

## **Neighborhood Council Valley Village Board Meeting**

**April 24, 2013**

### **Approved**

**Agenda Item 1 – Call to Order, Roll Call, Agenda Distribution, Welcoming Remarks and approval of June and July Minutes** - Mr. Tony Braswell called the meeting to order at 6:30 and thanked everyone for coming out to attend our meeting. He asked speakers to fill out a speaker card and please limit their comments to two minutes. He reminded the audience that the meeting will be conducted under the Brown Act and within the guidelines of Robert's Rules of Order.

The roll was called. Board members present were Dorothy Apple, residential homeowner; Tony Braswell, residential renter; Ginny Hatfield, residential homeowner; Paul Hatfield, at-large; Dale Liebowitz-Neglia, at-large; Steven Stokes, residential renter; Charles Sulahian, business owner; Jeff Walker, education; Marc Woerschling, community based.

Board members excused were Dave Bate, business owner; Cathy Flynn, residential homeowner; Sandy Hubbard, residential homeowner; Dr. Joshua Levy, faith based; Suzanne Lewis, residential renter; Paulette Stokes, residential renter;

**Agenda Item 2 – Approval of March minutes – Ms. Apple** – A copy of the March minutes were submitted for the record and were approved by a vote of 9-0-0.

**Agenda Item 3 – Public Comment on Agenda Items (limited to two (2) minutes per speaker, and must fill out a speaker card)** – There were no public comments.

**Agenda Item 4 – Finance Report, Mr. Hatfield** - Mr. Hatfield gave an update on the financial report and submitted a copy for the record. Ms. Liebowitz-Neglia made a motion to approve the budget as presented. Mr. Walker seconded the motion. The budget was approved by a vote of 9-0-0.

The two motions presented were moved to the May meeting.

**Agenda Item 5 – Follow Up – Soundwall Presentation – Mark Dierking** – Mr. Dierking gave an update on the soundwall installation. He submitted a copy of the timeline for the Accelerated Transportation Improvements and the I-5 Capacity Enhancements Project. There will be meetings in May with the Metro Planning and Programming Committee and the Metro Board of Directors for presentation of Business Case which will provide a detailed rationale for a Public-Private Partnership; in June they will meet to seek approval for the needed financial elements to fund the project; in July they will meet to seek approval to submit an application to the California Transportation Commission. If all goes according to plan, Mr. Dierking informed us that the soundwall should be completed by 2016.

**Agenda Item 6 – Community Impact Statements Mural Ordinance, NC Checking Accounts, Definition of Stakeholders, 2014 Election** – Mr. Braswell informed us that Community Impact Statements were submitted on all of the above items. The Mural Ordinance has gone back to committee for further discussion. Neighborhood Councils will have checking accounts starting July 1, 2014.

**Agenda Item 7 – City Attorney Debate, Blood Drive, Earth Day – Ms. Lewis –**Mr. Braswell informed us that the blood drive for Children's Hospital Los Angeles collected 46 pints of blood. The hospital considers a blood drive a success if they collect 25 pints. The Earth Day event was also a success. The Tree People donated fifteen (15) trees for planting in Valley Village Park. With the help of the NCVV board and Valley Village stakeholders the trees were planted. The City Attorney debate was a huge success well publicized and very well attended.

**Agenda Item 8 – Executive Committee Report – NC Reform Initiative – Ms. Hatfield –** Ms. Hatfield gave a brief update on the last meeting of the Neighborhood Council Reform Initiative. They are requesting that budget monies not spent in a fiscal year be returned to the Neighborhood Council for neighborhood projects. This is a work in process and she will continue to keep us informed of meetings.

**Agenda Item 9 – Update – Fund to Assist Magnolia Avenue Traffic Accident Victims –** Ms. Hatfield informed us that Valley Interfaith Council a 501(C)3 has paid the Los Angeles Fire Department and Los Angeles Coroner out of funds that were donated to the victims of the Magnolia traffic accident. There are still some funds remaining. Mr. Peter Sanchez is drafting a letter to all of the victims asking them to submit a request for funds, if needed. They have thirty (30) days to respond to this request. Any funds remaining after that time will be disbursed equally among the victims.

**Agenda Item 10 - Standing Committee Reports – Events and Outreach – Ms. Lewis –** See agenda item 7.

**Agenda Item 10 - Standing Committee Reports – Valley Vision Task Force – Ms. Hubbard –** Mr. Braswell informed us that Oakwood School has purchased St. David's Church.

**Agenda Item 10 - Standing Committee Reports – City Services – Mr. Walker –**

*Follow up – purchase of Portable Trailer Mounted Message Board*

*Follow up – MOU for the Purchase of Traffic Sign*

Mr. Walker has prepared a draft of the Memorandum of Understanding; he and Mr. Braswell will review the MOU and make any necessary changes. Mr. Braswell is preparing and gathering all of the necessary paperwork, signed grant paperwork, copy of minutes from meetings where the motion was approved, ensure the motion and vote count are very clear, statement that there is no conflict of interest from their Board for Allied Traffic, WANCO or PALS, to submit to the City for payment and purchase of the Mobile Digital Sign.

**Agenda Item 10 - Standing Committee Reports – Communications – Mr. Stokes –** Mr. Stokes informed us that our website is getting 50% more hits than the twelve (12) other NC's serviced by our webhost. Our website is averaging three thousand (3,000) hits per month. Mr. Stokes informed us that the Neighborhood Watch map will remain the same on the website.

**Agenda Item 10 - Standing Committee Reports – Elections – Ms. Hatfield –** Ms. Hatfield informed us that we will have Neighborhood Council elections in 2014. The elections will be run by the Department of Neighborhood Empowerment and the Los Angeles City Clerk. The proposed budget for the elections is \$600,000.

**Agenda Item 10 – Standing Committee Reports – Planning and Land Use – Mr. Bate –** Mr. Bate gave an update on 12334 Otsego Street. This property was originally two (2) parcels. The new

owners have returned the property to its original state and they are planning on building a house on each parcel. The neighbors have been in touch with the owner/developer and hope to have some input on what will be built. We are still waiting for project approval for the driveway on the Riverside Drive proposed project.

**Agenda Item 11 – Coldwater Canyon Update** – Coldwater Canyon has reopened a few days earlier than scheduled.

**Agenda Item 12 – Mayor's Budget Survey** – Mr. Hatfield informed us that the Mayor's budget survey is complete. Mayor Villaraigosa released his proposed budget for Fiscal Year 2013-2014. The proposed budget will go before the City Council for approval.

**Agenda Item 13 – Public Comment – Public Comment from the public on non-agenda items within the Board's subject matter jurisdiction** – There was no public comment.

**Agenda Item 14 – Future Agenda Items, President's Closing Comments and Adjournment** – Mr. Braswell thanked everyone in attendance. The meeting was adjourned at 8:15