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Minutes of the NEIGHBORHOOD COUNCIL VALLEY VILLAGE (NCVV) GENERAL BOARD MEETING Wednesday, June 22, 2016

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 May 2016 Minutes – Mr. Braswell

President Tony Braswell introduced himself, called the Meeting to order at 6:38 p.m. and explained the NCVV’s role. Roll Call was taken by the Minutes Writer. Thirteen of the 15 Board Members were present at the Roll Call, including all four Executive Committee Members: Tony Braswell (President), Ginny Hatfield (Vice-President), Dale Liebowitz-Neglia (Secretary), Steven Stokes (Treasurer), Daryl Baskin, Glenn Block, Richard Davies, Suzanne Lewis, Lisa Miller, Richard Poole, Paulette Stokes, Jeff Walker and Marc Woersching. Alice Hart arrived later. Dorothy Apple was absent. 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. Fifteen of the 15 Board Seats were filled (by election). The Student Representative Board Seat was vacant (Alex Rostad graduated). Also attending: 12 Stakeholders and Guests. There was no opposition to the Agenda. Mr. Braswell requested that if any Board Member has any conflict of interest regarding any Agenda Item to please state it; there were none.

MOTION (by Mr. Braswell): Neighborhood Council Valley Village approves the Minutes of its May 18, 2016 Meeting as written.

MOTION PASSED; zero opposed; zero abstained.

2. Public Comment on Agenda Items

David Kane, Executive Director of America's Healthy Kids, described their free event they organize to promote children's health. He requested to be Agendized and has requested funding from other Neighborhood Councils. Mr. Braswell will refer it to a Committee. Barry Stone, Neighborhood Empowerment Analyst, L.A. Dept. of Neighborhood Empowerment (DONE) (818-374-9898; cell 323-770-4484; Barry.Stone@LACity.org; www.EmpowerLA.org), was introduced and noted that the annual final bill payment submission date is June 24th; June 30th is the last day to use the bank card.

Board Member Alice Hart arrived at this time (6:47), making 14 Board (including at least three Executive Committee) Members present (the NCVV quorum is eight including at least three Executive Committee Members).

Mr. Stone reminded to update the Board Roster as needed. Mr. Braswell noted that new Board Members already completed the Ethics and Funding Trainings and that the DONE website has "never" been accurate about that. Mr. Stone reported that Dania Minassian, former Deputy City Attorney, Neighborhood Council Advice Division, is being replaced by Elise Ruden, Deputy City Attorney, Neighborhood Council Advice Division (213-978-8132; Elise.Ruden@LACity.org). He urged to contact her if legal advice is needed. He cautioned about Neighborhood Purposes Grant consideration if any Board Member is a member of that non-profit organization.

Courtney Hamilton, Field Deputy for L.A. City District Two Councilman Paul Krekorian (818-352-3287; Courtney.Hamilton@LACity.org; http://CD2.LACity.org), reported that Metro is expected to start construction of sound walls by the calendar year-end. They are a Metro/Caltrans project, not City. Ms. Hatfield and Mr. Braswell explained the reason for the continued delay was the need to check deep underground for utility lines, etc. before constructing the sound walls. NCVV has requested that construction start at the south end and proceed north. It was explained that blue-painted curbs only can be installed at access ramps, not driveways. Ms. Hamilton encouraged contacting her if you know of unpermitted and/or illegal tree removal. She reminded that every tree on a parkway is City property.

3. Executive Committee Report – Ms. Hatfield

Ms. Hatfield attended the monthly VANC [Valley Alliance of Neighborhood Councils] meeting, which included a review of the 2016 Elections. She reported to them that she was "disappointed" with the "Poll Manager" who "was not cooperative . . . he wouldn't let us use our volunteers . . . came an hour late." Ms. Hart added that "they were very rude." Ms. Hatfield said "I don't think the electronic voting went over very well." Also, she recommended Board Members taking the DWP Owens Valley tour and described its operations.

4. Finance Report – Mr. Stokes

Motion to approve May 2016 financial report.

Mr. Stokes distributed copies of and reviewed the NCVV “May Monthly Expenditure Report”; the “Budget Report Fiscal Year 2016”; and the “[NCVV] FY2017 Budget - DRAFT.” The balance was \$1,056.97.

FUNDING MOTION (by the Committee): Neighborhood Council Valley Village approves its May 2016 financial report.

FUNDING MOTION PASSED; zero opposed; zero abstained.

Mr. Stokes reported that, at week’s end, the balance will be \$40.01.

Board Member Lisa Miller left at this time, making 13 Board (including at least three Executive Committee) Members present (the NCVV quorum is eight including at least three Executive Committee Members).

Motion to approve the FY2017 Budget

FUNDING MOTION (by the Committee): Neighborhood Council Valley Village approves its Fiscal Year 2016-2017 Budget.

FUNDING MOTION PASSED unanimously by a roll call vote of the 13 eligible voters present with all 13 in favor (“Yes” or “Aye”) (Baskin, Block, Braswell, Davies, Hart, Hatfield, Lewis, Liebowitz-Neglia, Poole, Paulette Stokes, Steven Stokes, Walker and Woersching); zero opposed; zero abstained.

5. Tujunga Wash Landscape Plan – Mr. Woersching

Copies were distributed of “Tujunga Wash Landscaping Plan Features” and Mr. Braswell explained about the Tujunga Wash Flood Control Channel. Mr. Woersching presented the proposed Plan, which would be presented to our elected officials. Mr. Braswell reported that neighbors support the Plan. There was discussion of what would be between back yards and the Wash, and whether Quimby funds would be available. A proposed Plan was released, though no construction is scheduled. Mr. Braswell will post the Plan on the NCVV website.

6. Committee Reports

Events & Outreach – Ms. Lewis.

Ms. Lewis reported that the NCVV is co-sponsoring the 4th annual Independence Day pancake breakfast and, for \$190, has rented a 6-seater golf cart for NCVV to ride in for the Valley Village Homeowners Association Independence Day parade. Also, the Committee is preparing for and getting a Permit for the August 2nd National Night Out; vendors will be able to sell. Ms. Lewis noted that, as the massive power outage on June 16th showed, a community disaster plan is needed.

Valley Village Vision Task Force [Committee].

Mr. Braswell reported that the Committee will meet June 23rd.

City Services – Mr. Walker.

Mr. Walker indicated there was no report at this time because not enough Members were available to meet.

Communications.

Ms. Lewis reported website and Facebook viewing statistics.

Elections and Bylaws – Ms. Hatfield.

Ms. Hatfield indicated that there was no report.

Planning and Land Use – Ms. Liebowitz-Neglia

Motion to deny approval of proposed project at 11443-11447 Riverside Drive

MOTION (by the Committee): Neighborhood Council Valley Village denies approval of the proposed project at 11443-11447 Riverside Drive.

MOTION PASSED; zero opposed; zero abstained.

Ms. Liebowitz-Neglia read aloud the Committee Motion to deny the SB1818 project at 11443-11447 Riverside Dr. She reported that the Committee acknowledged that the developer kept the height within the specific plan but was still concerned about the increased density and lack of adequate parking that cannot be mitigated. Also, it was explained that no bathroom is required at the Starbucks because they will not have any indoor dining. There is progress on the gateway sign.

7. Update – 2015 Board Goals, process to set new goals

Copies were distributed of accomplishments, which Mr. Braswell reviewed and there was discussion of them. He encouraged ideas for new goals and will Agendize this for the July and August meetings. Ms. Liebowitz-Neglia will work to increase land use project noticing through the City.

8. Committee Appointments

Ms. Braswell is working on this.

9. Public Comment

Stakeholders mentioned increasing “drug drops” and limousines without license plates being “warehoused” on Albers near the northwest corner at Colfax.

10. Future Agenda Items, Closing Comments

No additional Items or comments were mentioned.

Mr. Braswell declared and the Board agreed to **ADJOURN** the Meeting at 8:24 p.m.

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