



Greater Valley Glen Council ("GVGC")

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REGULAR BOARD MEETING MINUTES

January 8, 2023, 7:00 p.m.

Via Teleconference (Zoom – open to the Public)

Officers

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

Board Members

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
Trisha 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	Angel Song	Youth Rep *
Mickey Jannol	At-Large Rep	Guillermo Valdez	District 2 Rep
Andrea Jones	At-Large Rep	Penny Woods	At-Large Rep

* Seated at this Board Meeting. See Item # VI, page 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.
- 3) Rosenberg's Rules of Order shall decide all order/procedure not otherwise provided by the GVGC Bylaws. See gvgc.us for GVGC's Bylaws. The link for Rosenberg's Rules of Order is: [chrome-extension://efaidnbmnnnibpcajpcglclefindmkaj/https://empowerla.org/wp-content/uploads/2012/04/Rosenbergs_Rules_of_Order.pdf](https://empowerla.org/wp-content/uploads/2012/04/Rosenbergs_Rules_of_Order.pdf)

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

12 members were present, so the Chair delayed Roll Call until more members. Without objections, President Lopez moved to **Item # IV** Elected Offices/Departments/ Organization Announcements. After presentations, Roll Call would be called again.

Item # IV (out of order): Elected Officers/Departments/Organization Announcements

- a) Walter Garcia announced his run for Luz Rivas' Assembly seat as Rivas is running for Congress. Garcia indicated he is a Northeast SF Valley Resident. He directed interested members to his website walterforassembly.com.
- b) LAPD Officers Perez and Chernov spoke about crime and public safety matters in the Greater Valley Glen area. Topics were various, including speeding along Oxnard Blvd. and Coldwater Canyon, hate crime, and a new effort at Valley Glen Community Park to enforce the requirement for dogs on leash. Officer Chernov is substituting for Officer Delatori who is on medical leave. Chernov provided his email address for those with any questions or issues: 42489@lapd.online.
- c) Lionel Mores representing Sun Valley Neighborhood Council announced that there are 7 candidates running for the open seat for LA City Council District 2. He indicated that he would like to collaborate to arrange a debate between the candidates prior to the March Primary election.
- d) Erin Nash of City Planning spoke about the Committee's review and initiatives across the City of LA.
- e) Salvador Manriquez, Deputy to 43rd District CA Assemblymember Luz Rivas discussed current projects and announced there will be a transportation town hall on 1/25/2024. Note: Luz Rivas is running to replace retiring Congressman Cardenas.
- f) Gabriel Aguire introduced herself as the new Valley deputy to Congressman Cardenas. She provided her number (818) to call the Office if anyone is having an issue with a federal matter.
- g) Anthony Garcia introduced himself as LAUSD Board member Kelly Gonez's Deputy Director of Community Engagement.
- h) Walter Garcia introduced himself as a candidate running for the special election for Assembly 43rd District (the seat that is to be vacated by Luz Rivas).
- i) Jon-Paul Bird, a health professional per website votejpbird.com, announced his run for the open LA City Council District 2 seat.
- j) Rudy Melendez, listed as labor/artist, announced his run for the open LA City Council District 2 seat. Secretary unable to locate his campaign website.
- k) EmpowerLA NEA Chamber indicated that she received notice from Dominic Kennedy that he resigned from the Board.
- l) GVGC Sustainability Rep, VANC Rep, and Community Forest Advisory Council member Joanne D'Antonio gave summary reports.

No Quorum yet. Public comment was welcome. No Official Actions called for on these matters.



Returning to Item # II Roll Call

Without objection called the Roll as additional Board members arrived. Secretary Jannol called the Roll. Those present are Alon, Altounji, D' Antonio, Dexter, Fuentes, Gervais, Jannol, Kennedy, Kroger, Lev, Lopez, Moore, Shafer, Valdez, Woods. 15 Members present. Absent are Corcoran and Jones. **A Quorum is present.**

Item # III: Approval of the Minutes

Minutes of the 11/6/2023 Board meeting were not ready for distribution. Without objection, President Lopez withdrew the motion.

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. President Lopez made a motion to seat Angel Song as Youth Rep. Second by Jannol. Angel Song was afforded a few moments to present her background and explain her interest in joining the Board. There was Board comment but no comments from the public. Without objection, President Lopez called the question.

Vote: 13 Ayes, 0 Nos, 0 Abstentions, 2 Absent (Jones and Corcoran), 1 Ineligible (Dexter). Motion passes. Song will be marked as ineligible to vote on any matter, presently. She will be able to vote on nonmonetary matters when she takes the training. However, she will not be able to vote on any money related motions. The Quorum count is now 16.

Seats to be filled are 3 At-Large Rep seats, 1 District 1 Rep seat, and 1 District 3 Rep seats

NEW BUSINESS

Item # VII: Treasurer's Motions (Motions a through e)

a. Motion made by Treasurer Shafer to accept the Administrative Package (Packet) as proposed for the 2023-2024 year. Motion seconded by Joanne D'Antonio.

Board Comment: None

Public Comment: None.

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

Vote: 14 Ayes, 0 Nos, 0 Abstentions, 2 Absent (Jones and Corcoran), 2 Ineligible (Dexter and Song). **Motion passes.**

b. Motion made by Mickey Jannol moved to approve the expense of \$45 per month for Constant Contact. Seconded by Daniel Lopez.

Board Comment: None

Public Comment: None.

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

Vote: 14 Ayes, 0 Nos, 0 Abstentions, 2 Absent (Jones and Corcoran), 2 Ineligible (Dexter and Song). **Motion**



passes.

c. Motion made by Robin Shafer to approve the expense for Wendy Moore of Moore Business Results for maintenance and development of GVGC website in varying amounts of up to \$560 per month or up to \$5,000 for the full fiscal year. Seconded by Daniel Lopez.

Board Comment: None

Public Comment: None.

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

Vote: 14 Ayes, 0 Nos, 0 Abstentions, 2 Absent (Jones and Corcoran), 2 Ineligible (Dexter and Song). **Motion passes.**

d. Motion made by Robin Shafer to approve up to a \$40 late fee and up to \$140 per month for the Storage unit. Seconded by Daniel Lopez.

Board Comment: None

Public Comment: None.

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

Vote: 14 Ayes, 0 Nos, 0 Abstentions, 2 Absent (Jones and Corcoran), 2 Ineligible (Dexter and Song). **Motion passes.**

e. Motion made by Robin Shafer to approve up to \$250 for the PO Box for the year. Seconded by Daniel Lopez.

Board Comment: None

Public Comment: None.

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

Vote: 14 Ayes, 0 Nos, 0 Abstentions, 2 Absent (Jones and Corcoran), 2 Ineligible (Dexter and Song). **Motion passes.**

Item # VIII: Discussion and possible action: Committee creation. Appointment Committee Chairs.

President led a discussion of identifying the GVGC's six standing committees: 1) Communications and Government Relations, Parks, Medians and Improvement, Planning and Land Us, Arts and Education, Outreach, and Safety and Public Health. He encouraged Board members to join committees and encouraged Board members to chair a committee. Also, he indicated that members of the public may serve on standing committees but cannot chair a committee. President Lopez asked Board members to email or call him as to interest.

Board Comment: None

Public Comment: None.

No action requested calling for this item.



Item # IX: Discussion and Possible Action: to appoint 3 Community Impact Statement (“CIS”) Filers for the Greater Valley Glen Council

President Lopez made a motion to appoint Valdez, D’Antonio, and Lev as CIS signers. Seconded by Jannol.

Board Comment: None.

Public Comment: None.

Vote: 14 Ayes, 0 Nos, 0 Abstentions, 2 Absent (Jones, Corcoran), 2 Ineligible (Dexter, Song). **Motion Passes.**

Item # X: Discussion and Possible Action to file a (Community Impact Statement - CIS) to authorize the use of teleconferencing for Neighborhood Council meetings, including board meetings and committee meetings, in accordance with the rules established by Senate Bill 411 and the subsequent motion passed by the City Council on November 1, 2023. The special teleconferencing rules available to Los Angeles Neighborhood Councils are necessary because increased accessibility, increased community engagement, health, and safety of the participants.

Motion made by Lopez and seconded by Moore.

Board Comment: Board comment by Lopez and NEA Chamber indicated that while the Board approved having virtual meetings, the city requests that neighborhood councils file a CIS with the City supporting the same.

Public Comment: None

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

Vote: 14 Ayes, 0 Nos, 0 Abstentions, 2 Absent (Jones, Corcoran), 2 Ineligible (Dexter, Song). **Motion Passes.**

Item # XI: Board Reports

None. No public comment on the item.

Item # XII: Adjournment.

Motion made by Lopez to adjourn meeting. Seconded by Jannol.

Board Comment: None.

Public Comment: None.

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

Vote: 14 Ayes, 0 Nos, 0 Abstentions, 2 Absent (Jones, Corcoran), 2 Ineligible (Dexter, Song). **Motion Passes.**



Meeting adjourned at 9:00 p.m. Next regular Board meeting scheduled for March 4, 2024, unless cancelled. Check the GVGC website gvgc.us for details.

Submitted

Mickey Jannol
Greater Valley Glen Council Board Secretary

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