

City Manager's Weekly Report No. 153

March 8, 2024

1. Recap of City Council Meetings

At their March 5th meeting the City Council took the following actions:

- Provided feedback regarding proposed pre-approved Accessory Dwelling Units (ADU).
- Issued a proclamation for International Women's Day that was accepted by members of the City's Commission on the Status of Women.
- Set a Public Hearing date for vacation of a portion of southeast corner of Jackson Street and California Avenue.
- Set a Public Hearing date for vacation of the first alley northeasterly of Victory Blvd., between Allen and Irving Avenues.
- Designated City Manager, Director of Finance & Information Technology, and Assistant Director of Finance as authorized representatives to apply and obtain disaster assistance from FEMA and Cal OES when major disasters strike.
- Approved the Final Map for a 3-unit multi-family residential condominium subdivision at 421 Salem Street.
- Awarded a construction contract for the removal of brick façade at Fire Training Tower and exterior concrete planter boxes at Civic Center parking structure project.
- Dispensed with competitive bidding to purchase five battery-electric buses, three bus chargers, for Beeline and six battery-electric for Dial-A-Ride service.

2. International Women's Day

International Women's Day, celebrated on March 8, has its roots in the early 20th century when the fight for women's rights gained momentum. The first 'National Woman's Day' was observed in the United States on February 28, 1909, organized by the Socialist Party of America to demand better working conditions and suffrage for women.

Inspired by this event, Clara Zetkin, a German activist, proposed the idea of an International Women's Day during the International Conference of Working Women in 1910. The proposal was met with unanimous approval and the first 'International Women's Day' was celebrated in Austria, Denmark, Germany, and Switzerland on March 19, 1911.

Since then, the day has grown into a global movement with people around the world commemorating the achievements and struggles of women and advocating for gender equality.

On this International Women's Day, I want to express my gratitude to the invaluable contributions every woman makes to our teams. Your dedication, hard work, and passion are instrumental to our collective success. Let's take this opportunity to reaffirm our commitment to gender equality and diversity. Let's continue to support and empower each other as we work toward our goals.

Happy International Women's Day.

3. Kudos for One Glendale After School Program Staff

From: Sheryl Fox
Sent: Wednesday, March 6, 2024 3:40 PM
To: Maghaguian, John <JMaghaguian@Glendaleca.gov>
Subject: One Glendale After School Youth Sports Program

Dear John,

I am writing to express my heartfelt gratitude to you and your exceptional team at the One Glendale After School Youth Sports Program. The program has truly been a gift to our family and has had a profoundly important impact on my daughter's life and development.

Through this program, my Edison Elementary School 5th grader, Sofia Fox, has been inspired for the first time in her life with a genuine zeal for athletics! Previously my husband and I had thought this to be unimaginable as she was not only uninterested, but adverse to engaging in any athletic pursuits. At 5'6" in the fifth grade, she has struggled with coordination quite a bit, and more recently with "fitting in" at school. It is not at all an overstatement to say that participation in the One Glendale program – first in the volleyball program and later in basketball – has changed her life.

As a family we began practicing every weekend, and oftentimes after school, as she was driven by a newfound motivation to improve and excel "for her team". She has shared with me on more than one occasion how "positive (she) feels about (her)self" when she is on the court and how she plans to play on more teams "and win more trophies" in the future. This experience has provided an invaluable and incomparable boost to her confidence and self-esteem.

Honestly, it's breathtaking to reflect on how Sofia went from being amongst the "least skilled" players on both the volleyball and basketball teams to working hard and dedicating herself to becoming, in the words of her coaches, amongst the most improved players on both teams.

I want to commend you and Sam for the professionalism and important lessons about good sportsmanship that are at the core of this program. And I especially want to recognize our amazing coaches, Coach Greg and Coach Nayri, for being such terrific leaders, teachers and motivators to these kids. I imagine many of these children will remember the One Glendale experience throughout their lives.

Thank you again for all you do for the children and families of our community! As longtime residents of the City of Glendale, our family feels very fortunate for programs like One Glendale that make our city such a wonderful to call home.

Kind regards,

Sheryl Fox

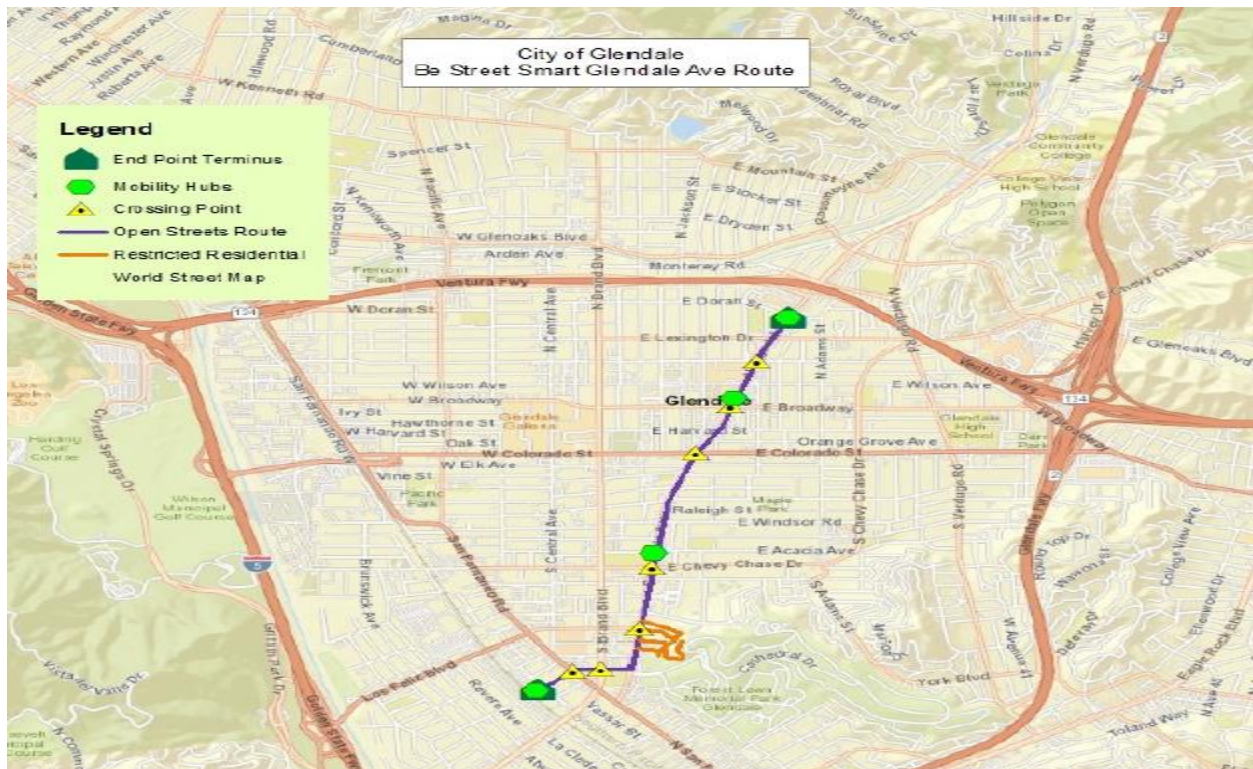
4. Glendale Awarded Open Streets Grant Program

The Community Development Department has successfully applied for and been awarded \$400,000 from LA Metro's Open Streets Grant Program. This program, established in 2013, aims to facilitate temporary street closures along designated routes, encouraging pedestrians, cyclists, and other non-motorized modes of transportation to explore areas and engage with community, access businesses, and enjoy the health benefits of an active transportation lifestyle. The Open Streets program has previously funded successful projects like CicLAvia, Beach Streets in Long Beach, and 626 Golden Streets in San Gabriel Valley, all sharing similar goals. These initiatives have proven highly successful in engaging local communities, increasing access, and providing exposure to neighborhoods and businesses along the proposed routes.

What makes the City of Glendale's selection so special is that we are one of only four Cities that have been chosen to be fully funded out of 30 applicants. This resulted in Glendale receiving a grant for \$400,000 with a local 10% match that will allow us to demonstrate the City's potential connectivity and Active Transportation capabilities through our proposed open street event "Be Street Smart Glendale Ave". This event will be held later this year on October 05, 2024. Working with Economic Development, this will be an opportunity to also have local businesses engage and participate.

Be Street Smart Glendale will take place on Glendale Avenue with the northern most portion on Doran St. and its southern terminus on Gardena Ave and Cerritos Ave. This will connect Glendale's city Hall in the northern portion to its regional transportation center located at the opposite end of the proposed path creating a continuous 2.37-mile path through one of the busiest corridors in the city. While the path will be closed off to all motorized vehicles, there will be a few partial crossings that will allow portions of traffic to move but will be limited seven pinch points along crucial intersections.

Open Streets presents a great opportunity to highlight the rich culture, identity, and business prowess of the City of Glendale. We will be able to demonstrate the improvements the City of Glendale has made in its infrastructure making it a more walkable and safer city. It will offer a glimpse into the city's future along with the ongoing implementation and update of the Bicycle Transportation and Vision Zero Plans.



5. One Glendale Afterschool Youth Sports Program Championship Game

On Friday, March 1, 2024, Pacific Community Center played host to the Championship Day of the One Glendale After School Youth Sports Program's Basketball Season. The eagerly anticipated event kicked off at 4:00 p.m., marking the culmination of a season filled with athletic prowess and camaraderie.

Adding an extra layer of excitement to the festivities, the HoopBus rolled in for a special appearance. Familiar from its appearances in NBA promotional commercials during the league's 75th-anniversary celebrations, the HoopBus brought a team of skilled hoopers to engage One Glendale kids from eight South Glendale schools. The young participants reveled in friendly basketball-themed competitions, showcasing their own skills, and embracing the infectious energy of the HoopBus crew.

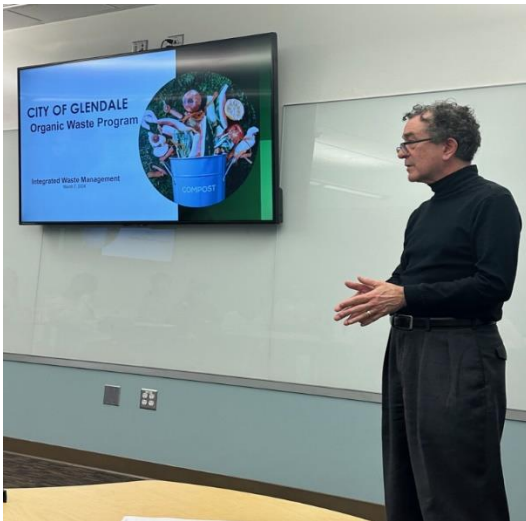


In the consolation game, RD White emerged victorious over Jefferson, securing a final score of 16 to 9. The championship game, a riveting contest, escalated to overtime, culminating in Muir triumphing over the home team, Edison, with a narrow margin of 12 to 11. The thrilling conclusion of the evening left the audience on the edge of their seats, celebrating the culmination of a memorable basketball season.



6. City's IWM Partners with GCC for Team Internships Program

The Public Works Integrated Waste Management team has partnered with Glendale Community College's "Team Internships" program for the Spring 2024 semester to assist in developing a robust neighborhood composting program for Glendale. Through this collaboration, we aspire to grow innovative local solutions to divert organic waste, nurture a more sustainable ecosystem, but also nurture the development of young community leaders. Stay tuned for the innovative ideas the interns will contribute to creating a successful and sustainable program for our community.



7. Elections Results Update

As you know Tuesday, March 5th was election day with a number of national, state, and local races that included two seats on City Council as well as Measure A regarding City's contracts Charter amendments, two seats on GUDS Board, and two seats on GCC Board. There was a total of 26,405 ballots cast, and as of this afternoon the following are the counted votes:

Measure A: Yes 14,444 No 9,474

City Council:	Ardy Kassakhian	10,111
	Vrej Agajanian	8,063
	Vartan Gharpetian	7,918
	Karen Kwak	6,276
	Denise Miller	5,659
	James Clarke	5,453
	Andre Haghverdian	2,125

8. Future City Council and Housing Authority Agendas (subject to change)

March 12:

- Planning Process Improvement Check-In, Phase 1 (afternoon)
- PSA for Design of Pacific/Edison Artificial Turf Replacement Project
- Proposed Revisions to Boards and Commissions Appointments
- Vacation of Corner Public Right-of-Way at 246 N. Jackson Street
- Vacation of Public Alley off Victory Blvd. Between Allen and Irving Avenues
- Voting Delegate & Alternate for the 2024 SCAG General Assembly

- Update on Scholl Canyon Landfill

March 19:

- No meetings

March 26:

- Alex Theater City's Use of Dates (afternoon)
- Consideration of Shared Mobility Pilot Program
- Adoption of City-Wide Fees Study – Hearing
- Contract Award for Glendale Green Business Program
- Amendments to Ordinance Adopting 2023 Electric Rates – Introduction
- Ordinance for Creation of a new Department of Transportation – Introduction
- Award of a PSA to Administer Glendale's Green Business

April 2:

- Council Priorities for Mixed-use and Multi-family Standards (afternoon)
- Mayor Rotation
- Amendments to Ordinance Adopting 2023 Electric Rates – Adoption
- MOUs with GCEA, GPOA and GMA Police Managers
- Policy on Installation of Speed Cameras
- Ordinance for Creation of a new Department of Transportation – Adoption

April 9:

- No meetings