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Minutes of the NEIGHBORHOOD COUNCIL VALLEY VILLAGE (NCVV) GENERAL BOARD MEETING

Wednesday, September 16, 2015

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

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1. Call to Order, Roll Call, Agenda Distribution – Ms. Hatfield.

Vice-President Ginny Hatfield introduced herself and called the Meeting to order at 6:43 p.m. It was noted that Red Moon Restaurant [12516 Riverside Dr.; <http://www.redmoonlounge.net>] provided food for the Meeting.

Roll Call was taken by the Minutes Writer. Twelve of the 16 Board Members were present at the Roll Call, including three Executive Committee Members: Ginny Hatfield, Vice-President; Dale Liebowitz-Neglia, Secretary; Steven Stokes, Treasurer; Daryl Baskin; Daniel Brady; Richard Davies; Alice Hart; Suzanne Lewis; Richard Poole; Alex Rostad; Paulette Stokes; and Jeff Walker. Four Board Members were absent: Tony Braswell, President; Sandy Hubbard; Charles Sulahian; and Marc Woerschling. 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 16 of the 16 Board Seats were filled (by election or appointment). No Board Seats were vacant. Also attending: 14 Stakeholders and Guests.

2. Approval of August 2015 Minutes

Ms. Hatfield requested and it was agreed to TABLE approval of the August 26, 2015 Board Meeting Minutes until clarifications are available.

3. Public Comment on Agenda Items

Rosalind Helfand invited everyone to the “Lit Crawl L.A.” [www.LitCrawl.org/LA] event on October 21st starting at 6:00 p.m. “with readings and performances featuring hundreds of writers at restaurants, galleries, theaters and more.”

4. Executive Committee Report – Ms. Hatfield.

Ms. Hatfield reported that trees were delivered. She met with business people regarding events. She described the City Council consideration of whether to give Neighborhood Councils five minutes each to speak at City Council meetings, and about the “Community Interest Stakeholder” definition.

5. Finance Report – Mr. Stokes.

Motion: approve August 2015 financial report

Mr. Stokes described July expenses paid. No Motion was made or vote taken.

6. Presentation on Homelessness in SE SFV – North Hollywood Interfaith Food Pantry.

Ms. Hatfield requested and it was agreed to TABLE this Item until the November [25th] meeting.

7. Valley Village tree update – Mr. Davies, Ms. Hatfield.

Possible Motion: to approve \$3000 tree maintenance and watering contract extension.

Ms. Hatfield relayed that Mr. Braswell said that the contract is good through the end of the year. Mr. Davies reported that the DWP trees on Albers are dead. There was discussion of the value of trees and of watering them.

8. Committee Reports

Events and Outreach – Ms. Lewis.

Ms. Lewis reported that the Committee approved its 2016 events calendar and will print 300 copies. The October 24th 6:00 – 8:00 p.m. Halloween Happenings event location is to be determined. L.A. County District Three Supervisor Sheila Kuehl (213-974-3333; sheila@bos.lacounty.gov; <https://www.facebook.com/sjkue>; <http://supervisorkuehl.com>) will speak at this meeting on October 28th at 7:00 p.m. A food drive will be held. The date is to be determined for the Light Up Valley Village event; there was discussion of how to promote business participation.

Valley Village Vision Task Force – Ms. Hubbard.

Ms. Hubbard was not present; there was no report.

Valley Village parcel inventory and zoning map – Mr. Woersching.

Mr. Woersching was not present; there was no report.

City Services – Mr. Walker.

Mr. Walker indicated that there was no report at this time.

Communications – Mr. Brady.

Mr. Brady reported that the Facebook page [<https://www.facebook.com/myvalleyvillage>] has 311 followers and Twitter [<https://twitter.com/myvalleyvillage>] has “over 209.” Last month the website [www.MyValleyVillage.com] had 1,727 page views; the articles and Agendas seem to be of most interest. The Bridge E-Newsletter went to 1,062 Stakeholders and had a 26% open rate. He encouraged submitting articles.

Elections and Bylaws – Ms. Hatfield.

Ms. Hatfield reported that half the Board will be up for election on Thursday, April 7, 2016 from 4:00 – 8:00 p.m.

2016 Election.

Motion: [see the below Motion].

Ms. Hatfield read aloud and the Board agreed to options on the NCVV Election and Administrative Procedures Stipulation Worksheet due October 1st.

MOTION (by the Committee): Neighborhood Council Valley Village approves as presented its 2016 Elections Stipulations Worksheet.

MOTION to CALL FOR THE QUESTION (by Ms. Hatfield); there was no opposition.

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

There was discussion about the voter verification procedure.

Planning and Land Use – Ms. Liebowitz-Neglia.

Ms. Liebowitz-Neglia had described three citywide issues and would like the NCVV to submit Community Impact Statements about them. She read aloud three Motions that the City Council is considering. Micro-units would be 300-500 square feet in size. She reviewed Site Plan Review criteria.

MOTION (by Ms. Liebowitz-Neglia, seconded by Mr. Walker): Neighborhood Council Valley Village will submit a Community Impact Statement to the City of Los Angeles opposing any change in the Site Plan Review Ordinance.

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

MOTION (by Ms. Liebowitz-Neglia, seconded by Mr. Walker): Neighborhood Council Valley Village will submit a Community Impact Statement to the City of Los Angeles opposed to any reduction in the required number of parking spaces.

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

MOTION (by Ms. Liebowitz-Neglia, seconded by Mr. Stokes): Neighborhood Council Valley Village will submit a Community Impact Statement to the City of Los Angeles opposing the use or production of micro-units to address affordable housing needs.

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

Courtney Hamilton, Field Deputy for L.A. City District Two Councilman Paul Krekorian (818-352-3287; Courtney.Hamilton@LACity.org; <http://CD2.LACity.org>), explained that the drought is affecting trees in parks and walkways all over the City; she asked for increased watering. The City is on a 30-year tree-trimming cycle; resources are being used to remove dead trees instead of trimming them. The Fire Dept. is issuing letters ordering homeowners to remove dead and damaged trees that are fire and fall hazards. She explained the inspection process. Ms. Hamilton added that developers are removing trees to construct private driveways; the City is considering legislation to regulate this. She requested information from Stakeholders on the locations of short-term rentals, especially if there is illegal activity in or around them.

MTA Development Plans NoHo/Red Line property.
Ms. Liebowitz-Neglia reported on the above.

9. Public Comment – Comments from the public on non-agenda items within the Board’s subject matter jurisdiction.

Stakeholder Michael Wolf commented that the Hayaty Café on the north side of Burbank Blvd. [west of] Whitsett, just outside the NCVV boundary, is open until 2:00 – 2:30 a.m. serving alcohol and having loud music. Ms. Hamilton said the Café serves beer and wine, and does not have a dance hall or hard liquor Permit; they may apply to expand their Conditional Use Permit. The Café had their liquor license suspended by the State ABC and want to legalize it. She said “they were violating their liquor license.”

10. Future Agenda Items, Closing Comments - Ms. Hatfield.
The Meeting was **ADJOURNED** at 8:59 p.m.

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