



Greater Valley Glen Council ("GVGC")



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REGULAR VIRTUAL BOARD MEETING

MINUTES – November 7, 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 894 6714 5916** and **then press #** to join or use the link <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/89467145926>. 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



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, 4 absent (Forsyth, Kriloff, Lopez & May) Quorum achieved.

Item 3 Chair instructions for Public Comment.

Item 4 * Approval of minutes *

Motion 1: * Motion to approve the October 3, 2022 Regular Board Meeting Minutes. * **(Bethel, C.Moore) Motion Passed. 13 yes, 0 no, 0 abstain, 4 absent (Forsyth, Kriloff, Lopez & May), 0 ineligible, 0 recused.**

Item 5 Board Nominations

Nomination 1: Cosmo Moore nominates Michael Kennedy to At-Large Board Seat. **(Bethel, C.Moore) Motion Passed. 13 yes, 0 no, 0 abstain, 4 absent (Forsyth, Kriloff, Lopez & May), 0 ineligible, 0 recused.**

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, Elisa Schwartz, Jeff Camp and Joel Gonzalez.

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.

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

Motion 1: * **Approval of September 2022 MER.** A copy is attached and there is also a link here: <https://clkrep.lacity.org/ncfunding/mer/48D0BDFE-08B5-D77D-3135-2823696D450CL.pdf> * **(Schmitt, Stueve) Motion Passed. 11 yes, 0 no, 0 abstain, 5 absent (Forsyth, Kriloff, Lopez, May & Vandiver), 2 ineligible (Nguyen, Kennedy), 0 recused.**



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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. All motions are marked * Report by Chair: Robin Shafer.

Motion 1: * The Community Outreach Committee moves that the GVGC approve a Food and Toy Drive on Sunday December 11, 2022 from 11:00am to 3:00pm near the Valley Glen Community Park in conjunction with Councilmember Paul Krekorian’s office and the VGNA. Toys will be donated through the LAFD, LAPD and food to the North Hollywood Interfaith Food Pantry. **(Shafer, Bethel) Motion Passed. 12 yes, 0 no, 0 abstain, 5 absent (Forsyth, Kriloff, Lopez, May & Vandiver), 1 ineligible (Kennedy), 0 recused.**

Item 12 Community Safety Committee. Report and Motions. There are no motions. No Report – No Chair.

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

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. There are no motions * Report by Chair: Alicia Bien.

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.

Speaker: David S.

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/ D’Antonio) 8:31 p.m.



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Sustainability Report for 11-7-'22 Board Meeting Prepared by Joanne D'Antonio, GVGC Sustainability Representative

Community Forest Advisory Committee (CFAC) 10-6-'22 Zoom

There was a presentation on urban tree management in Barcelona using nature-based solutions to create green corridors and super blocks. The idea of spending millions to treat the city as an ecosystem and removing concrete was questioned there at first, but then the result became very popular with the residents and business owners. You can see pictures online <https://www.barcelona.cat/pla-superilla-barcelona/en>

Plancheck NC 10-8-'22 Zoom

There were complaints that property owners are piecemealing demolitions with no building plans in place. Also, low-income apartments are being demolished. Vacant lots can sit for years. State law allows non-livable space to be converted to ADUs, and these are being built in parking areas. Reported that demo notices to NCs are only coming from LADBS, but not coming for demos of big projects. There is a Council File regarding a specific plan for the Van Nuys Airport CF 22-1127. In preparation for the Olympics it was reported that \$18 million has been spent on entertainment and travel, and the CEO of the Olympics has a \$999,000 salary. AB 2295 was passed/signed to allow housing of staff on LAUSD sites and waives CEQA to build. AB 2097 was passed/signed that remove any parking minimums on buildings (except medical buildings). SB 1425 was passed/signed requiring cities to have defensible open space for fire prevention. 110 land-related bills are pending!

NCSA Meeting 10-9-'22 Zoom

A new draft of the Wildlife Ordinance has been released. There are concerns that it has been weakened. (Further discussion to take place at NCSA Advocacy Committee meeting)

CFAC Ad Hoc Enforcement Subcommittee 10-13-'22 Zoom

CFAC Chair indicated that the Santa Monica Mountain Conservancy and CLAW have endorsed Hydee Feldstein Soto for City Attorney. There was a discussion of a tree information light pole banner project that could be available to neighborhood councils for sponsorship. The idea of having a tree disclosure and inspection at time of property sale was discussed. DWP is requiring space to replace transformers in front of every new building is causing a loss of street trees and space for trees – this requirement is unique to LA and has created frustration for anyone concerned about the look and health of the city.

Sidewalk Repair Community Advisory Committee 10-27-'22 Zoom

SRP still only able to fix access requests due to their capacity and funding. BOE will make asphalt fixes if reported. Link to put in requests: <https://sidewalks.lacity.org/> The program has found ways remove fewer trees as they fix sidewalks. Since the start of the program in 2016, 2,321 sites have been repaired and 133 miles of sidewalk rebuilt.

Community Forest Advisory Committee (CFAC) 11-3-'22 Zoom

Objections to new version of Wildlife Ordinance include exemptions for R1 and RA1 and lack of consideration of protected tree woodlands (maps do exist of these). Objections now can only be made to the Planning Commission by Nov. 17.

Nature-based Solutions and the Dangers of Artificial Turf 11-6-'22 Zoom and in-person

Scientists presented studies that the blades on all artificial turf contain PFAS, microplastics for which there is no safe level, and are extremely harmful to athletes and children playing on it, plus it can also leech into water. Artificial turf does not save water since it needs to be watered and utilizes pesticides to abate weeds at the seams!

NCSA Advocacy Committee 11-6-'22 Zoom



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Explained that the ecosystem in the hillsides is critical to the health of the entire city, and will create a motion for NCSA Reps to vote on to advocate that the Wildlife Ordinance deal with what is needed for a habitat-driven approach. Fencing has been dropped from ordinance, yet the whole point of wildlife ordinance is to require suitable fencing that allows for wildlife connectivity. There will be a few Olympic events held at the Sepulveda Recreation area. The LA River Project has come up with a plan to upgrade the area with a Central Park-like design that includes better flood management and unpaving the LA River that runs through it to make a kayaking area <https://www.theriverproject.org/sepulveda-basin-es> . A very different approach from Nury Martinez's plan.