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## Minutes of the **NEIGHBORHOOD COUNCIL VALLEY VILLAGE (NCVV) GENERAL BOARD MEETING** **Wednesday, June 24, 2015**

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

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### **1. Call to Order, Roll Call, Agenda Distribution – Mr. Braswell**

President Tony Braswell introduced himself and called the Meeting to order at 6:37 p.m.

Roll Call was taken by the Minutes Writer. Ten of the 15 Board Members were present at the Roll Call, including three Executive Committee Members: Tony Braswell, President; Ginny Hatfield, Vice-President; Steven Stokes, Treasurer; Daryl Baskin; Richard Davies; Alice Hart; Suzanne Lewis; Richard Poole; Jeff Walker; and Marc Woerschling. Dale Liebowitz-Neglia, Secretary; and Paulette Stokes arrived later. Three Board Members were absent: Sandy Hubbard; Charles Sulahian; and Alex Rostad (excused/unexcused). It was announced that Cathy Flynn resigned. The NCVV quorum (the minimum number of Board Members needing to be present to take binding votes on Agendized Items) is nine 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. Fourteen of the 15 Board Seats were filled (by election or appointment). One Board Seat was vacant (Education) [see below Item #5]. Also attending: 18 Stakeholders and Guests.

## **2. Approval of April, May 2015 Minutes**

**MOTION** (by Mr. Braswell): Neighborhood Council Valley Village approves the Minutes of its May 20, 2015 General Board Meeting as written.

**MOTION PASSED** with no opposition.

## **3. Public Comment on Agenda Items**

Sarah Ramsawack of the North Hollywood Northeast Neighborhood Council announced the free September 26<sup>th</sup> 7:30 a.m. – 4:30 p.m. Congress of Neighborhood Councils at City Hall. Registration begins in August. There will be breakfast, workshops, lunch and free parking.

*Board Member Dale Liebowitz-Neglia arrived at this time, making 11 Board (including at least three Executive Committee) Members present (the NCVV quorum is nine including at least three Executive Committee Members).*

Nikki Ezhari, Field Deputy for L.A. City District Two Councilman Paul Krekorian (818-352-3287; Nikki.Ezhari@LACity.org); <http://CD2.LACity.org>), described City Budget allocations for 2015-2016. July 30<sup>th</sup> at 6:00 p.m. there will be a Public Hearing about the City's proposed sidewalks Ordinance. The Special Olympics Closing Ceremony will be at Campo de Cahuenga.

*[This Agenda Item was continued after the Item #7 Planning and Land Use report.]* Stakeholder Donna believed that a Board Member(s) were not polite or responsive to some Stakeholders and that a building some people considered historic "was destroyed illegally" four days before a Public Hearing.

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

Mr. Braswell reminded that Committee Agendas need to be posted at least 72 hours before the start of Meetings.

CIS submissions, CIS totals for FY2015

*[This Agenda Item was addressed after Item #5.]* Ms. Hatfield reported that Community Impact Statements (CISs) are making a difference.

VANC Update

An update was given.

**5. Special Election to Fill Education Seat – Ms. Hatfield**

Ms. Hatfield explained that there was only one Candidate and that the Election will be by secret ballot of Board Members. Ballots were distributed and tabulated while the Meeting continued.

*Board Member Paulette Stokes arrived at this time, making 12 Board (including at least three Executive Committee) Members present (the NCVV quorum is nine including at least three Executive Committee Members).*

*[This Agenda Item continued being addressed after the proposed Budget Motions in Item #6.]*

Ms. Hatfield announced that Daniel Brady was unanimously voted to the Education Seat. Ms. Hatfield led Mr. Brady in saying aloud the Oath of Office. *New Board Member Daniel Brady was Seated with the Board at this time.* Mr. Braswell noted that Mr. Brady will work on the website.

**6. Finance Report – Mr. Stokes**

FY2015 Final Financial Report

Mr. Stokes reviewed recent expenses of \$3,091; the balance was \$20,384.56.

**FUNDING MOTION** (by Ms. Liebowitz-Neglia, seconded by Mr. Poole):  
Neighborhood Council Valley Village approves its Monthly Expenditure Report for the month of May 2015.

**FUNDING MOTION PASSED** unanimously by a roll call vote of the 12 eligible voters present with all 12 in favor (“Yes” or “Aye”) (Baskin, Braswell, Davies, Hart, Hatfield, Lewis, Liebowitz-Neglia, Poole, Paulette Stokes, Steven Stokes, Walker and Woersching); zero opposed; zero abstained.

FY2016 Budget – Possible motion to approve the FY2016 Budget

Copies were distributed of proposed NCVV FY2016 Budgets with Grand Totals of \$37,000 and \$42,000 in possible available funding. Mr. Stokes presented the proposed Budgets. There was discussion of possible allocations and Budget configurations, including approving both proposed Budgets so that, whichever amount the City approves, the NCVV will be able to immediately continue operating.

**FUNDING MOTION** (by Ms. Liebowitz-Neglia, seconded by Ms. Lewis):  
Neighborhood Council Valley Village approves its proposed Fiscal Year 2015-2016 Budget totaling \$42,000 in funding.

**FUNDING MOTION PASSED** unanimously by a roll call vote of the 12 eligible voters present with all 12 in favor (“Yes” or “Aye”) (Baskin, Braswell, Davies, Hart, Hatfield, Lewis, Liebowitz-Neglia, Poole, Paulette Stokes, Steven Stokes, Walker and Woersching); zero opposed; zero abstained.

**FUNDING MOTION** (by Mr. Walker, seconded by Ms. Hart): Neighborhood Council Valley Village approves its proposed Fiscal Year 2015-2016 Budget totaling \$37,000 in funding.

**FUNDING MOTION PASSED** unanimously by a roll call vote of the 12 eligible voters present with all 12 in favor (“Yes” or “Aye”) (Baskin, Braswell, Davies, Hart, Hatfield, Lewis, Liebowitz-Neglia, Poole, Paulette Stokes, Steven Stokes, Walker and Woersching); zero opposed; zero abstained.

NC Budget Day – Mr. Stokes, Ms. Lewis

Ms. Lewis reminded that the City’s Budget Day will be June 27th at City Hall.

**7. Committee Reports**

Communications –

Mr. Brady reported that “we’re very proactive on Facebook and Twitter . . . you can sign up for the e-newsletter at MyValleyVillage.com . . . last week we had over 500 page views.”

Elections and Bylaws – Ms. Hatfield

Ms. Hatfield indicated that there was no report.

Planning and Land Use – Ms. Liebowitz-Neglia

Ms. Liebowitz-Neglia reported that the City’s Re-code LA work is revising all zoning in Los Angeles for the first time since 1946, “a monumental task” expected to take several years; so far there have been 75 public events about it. Mr. Woersching believed that the Specific Plan “will stay in place.”

Events & Outreach – Ms. Lewis

Mr. Braswell reported that he, Ms. Hatfield and Ms. Lewis worked on banner designs; 8 ½” x 11” samples were distributed.

Pancake Breakfast, July 4th Parade  
National Night Out

Ms. Lewis noted the above events.

Valley Village Vision Task Force – Ms. Hubbard  
Retail Merchant’s Reception June 22, Harvest Moon café

Mr. Braswell indicated that there was no report.

City Services – Mr. Walker

Mr. Walker noted the July 30th 6:00 p.m. Public Hearing at Van Nuys City Hall about the City’s proposed sidewalks Ordinance.

#### **8. Parliamentarian Report** – Mr. Braswell

Ms. Liebowitz-Neglia explained that a wrong lot address was on an Agenda, so the 5303 N. Hermitage property was not discussed. She referred Stakeholders to the City. Mr. Braswell described history of NCVV action regarding the property and that some Stakeholders want to recall from one to three NCVV Board Members. He and Ms. Hatfield consulted with Darren Martinez, L.A. Supervising City Attorney, Neighborhood Council Advice Division (213-978-8132; Darren.Martinez@LACity.org; [http://atty.LACity.org/Community\\_Services/Neighborhood\\_Councils/index.htm](http://atty.LACity.org/Community_Services/Neighborhood_Councils/index.htm)), and described the recall procedure. Mr. Braswell indicated that he would communicate about this as advised by the City Attorney. Mr. Braswell requested that Board Members who receive emails from those Stakeholders refer the emails to him.

#### **9. Public Comment**

Stakeholder Kelly Chapman of Macolicious Restaurant [5217 Laurel Canyon Blvd., Valley Village, 91607; 818-814-MAC-O (818-814-6220); Info@macolicious.com; <http://macolicious.com>] introduced herself and invited everyone to visit them. Stakeholder B.J. Hegedas reported that there have been repeated public nuisance behaviors at a residence and that the owner said they will evict the tenants.

#### **10. Future Agenda Items, Closing Comments**

No future Agenda Items or comments were requested or made.

The Meeting was **ADJOURNED** at 8:18 p.m.

Minutes written by DL, possibly edited by NCVV. *The first paragraph of some Items, Motions/Resolutions and other wording may have been directly copied from the Agenda.* The NCVV Minutes page is <http://www.myvalleyvillage.com/agendas-minutes>.