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Minutes of the
NEIGHBORHOOD COUNCIL VALLEY VILLAGE (NCVV)
GENERAL BOARD MEETING Wednesday, December 21, 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 November 2016 Minutes – Mr. Braswell.

President Tony Braswell introduced himself and called the Meeting to order at 7:05 p.m. Roll Call was taken by the Minutes Writer. Thirteen of the 15 Board Members were present at the Roll Call, including Executive Committee Members: Tony Braswell (President), Ginny Hatfield (Vice-President), Dale Liebowitz-Neglia (Secretary), Dorothy Apple, Daryl Baskin, Glenn Block, Richard Davies, Alice Hart, Lisa Miller, Richard Poole, Paulette Stokes, Jeff Walker and Marc Woersching. Steven Stokes (Treasurer) and Student Representative Cole Walker (who does not count toward the quorum) arrived later. Suzanne Lewis 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. All 15 of the 15 Board Seats were filled. No Board Seats were vacant. Also attended: six Stakeholders and Guests. The Agenda was approved.

Mr. Braswell explained the need to rescind the October 26th Board Meeting Motion regarding the NoHo West project.

MOTION to RESCIND (by Ms. Liebowitz-Neglia, seconded by Mr. Poole):
Neighborhood Council Valley Village rescinds its October 26, 2016 Board Meeting
Item #11, Planning and Land Use Section, Motion regarding the NoHo West project.

MOTION to RESCIND PASSED; zero opposed; zero abstained.

The Agenda was distributed. No Board Member stated a conflict of interest with any
Agenda Item.

MOTION (by Mr. Braswell): Neighborhood Council Valley Village approves the
Minutes of its July 27, 2016 General Board Meeting as written.

MOTION PASSED; zero opposed; zero abstained.

MOTION (by Mr. Braswell): Neighborhood Council Valley Village approves the
Minutes of its October 26, 2016 General Board Meeting as written.

MOTION PASSED; zero opposed; zero abstained.

MOTION (by Mr. Braswell): Neighborhood Council Valley Village approves the
Minutes of its November 16, 2016 General Board Meeting as corrected.

Student Representative Cole Walker arrived at this time (7:11).

DISCUSSION: The following correction to the November 16, 2016 General Board
Meeting Minutes was requested: page five, Item #VIII, Events and Outreach section:
“Ms. Lewis” should read “Ms. Hatfield.”

MOTION PASSED; zero opposed; three abstained.

*Board Member Steven Stokes arrived at this time (7:13), making 14 Board (including at
least three Executive Committee) Members present (the NCVV quorum is eight
including at least three Executive Committee Members).*

2. Public Comment on Agenda Items

Budget Representative Brandon Pender encouraged writing a Community Impact
Statement.

3. Executive Committee Report – Ms. Hatfield

[See below Item #5.]

**4. Finance Report – Mr. Stokes. Motion: approve the November financial report as
presented.**

[*This Agenda Item was addressed after Item #5.*] Copies were distributed of the NCVV “November Monthly Expenditure Report” and “Budget Report . . . as of November 30, 2016.” Mr. Stokes reviewed and explained recent expenditures; \$24,970 remains. Ms. Hatfield added that the additional \$5,000 approved by the City Council for each Neighborhood Council, including NCVV, this Fiscal Year should be received in January 2017.

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

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

5. Neighborhood Council Election update. Possible motion to support Krekorian Council action.

Ms. Hatfield explained the issue, saying “there was a breach of personal information . . . electioneering . . . a lack of training . . . [of] some of the” election volunteers. Copies were distributed at this time of a City Council Motion to “suspend implementation of online voting.”

MOTION (by the Executive Committee): Neighborhood Council Valley Village supports Motions by City Councilman Paul Krekorian in City Council File 15-1022-S2 “relative to suspending implementation of the online voting system for future Neighborhood Council elections” and City Council File 04-1935-S1 relative to improving the voting environment and election challenge process for future Neighborhood Council elections.

MOTION PASSED; zero opposed; zero abstained.

Mr. Braswell will file a Community Impact Statement.

6. Events & Outreach - Ms. Hatfield. Discussion of Light Up Valley Village 2016 [*This Agenda Item was addressed after Item #7.*] Ms. Hatfield reviewed survey results and described outreach. There was very extensive discussion of the event value and opportunities, challenges and outreach. Board Members supported again sponsoring the event on the first Saturday in December [2nd] 2017. There was discussion of the relationship of the event with other NCVV-sponsored events in regard to volunteers’ energy, time and funding availability; details of the nature and purpose of the event; and whether and, if so, with whom to partner co-sponsor.

7. NCVV Website – Motion: approve \$3200 to Moore Business Results for website refresh/upgrade.

Mr. Braswell explained the need and cost. The DONE [the L.A. Dept. of Neighborhood Empowerment; 818-522-7175; www.EmpowerLA.org] “approved

vendor list” was outdated. There are two or three possible Webmasters. There was extensive discussion regarding website content, some of which is outdated; work distribution; and administrative and technical challenges and choices. Mr. Stokes noted that the website is “eight or nine years old . . . this bid is to refresh it . . . we’re asking for \$1,400 more to do it.” Mr. Poole and Cole Walker volunteered to help. Mr. Braswell added that the Communications Committee discussed this.

MOTION (by the Communications Committee): Neighborhood Council Valley Village approves \$3,200 to Moore Business Results for a website refresh/upgrade.

FUNDING MOTION PASSED by a roll call vote of the 14 eligible voters present with 13 in favor (“Yes” or “Aye”) (Apple, Baskin, Block, Davies, Hart, Hatfield, Miller, Liebowitz-Neglia, Poole, Paulette Stokes, Steven Stokes, Jeff Walker and Woersching; zero opposed (though Student Representative Cole Walker, who does not vote, opposed); one abstained (Braswell).

8. Public Comment

Ms. Stokes updated about challenges regarding her home property.

Board Member Richard Davies left at this time (8:35), making 13 Board (including at least three Executive Committee) Members present (the NCVV quorum is eight including at least three Executive Committee Members).

Mr. Braswell relayed that he was told that “Dutton’s [Bookstore] was sold and will be developennnnnnnd.” Ms. Hart reported that the four-way light signal began operation at Laurel Grove and Riverside. She urged recognition of the late Stuart Simen’s contributions to the community.

9. Future Agenda Items, Closing Comments.

Mr. Braswell declared the Meeting **ADJOURNED** at 8:38 p.m.

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