



# Greater Valley Glen Council ("GVGC")



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## REGULAR VIRTUAL BOARD MEETING

MINUTES - March 6, 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 892 7934 0280 and then press # to join or use the link <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/89279340280>. 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
At-Large	Penny Woods	Youth Representative	Zoe Nguyen



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## AGENDA

**Item 1 Pledge of Allegiance.**

**Item 2 Call to Order at 7:05 p.m. and Roll Call: 14 present, 4 absent (Francois, Kriloff, Lopez & Vandiver). Quorum achieved.**

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

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

**Motion 1:** \* Motion to approve the February 6, 2023 Regular Board Meeting Minutes. \* (Bethel, Forsyth) **Motion Passed. 14 yes, 0 no, 0 abstain, 4 absent (Francois, Kriloff, Lopez & Vandiver), 0 ineligible, 0 recused.**

**Item 5 Board Nominations All Nominations are marked \***

**Nomination 1:** \* The President nominates Mickey Jannol as Chairperson of the Community Safety Committee. \* (Bethel, Schmitt) **Motion Passed. 13 yes, 0 no, 1 abstain (Jannol), 4 absent (Francois, Kriloff, Lopez & Vandiver), 0 ineligible, 0 recused.**

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

**Item 7 Representative Reports**

**Report provided by:** Joanne D'Antonio – Sustainability. (report attached at the end of minutes)

Drew Vandiver joined at 7:17 p.m.

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

**Motion 1:** \* The President moves that the GVGC rename the Community Safety Committee the Community Safety and Public Health Committee. \* (Bethel, Nguyen) **Motion Passed. 14 yes, 0 no, 0 abstain, 4 absent (Francois, Kriloff, Lopez & H. Moore), 0 ineligible, 0 recused.**



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

**Motion 1: \* Approval of January 2023 MER.** A copy is attached and there is also a link here: <https://clkrep.lacity.org/ncfunding/mer/43D3A372-AD56-BDA6-69E7-F8C52C046CF2L.pdf> \* **(Schmitt, Bethel) Motion Passed. 13 yes, 0 no, 0 abstain, 4 absent (Francois, Kriloff, Lopez & H. Moore), 1 ineligible (Nguyen), 0 recused.**

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

**Motion 1: \*** The Arts and Education Committee moves that the GVGC write a letter of congratulations to the Grant High School Basketball team for their 2nd in a row L.A. City Division Basketball Championship! \* **(Shafer, Schmitt) Motion Passed. 14 yes, 0 no, 0 abstain, 4 absent (Francois, Kriloff, Lopez & H. Moore), 0 ineligible, 0 recused.**

**Item 11 Community Outreach Committee. Reports and Motions.** All motions are marked \* Report by Chair: Robin Shafer.

**Motion 1: \*** The Outreach Committee moves that the GVGC approve a food drive to run in conjunction with the already approved paper shredding event on May 20<sup>th</sup>. Collected items will be donated to the Interfaith Food Pantry. \* **(Shafer, Bethel) Motion Passed. 14 yes, 0 no, 0 abstain, 4 absent (Francois, Kriloff, Lopez & H. Moore), 0 ineligible, 0 recused.**

**Item 12 Community Safety Committee. Report and Motions.** There are no motions.

**Item 13 Government Relations Committee. Report and Motions.** There is no chair and no motions.

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. Reports and Motions.** 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 Committee Member: Joanne D’Antonio.



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**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, Jannol) 8:30 p.m.**

## **Sustainability Report for 3-6-'23 Board Meeting**

**Prepared by Joanne D'Antonio, Sustainability Representative**

### **Sepulveda Basin Vision Plan public meeting 2-8-'23 in person**

This is the community engagement period for proposed changes to the Sepulveda Basin, and this meeting attracted a huge number of people.

Spoke with Senator Henry Stern who will officially be our State Senator after the next election – he has been redistricted into our area and Senator Hertzberg is no longer in office. Senator Stern has is environmentally dedicated, and he also supports the Senate bill to amend the Brown Act for virtual meetings.

### **Community Forest Advisory Committee (CFAC) 2-9-'23 Zoom**

Melanie Winter of The River Project recommends support of CF 23-0105 for the Sepulveda Basin Project – Individuals may comment. CFAC supports her plan that was financed by the Santa Monica Mountain Conservancy. Melanie also advocates the City adopt curb cuts for stormwater capture – very effective in San Francisco and New York City.

Urban Forestry reported that 570,000 trees have been inventoried and the goal is 750,000.

### **Plancheck NC 2-10-'23 Zoom**

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

We have not had any appropriate committee meetings scheduled to weigh in on any of these City Council motions or State bills, but individuals can weigh in on any of these.

### **Neighborhood Council Sustainability Alliance (NCSA) 2-26-'23 Zoom**

LASAN representatives explained the new program to put food waste into green bins. For Single family home dwellers they are giving away small bins (base is 8.5"x11") to collect food and food soiled paper and cardboard (no compostable bags or white parchment) inside the home and then empty into the green bin, which will now be composted, not mulched. Link to order and pick up bin – local libraries or LASAN yards:

<https://gis.lacitysan.org/portal/apps/webappviewer/index.html?id=9a9ce8ced9b44e2e9e2125eefb1abc> The apartment building situation is more complicated, and currently they advise renters to contact their building managers or owners to request the program. They can give a presentation to NCs upon request. Note that free mulch will still be available produced from other sources.

New Councilmember Katy Yaroslavsky from CD 5 is now Chair of the City Council Energy and Environment Committee and she reported that she has problems with green hydrogen as an energy source.

NCSA Trees Committee will offer live demo of using the City Tree Inventory on Sat. March 25 1:30 Zoom. RSVP [trees@ncsa.la](mailto:trees@ncsa.la)

### **Community Forest Advisory Committee (CFAC) 3-2-'23 Zoom**

Program about how to plant native wildflowers from seed in the medians instead of turf.

LASAN reported on departmental evaluations on any progress with biodiversity implementation since the biodiversity directive. Full Report available at <https://www.lacitysan.org/san/sandocview?docname=cnt076756>

Los Angeles has also joined Biophilic Cities, though our goals were not revealed.



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Rec and Parks reported that they were not having pre-construction meeting with contractors during Covid and this resulted in tree root damage when irrigation was installed in MacArthur Park. They are resuming these RAP CAP meetings. 275 park trees were lost due to weather.

Urban Forestry reported 2255 tree emergencies due to weather.

City Forest Officer reported on finding pathways for larger tree sites.

## **NCSA Advocacy Committee 3-5-'23 Zoom**

The Wildlife Ordinance CF 14-0518 is being weakened before it comes before City Council. NCSA advocating that it should be stronger.

The Sepulveda Basin Plan as proposed by the Santa Monica Mountain Conservancy is being blocked by Councilmember Lee.

Appears that people are living with Kevin de Leon continuing to be on City Council.

Abundant Housing LA representatives including their Policy person, who revealed he actually lives in Whittier.

Lively discussion regarding consideration of existing trees.

## **CONVERSATION WITH STREETS LA TO GET ASPHALT FIXES**

**Program was abandoned but they will send an asphalt truck if we collect addresses where sidewalk is lifted and needs an asphalt patch to prevent trip and falls. Also to fill potholes. Send addresses (with photos if possible) to [jdantonio@greatervalleyglencouncil.org](mailto:jdantonio@greatervalleyglencouncil.org)**