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Greater Valley Glen Council



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REGULAR VIRTUAL BOARD MEETING

MINUTES - September 12, 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 Glen 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 880 5618 4124** and **then press #** to join or use the link <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/88056184124>. You may join the meeting as early as 6:50 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	Joanne D’Antonio	District 1 Resident	Anthony Bethel
At-Large	September Forsyth	District 1 Resident	Dan Stueve
At-Large	Andrea Jones	District 3 Resident	Drew Vandiver
At-Large	Scott Kriloff	District 4 Resident	Christopher “Cosmo” Moore
At-Large	Daniel Lopez	District 4 Resident	Heidi Moore
At-Large	Samuel May	District 5 Resident	Alicia Bien
At-Large	Andrea Schmitt	District 5 Resident	Mickey Jannol
At-Large	Robin Shafer	District 6 Resident	Nadia Marina Thomas
		District 6 Resident	Bennet C Francois
		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 7:03 and Roll Call: 15 present, 3 absent (Lopez, May & Vandiver). Quorum achieved.

Item 3 Chair instructions for Public Comment.

Item 4 * Approval of minutes * Request to fix formatting and board member names misspelled.

Motion 1: * Motion to approve the August 1, 2022 Regular Board Meeting Minutes. * **(Bethel, Jones) Motion Passed. 13 yes, 0 no, 0 abstain, 3 absent (Lopez, May & Vandiver), 2 ineligible (D'Antonio & Francois), 0 recused.**

Item 5 Board Nominations

Note: Vacant seats consist of two (2) District 2 Rep, one (1) District 3 Reps, 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. Please alert the Chair if you wish to present. **Please limit each presentation to 2 minutes unless the Chair allows more time.**

Speakers: SLO Michael Perez, Lorraine Diaz, Brenda Yanez & Elisa Schwartz.

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 approve a request to City Plants to plant 9 large native trees in the southwest median of Victory Blvd. The program and planting would be of no direct cost to the GVGC. Stay Green will water these new trees at no additional cost to the GVGC as long as we maintain the current contract with them. A request has been made to Councilmember Paul Krekorian's office that the City Council assist with the application as NCs cannot enter into any contracts that span past our current fiscal year. *

(Bethel, Jannol) Motion Passed. 12 yes, 0 no, 0 abstain, 4 absent (Jones, Lopez, May



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& Vandiver), 2 ineligible (D'Antonio & Francois), 0 recused.

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

Motion 1: * Approval of July 2022 MER. A copy is attached and there is also a link here: <https://clkrep.lacity.org/ncfunding/mer/67A762A4-D21A-77D5-D845-C4D05DEE1754L.pdf> * **(Schmitt, Bethel) Motion Passed. 11 yes, 0 no, 0 abstain, 4 absent (Jones, Lopez, May & Vandiver), 3 ineligible (D'Antonio, Francois & Nguyen), 0 recused.**

Motion 2: * The Treasurer moves that the GVGC approve and expenditure of up to \$50 to purchase GVGC branded stickers to be attached to existing dog waste bag boxes located in Greater Valley Glen parks. * **(Schmitt, Jannol) Motion Passed. 11 yes, 0 no, 0 abstain, 4 absent (Jones, Lopez, May & Vandiver), 3 ineligible (D'Antonio, Francois & Nguyen), 0 recused.**

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: Andrea Schmitt.

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

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>

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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.

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Item 14 Parks, Medians, & Improvements Committee. All motions are marked * Report by Chair: Alicia Bien.

Motion 1: * The Parks Committee moves that the GVGC approve submitting letters to Senator Hertzberg and Assemblyman Nazarian asking them to use their good offices to enforce existing laws regarding trespassing on State property adjacent to the 170 freeway in the vicinity of the Victory Blvd. cloverleaf and the embankment that runs from Victory to near Oxnard St., adjacent to Laurel Grove Park, and including the request for the repair of fencing and the posting of appropriate signs and the removal of graffiti. * **(Bien, Jannol) Motion Passed. 12 yes, 0 no, 0 abstain, 4 absent (Jones, Lopez, May & Vandiver), 2 ineligible**



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(D'Antonio & Francois), 0 recused.

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

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.

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) 8:55 p.m.

Please note that, should this Meeting run longer than scheduled, a Special Continuance Meeting may be scheduled on Thursday, September 15, 2022, pursuant to a majority Board vote.

Next Regular Board Meeting is on October 3rd, 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 9-12-'22 Board Meeting Report prepared by Joanne D'Antonio, GVGC Sustainability Representative

Community Forest Advisory Committee (CFAC) 8-4-'22, 8-25-'22 (special meeting), 9-2-'22

Urban Forestry received an additional \$2 million in the recent city budget to use for tree trimming – this makes their current budget for the year \$27,672,000.

City Forest Officer said the master species list for street trees in on the back burner. Our grant money, \$300,000 from a CalFire Grant for community outreach purposes is being turned over to the County to ask people what they want instead of providing City tree information to the community that the Dudek report recommended.

LA Zoo latest proposal 1.5 is in environmental review comment period. 4 CFAC members toured the site, including myself. Though the Zoo committed to preserving a 6 acre oak woodland, they want to build exhibits on 16 acres of natural hillside habitat that contain 26 protected trees as well as endangered flora and fauna. At this site they would blast or excavate the ridgeline to put in: a condor exhibit, a rock climbing wall, a visitor and event center plus add a funicular and a tunnel. It is visible from the 134 where you see the Toyon land fill. LA Audubon and Friends of Griffith Park are opposed. CFAC voted to draft a comment letter. Extended deadline for comment letters is Sept. 23 at 5 pm. The letters will go also to the Council File. I will put link in chat.

The City Forest Officer is proposing changes to Tree Guarantee Fee planting rules to allow planting at a better time of year for the trees.



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Plancheck NC 9-10-'22

At this time 90% of all City building project are by right and get no public or neighborhood council review. A lot of issues get brought up at these citywide Saturday morning Zoom meeting – can't get into all of them here, but meetings point up a lot of problems. This week: problems with proposed STAP program, electronic billboards, which could put them everywhere and commercialize the lamppost banners, Mills Act that affects historical properties. Many Council files and State discussed. Also, it has been discovered that thousands of CISEs were not posted over the past 13 years.

NCSA 9-11-'22

Charles Miller has joined the NCSA Board and will be the liaison to the Trees Committee.

Lorraine Lundquist has stepped down from the Board.

Friends of Griffith Park did a presentation on the Zoo's latest 1.5 proposal. It was discussed, and there were no favorable comments including that plan is contrary to the Mayor's Green New Deal.

Though the Zoo wants to preserve what they can of the hillside, what will be the LAFD's requirement for defensible space around structures and animals? It will be discussed at the NCSA Advocacy Committee on Sept. 18, followed by a vote taken by email.

There was a vote taken on the City's Proposal to phase out oil Drilling. The City wants to do it in the next 20 years and NCSA maintains that Culver City is doing it in 5 years and LA should do likewise. The motion passed 18 yes, 0 no, 2 abstain. I voted yes for our NC.

Upcoming Congress of Neighborhoods 9-24-'22 on Zoom

Will put link in the chat to register – many workshops.

I will present "What you Need to Know About Preserving and Planting Street Trees" at 8:00 a.m.

Charles Miller will present: Los Angeles Native Plant Advocacy: Why and How at 10:05 a.m.

Complete list of workshops on the website.