

### **Meeting with Community Relations of LADBS 7-14-'22**

Three members of the Community Forest Advisory Committee, including myself, met with Carolyn Juacalla and Frank Lara at LADBS. Regarding "clear lot" on demolition permits being misunderstood to include trees, we were referred to Shahen Akelyan who is Chief of Counter Operations – will follow up. Also questioned non-enforcement of one tree per lot requirement and they were not familiar with it. Sent them the ordinance after the meeting – no response.

### **CFAC 7-14-'22**

Presentation by Biophilic Cities – 70 cities with commitment to nature-based environmental goals like increasing tree canopy. LA is not an official Biophilic City. **The 3-30-300 criteria for healthy cities is: 3 trees visible from every home. 30 percent tree canopy cover in every neighborhood. 300 meters from the nearest public park or green space.** This creates calming and health for the residents of a city. It mitigates the problems created by density.

Presentation by Michelle Barton of LASAN Regulatory Affairs Division. LA scored only 37 out of 110 on its biodiversity index. Working on next steps to integrate biodiversity into city projects and more studies of what other cities do to increase biodiversity.

### **Southeast Valley Community Plan – Individual Appointment Meeting 7-18-'22**

Expressed my individual opinions: Serious concerns on the rezoning of the Cahuenga-Ventura corridor – rezoning would allow development that would devastate the hillside southern California walnut woodland on the south side of Ventura Blvd. Transit is not adequate for seven story apartment buildings built with no parking. Ventura Blvd. bus runs every 11 minutes, but is slow – from its origin in Reseda to its terminus at Lankership is 80 minutes as oppose to 20 minute by car. Connecting north-south buses are infrequent: north-south bus on Woodman is every 55 minutes, on Coldwater every 48 minutes and on Laurel Canyon every 27 minutes. Inconvenient transfers plus need to factor in heat and lack of shade at bus stops. Ventura Blvd. trees have been overpruned by the BID. Hundreds of trees were lost at Sunkist and at Sportsman's Lodge. This opportunity for increased development will bring more heat, and developers are not planting big shade trees.

### **NCSA Trees Committee 7-30-'22 Roundtable**

Chair's comments: Streets LA Chief Sustainability Officer Greg Spotts is leaving – Urban Forestry reports to him. He was the point person for neighborhood councils. Stakeholders who meet Mayor candidates should bring up tree issues because they are not high on their radar. Streets LA's budget has been cut, and there is no staffing for the Urban Forestry Division of Streets LA to inspect properties for significant trees or check for fencing and protection of trees when there is nearby construction. Many difficulties have been incurred in trying to report tree issues on MyLA311 – we are collecting these issues to ask for improvement of the app. These reports will be used to estimate future staffing needs, but there is no record of people give up trying to make a report. Tree watering flyers are available for printing to give out at events.

Participant comments:

The Planning Department's Wildlife Ordinance to allow for wildlife connectivity in the hills between the 101 and 405 has been supported by the Bel Air Beverly Crest Neighborhood Council. Public comments are still being taken on the ordinance until August 22 by email, but the case numbers must



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be included. This wildlife is important to health of the whole city.

Two North Hollywood residents reported illegal removal of protected trees on Blix Street, and a call to MYLA311 resulted in the operator telling them it was not an emergency. A six story protected Western sycamore was removed before they could get to Urban Forestry. Many large trees have been removed in this canopy-deficient neighborhood. A healthy tree canopy is 40%; in CD 2 it is under 25%. Urban Forestry will not discuss illegal removals after there has been a report – this comes from the City Attorney. So public, including the maker of the report, does not know what, if any, fines get imposed or if the report is ignored. Efforts by the CFAC Chair to get any sort of meeting with BPW city attorney Ted Jordan have been ignored.