



Greater Valley Glen Council ("GVGC")



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REGULAR VIRTUAL BOARD MEETING

MINUTES - January 9, 2023

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 864 7291 5800 and then press # to join or use the link <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/86472915800>. 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	Andrea Schmitt	District 5 Resident	Mickey Jannol
At-Large	Robin Shafer	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 7:02 p.m. and Roll Call: 14 present, 3 absent (Kriloff, Lopez & Vandiver). Quorum achieved.

Item 3 Chair instructions for Public Comment.

Item 4 * Approval of minutes *

Motion 1: * Motion to approve both the November 7, 2022 and December 5, 2022 Regular Board Meeting Minutes. * **(Bethel, C.Moore) Motion Passed. 12 yes, 0 no, 1 abstain (Jones), 3 absent (Kriloff, Lopez & Vandiver), 1 ineligible (Kennedy), 0 recused.**

Item 5 Board Nominations All nominations are marked with *

Nomination 1: * Cosmo Moore nominates Penny Woods to the GVGC Board for an At-Large Seat. * **(C.Moore, Jannol) Motion Passed. 13 yes, 0 no, 0 abstain, 3 absent (Kriloff, Lopez & Vandiver), 1 ineligible (Kennedy), 0 recused.**

Note: Vacant seats consist of two (2) District 2 Rep, one (1) District 3 Reps, one (1) District 6 Rep, 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: Jeff Camp – Council President, Paul Krekorian's office, Salvador Manriquez – Assemblymember Luz Rivas office.

Item 7 Representative Reports

Reports provided by: **Joanne D'Antonio – Sustainability; Mickey Jannol – VANC, Bea Plessner Rulli – Great Wall Committee**



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Item 8 President's Motions & Comments. All motions are marked *

Motion 1: * {Possible Motion} The Los Angeles region faces a biodiversity crisis wherein over 90% of local butterflies, songbirds, and other pollinators have disappeared in the last century due to the replacement of local flora with non-native plant and tree species. Native landscaping plants and trees can thrive in our urban environment and furnish all the benefits non-native trees can offer in terms of canopy shade to offset the heat island effect, beauty, and shade comfort for humans, while natives provide the only path to sustainability for biodiversity, water and energy savings, and the elimination of soil amendment runoff pollution.

Therefore, the President move that the GVGC appeals to the County and City of Los Angeles, all applicable government agencies, public-private partnerships, and private parties planting in public space to henceforth only plant 100% California native landscaping plants and trees within Los Angeles County, the City of Los Angeles, and specifically within the stakeholder boundaries of the Greater Valley Glen Neighborhood Council except in situations where plants and trees are designed to produce food for human consumption or provide a designated recreational playing field. * **(Bethel, C.Moore) Motion Passed. 12 yes, 0 no, 0 abstain, 4 absent (Francois, Kriloff, Lopez & Vandiver), 2 ineligible (Kennedy, Woods), 0 recused.**

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

Motion 1: * Approval of November 2022 MER. A copy is attached and there is also a link here:

<https://clkrep.lacity.org/ncfunding/mer/5AED39CB-0DEF-AFBE-A005-417A2EAA7B7CL.pdf> *
(Schmitt, Bethel) Motion Passed. 12 yes, 0 no, 0 abstain, 3 absent (Kriloff, Lopez & Vandiver), 3 ineligible (Kennedy, Nguyen, Woods), 0 recused.

Motion 2: * Motion to approve 6 monthly scheduled payments to Personal Storage 3 in the amount of \$140 per month for a total of \$840. Payments for each month are due before the 1st of that month. This motion is for a term of 02/01/2023 through 06/30/2023 with the final payment being due 06/01/2023. The motion supersedes the motion passed on 07/11/2022. * **(Schmitt, Bethel) Motion Passed. 11 yes, 0 no, 0 abstain, 4 absent (H. Moore, Kriloff, Lopez & Vandiver), 3 ineligible (Kennedy, Nguyen, Woods), 0 recused.**

Motion 3: * Motion to approve submitting a matching funds grant request to Councilmember Paul Krekorian's office for up to \$10,000 to assist in our previous commitment to Stay Green for the maintenance of the Victory Blvd and Whitsett Ave Medians. * **(Schmitt, D'Antonio) Motion Passed. 12 yes, 0 no, 0 abstain, 3 absent (Kriloff, Lopez & Vandiver), 3 ineligible (Kennedy, Nguyen, Woods), 0 recused.**

Motion 4: * Motion to approve the attached Administrative Packet containing the revised GVGC Budget for Fiscal Year 2022-2023, authorized signers, and other Financial information. * **Motion Skipped.**



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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 application from Monlux Elementary School to purchase 3 outdoor picnic style seating tables for the Kindergarten area for outdoor activities in the amount of up to \$3,500. * **(Shafer, Schmitt)**
Motion Passed. 12 yes, 0 no, 0 abstain, 3 absent (Kriloff, Lopez & Vandiver), 3 ineligible (Kennedy, Nguyen, Woods), 0 recused.

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/ No Report.**

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

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) 8:33 p.m.



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Sustainability Report for 1-9-'23 Board Meeting

City Planning Commission 12-8-'22 Zoom

Long hearing on Wildlife Ordinance, which they voted to support with 2 changes. It goes to City Council next. CF 14-0518 if you want to make post a public comment.

Plancheck NC 12-10-'22 Zoom

There are many new bills on the City and State level that could affect us. More info on these on the PlancheckNC website <https://plancheckncla.com/>

The initiative to install electronic signage all over the city as part of the Metro Transportation Communications Network has brought up concerns that these will be distracting and take up space for street trees. A Citywatch article with more information was brought to our attention <https://citywatchla.com/index.php/cw/los-angeles/26009-metro-s-program-to-blanket-la-with-digital-billboards-nears-approval> . More information at TCN@metro.net The Metro Board meeting will consider this at their January 27 meeting

LA Audubon 12-14-'22 virtual

Tree care for birds – website with best management practices <https://treecareforbirds.com/>
Nesting season is February 1 to August 31, but sometimes year-round. No trimming or tree removal unless wildlife biologist checks for nests – illegal to disturb active nests.

Snag (dead trees) breeding ground for insects which is great for birds who feed on them; no reason to remove

Community Forest Advisory Committee (CFAC)

No January meeting

NCSA 1-8-'23 Zoom

Raquel Beltran, General Manager of DONE shared her proposed budget of \$6,759,159 to the City for the next fiscal year. This is asking for a 75% increase from last year and adds additional personnel. She is also working on helping NCs transition back to in person meetings after March 1st of this year, including the locating of meeting places and setting up hybrid meetings.

Lindsay Sturman of the Livable Communities Initiative <https://www.livablecommunitiesinitiative.com/> presented their proposal to build 2 and 3 story affordable apartments over existing one-story commercial properties and limit car travel to create parklike pedestrian friendly areas. This is an alternative to the large buildings that developers are building, given that the state is forcing LA to build close to 500,000 new units. She asked for NCSA to work with her with input and support, and though there probably should have been more discussion and questions brought up, there wasn't time, and the motion passed to support and work with her. I voted for it because I felt it was better to be involved than to have this go forward without input.