



# Greater Valley Glen Council ("GVGC")



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## REGULAR VIRTUAL BOARD MEETING

MINUTES - October 3, 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 819 4636 0475** and **then press #** to join or use the link <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/81946360475>. 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

<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>	Joanne D’Antonio	<b>District 1 Resident</b>	Anthony Bethel
<b>At-Large</b>	September Forsyth	<b>District 1 Resident</b>	Dan Stueve
<b>At-Large</b>	Andrea Jones	<b>District 3 Resident</b>	Drew Vandiver
<b>At-Large</b>	Scott Kriloff	<b>District 4 Resident</b>	Christopher “Cosmo” Moore
<b>At-Large</b>	Daniel Lopez	<b>District 4 Resident</b>	Heidi Moore
<b>At-Large</b>	Samuel May	<b>District 5 Resident</b>	Alicia Bien
<b>At-Large</b>	Andrea Schmitt	<b>District 5 Resident</b>	Mickey Jannol
<b>At-Large</b>	Robin Shafer	<b>District 6 Resident</b>	Nadia Marina Thomas
		<b>District 6 Resident</b>	Bennet C Francois
		<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 7:01 p.m. and Roll Call: 16 present, 2 absent (Kriloff & May) Quorum achieved.**

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

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

**Motion 1:** \* Motion to approve the September 12, 2022 Regular Board Meeting Minutes. \* **(Bethel, Stueve) Motion Passed. 14 yes, 0 no, 0 abstain, 2 absent (Kriloff & May), 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 Delatorre, Elisa Schwartz, Brenda Yanez, Jeff Camp, Joel Gonzalez & Brandon Pender.

**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 oppose the application for a ZAA approval (variance) - 6035 N. Laurelgrove No. Hollywood 91608 –[ZA- 2022-5781-ZAA](#) and ENV-2022-5782-CE—To permit more than 50% of the front yard to be paved with limited parking and access to the front door and the GVGC requests 50% of pavement be removed. **(Bethel, C.Moore) Motion Passed. 7 yes (Bethel, Forsyth, Thomas, C.Moore, H.Moore, Stueve & Ngyuen), 4 no (Jannol, Jones, Schmitt & Vandiver), 1 abstain (Shafer), 4 absent (Bien, Kriloff, Lopez & May), 2 ineligible (D'Antonio & Francois), 0 recused.**



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

**Motion 1: \* Approval of August 2022 MER.** A copy is attached and there is also a link here: <https://clkrep.lacity.org/ncfunding/mer/66786D77-C320-0585-7263-ECED4A5A0B00L.pdf> \* **(Schmitt, Jannol) Motion Passed. 11 yes, 0 no, 0 abstain, 4 absent (Kriloff, Lopez, May & H.Moore), 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: Andi Jones.

**Item 13 Government Relations Committee.** Report and Motions. There are no motions. No Chair and No 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 GVGC approves the planning to host a Food Truck Community Night in the Valley Glen Community Park in February or March 2023. Some activities might include several food trucks, a bounce house for children, band(s), and artist pop up shops, among other things. This is a conceptual approval of this event. This motion supersedes the Movie Night motion that was passed on July 11. \* (Bien, Stueve) Motion Passed. 12 yes, 0 no, 0 abstain, 4 absent (Kriloff, Lopez, May & H.Moore), 2 ineligible (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



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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/Jannol) 9:17 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 November 7th, 2022 at 7:00 p.m.**

## **Sustainability Report for 10-3-'22 Board Meeting Report prepared by Joanne D'Antonio, GVGC Sustainability Representative**

### **Community Forest Advisory Committee (CFAC) Special Meeting 9-15-'22 Zoom**

This meeting was to approve a letter commenting on the LA Zoo FREIR. The letter included many objections to Plan 1.5 but did not oppose it. Based on my site visit to the proposed area on the LA Zoo property, I brought up the inadvisability of locating zoo attractions on the high fire risk hillside that would require destruction of existing wildlife habitat to create defensible space. I did not support the motion, which passed, to send the letter.

### **NCSA Advocacy Committee 9-18-'22 Zoom**

This meeting was to consider the LA Zoo's Focused Recirculated EIR (FREIR) on their 1.5 Alternative Project, and the determination was made to oppose it. I helped with the drafting of this letter that was subsequently voted on via email by the NCSA Reps:

The Neighborhood Council Sustainability Alliance (NCSA) has voted to oppose the Los Angeles Zoo's expansion project Alternative 1.5 and to remain in support of Alternative 1.

We thank the Mayor's Office for bringing the NCSA into this conversation and the Los Angeles Zoo for engaging with us so deeply. We also applaud the Zoo for working to ensure best practices for animal care and for listening to community feedback and proposing a scaled-down design (Alternative 1.5) that prioritizes native plants and habitats in new exhibits and that is more in keeping with the character of Griffith Park than the original proposed project, which we did not support.

We support the mission of the zoo, which is to *lead the way in saving wildlife and connecting Angelenos to the natural world by providing exemplary animal care, delivering distinctive and diverse learning opportunities, and creating unforgettable experiences*. We think some of the changes proposed in Alternative 1.5, such as elimination of habitat for sensitive native species ([see the California Department of Fish and Wildlife's 2021 letter](#)) and commercialization of a ridgeline, would not further the zoo's mission compared with other less disruptive options that would do more to support Griffith Park's existing ecosystem and biodiversity while allowing us to enjoy it. We are concerned that the environmental costs of some of the proposed changes would outweigh any benefits and would not necessarily enhance people's experience of nature.

The motion passed and the letter submitted. I voted yes for our NC.

### **Congress of Neighborhoods 9-24-'22 Zoom**

There was at least one attendee from every one of the 99 neighborhood councils. All the workshops



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were recorded and are available to listen to online right on the home page:

<https://www.neighborhoodcongress.la/>

### **CFAC Ad Hoc Tree Equity Subcommittee 9-30-'22 Zoom**

Steve DuPrey of Urban Forestry brought up the idea of charging the actual value of a tree when requests are made to remove a street tree. He also indicated that since Covid, pre-development meetings on Planning Dept. projects are no longer held, so there is no opportunity to object to tree removals early in the process. I showed photos of a bump out in Sylmar that was done prior to 2007 to re direct the sidewalk around the street side of the tree using an under-utilized parking space. DuPrey said he priced the cost today to create a bump out, and it came in at \$150,000. (Note that mature oak trees can be valued at close to \$150,000).