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MINUTES NEIGHBORHOOD COUNCIL VALLEY VILLAGE MEETING OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS

September 27, 2017

7:00 PM – 9:00 PM

Social Hall - Faith Presbyterian Church
5000 Colfax Avenue, Valley Village, CA, 91607

The meeting was called to order by Tony Braswell at 7:00 pm. Board members present were Tony Braswell, Ginny Hatfield, Dale Liebowitz-Neglia, Steven Stokes, Daryl Baskin, Glenn Block, Alice Hart, Suzanne Lewis, Lisa Miller, Paulette Stokes, Jeff Walker and Marc Woerschling. Board members excused absent were Dorothy Apple, Richard Davies, and Richard Poole. NCVV Student Representatives Cole Walker and Zach Cruz were present. The quorum for NCVV Board meetings is 8, which must include 3 members of the Executive Committee.

No Board members stated a conflict of interest with any item on the meeting agenda.

The minutes of the June 2017 NCVV Board meeting were reviewed and the Board voted 10-0-0 to approve. The student representatives voted to approve the minutes. Mr. Braswell and Ms. Stokes did not vote.

The minutes of the July 2017 NCVV Board meeting were reviewed and the Board voted 10-0-0 to approve. The student representatives voted to approve the minutes. Mr. Braswell and Ms. Stokes did not vote.

Public Comment: Michael Selph, stakeholder who lives on Blix Street asked for an update on 4712-4728 Vantage. He stated that trees were being removed. Mr. Braswell will reach out to CD2 for assistance and report back to Mr. Selph. Steffi Siebert with LAPL presented their Adult Literacy Program. Ms. Hatfield asked her to follow up with Amelia Earhart Library.

Ms. Hatfield reviewed the Executive Committee report, including an overview of the August and September VANC meetings. She stated that a recommendation to move elections to 2019 had been made to the Health, Education & Neighborhoods Committee of LACC. It is expected there will be a recommendation to the full Council and a vote in October. NCs can host a "Selection" in 2018 if they choose. The period to update NC bylaws will open in October.

Mr. Braswell informed the Board that five bids for the Soundwall project have been accepted and are under consideration. Update from CD2 that all five have met the states contractor criteria. The project could be awarded as soon as November, and construction will hopefully begin in early 2018.

Board Treasurer Steven Stokes presented the Finance reports for both July and August. IN July \$2,808.96 was spent, primarily on outreach related to July 4th parade. Another \$3,820.41 was obligated and outstanding. The remaining balance for NCVV at the end of July was \$39,191.04. **Motion from the Finance Committee to approve the July Finance Report, approved 11-0-0.** Both student Board members voted to approve the motion. Mr. Braswell did not vote.

The August financial report was presented, \$2,239.60 was spent and another \$2,152.60 was obligated. The remaining balance for NCVV was \$36,951.44. The majority of expenses were related to National Night Out, the August event for NCVV. ***Motion from the Finance Committee to approve the August Finance Report was approved 11-0-0.*** Both student Board members voted to approve the motion. Mr. Braswell did not vote.

Ms. Jessica Fugate from CD2 gave an update from Councilman Krekorian's office. Jose and Gibson from the Department of Neighborhood Empowerment provided the Board with an update on the election, Neighborhood Congress and budget preparation. There were no other presentations from state/city officers.

The presenters for Metro Orange Line have been rescheduled for October.

Mr. Block gave the Board an update and hosted a lengthy discussion on the Community Plan process and work his Task Force has undertaken to represent NCVV in the multiple year effort. The first Community Planning meeting in the Valley will be October 7, hosted by Planning Department at Van Nuys Civic Center. All of the Board are invited to be there.

Ms. Hatfield gave her Elections and Bylaws update during the Executive Committee Report.

Ms. Liebowitz-Neglia reported on the PLU meeting. There were no projects presented for approval. She then presented the Board with an update on the Harvard Westlake proposal to expand the school by constructing a parking complex. In early 2016 the Board voted to oppose the project as presented. Ms. Liebowitz-Neglia and PLU committee felt that it was important for the current Board to have a discussion about the project. Members of PLU continue to oppose the project as currently presented. Ms. Liebowitz-Neglia stated that PLU continues to oppose the project based on:

The project will be an environmental disaster in both the short and long term, with removal of 85 times the amount of soil allowed and destabilization of the hillside west of Coldwater Canyon; the project as presented is incompatible with present legal land use; the project poses significant adverse impact on traffic and biological resources both during construction as well as after completion; there environmentally superior alternatives to the project that can be accomplished on the east side of Coldwater Canyon; the challenges presented by the project cannot be answered with a bridge across Coldwater Canyon Boulevard; and there is little public benefit to the project.

There was one public comment from Heidi MacLoy, representing Save Coldwater Canyon. After a discussion among the Board ***the following motion was proposed by Ms. Liebowitz-Neglia and seconded by Mr. Block – the Board of NCVV opposes the Harvard Westlake project as presented. The motion was approved 12-0-0, and both student Board members voted to support the motion.***

Ms. Hatfield reviewed National Night Out, noting it was well attended and successful. She informed the Board that Halloween Happenings may not occur this year, instead Faith Presbyterian is considering a holiday pumpkin patch for Halloween. She then asked for the Board's help with Light Up Valley Village, and reviewed the status of preparations including the request for street closure, outreach for sponsors, securing the Trolley, 4 axis points for the party. Board members were given outreach materials to take to Valley Village businesses by mid-October.

Mr. Woerschling reported that the Valley Village Vision Committee did not meet in September.

Mr. Walker presented information from the September meeting of City Services Committee. The Board was asked to support the San Fernando Valley Emergency Preparedness Summit with a grant of \$200. ***Motion by Mr. Walker, seconded by Ms. Miller. The motion passed by a vote of 9-3-0, with both student Board members voting to support. In favor were Stokes, Liebowitz-Neglia, Baskin, Block, Hart, Miller, Stokes, Walker and Woerschling. Opposed were Braswell, Hatfield and Lewis.***

Ms. Lewis provided an update on outreach and communications, giving the Board information about increased traffic on social media. A request was made to do social media advertising for LUVV, and the Board approved the effort as part of the Committee's communication's budget.

There were no NC liaison reports.

Mr. Braswell noted that the November and December meetings will be one week early due to Thanksgiving and Christmas holidays.

Mr. Braswell informed the Board of the discussion regarding comments from State Senator Kevin de Leon, which many found to be disparaging of NC work. The Board voted unanimously to express their concern regarding the comments.

There being no further business the meeting was adjourned at 9:20pm.