



Greater Valley Glen Council ("GVGC")

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REGULAR BOARD MEETING MINUTES - DRAFT

February 5, 2024, 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

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The Neighborhood Council system enables meaningful civic participation for all Angelenos and serves as a voice for improving government responsiveness to local communities and their needs. We are an advisory body to the City of Los Angeles, comprised of stakeholder volunteers who are devoted to the mission of improving our communities.

Minutes

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

Board Members present are Alon, D'Antonio, Dexter, Fuentes, Gervais, Jannol, Jones, Kennedy, Kroeger, Lev, Lopez, Moore, Shafer, Song, Valdez, and Woods. 16 members present, a Quorum was achieved. Absent are Altounji and Corcoran

Item # III: Approval Minutes for February 5th Regular Board Meeting

a. Motion made by Secretary Jannol to approve the 11/6/2023 minutes. Motion seconded by D'Antonio.

Board Comment: None. Secretary thanked D'Antonio for edits provided to him prior to this meeting.

Public Comment: none.

Without objection, President Lopez called the question.

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

Item # IV: Elected Officeholders / Departments / Organization Announcements

- a) Two GVGC SLOS (Perez and Chernov) provided reports on crimes such as recent burglaries and quality of life infractions such as dogs off leash at Valley Glen Community Park. 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.
- b) 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.
- c) Jeff Camp, Field Deputy for Councilman Paul Krekorian announced his attendance.
- d) Jessica Guzman of Assemblywoman Luz Rivas' office introduced herself as Field Deputy.
- e) EmpowerLA NEA Chamber indicated that she received notice from Dominic Kennedy that he resigned from the Board.
- f) Joanne D'Antonio, GVGC Sustainability Rep, VANC Rep, and representing the Community Forest Advisory Council gave summary reports with details attached or to be made available at GVGC's website gvgc.us.



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

There was public comment on non-agendized items. Comment came from stakeholders Sussan and Melendez, the latter running for City Council District 2's open seat. Without objection, President Lopez recommended that the Board return to this agenda item later in the meeting if members of the public arrive later 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 announced that there were no nominations to fill vacant seats. There are open seats on the Board and every stakeholder is encouraged to contact him for information.

Seats to be filled are three At-Large Rep seats, one District 1 Rep seat, one District 2 Rep seat, and two District 3 Rep seats to get to the full 25-member Board of Directors.

NEW BUSINESS

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

a. Motion made by Treasurer Shafer to approve October 2023 MER. Motion seconded by President 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 (Altounji and Corcoran), and 2 Ineligible (Dexter and Song).

Motion passes.

b. Motion made by Treasurer Shafer to approve November 2023 MER. Motion seconded by President 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 (Altounji and Corcoran), and 2 Ineligible (Dexter and Song).

Motion passes.

c. Motion made by Treasurer Shafer to approve December 2023 MER. Motion seconded by Andrea Jones.

Board Comment: None

Public Comment: None.

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

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

Motion passes.



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

President Lopez led a discussion on identifying the GVGC's six standing committees, renewing and/or modifying their purpose, as well as nominating Committee Chairs. 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.

a. Motion made by Robin Lev to merge Government Relations Committee with Outreach Committee naming it the Outreach, Communications and Government Relations Committee, a standing Committee. Motion to include approval of President Lopez's nomination of Carla Fuentes as Committee Chair. Motion seconded by Secretary Jannol.

Board Comment: Some discussion on the ability of a merged committee's ability to take on two functions.

Public Comment: none.

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

Vote: 14 Ayes, 2 Nos (D'Antonio and Shafer), 0 Abstentions, 2 Absent (Altounji and Corcoran), 0 Ineligible.

Motion passes.

Motions b through f. DONE Rep (NEA) Chamber accepted a Point of Order from President Lopez as to the next five Motions. NEA Chamber agreed that they can be voted on as one motion if there are no objections. NEA Chamber indicated that if so, the Board can vote on all the motions as one. It would be preferable that such a motion pass as a unanimous action. Motions b through f are:

b. Renew the name and purpose of the Parks, Medians, and Improvements Committee as a standing Committee, and approve President Lopez's nomination of Robin Lev as Committee Chair.

c. Renew the name and purpose of the Planning and Land Use Committee as a standing Committee and approve President Lopez's nomination of Guillermo Valdez as Committee Chair.

d. Renew the name and purpose of the Arts and Education Committee as a standing Committee and approve President Lopez's nomination of Robin Shafer as Committee Chair.

e. To be withdrawn. This was related to the Outreach Committee and Motion a merged Outreach Committee into Outreach, Communications, and Government Relations Committee.

f. Renew the name and purpose of the Safety and Public Health Committee; the Old Board having added "Public Health" to the name and purpose. It will continue as a standing Committee. President Lopez's nominated DJ Gervais as Committee Chair.

The Omnibus motion was made by Dexter and seconded by Secretary Jannol.

Board Comment: A reminder to Board and Public, President Lopez and NEA Chamber indicated that the Bylaws mandate that each Committee must have 3 or 5 members. A quorum for each Committee is a majority of the 3- or 5-member Committee. Members of the Public may serve on a committee but may not be Chair. Each Committee should set its day and time of meeting, cognizant that it should not interfere with the date and time set by other Committees. All Board members and the Public were encouraged to sign up.

Public Comment: None.



Board Discussion: Some Board members stated interest in various Committees. After discussion and without objection, President Lopez called the question on the Omnibus motion.

Vote: 16 Ayes, 0 Nos, 0 Abstentions, 2 Absent (Altounji and Corcoran), 0 Ineligible. **Motion passes unanimously.**

Item # IX. Discussion and possible motion regarding the future maintenance and budget regarding the Valley Glen Medians.

Some Board discussion as to condition of the Medians and referral to Parks, Improvement, and Medians Committee to assess how to manage scope and cost of Median Maintenance with a goal to bring back a recommendation to the Board. Median maintenance takes up close to 2/3 of GVGC's operating budget but the Medians represent the gateway to appearance of Valley Glen and Greater Valley Glen.

Public Comment: None.

Board Discussion: After further discussion and without objection, President Lopez stated that there appeared to be no motions and that this matter should be further vetted in the Parks, Improvements, and Medians Committee. No objection from the Board, so the Board moved on to the next item.

Item # X: Board Reports Items a through d which include President, Vice President, Secretary, and Treasurer remarks.

There were no reports or comments. President Lopez invited comments from the Public. There were none.

Item # XI: Motion to Adjourn

Made by Secretary Jannol and seconded by Treasurer Shafer.

Public; No comment.

Vote: 16 Ayes, 0 Nos, 0 Abstentions, 2 Absent (Altounji and Corcoran), 0 Ineligible. **Motion passes.**

Meeting adjourned 9:40 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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