



Greater Valley Glen Council ("GVGC")

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REGULAR BOARD MEETING MINUTES

November 6, 2023, 7:00 p.m.

Concorde Career College, 12412 Victory Blvd., Greater Valley Glen, CA 91606

Officers

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| Daniel Lopez | President |
| Cosmo Moore | Vice President |
| Robin Shafer | Treasurer |
| Mickey Jannol | Secretary |

Board Members

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| Suzanne Alon * | District 1 Rep | Michael Kennedy | District 4 Rep |
| John Altounji | At-Large Rep | Paul Kroeger | At-Large Rep |
| Walden Corcoran * | At-Large Rep | Robin Lev | District 6 Rep |
| Joanne D'Antonio | At-Large Rep | Daniel Lopez | At-Large Rep |
| Trish Dexter * | At-Large Rep | Cosmo Moore | District 4 Rep |
| Carla Micaela Fuentes | District 6 Rep | Robin Shafer | District 5 Rep |
| Dower Jai "DJ" Gervais | District 5 Rep | Guillermo Valdez | District 2 Rep |
| Mickey Jannol | At-Large Rep | Penny Woods | At-Large Rep |
| Andrea Jones | At-Large Rep | | |

* Seated at this Board Meeting. See Item # VI, pages 2 and 3.

Notes:

- 1) A Quorum for any GVGC Board Meeting is 13 Board Members.
- 2) Motions (or Official Actions) pass with a Majority of the sum of Yes and No votes cast.
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Secretary's Note: Each item # below matches the item # that appeared in the published agenda for this meeting.



Item # I: Call to Order

Call to Order at 7:10 p.m., commencing with President Dan Lopez leading the Pledge of Allegiance.

Item # II: Roll Call

Thirteen (13) members were present: Altounji, D'Antonio, Fuentes, Gervais, Jannol, Jones, (Michael) Kennedy, Kroeger, Lev, Lopez, Moore, Shafer, and Woods. One (1) member absent: Valdez. One (1) member resigned: (Dominic) Kennedy. **A quorum of 13 was achieved.**

Item # III: Approval of the November 6, 2023, Minutes

Motion made by President Lopez to approve the October 2, 2023, Minutes. Seconded by Kennedy.

Board Comment: None.

Public Comment: None.

Additional Board Discussion: Without objection, President Lopez called the question.

Vote: 12 Ayes, 0 Nos, 1 Abstention (Jones), 0 Ineligible.

Motion passes.

Item # IV: Elected Officers/Departments/Organization Announcements

- a) Empower LA NEA Prabhjot Chamber discussed and promoted use of the Portal for submission of money motions and community impact statements. She also reported that SB 411, the Bill allowing neighborhood council boards and committees to meet virtually passed City Council.
- b) NEA Chamber indicated that she received notice from Dominic Kennedy that he resigned from the Board.
- c) Board member Sustainability Rep, VANC Rep, and CFAC CD 2 Rep D'Antonio gave summary reports on Sustainability and VANC.

No Official Actions on these matters.

Item # V: General Public Comment on Non-Agenda Items

There was no public comment on non-agendized items. Without objection, President Lopez recommended that the Board return to this agenda item later in the meeting if members of the public arrive and wish to make comment.

Item # VI: Discussion and Possible Action: Brief Introduction Opportunity for Interested GVGC Candidates' Consideration and Possible Vote or Appointment to the GVGC Board. Potential Candidates: Suzanne Alon, Trish Dexter, and Walden Corcoran.

Actions on the three candidates are recorded as Sub-Items a, b, and c, respectively, i.e., three Official Action items in this category, acted on separately.

- a) **Motion made** by Woods to approve seating Suzanne Alon as a District 1 Rep. Seconded by Jones.

Board Comment: Woods introduced Ms. Alon and discussed her background.

Public Comment: Ms. Alon spoke about her background and interest in serving on the Board.



Board Discussion: Without objection, President Lopez called the question.

Vote: 13 Ayes, 0 Nos, 0 Abstentions, 1 Absent (Valdez), 0 Ineligible.

Motion passes. Ms. Alon has not yet taken the courses to be eligible to vote at this meeting. She will be recorded as present but ineligible to vote. **The Quorum count is now 14.**

b) Motion made by Lev to approve seating Trish Dexter as an At-Large Rep. Seconded by Gervais.

Board Comment: Lev introduced Ms. Dexter and discussed her background.

Public Comment: Ms. Dexter spoke about her background and interest serving on the Board.

Board Discussion: Without objection, President Lopez called the question.

Vote: 13 Ayes, 0 Nos, 0 Abstentions, 1 Absent (Valdez), 2 Ineligible (Alon).

Motion passes. Ms. Dexter has not yet taken the courses to be eligible to vote at this meeting. She will be recorded as present but ineligible to vote. **The Quorum count is now 15.**

c) Motion made by D'Antonio to approve seating Walden Corcoran as an At-Large Rep. on the Board. Seconded by Moore.

Board Comment: D'Antonio introduced Mr. Corcoran and invited Corcoran to speak.

Public Comment: Mr. Corcoran spoke about his background and interest serving on the Board.

Board Discussion: Without objection, President Lopez called the question.

Vote: 13 Ayes, 0 Nos, 0 Abstentions, 1 Absent (Valdez), 2 Ineligible (Alon, Corcoran).

Motion passes. Mr. Corcoran has not yet taken the courses to be eligible to vote at this meeting. She will be recorded as present but ineligible to vote. **The Quorum count is now 16.**

Note: With the addition of the new Board members, there are four (4) vacant District Rep seats, three (4) vacant At-Large seats, and one (1) youth Rep seat to fill.

Item # VII: Treasurer's Motions

Motion made by Treasurer Shafer to approve the Monthly Expenditure Report (MER) for October 2, 2023. Seconded by President Lopez.

Board Comment: None.

Public Comment: None.

Board Discussion: Without objection, President Lopez called the question.

Vote: 13 Ayes, 0 Nos, 0 Abstentions, 1 Absent (Valdez), and 3 Ineligible (Alon, Dexter, Corcoran)

Motion passes.

Item # VIII: Discussion and Possible Action: Committee Creation and Appointment of Committee Chairs; a) Government Relations, b) Parks, Medians, and Improvements, c) Planning and Land Use, d) Arts and Education, e) Outreach, f) Safety and Public Health

President Lopez led a discussion of re-establishing the six (6) standing committees of GVGC. Many members of these committees have retired from the Board so new and existing members, and the public, are encouraged to join. The discussion focused on both the focus of each committee and refocusing/renaming the committees so that committees and their functions update stakeholder needs. The following motion was made.



Motion made by Gervais to rename the Government Relations Committee the Government Relations and Communications Committee. Seconded by Fuentes.

Board Comment: As discussed by the Board, the recommendation of the name change is based on not only the actions the Government Relations Committee recommends but because of the written follow up taken by the Board to file Community Impact Statements and other forms of communication to the City Council and other government bodies.

President Lopez recommended to the Board that members should advise him of the committees they would like to serve on and whether they have a desire to Chair any of the Committees so that committee structures will be fixed and operational by subsequent Board meetings. In the interim, President Lopez indicated non-financial requests will have to be placed on the agenda as President's motions.

Public Comment: None.

Board Discussion: Without objection, President Lopez called the question.

Vote: 13 Ayes, 0 Nos, 0 Abstentions, 1 Absent (Valdez), and 3 Ineligible (Alon, Dexter, Corcoran).

Motion passes.

Item # IX: Discussion and Possible Action SB 411: Discussion and Possible Action to authorize the use of teleconferencing for Neighborhood Council meetings, include board meetings and committee meetings in accordance with the rules established by SB 411 for the purposes of greater outreach, community engagement, and attendance of stakeholders and board members.

Motion made by Gervais to have GVGC have its meetings revert to its virtual format in accordance with the rules established by SB 411 and City Council. Seconded by Moore.

Board Comment: Board comment centered on the goal to increase Board meeting and public attendance. President Lopez and NEA Chamber to follow up to make sure GVGC's account with Zoom (through the city) is still active.

Public Comment: One member of the public indicated that going back to the Zoom format would achieve increased participation by the public.

Board Discussion: Without objection, President Lopez called the question.

Vote: 13 Ayes, 0 Nos, 0 Abstentions, 1 Absent (Valdez), and 3 Ineligible (Alon, Dexter, Corcoran).

Motion passes.

Item # X: Discussion and possible motion on FiscalYear23-24 Budget to include operational expenses for zoom licenses in support of SB411 virtual meetings

Motion was withdrawn without objection. Treasurer Shafer indicated she desires to wait to present a motion until the Administrative Packet is complete. Members of the public were given the opportunity to comment but there was no public comment.

Item # XI: Discussion and Possible Action: Motion to approve Stay Green Inc. Contract including increase in fee of \$75 per month to Stay Green Beautification Project for landscape median maintenance.

Motion made by D'Antonio to approve said action. Seconded by Jannol.

Board Comment: None.

Public Comment: None.



Board Discussion: Without objection, President Lopez called the question.

Vote: 13 Ayes, 0 Nos, 0 Abstentions, 1 Absent (Valdez), and 3 Ineligible (Alon, Dexter, Corcoran).

Motion passes.

Item # XII: Committee Reports (once established)

Board Comment: No comment until committees established

Public Comment: None.

No action currently.

Item # XIII: Board Reports from Executive Officers and other Members.

Board Comment: None, except President Lobez asked the public if they wished to comment on any matters.

Public Comment: None.

Item # XIV: Adjournment.

Motion made by Jannol to adjourn meeting. Seconded by D'Antonio.

Board Comment: None.

Public Comment: None.

Board Discussion: Without objection, President Lopez called the question.

Vote: 13 Ayes, 0 Nos, 0 Abstentions, 1 Absent (Valdez), and 3 Ineligible (Alon, Dexter, Corcoran).

Motion passes.

Meeting adjourned at 9:00 p.m. Next regular Board meeting scheduled for December 4, 2023, unless cancelled. The first meeting in 2024 is January 8, 2024. Check GVGC website gvgc.us for details.

Mickey Jannol
Greater Valley Glen Council Board Secretary

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