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Minutes of the
NEIGHBORHOOD COUNCIL VALLEY VILLAGE (NCVV)
GENERAL BOARD MEETING Wednesday, October 26, 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 September 2016 Minutes – Mr. Braswell

President Tony Braswell introduced himself, called the Meeting to order at 6:40 p.m. and explained the NCVV's role.

MOTION (by Mr. Braswell): Neighborhood Council Valley Village approves its Agenda for this Meeting.

MOTION PASSED by a voice vote; zero opposed; zero abstained.

Roll Call was taken by the Minutes Writer. Eleven of the 15 Board Members were present at the Roll Call, including three 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 and Marc Woerschling. Jeff Walker and the Student Representative (Cole Walker) arrived later. Suzanne Lewis, Paulette Stokes and Steven Stokes (Treasurer) were 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

(by election). No Board Seats were vacant. Also attended: eight Stakeholders and Guests.

MOTION (by Mr. Braswell): Neighborhood Council Valley Village approves the Minutes of its September 28, 2016 Meeting as written.

MOTION PASSED; zero opposed; zero abstained.

2. Public Comment on Agenda Items

Wilbur Hill opposed the NoHo West land use project parking reduction request.

Board Member Jeff Walker and the Student Representative (Cole Walker) arrived at this time (6:46), making 12 Board (including at least three Executive Committee) Members present (the NCVV quorum is eight including at least three Executive Committee Members).

Kaylee Kiecker, a homeowner by the Marilyn Monroe land use development, was concerned about criminal activity happening there despite police help. Abandoned cars, animal waste, loitering and more are happening in the empty lot. Courtney Hamilton, Field Deputy for L.A. City District Two Councilman Paul Krekorian (818-352-3287; Courtney.Hamilton@LACity.org; <http://CD2.LACity.org>), said that she reported problems to the City Building and Safety Dept.; the owner “is responsible” for maintaining the property at Hermitage and Weddington’s southeast corner.

3. Executive Committee Report – Ms. Hatfield

Ms. Hatfield reminded about and described the VANC [Valley Alliance of Neighborhood Councils] Planning Forum at CBS Studios in Studio City to be held November 10th.

Motion- to approve \$250 to support VANC Planning Forum

FUNDING MOTION (by the Executive Committee): Neighborhood Council Valley Village approves \$250 to support the VANC Planning Forum.

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

Motion- to approve \$250 to support VANC Anniversary Reception

FUNDING MOTION (by the Executive Committee): Neighborhood Council Valley Village approves \$250 to support the VANC Anniversary Reception.

FUNDING MOTION PASSED unanimously by a roll call vote of the 12 eligible voters present with all 12 in favor (“Yes” or “Aye”) (Apple, Baskin, Block, Braswell, Davies,

Hart, Hatfield, Miller, Liebowitz-Neglia, Poole, Walker and Woersching); zero opposed; zero abstained.

Ms. Hatfield reported that the City Council was considering allocating an additional \$5,000 to each Neighborhood Council, which would bring their annual allocation to \$42,000. Also, “the bridge is being built” at the Oakwood School. Thanksgiving weekend the street will be closed off. When the bridge is built, the public will not be able to access the bridge; it will be “only for people doing school business.” At the latest VANC Meeting, City Councilman Herb Wesson said he is “taking charge of CD7” and Councilman Jose Huizar spoke in support of homeless services funding.

4. Finance Report – Mr. Stokes

Motion to approve September 2016 financial report.

Mr. Braswell reported for Mr. Stokes that \$269.29 was spent last month.

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

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

Mr. Braswell reminded that all Board Members need to complete all trainings [see <http://ethics.LACity.org/education/ethics2007/?audience=done>]. He is working with DONE [the L.A. Dept. of Neighborhood Empowerment; 818-522-7175; www.EmpowerLA.org] to update their records. He stated that “we’re 100% compliant” on Code of Conduct signings.

5. Report from office of State Assembly member Adrin Nazarian

[*This Agenda Item was addressed after Item #8.*] State 46th District Assemblymember Adrin Nazarian (818-376-4246; <http://asmdc.org/members/a46>) reported that the legislature passed a minimum-wage law, “common-sense gun control . . . e-cigarette . . . [and] paid family leave” legislation, and increased the State reserve fund. He is working on workers compensation and ADA compliance issues. The Governor signed 11 of his bills, including to increase Quimby funding [for more open space]. Funding also was added for earthquake retrofitting and an early-warning system; see BraceAndBolt.org. He also is working to increase availability of home earthquake insurance. Mr. Nazarian answered questions about legislation and issues.

Barry Stone, Project Coordinator, L.A. Dept. of Neighborhood Empowerment (DONE) (818-374-9898; cell 323-770-4484; Barry.Stone@LACity.org; www.EmpowerLA.org), encouraged Board Members to complete trainings. Mr. Braswell said “there’s only two people on our Board that are not compliant . . . we’re doing the work.” He indicated that DONE’s record-keeping needs updating. Mr.

Stone said “send it to me; I’ll make sure it gets updated.” He encouraged reading the “monthly profiles” sent to Board Members “the first of each month.” Also, the Mayor is asking Neighborhood Councils to appoint a “Homeless Liaison.”

6. Report from City Council Office

Ms. Hamilton reported on the use of bouncy houses, sound systems and off-leash dogs at Valley Village Park and that she is working to determine the amount of law enforcement signage and their placement at the Park. Board Members urged her to try to have a chain and lock installed on the Park entrance. She reported that “permit parking is once again available . . . we’re asking people to go to the Neighborhood Council” to get support letters. She described some requirements, possible restrictions and challenges, saying “it’s a difficult balancing act.” Applications can be made for five, six or seven days per week permitting. In response to requests, she will request the City to resurface Magnolia Blvd. next Fiscal Year between July 2017 and July 2018. Board Members requested more traffic enforcement on Colfax Ave.

7. Proposed Amendments to the Valley Village Specific Plan- Marc Woerschling

Mr. Braswell and Mr. Woerschling are working to revive proposed Community Plan amendments and forward them to the City.

8. Committee Reports

City Services – Mr. Walker

Mr. Walker reported that the Committee will meet November 10th.

Communications – Ms. Lewis

Discussion on Communications presence.

Mr. Braswell reported for Ms. Lewis that the Committee is vetting possible communications presence vendors, including for the website.

Elections and Bylaws – Ms. Hatfield

Motion: to amend the name of the “Elections Committee” to be known as “Elections and Bylaws Committee.”

Ms. Hatfield explained the above; it will be Agendized for the Board’s November [16th] Meeting. No Motion was made or vote taken.

Planning and Land Use – Ms. Liebowitz-Neglia

Motion: to reconsider action approved 09/28: NCVV opposes any variance request for the NoHo West project that would reduce parking from the Code required for the project.

MOTION to RECONSIDER (by Ms. Liebowitz-Neglia, seconded by Mr. Poole): The Neighborhood Council Valley Village will reconsider action approved 09/28: NCVV opposes any variance request for the NoHo West project that would reduce parking from the Code required for the project.

MOTION to CALL FOR THE QUESTION; zero opposed.

MOTION to RECONSIDER PASSED by a hand vote of the 12 eligible voters present with 11 in favor (“Yes” or “Aye”); one opposed (“No” or “Nay”); zero abstained.

[TB/GH/DL-N CLARIFY: __ Then what happened with the reconsideration? Was there a vote on the NoHo West project parking variance request? If there was no such vote, was the Motion to Reconsider withdrawn?]

Events & Outreach - Ms. Hatfield

Ms. Hatfield reported for Ms. Lewis on Halloween event preparations. “Light Up Valley Village” will be Saturday, December 3rd, 4:00-7:00 at Magnolia and Whitsett where people can “ride the holiday trolley.”

Valley Village Vision Committee – Mr. Woersching

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

9. Board Retreat follow up – Pastor Rich Poole

There was no report.

10. Possible Communications Exercise – DONE

It was agreed to TABLE this Item.

11. Public Comment

There were no comments at this time.

12. Future Agenda Items, Closing Comments

There were no Items or comments at this time.

MOTION to ADJOURN.

MOTION to ADJOURN PASSED; zero opposed; zero abstained.

The Meeting was **ADJOURNED** at 8:25 p.m.

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