



Greater Valley Glen Council ("GVGC")

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SPECIAL VIRTUAL BOARD MEETING

June 25, 2020 - Call to Order at 7:00 p.m.

VIRTUAL MEETING TELECONFERENCING NUMBER FOR PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

In conformity with the Governor's Executive Order N-29-20 (MARCH 17, 2020) and due to concerns over COVID-19, the Greater Valley Glen Council meeting will be conducted entirely telephonically. Every person wishing to address the Neighborhood Council must dial (669) 900 - 6833 and enter 958 2934 5182 and then press# to join the meeting. You may join the meeting as early as 6:45 p.m. Instructions on how to sign up for public comment will be given to listeners at the start of the meeting, 7:00 p.m.

Officers

Mickey Jannol	Acting President
Vacant	Vice President
Anthony Sipp	Treasurer
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Board Members

Leslie Aguirre	At-Large Rep	Cosmo Moore	District 4 Rep
Joseph Barmettler	District 4 Rep	Sloan Myrick	District 5 Rep
Anthony Bethel	District 1 Rep	Kristen Robinson	At-Large Rep
Joanne D'Antonio	At-Large Rep	Andrea Schmitt	District 6 Rep
Walter Hall	Community Organizations Rep	Robin Shafer	Community Organizations Rep
Mickey Jannol	Commercial Property Rep	Alex Silva	District 1 Rep
Artur Manasyan	Youth Rep	Anthony Sipp	District 6 Rep
Jah Milton	Education Institutions Rep	Krista Sipp	At-Large Rep

Meeting Agenda appears on the following page. Please note the following:

- 1) A copy of this Agenda is posted on the GVGC website and GVGC Facebook page. It is physically posted at Uncle Tony's Pizzeria, Erwin Street Elementary School, Monlux Elementary School, Kittridge Street Elementary School, and the baseball backstop at Valley Glen Community Park.
- 2) A Quorum of at least 13 Board members present is needed to discuss/consider/vote on Official Actions. Official Actions other than Bylaw changes are approved by Majority of the sum of Ayes and No votes cast. Abstentions are not considered. Bylaw changes require a 2/3 vote of the seated Board.
- 3) 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.



AGENDA

Item 1. Call to Order.

Item 2. Roll Call.

Item 3. Approval of May 27, 2020 Special Board Meetings Minutes and June 1, 2020 Regular Board meeting Minutes (all emailed under separate cover).

- Public Comment
- Board Comment
- Roll Call Vote.

Item 4. Nominations and elections for vacant board seats. Vacant seats consist of:

Two (2) District 2 Reps, Two (2) District 3 Reps, One (1) District 5 Rep, Two (2) Business Reps, One (1) Religious Institution Rep, and One (1) Commercial Property Rep.

For each Nominee:

- Nomination
- Nominee Comments
- Public Comment
- Board Comment
- Roll Call Election by Board.

Item 5. Report and Motions from ad hoc Finance Committee.

Each motion is followed by:

- Motion Second
- Public Comment
- Board Comment
- Possible Motions/ Amendments handled in accordance with Rosenberg' Rules of Order ("Rosenberg")
- Roll Call Vote.

Motion 1: Approval of the attached Administrative Packet containing the GVGC Budget for FY 2020-2021, authorized signers and other Finance information.

Motion 2: Approval of the attached Encumbrance of Funds Request.

Item 6. Motions from Parks, Medians, and Improvements Committee

Motion 1: Approval to send a letter (containing the points in the attachment – last two pages of this package) regarding the proposed Stormwater Capture Project.

- Motion Second
- Public Comment
- Board Comment
- Possible Motions/Amendments handled in accordance with Rosenberg
- Roll Call Vote.



Item 7. Public Comment on non-Agenda Items.

Item 8. Board Comments on Items not covered in this Agenda.

Item 9. Motion to Adjourn.

Next Regular Board Meeting is on July 8, 2020 at 7:00 p.m.



Disclosures:

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Public Comment on Victory-Goodland Green Street Project (the project)

Our Greater Valley Glen Council want to thank Kevin Ho for presenting on behalf of the project, answering questions, and addressing some of our concerns at our June 16 Parks, Medians and Community Improvement Committee meeting. We also appreciate that others involved with the project listened to the meeting.

Greater Valley Glen Council Board submits these comments:

While the idea of storm water capture at this location is a great idea, we are disappointed that that we were not asked for design participation BEFORE the project was at a point where 60% of the plans cannot be changed. We had expected that the project would be more like the Woodman storm water capture project. We still want to support this project, but are requesting changes that should be doable even with the project this far along.

We are grateful that you are not removing any trees and for the reassurance at your June 4th public meeting regarding this project that the existing median trees will be unharmed by the work of this project, including no parking of equipment under trees.

The most serious concern we have with the project is the utilization of rocks and other hardscape, and must request that soil capture be utilized instead. To mitigate your concerns about mulch blowing away, we want to share that our neighborhood council board has already passed a motion to allocate sufficient funds for mulching the Victory medians along with subsequent maintenance, and these funds are to be encumbered to spend in the 2020-2021 fiscal year. Mulching can be scheduled after your work is done. We have a contractor lined up to do this as well as perform continued maintenance work. Our neighborhood council can coordinate these efforts with the project.

The goal is to not have this project produce added heat island effect at this San Fernando Valley location, which has a substantial number of over 95 degree days per year. If you need further data on the contribution of hardscape to the death rate, we would direct you to the scientific webinar LAUrban Heat presented by the Los Angeles Urban Cooling Collaborative and Tree People June 17, 2020 posted on Tree People's webpage.

Also, in the Tree People webinar cited, there is a recommendation to plant the largest trees possible for the space available. The Victory medians are 17' wide. We recommend you have our neighborhood council participate with Urban Forestry in tree selection so we are assured that the largest viable tree(s) be planted. This is in keeping with the goals of Rachel Malarich, LA City Forest Officer. We have concerns regarding the viability of redbud and ornamental olive in this highly exposed area of the Valley. The desert willow, was also suggested and would do fine in this location, but there is space for a larger tree such as a

valley oak. We look forward to the meeting you are arranging for us to meet with you and UFD regarding tree choice.

Since 20% of trees that are planted fail to thrive, according to Matt Wells, Chief Forester for Santa Monica, speaking at the 2019 Los Angeles Tree Summit, we want to be assured of the planting of a replacement tree, should the initially planted tree not survive.

We understand that the project plans to revive the irrigation system in the Victory north median, and would like assurance that a functioning irrigation system be part of the project, be it new or a repaired existing system, but it should be adapted to the plants that are put in. We are pleased that native plants will be included in the landscaping and want to share that experts we have consulted with on the medians indicate that *above ground* watering is necessary for the survival of native plants, since these do not thrive very long with drip systems.

We believe the project will move forward more smoothly if a community-based liaison is funded to work with the community as a problem solver when issues arise. We want to see a smooth operation that does not result in lost time for your crews. Having communication can keep the project efficient, on schedule, and not a burden on the surrounding community.

Mickey Jannoi, President, Greater Valley Glen Council

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