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Minutes of the
NEIGHBORHOOD COUNCIL VALLEY VILLAGE (NCVV)
GENERAL BOARD MEETING Wednesday, March 22, 2017
Faith Presbyterian Church – 5000 Colfax Ave., Valley Village, CA 91601

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1. Call to Order, Roll Call, Agenda Distribution, Conflict of Interest Statement, Approval of February 2017 Minutes – Mr. Braswell

President Tony Braswell introduced himself, called the Meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. and explained the NCVV's role. Roll Call was taken by the Minutes Writer. Ten of the 15 Board Members, including three Executive Committee Members, were present at the Roll Call: Tony Braswell (President), Ginny Hatfield (Vice-President), Dale Liebowitz-Neglia (Secretary), Steven Stokes (Treasurer), Daryl Baskin, Alice Hart, Suzanne Lewis, Lisa Miller, Paulette Stokes and Marc Woerschling. Jeff Walker and the Student Representative (Cole Walker) arrived at 7:05. Four Board Members were absent: Dorothy Apple, Glenn Block, Richard Davies and Richard Poole. The NCVV quorum (the minimum number of Board Members needing to be present to take binding votes on Agendized Items) is eight including at least three Executive Committee Members (see <https://lacity.quickbase.com/db/bj3apxsp3?a=q&qid=32&qskip=0&qrppg=1000&dlt=su46~>), so the Board could take such votes. All 15 of the 15 Board Seats were filled (by election). No Board Seats were vacant. Also attended: 20 Stakeholders and Guests. The Agenda was approved and distributed. No Board Member stated a conflict of interest with any Agenda Item.

MOTION (by Mr. Braswell, seconded by Ms. Liebowitz-Neglia): Neighborhood Council Valley Village approves the Minutes of its January 25, 2017 General Board Meeting with amendments.

Board Member Jeff Walker and the Student Representative (Cole Walker, who does not count toward the quorum) arrived at this time (7:05), making nine Board (including at least three Executive Committee) Members present (the NCVV quorum is eight including at least three Executive Committee Members).

MOTION PASSED by a voice vote.

MOTION (by Mr. Braswell, seconded by Ms. Liebowitz-Neglia): Neighborhood Council Valley Village approves the Minutes of its February 22, 2017 General Board Meeting with amendments.

MOTION PASSED; zero opposed; zero abstained.

2. Public Comment on Agenda Items

Ann Bowman, Acting Senior Librarian, North Hollywood Library, distributed copies of a funding request proposal, saying “we’re in the process of refreshing the Children’s Room.” In January, “4,864 children’s items were checked out” and they have “28 programs for pre-school to fifth-graders.” Mr. Braswell explained that the request would be for a Neighborhood Purposes Grant.

George Shea announced the screening of a climate change film here around April 22nd; Board Members encouraged event information to be posted on the NCVV website. Stakeholder Jon Sanserino described that many Valley Village Park uses are and have long been illegal. When notified, some users have responded aggressively. He will try to get extra signage and contact rental companies. He noted that, even with Permits, no bounce houses and no cooking are allowed at that Park. John Moser of Valley Arts, a non-profit in Caldwell Hall, distributed copies of a letter from them to the NCVV seeking funding for “scholarships for low-income students.” Mr. Braswell explained that the request would be for a Neighborhood Purposes Grant.

3. Executive Committee Report – Ms. Hatfield

Ms. Hatfield reported that the annual VANC [Valley Alliance of Neighborhood Councils] mixer was held. Copies were distributed of a letter sent, on behalf of NCVV, on March 2nd from Mr. Braswell and Ms. Hatfield to various City officials regarding “Neighborhood Council Elections, CF 15-1022-82.”

4. Finance Report – Mr. Stokes. Motion to approve February 2017 financial report. Copies were distributed of and Mr. Stokes reviewed the NCVV “February Monthly Expenditure Report”; the “Budget Report . . . as of February 28, 2017”; and the “[NCVV] FY2017 Budget.” Expenses for the month were \$438.47, and as of February 28, 2017, \$17,163.20 was spent; the balance of unspent funds was \$19,398.33.

FUNDING MOTION (by the Finance Committee): Neighborhood Council Valley Village approves its February 2017 financial report.

FUNDING MOTION PASSED unanimously by a roll call vote of the 11 eligible voters present with all 11 in favor (“Yes” or “Aye”) (Baskin, Braswell, Hart, Hatfield, Lewis, Miller, Liebowitz-Neglia, Paulette Stokes, Steven Stokes, Jeff Walker and Woersching); zero opposed; zero abstained.

Mr. Stokes reported that the additional \$5,000 allocated by the City to NCVV also needs to be allocated by June 30th. He reviewed reallocation opportunities and various funding scenarios. A total of \$24,398.33 must be spent by June 30th or the balance of funds not spent may be required to be returned to the City.

MOTION (by the Finance Committee): Neighborhood Council Valley Village approves its revised 2016-2017 budget including the reallocation of funds proposed by the Finance Committee.

MOTION to CALL FOR THE QUESTION (by Mr. Braswell); no opposition.

MOTION PASSED by a hand vote of 10 of the 11 eligible voters present with nine in favor; zero opposed; one abstained. The President did not vote.

It was agreed with no opposition to TABLE to the April Board Meeting consideration of an allocation to the Budget Advocates pending clarification of the purpose and need for the funding. Ms. Lewis described the upcoming September 9th Congress of Neighborhood Councils purpose and preparations; at NCVV’s April Board Meeting \$750 in event funding will be requested.

5. Vector control presentation

The presenter was not present; there was no presentation.

6. Report from City Council Office, State Offices

Emma Taylor, Field Representative for State 46th District Assemblymember Adrin Nazarian (818-376-4246; Emma.Taylor@asm.ca.gov; <http://asmdc.org/members/a46>), introduced herself.

7. NC Liaisons

[*This Agenda Item was addressed after Item #10.*] Mr. Braswell explained and listed the positions. Ms. Miller volunteered to be the Homelessness Liaison. Mr. Braswell and Mr. Walker volunteered to be the Airports Liaison.

8. Committee Reports

Planning and Land Use – Ms. Liebowitz-Neglia

Motion: approve as presented project at 12500 Burbank Boulevard, with request that for no more than 3 student parking permits.

MOTION (by the Planning and Land Use Committee): Neighborhood Council Valley Village approves as presented the project at 12500 Burbank Boulevard with the request that the school issue no more than three student parking permits.

DISCUSSION: Ms. Liebowitz-Neglia explained that the school at the southwest corner at Whitsett has 30 students and that they want to increase that to fifty-seven. It is a boys-only religious-affiliated high school. There are 10 parking spaces. Most students walk, bicycle or carpool to the school. The outside is not being changed; the interior would be re-built to have four classrooms and one office. A school representative said they met with five community members.

MOTION to CALL FOR THE QUESTION (by Mr. Walker); failed.

DISCUSSION: Stakeholders spoke in support of the project. A neighbor was concerned about “the impact of” what the representative said would be 60 days of construction.

AMENDMENT to the MOTION (by Ms. Liebowitz-Neglia, seconded by Ms. Lewis): Neighborhood Council Valley Village will add the wording “and that construction trucks/vehicles park on-site during the entire period of the project.”

AMENDMENT to the MOTION PASSED by a voice vote; zero opposed; zero abstained.

MOTION to CALL FOR THE QUESTION (by Mr. Braswell); no opposition.

AMENDED MOTION PASSED by a voice vote; zero opposed; zero abstained.

Ms. Liebowitz-Neglia reported that she notified Laurie Cohn, Vice-President, Save LA River Open Space [www.SaveLARiverOpenSpace.org], that Mr. Braswell will, on behalf of NCVV, send a letter regarding the Weddington Golf and Tennis property.

Ms. Stokes explained history and issues regarding where she lives. The developer, Empire USA, wants to build 73 units where currently there is an occupied 37-unit building. The cul-de-sac where it is located has no outlet besides the street leading into it; there’s concern that the project would be too dense and unsafe. No renovation plans are known to the residents, only that the developer wants to tear down the building. The developer has sent frequent notices to residents.

Events & Outreach - Ms. Hatfield

Ms. Hatfield reported that the Committee could not meet due to lack of a quorum. She suggested having an April 29th “shredding event” and explained the Light Up Valley Village 2016 refund process.

Valley Village Vision Committee – Mr. Woerschling

Mr. Woerschling reported that the presentation by the Planning and Land Use Committee’s Dan Kaplan would be rescheduled to April. Mr. Woerschling will meet with L.A. County Supervisor Sheila Kuehl’s Office on April 19th or 24th.

City Services – Mr. Walker

Jeff Walker indicated that there was no report.

Communications – Ms. Lewis

Ms. Lewis reported that the website is being revised; she encouraged input and for Board Members to participate in the “Map Your Neighborhood” program, which helps disaster preparedness. There was very extensive discussion of the status of and opportunities for Valley Village preparedness. Mr. Braswell will Agendize this for the April Board Meeting.

Elections and Bylaws – Ms. Hatfield

See the above Item #3 Executive Committee Report.

Community Plan Task Force – Mr. Block

Mr. Braswell, for Mr. Block, described the Task Force’s work.

9. Report for NC Sustainability Alliance

Ms. Lewis reported that the Neighborhood Council Emergency Preparedness Alliance met on January 28th and recommended that the City allocate \$192,000 as a multi-departmental budget item in the 2017-2018 City budget to cover the cost of four staff and related expenses to prepare a disaster preparedness plan leading to preplacement of supplies for first responders and training of individuals at the neighborhood level. Two of the staff would be in the Department of Neighborhood Empowerment and two in the Emergency Management Department.

MOTION (by Ms. Lewis, seconded by Ms. Hatfield): Neighborhood Council Valley Village supports the position of the Neighborhood Council Emergency Preparedness Alliance recommending that the City of Los Angeles allocate \$192,000 as a multi-departmental budget item in the 2017-2018 City budget.

MOTION to CALL FOR THE QUESTION (by Mr. Braswell); no opposition.

MOTION PASSED by a hand vote with eight in favor; two opposed; one abstained.

10. Updates: Soundwalls, CD2 Representative,

Mr. Braswell reported that Metro/Caltrans’ construction of sound walls may start around the end of June at the south end and proceed north.

11. Public Comment

There were no comments at this time.

12. Future Agenda Items, Closing Comments

Mr. Braswell declared and there was no opposition to **ADJOURN** the Meeting at 9:04 p.m.

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