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Minutes of the  
**NEIGHBORHOOD COUNCIL VALLEY VILLAGE (NCVV)  
GENERAL BOARD MEETING**  
**Wednesday, May 18, 2016**

Faith Presbyterian Church – 5000 Colfax Ave., Valley Village, CA 91601

1. Call to Order, Roll Call, Agenda Distribution, Conflict of Interest Statement, Approval of April 2016 Minutes – Mr. Braswell.

Tony Braswell introduced himself, called the Meeting to order at 6:32 p.m. and explained the NCVV's role. The roll was called – member present were Tony Braswell (President), Ginny Hatfield (Vice-President), Steven Stokes (Treasurer), Dorothy Apple, Daryl Baskin, Glenn Block, Richard Davies, Alice Hart, Suzanne Lewis, Lisa Miller, Richard Poole, Paulette Stokes and Marc Woerschling, Jeff Walker. Dale Liebowitz-Neglia (Secretary) and the Student Representative (Alex Rostad) were excused absent. The NCVV quorum (the minimum number of Board Members needing to be present to take binding votes on agenda items) is eight including at least three Executive Committee Members (see <http://69.89.31.152/~myvalle7/wp-content/uploads/2014/07/NCVV-Bylaws.pdf>). All 15 of the 15 Board Seats were filled, no Board Seats were vacant. Also attending: 59 Stakeholders and Guests. Mr. Braswell requested that if any Board Member has any conflict of interest regarding any Agenda Item to please state it; there were none.

The approval of April minutes was deferred to the June Board meeting.

The agenda was amended to remove motion to approve student representative and clarification of motion on Metro Draft Expenditure Plan. There was no opposition to the amended Agenda.

2. Public Comment on Agenda Items.

Public comment from Ms. Morea Manson requesting a youth friendly dining establishment at 11700 Magnolia Boulevard (comments attached).

Public comment from Mr. Annie Burks, organizing a multi-cultural festival for the Valley Village community to be held in June. NCVV will help publicize the event. Suggestion was made that Ms. Burks approach VVHA as well.

5. Presentation by Neighborhood Prosecutor Diego Edbler.

Mr. Edbler introduced himself and gave updates from the City Attorney's office on five topics – the March 25 murder at 7-11 (intersection of Chandler and Laurel Canyon) (assailant is being prosecuted for murder and assault), massage parlors (crack-down is ongoing, Board and stakeholders were asked to report suspected sites to North Hollywood PD Vice Unit (get phone

number from DA), Ellis Act evictions, illegal signage, Marijuana dispensaries and growth facilities, and AIRB&Bs in Valley Village. Ms. Miller asked for clarification of what is considered “massage” business and advised that many of those employed are victims of illegal trafficking. Ms. Hatfield asked about rental of homes for vacation use (AirB&B) in Valley Village. Mr. Edber warned about repercussions in Valley Village of legalized marijuana. Mr. Edber took additional questions from stakeholders outside of the meeting room.

## **6. Vector Control Presentation by Levy Sun, LA County.**

Mr. Sun gave an update on the threat of mosquitos during the warmer months, discussing transmission of disease including Zika virus, Dengue fever, yellow fever and chikungunya. The predominant threat at this time is the San Gabriel Valley, only five reported cases of disease transmission in SFV. The county asked stakeholders to be vigilant and guard against standing water, wear repellent and properly seal rain barrels. Pets are at risk as well. Most aggressive mosquitos bite during the daytime and not just the usual late afternoon early evening hours. For questions contact 562-944-9656 or [www.reportmosquitos.org](http://www.reportmosquitos.org). It was also pointed out that Zika virus can be transmitted sexually. Public comment from Mr. Jeff Goldzweig.

## **7. North Hollywood West Development Presentation – Ira Handelman.**

Mr. Ira Handelman provided an overview of the proposed development of the Laurel Plaza property (the Macy’s building) on Laurel Canyon at Oxnard. The last presentation to Planning and Land Use was March 2015. The project has been funded and is moving through the approval process. Questions asked including queries about parking (meets code), potential retail tenants (info not public yet), number of units (651 rental units), traffic mitigation, security, impact of construction and Laurel Hall School. The project could be completed by spring 2019.

## **3. Executive Committee Report – Ms. Hatfield.**

Ginny Hatfield reminded the Board of our social gathering. Agreement on June 12, 3pm to 5pm. The location will be forwarded.

Ms. Hatfield reviewed the “It’s Our Turn” proposal to support a request to METRO Board of Directors to accelerate mobility improvements in the SFV if the proposed tax increase is approved. The letter is attached. Specific actions include accelerating Sepulveda Pass project, moving forward the start date for Orange Line improvements, increasing transportation options for CSUN, connecting the Red Line station at NOHO to Bob Hope Airport, and improving transparency with actions that limit plan changes for the first 10 years.

Mr. Woerschling reminded the Board of a prior NCVV request to extend the Red Line to Warner Center instead of improvements to the Orange Line. Ms. Hatfield clarified that the Board is not being asked to approve the proposed tax increased – action requested is to support this effort to prioritized Valley based projects. *The motion approving NCVV to sign onto the letter to Metro dated April 21, 2016 “Recommendations on the Metro Draft Expenditure Plan” was approved by unanimous consent.*

## **4. Finance Report – Mr. Stokes.**

The April financial report was presented. With all accounting entries the Board has a balance of \$632.00 for FY2016. Mr. Stokes reminded the Board that the new FY begins July 1 and we have done a good job of allocation our resources to end the year very close to \$0.

**FUNDING MOTION** (by General Consent): *Neighborhood Council Valley Village approves its April 2016 financial report.*

Mr. Stokes presented a request from the Finance Committee to allocate \$250 in support of the 2017 Congress of Neighborhoods to be held in September 2016. The motion was approved 14-0-0.

Mr. Stokes presented a request from the Finance Committee to allocate \$250 in support of the NC Budget Advocates. The motion was approved 14-0-0.

#### **8. Committee Reports. Planning and Land Use.**

The property owner and the developer presented plans to develop the property at **11700 Magnolia Boulevard**. The area is zoned for mixed use residential-commercial. The project would include 19 residential units and 1500+ sqft of commercial space. Code allows up to 44 units. Questions asked about ingress/egress, parking, type of retail, surface materials, commercial loading. It was noted that the original plans were updated with feedback from Planning and Land Use. Concerns expressed by the Board included that the project is out of character with the Valley Village style, left turns onto Magnolia from the parking structure, the name of the project, parking availability, and impact on the surrounding R-1 properties.

Public comment from Ms. Ellen Wilhelm (opposed to the project).

Public comment from Ms. Susan Arnout (opposed to the project).

Public comment from Ms. Michelle Peacock (opposed to the project).

Public comment from Ms. Gail Kantor (opposed to the project).

Public comment from Mr. Jeff Goldzeig (opposed to the project).

Public comment from Mr. Dan Caplan, Vice Chair of NCVV Planning and Land Use who gave feedback on the PLU discussion and expressed his personal thoughts opposing the design.

*The motion from Planning and Land Use to approve as presented was denied 0-11-2.*

*A motion was made by Mr. Block and seconded by Mr. Woersching to deny the project as presented. That motion was approved 6-3-5. A second request was made to send a letter expressing the Board's concerns on four specific areas – lack of character with other NCVV architectural styles, parking, access and the name. Mr. Block and Mr. Braswell will compose the letter.*

The property owner and the developer presented plans to develop the property at **5137-5147 Colfax Avenue**. The area is zoned for mixed use residential-commercial. The project requests downzoning to Small Lot Subdivision and would include 11 SFH with 2 car garage, 2 story with roof top terrace, four full sized guest parking spaces. Questions included size of garage (full size), who would provide services (city) and price of the units (not yet determined). *Motion from Planning and Land Use to approve the project as presented was approved 12-1-1.*

Mr. Braswell gave an update on the project at 12444 Chandler Boulevard.

Mr. Braswell advised the Board that feedback was given from PLU regarding the potential project at 11732 Riverside Drive.

#### **8. Committee Reports. Events and Outreach.**

Ms. Lewis-Gregory gave a review of the Earth Day Shredding event held in conjunction with Faire of the Ages at Walter Reed Middle School.

Ms. Lewis-Gregory reminded the Board of Colfax World Fair, Saturday May 21. She also reminded the Board of the upcoming VVHA July 4<sup>th</sup> parade and the pancake breakfast sponsored

by NCVV that will occur prior to the parade. Bands from NoHo High and Birmingham High have been secured to participate in the parade as part of NCVV's participation.

Ms. Lewis-Gregory also noted upcoming National Night Out to be held in August.

**8. Committee Reports. Valley Village Vision Task Force.**

No report.

**8. Committee Reports. City Services.**

Mr. Walker reviewed a concern expressed by stakeholders regarding illegal dumping of trash and large items in the alley between Magnolia Boulevard and Hartsook east of Laurelgrove. *Motion to request "No Parking" and "No Dumping" signs in the alley between Magnolia Boulevard and Hartsook east of Laurelgrove was approved unanimously.*

Mr. Walker reviewed discussion of the Committee regarding increased danger to pedestrians, residents and motorists of cut through traffic. *Motion to request LADOT to upgrade to all-way stops all intersections in the area bounded by Whitsett (W), Magnolia (N), Laurel Canyon (E) and Riverside (S) was approved unanimously.*

Mr. Walker and Ms. Hatfield reviewed the request of NCVV's Board to support through a CIS the recommendations for reform for DWP put forward by the DWP Oversight Committee. Questions asked regarding salary for Commissioners, function of the Oversight Committee, who is on the Commission. The motion to submit a CIS supporting the recommendations of the DWP MOU Oversight Committee regarding DWP reform was approved 13-0-1.

**8. Committee Reports. Communications.**

No report.

**8. Committee Reports. Elections and Bylaws.**

Ms. Hatfield reported that the proposed amendments to the NCVV Bylaws had been publicized after the April Board meeting and that no public comment has been received. Board members stated they understood the proposed changes. The motion to approve amendments proposed and publicly posted on April 27 were approved 12-1-1.

**9. Future Agenda Items.**

Discussion of short term rentals.

Discussion of planning process and how projects can be sent to the full Board before the meeting.

Meeting adjourned at 9:28 pm. Board members present were: Tony Braswell (President), Ginny Hatfield (Vice-President), Steven Stokes (Treasurer), Dorothy Apple, Daryl Baskin, Glenn Block, Richard Davies, Alice Hart, Suzanne Lewis, Lisa Miller, Richard Poole, Paulette Stokes and Marc Woersching, Jeff Walker.