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Minutes of the NEIGHBORHOOD COUNCIL VALLEY VILLAGE (NCVV) GENERAL BOARD MEETING Wednesday, October 28, 2015

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

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1. Call to Order, Roll Call, Agenda Distribution

President Tony Braswell introduced himself and called the Meeting to order at 6:30 p.m.

Roll Call was taken. Eleven of the 15 Board Members and the Student Representative 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; Richard Davies; Alice Hart; Suzanne Lewis; Richard Poole; Alex Rostad; and Charles Sulahian. Three Board Members arrived later: Paulette Stokes, Jeff Walker and Marc Woersching. Two Board Members were absent: Daniel Brady; and Sandy Hubbard (both excused). 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 <http://69.89.31.152/~myvalle7/wp-content/uploads/2014/07/NCVV-Bylaws.pdf>), so the Board could take such votes. All 15 of the 15 Board Seats were filled (by election). No Board Seats were vacant. Also attending: 34 Stakeholders and Guests.

2. Approval of August, September 2015 Minutes

MOTION (by Mr. Braswell) Neighborhood Council Valley Village approves the Minutes of its September 16, 2015 General Board Meeting as written.

MOTION PASSED with no opposition.

MOTION (by Mr. Braswell) Neighborhood Council Valley Village approves the Minutes of its August 26, 2015 General Board Meeting as written.

MOTION PASSED with no opposition.

3. Public Comment on Agenda Items

There was no comment at this time.

Board Member Marc Woerschling arrived at this time, making 12 Board (including at least three Executive Committee) Members present (the NCVV quorum is eight including at least three Executive Committee Members).

4. Executive Committee Report – Ms. Hatfield

Ms. Hatfield earlier read aloud and explained a Community Impact Statement, and announced a November 12th Candidates Forum. *[This report was continued after the City Services Committee report.]* Ms. Hatfield said the LAUSD wants input for the Superintendent search. GH and DL-N attended a “short-term rentals listening session” sponsored by the L.A. City Planning Dept. and gave testimony.

Board Member Paulette Stokes arrived 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).

5. Finance Report – Mr. Stokes

Mr. Stokes described August expenses equaling \$2,898; the balance was \$27,611.

FUNDING MOTION (by the Finance Committee): Neighborhood Council Valley Village approves its Monthly Expenditure Report for the month of August 2015.

FUNDING MOTION PASSED with no opposition.

Motion: approve September 2015 financial report

Mr. Stokes described September expenses equaling \$3,732; the balance was \$28,879. He reported that \$5,000 more in funding was received from the L.A. Department of Neighborhood Empowerment (DONE); the annual allocation now is \$42,000.

FUNDING MOTION (by the Finance Committee): Neighborhood Council Valley Village approves its Monthly Expenditure Report for the month of September 2015.

FUNDING MOTION PASSED with no opposition.

Mr. Stokes described Budget re-allocations to new Budget Items #105 Tree Maintenance and #106 Elections. Ms. Hatfield described possible Election allocations totaling \$8,500. Mr. Stokes added that 21 banners are available for “Light Up Valley Village,” of which seven are newly purchased.

Motion: approve revised NCVV FY2016 budget as presented

FUNDING MOTION (by the Finance Committee): Neighborhood Council Valley Village approves its revised Fiscal Year 2016 budget as presented.

FUNDING MOTION PASSED with no opposition.

6. Committee Reports

Valley Village Vision Committee – Ms. Hubbard

Mr. Woersching reported that the Committee has assembled a map that shows 20 to 30 parcels in Valley Village that are vulnerable to development may be out-of-character with the neighborhood. The map will be presented to the Board in November.

City Services – Mr. Walker

*[This report and Motion was addressed after the Meeting **RECONVENED** at 8:09 p.m.]* Motion: approve up to \$500 for CERT class promotional item(s)

Mr. Walker reported that the Committee is working with Councilman Krekorian’s Office to deal with standing water at the LaMaida/Colfax intersection, which may be re-graded. There will be a CERT (Community Emergency Response Team) (818-756-9674; www.cert-la.com, lafdcert@LACity.org) event in January.

FUNDING MOTION (by the Committee): Neighborhood Council Valley Village approves allocating up to \$500 for Community Emergency Response Team (CERT) class promotional item(s).

FUNDING MOTION PASSED unanimously by a roll call vote of the 14 eligible voters present with all 14 in favor (“Yes” or “Aye”) (Baskin, Braswell, Davies, Hart, Hatfield, Lewis, Liebowitz-Neglia, Poole, Rostad, Paulette Stokes, Steven Stokes, Sulahian, Walker and Woersching); zero opposed; zero abstained.

Communications – Mr. Brady

[This report was addressed after the Valley Village Vision Committee report.] Mr. Braswell reported that the website had almost 3,000 page views last month; 1,060 Stakeholders are on the email list.

Elections and Bylaws – Ms. Hatfield
Motion: approve the 2016 NCVV election budget

[This Agenda Item was addressed after Item #4.] Ms. Hatfield described the Candidate application timeline and Seats up for election.

FUNDING MOTION (by the Committee): Neighborhood Council Valley Village approves allocating \$8,500 for the 2016 NCVV election budget.

DISCUSSION: Mr. Walker believed that it was a lot to allocate on this. Ms. Hatfield and Mr. Braswell explained the need for the amount of the allocation and that the City recommends allocating much more.

FUNDING MOTION PASSED unanimously by a roll call vote of the 14 eligible voters present with all 14 in favor (“Yes” or “Aye”) (Baskin, Braswell, Davies, Hart, Hatfield, Lewis, Liebowitz-Neglia, Poole, Rostad, Paulette Stokes, Steven Stokes, Sulahian, Walker and Woersching); zero opposed; zero abstained.

Planning and Land Use – Ms. Liebowitz-Neglia

[This report was addressed after the Communications Committee report.] Ms. Liebowitz-Neglia and Mr. Braswell described project decision appeals.

Events & Outreach – Ms. Lewis

Ms. Lewis briefly reported on upcoming events and was excused early from the Meeting.

7. Public Comment

[These comments were made after the Planning and Land Use Committee report.] Grayce Liu, General Manager, L.A. Dept. of Neighborhood Empowerment (DONE) (213-978-1551; Grayce.Liu@LACity.org; www.EmpowerLA.org), presented a Neighborhood Council Spirit Award to Ms. Hatfield.

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 the Councilman supports auditing the DWP Trust Fund Foundations. She described City work to repair sidewalks and facilities. The City may establish a “fix and release” program for sidewalks; first the City would repair sidewalks, then it would “forever” be property owners’ responsibility, as trees already are. There will be a November 16th hearing. Mr. Braswell requested and Ms. Liebowitz-Neglia agreed to Agendize this for the Planning and Land Use Committee.

Board Member Jeff Walker arrived at this time, making 14 Board (including at least three Executive Committee) Members present (the NCVV quorum is eight including at least three Executive Committee Members).

*Mr. Braswell declared the Meeting **ADJOURNED** at 7:06 p.m. so that L.A. County Supervisor Sheila Kuehl could make a presentation.*

*The Meeting **RECONVENED** at 8:09 p.m.*

[This Agenda Item was continued after the Item #6 Elections and Bylaws Committee report.] There was extensive explanation in response to a Stakeholder about Neighborhood Council procedures in regard to City and State rules and laws. Also, Mr. Braswell explained the outreach value of street banners. He and Ms. Liebowitz-Neglia explained that door-to-door and phone canvassing for Election outreach “isn’t the most cost-effective way to do it.”

Board Member Suzanne Lewis 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).

Ms. Hatfield encouraged volunteering to help “Light Up Valley Village.” Mr. Poole commented on the successful “Halloween Happenings”; “around 30-35 kids” and parents participated and “a lot of canned food” was collected. There will be a Thanksgiving multi-denominational service at 7:00 p.m. at Caldwell Hall; bring canned food.

8. Future Agenda Items, Closing Comments - Mr. Braswell

Mr. Braswell declared the Meeting **ADJOURNED** at 8:49.

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