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Regular Board Meeting Minutes

Monday, July 13, 2026 at 7 pm PST

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Joanne D'Antonio	At-Large Rep	Sloan Myrick	At-Large Rep
Ande Endewardt	At-Large Rep	Jessica Russell	District 4 Rep
Lisa Goich	District 1 Rep	Robin Shafer	District 5 Rep
Michael Hjelmstead	District 2 Rep	Dwayne Shirley	District 2 Rep
Andrea Jones	At-Large Rep	Angel Song	Youth Rep
Robin Lev	District 6 Rep	Cher Tenbush	At-Large Rep
		Michael K. Woods	District 1 Rep

Notes:

- 1) A Quorum for any GVGC Board Meeting is 9 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](#).

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If a Neighborhood Council has a quorum of board members in a physical location, board members who wish to join the meeting via teleconferencing must adhere to AB 2449 rules and regulations. If a Neighborhood Council does not have a quorum of board members in a physical location, they must adhere to SB 411 rules and regulations. In the event of a disruption that prevents the eligible legislative body from broadcasting the meeting to members of the public using the call-in option or internet-based service option, or in the event of a disruption within the eligible legislative body's control that prevents members of the public from offering public comments using the call-in option or internet-based service option, the eligible legislative body shall take no further action on items appearing on the meeting agenda until public access to the meeting via the call-in option or internet-based service option is restored. Actions taken on agenda items during a disruption that prevents the eligible legislative body from broadcasting the meeting may be challenged pursuant to Section 54960.1.

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(i) An eligible legislative body that provides a timed public comment period for each agenda item shall not close the public comment period for the agenda item, or the opportunity to register, pursuant to subparagraph , to provide public comment until that timed public comment period has elapsed.

(ii) An eligible legislative body that does not provide a timed public comment period, but takes public comment separately on each agenda item, shall allow a reasonable amount of time per agenda item to allow public members the opportunity to provide public comment, including time for members of the public to register pursuant to subparagraph (D), or otherwise be recognized for the purpose of providing public comment.

(iii) An eligible legislative body that provides a timed general public comment period that does not correspond to a specific agenda item shall not close the public comment period or the opportunity to register, pursuant to subparagraph (D), until the timed general public comment period has elapsed.

MINUTES

a. CALL TO ORDER

- i. Meeting called to order at 7:05 pm by Daniel Lopez.

b. ROLL CALL

- i. Call of the roll and certification of a quorum.
 1. **Present (14):** Joanne D'Antonio, Lisa Goich-Andreadis, Robin Lev, Daniel Lopez, Cosmo Moore, Sloan Myrick, Robin Shafer, Angel Song, Michael Woods, Douglas Hileman
 2. **Absent (6):** David Berman, William Blanco, Ande Endewardt, Michael Hjelmstead, Andrea Jones, Dwayne Shirley, Cher Tenhush

c. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

- i. Approval of June Minutes Postponed

d. ELECTED OFFICES/DEPARTMENTS/ORGANIZATION ANNOUNCEMENTS

- i. **Assemblymember Celeste Rodriguez:**
 1. The State passed a 350 billion dollar budget.
 2. Hosting an open house on August 2nd 2026 from 10 am to 1 pm.
 3. Robin L. raised the issue that reinforced fencing is needed along the 170 freeway CalTrans area between Victory and Laurel Canyon to prevent chronic encroachment into the CalTrans right of way by individuals cutting into the chain link fencing creating holes in the fence. This is a danger to the children that play in Laurel Grove Park.
 4. Assemblymember is aware of the issue having been informed of communications by community members regarding the fencing issues. The issue is being brought to CalTrans for resolution.
 5. Daniel requested that partners in the State Senate be brought into the conversation with CalTrans.
 6. Douglas raised frustrations associated with overlap of multiple jurisdictions and lack of communication and coordination in solutions to issues
 7. Douglas also raised concerns regarding loss of businesses and loss of tax base. Suggests creation of an office of business retention. Need to keep jobs.
 8. Assemblymember said BIZFED is a business alliance that works on these issues. We will be invited to a business mixer with BIZFED to facilitate an introduction to them.
- ii. **Ben Kwok, Field Deputy CD2:**
 1. Working on encampments on Vanowen and Fulton CARE+ (Comprehensive Cleaning

- and Rapid Engagement) with SLO.
- 2. Addressing GVGC concerns about butterfly garden and plantings. Maintenance group is amenable to being careful with that area to avoid damage to plants. They request a map defining the area to avoid.
- 3. Playground repairs at VG park, had a conversation with park maintenance. No determination reached regarding the repairs. Ben will follow up.
- 4. Victory North Median is an LASAN project/adoption so they are responsible for the median and Ben requested maintenance. Crews are on their way. If not cleaned up in a couple weeks Ben will follow up with LASAN.
- 5. Welcome signs, still early discussions.
- 6. Events: CD2 is partnering w/ KCRW Summer Nights. Lankershim will be closed down for the event.
- 7. Mickey asked Ben about funds for playground repairs, Ben says we have to defer to park maintenance to handle repairs including expenditures.

iii. Vincent Autiero:

- 1. New Funding Training:
The NC Funding Training for all board members has been updated to incorporate the recently updated policies and guidelines. This virtual training offers board members the flexibility to complete it at their own convenience. All board members are required to finish the training and pass the NC Funding Training quiz by August 31.. All board members need to complaint training on YouTube by August 31st.
- 2. 2027 Neighborhood Council Elections
The 2027 Neighborhood Council Elections will be conducted using a hybrid election model, allowing stakeholders the option to vote in person at a polling location or by mail. The 2027 NC Election Schedule lists each group's election date, and the 2027 NC Election Timeline provides critical election deadlines. I have highlighted a few important election dates below for GVGC.
 - a. Candidate Filing Period: December 22, 2026 to February 20, 2027
 - b. Vote-By-Mail Period: March 7, 2027 to April 17, 2027
 - c. Election Day: May 6, 2027
- 3. Mayor asking for help canvassing Boyle Heights. Sat July 11th from 1-7 volunteers will go door to door going to inform community members of resources available to assist them due to the Lineage Firea. Spanish speakers needed.
- 4. Douglas asked how Budget Advocates and EmpowerLA work together to create Budget Day. Vincent explained the event is put on by Budget Advocates, Empower LA requests funds from the City Council for event. They get donations from other NCs. Budget Advocates ask EmpowerLA and Empower works with the city to meet the objectives of Budget Advocates. Budget Advocates acquires the guest speakers.
- 5. Budget Advocates puts together a white paper each year addressing budget issues. They meet with city council and mayor before finalizing white paper.
- 6. Douglas asked about coordination between NC's. Vincent explained that VANC is a way for neighborhood councils to work together.

e. GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENT ON NON-AGENDA ITEMS

None

f. Discussion and Possible Action: Brief Introduction Opportunity for Interested GVGC Candidates' Consideration and Possible Vote for Appointment to the GVGC Board.

- i. Dan Lopez said we will agendize a motion at the next meeting to add Alison Godachy to the GVGC Board.

NEW BUSINESS

g. TREASURER'S MOTIONS

- i. Motion by Daniel Lopez to approve 2026-2027 Admin Budget for GVGC NC, seconded by Robin Lev

Ayes (8): Joanne D'Antonio, Lisa Goich-Andreadis, Robin Lev, Daniel Lopez, Cosmo Moore, Sloan Myrick, Robin Shafer, Michael Woods
Nays (0): NONE
Abstentions (1): Douglas Hileman
Ineligible (1): Angel Song
- ii. Motion by Daniel Lopez to approve May 2026 MERs, seconded by Sloan Myrick
Ayes (9): Joanne D'Antonio, Lisa Goich-Andreadis, Robin Lev, Daniel Lopez, Cosmo Moore, Sloan Myrick, Robin Shafer, Michael Woods, Douglas Hileman
Nays (0): NONE
Ineligible (1): Angel Song
- iii. Motion by Daniel Lopez to approve June 2026 MERs, seconded by Robin Lev.
Ayes (9): Joanne D'Antonio, Lisa Goich-Andreadis, Robin Lev, Daniel Lopez, Cosmo Moore, Sloan Myrick, Robin Shafer, Michael Woods, Douglas Hileman
Nays (0): NONE
Ineligible (1): Angel Song

h. COMMITTEE REPORTS

- i. Communications: Committee chair absent
- ii. Parks, Medians and Improvements
 - 1. Motion by Robin Lev to approve maintenance contract with American Heritage Landscape for the Victory Boulevard Median on the south side of Victory Boulevard from Goodland Avenue to Babcock Avenue and the Whitsett Median on the west side of Whitsett Avenue, north of Victory Boulevard and south of Kittridge Avenue, pursuant to American Heritage Landscape's Standard Maintenance Agreement dated June 19, 2026, not to exceed \$850.00 per month totaling \$10,200.00 annually. Seconded by Sloan Myrick.
Ayes (9): Joanne D'Antonio, Lisa Goich-Andreadis, Robin Lev, Daniel Lopez, Cosmo Moore, Sloan Myrick, Robin Shafer, Michael Woods, Douglas Hileman
Nays (0): NONE
Ineligible (1): Angel Song
- iii. Public Safety and Health: Committee chair absent
- iv. Planning and Land Use: No report
- v. Arts and Education:
 - a. Motion by Lisa Goich-Andreadis to approve and fund NPG in the amount of \$2000 to fiscal sponsor CreativeVisions for SheroCon 2026 taking place on August 1, 2026 from 12-6 pm at the Valley Relics Museum at the Van Nuys Airport. Seconded by Robin Lev.
Ayes (9): Joanne D'Antonio, Lisa Goich-Andreadis, Robin Lev, Daniel Lopez, Cosmo Moore, Sloan Myrick, Robin Shafer, Michael Woods, Douglas Hileman
Nays (0): NONE
Ineligible (1): Angel Song

i. **DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION TO SUPPORT SB 1266 – Dan explained the law.**

j. **BOARD REPORTS**

- President: None
- Vice President: None
- Secretary: None
- Treasurer: None
- Sustainability Report: Joanne gave the following report:
- Joanne attended a presentation in which LASAN gave a report on what goes into garbage bins. Anyone can go to the LASAN website to learn what goes into which bins. A PowerPoint presentation is available if the Board wants a presentation.
- Rec and Parks Want to tear out Arroyo Seco San Pasqual Park to benefit a golf course in Pasadena. Rec and Parks are about to give up this park. DEIR proposes tearing out 110 trees and feeding water to a golf course in Pasadena. The site contains an Indian burial ground. The Kizh/Tongva are fighting proposal. Comments in opposition must be submitted before 8/1/2026.

k. **ADJOURNMENT**

- Meeting adjourned at 8:33 pm. Email to circulate regarding whether or not to have August meeting.

Submitted

Robin Lev, Greater Valley Glen Council Board Secretary

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