



Greater Valley Glen Council ("GVGC")



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REGULAR VIRTUAL BOARD MEETING

MINUTES - December 5, 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 846 0697 3787** and **then press #** to join or use the link

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/84606973787>. 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	Michael Kennedy	District 4 Resident	Christopher “Cosmo” Moore
At-Large	Scott Kriloff	District 4 Resident	Heidi Moore
At-Large	Daniel Lopez	District 5 Resident	Alicia Bien
At-Large	Samuel May	District 5 Resident	Mickey Jannol
At-Large	Andrea Schmitt	District 6 Resident	Bennet C Francois
At-Large	Robin Shafer	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 7:08 p.m. and Roll Call: 13 present, 5 absent (Bien, Jones, Kriloff, May & Vandiver). Quorum achieved.

Item 3 Chair instructions for Public Comment.

Item 4 * Approval of minutes *

Motion 1: * Motion to approve the November 7, 2022 Regular Board Meeting Minutes. *
Motion Skipped.

Item 5 Board Nominations There are no nominations.

Note: Vacant seats consist of two (2) District 2 Rep, one (1) District 3 Reps, one (1) District 6 Rep, and four (3) 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 Kristen Delatorre, Joel Gonzalez – DONE, Jeff Camp – Council President, Paul Krekorian's office, Lance Basulto, Office of the City Clerk, Michael Vergara – Mayor Garcetti's office and Salvador Manriquez – Assemblymember Luz Rivas office.

Item 7 Representative Reports

Reports provided by: Joanne D'Antonio – Sustainability; Mickey Jannol - VANC

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 October 2022 MER.** A copy is attached and there is also a link here:

<https://clkrep.lacity.org/ncfunding/mer/5A7AA49B-B27E-7036-350E-BCFC568AC0B3L.pdf> *

(Schmitt, Stueve) Motion Passed. 11 yes, 0 no, 0 abstain, 5 absent (Bien, Jones, Kriloff, May & Vandiver), 2 ineligible (Kennedy & Nguyen), 0 recused.



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Item 10 Arts & Education Committee. Reports and Motions. All motions are marked * **Report by Chair: Robin Shafer**

Motion 1: * The GVGC moves to approve the Neighborhood Purpose Grant from Enrich LA for \$1,000 to help develop a teaching gardening program at Erwin Elementary School. * **(Shafer, C.Moore) Motion Passed. 11 yes, 0 no, 0 abstain, 5 absent (Bien, Jones, Kriloff, May & Vandiver), 2 ineligible (Kennedy & Nguyen), 0 recused.**

Motion 2: * The GVGC moves to approve the Neighborhood Purpose Grant from Monlux Elementary School to purchase 3 outdoor picnic style seating tables for the Kindergarten area for outdoor activities. * **Motion Skipped.**

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. **No Chair.**

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

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) 8:35 p.m.



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Sustainability Report for 12-5-'22 Board Meeting

NCSA recent votes --

On behalf of the GVGC I voted to support the NCSA Wildlife Ordinance letter at this link:

https://assets.nationbuilder.com/ncsa/pages/507/attachments/original/1670080568/NCSA_letter_re_revised_wildlife_ordinance_2022_11-14.pdf?1670080568

This ordinance has been in the works for 8 years, has been watered down, but still faces opposition. It will be heard by the City Planning Commission 12-8-'22 at 8:30 a.m.

On behalf of the GVGC I voted to support the Sepulveda Basin proposal of the LA River Project with the letter at this link: https://assets.nationbuilder.com/ncsa/pages/508/attachments/original/1669826147/2022-11-29_SB_Resolution_w_logos.pdf?1669826147

Please note that the Board of Public Works has voted to support a contract for work on the Sepulveda Basin unrelated to this proposal. See a letter from the San Fernando Valley Climate Reality Project to Councilmember Raman's office [here](#) expressing serious concerns about that contract. The San Fernando Valley Climate Reality Project and The River Project are working with Councilmember Raman's office to find a way to ensure that the goals expressed in the letter are achieved.

Plancheck NC 11-12-'22 Zoom

There is an initiative to install electronic signage all over the city as part of the Metro Transportation Communications Network. There are concerns that these will be distracting and take up space for street trees. More information at TCN@metro.net and also on the PlancheckNC website <https://plancheckncla.com/> (The Metro Board meeting on 12-1-'22 removed this item from their consent agenda so it is still in discussion.)

Scenic Los Angeles has been leading efforts against this signage which includes electronic advertising: <https://www.scenic.org/chapters-affiliates/losangeles/?eType=EmailBlastContent&eId=72d7810b-dd23-4200-8cdf-3ba90cbdcdf7>

Studio City Neighborhood Council 11-16-'22 Zoom

Considerable opposition to the Sportsman's Lodge project that will remove 89 trees and an endangered native plant. The teardown of the hotel will remove 400,000 cubic yards of soil which they calculate as 70,000 truck trips. The Erewhon grocery store on the property is in opposition because it would eliminate their parking during years of construction, which proposes to build 800+apartments, with 78 very low income studio and 1 bedroom units that entitles a density bonus to go higher to 7 stories. There were many public comment call-ins that included complaints of cars backing up at Coldwater and Ventura.

Planning Hearing for Sportsman's Lodge 11-21-'22 (this is in our Community Plan area)

More was revealed. There is an SCEA (Sustainable Communities Environmental Assessment) on their website which does not require any mitigation, but no Environmental Impact Report was done, which would require mitigation. The 7 stories are on a podium. The developers are considering this infill housing. Coldwater Canyon Blvd. will be a red curb loading area, and there were complaints of trucks double parking in the current use. There is one protected oak tree, which they plan to preserve. There will be riverfront access with some setback but no setback on Ventura Blvd. Many called in objections including attorneys. This project goes to the City Planning Commission on Dec. 15 at 8:30 a.m.

Community Forest Advisory Committee (CFAC) 12-1-'22 Zoom

Question about City Plants and our City planting partners not functioning, and the City Forest Officer revealed there has been a lag in the memorandum of understanding and funding from DWP, but that this process is very close to being completed.

I reported to the LADBS representative, Carolyn Juacalla, that despite our request, LADBS management has refused to stop using "clear lot" wording for demolitions, which is still getting misinterpreted to include the clearing of all the trees and vegetation, when they just mean to clear the structures.

The President of the Encino NC took issue that proposed tree removal notifications do not indicate which are the trees in question, and that site maps with trees for removal indicated need to be provided sooner than the 72 hours notice before a BPW tree removal hearing. CFAC has been requesting LADBS require site plans with trees for by right projects, but no results.



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CFAC voted to support the same letter that NCSA supported regarding the Sepulveda Basin proposal of the LA River Project. This project has the endorsement of close to 50 organizational logos on the letter.

There is a draft EIR from Bureau of Engineering to allow DWP to remove park trees near Silver Lake, many to accommodate parking, and comments are due by 5 pm on Dec 16. Link to the DEIR

<https://www.scenic.org/chapters-affiliates/losangeles/?eType=EmailBlastContent&eld=72d7810b-dd23-4200-8cdf-3ba90cbdcd7>