

**Neighborhood Council Valley Village
Board Meeting**

July 24 2013

Approved

Agenda Item 1 – Call to Order, Roll Call, Agenda Distribution, Welcoming Remarks - 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; Cathy Flynn, residential homeowner; Ginny Hatfield, residential homeowner; Suzanne Lewis, residential renter; Steven Stokes, residential renter; Paulette Stokes, residential renter; Charles Sulahian, business owner; Marc Woersching, community based; Paul Hatfield, at-large; Djaq Morris, student.

Board members excused were Dave Bate, business owner; Sandy Hubbard, residential homeowner; Dale Liebowitz-Neglia, at-large; Dr. Joshua Levy, faith based; Jeff Walker, education.

Agenda Item 2 – Approval of May and June Minutes – Ms. Apple

The May minutes were approved by a vote of 9-0-0.

The June Minutes 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) – Ms. Jeanne Rankin, from the North Hollywood Regional Public Library, gave an update on the upcoming activities at the library. Activities include summer reading club, movies, and electronic media.

Mr. Sawyer Levy, a student at Oakwood School, expressed his interest in running for the student seat next year.

Ms. Alice Hart, a resident on Riverside Drive, expressed her concerns and disappointment with AT&T. They placed a cell tower in front of her house years ago and told NCVV that they would maintain the cell tower. The tower is currently covered with graffiti and the plants surrounding the tower are dead. Ms. Hart is asking for our help to get these problems corrected and also letting us know that AT&T has not kept their word regarding the tower maintenance.

Ms. Michaela Chapman, from the American Cancer Society, gave us information on the Relay For Life Fight Against Cancer event. This event is AT&T's nationwide commitment to fight back against cancer. She asked that our community support this event. More information can be found on their website www.events.org/RFLATT .

Agenda Item 4 – Finance Report, Mr. Hatfield – Mr. Hatfield is working on finalizing the June expenses and will have the final numbers for the fiscal year at our next meeting.

Agenda Item 5 – CUP Request, Valley Torah School – Presentation and Possible Motion to Approve – Ms. Ellia Thompson with CA Land Use Professionals, LLP gave a presentation on the proposed development of outdoor space to an athletic field/basketball court at Valley Torah High School. Mr. Woerschling proposed a motion and Ms. Apple seconded the motion.

Motion: support the conditional use permit authorizing Valley Torah High School use of lot on north side of property for an athletic field and oppose the Board of Engineers recommendation required conditions to widen, improve and make a continuous thoroughfare alley from Chandler Boulevard to Albers Street. The motion was approved by a vote of 9-0-0.

Agenda Item 6 – Bay-Delta Conversation Plan – Presentation and Possible Motion to approve – This item has been postponed until further notice.

Agenda Item 7 – Water LA – The River Project, Ms. Jessica Sanchez – Ms. Sanchez gave a presentation on Water LA. Water LA is a residence based rainwater harvesting program, conceived by The River Project and funded with a grant from the California Coastal Conservancy. They will be scheduling workshops in Studio City this fall. Workshops are open to the public. There are Core Workshops with all five workshops requiring mandatory attendance and Elective Workshops that will show you how to design and build a Water LA Best Management project for your home. Water LA can show you how to create a watershed-wise landscape that looks beautiful, saves water, reduces pollution runoff to the river, attracts birds and butterflies, and needs little maintenance; show you how to build healthy soil, remove thirsty lawn without using harmful chemicals, and grade your yard to capture the precious, free resource of rainwater. They will teach you simple steps to maintain your garden so that it functions efficiently and reaps the maximum benefits. Water from your washing machine and shower can often be reused for irrigation. Learn about systems that are available to safely collect and distribute greywater and which detergents are plant-safe, and how to install and maintain a greywater system. There will be a film series regarding this project at CBS Radford every Sunday at 6:30p.m., followed by a question and answer period. For more information on these workshops and how to get your neighborhood involved with Water LA please visit their website <http://www.waterla.org/workshops> .

Agenda Item 8 - Standing Committee Reports – Communications – Mr. Stokes – Mr. Stokes let us know that is working with the website host to get a survey on our website that stakeholders can log onto and give their opinion on bike lanes on Lankershim Boulevard.

Agenda Item 8- Standing Committee Reports – Elections – Ms. Hatfield – Ms. Hatfield informed us that we will need to form our elections committee in September. There is a new definition of a stakeholder. BONC has approved the new stakeholder definition and is now awaiting approval from the City Council. There is a survey Monkey link www.surveymonkey.com/s/9motions.com . You can weigh in individually through the survey, or consider the motions collectively as a Neighborhood Council board or committee. All resolutions must be forwarded to ncplan@empowerla.org by August 31, 2013.

Agenda Item 9 – Standing Committee Reports – Planning and Land Use – Mr. Bate – See agenda item 5.

Agenda Item 9 – Standing Committee Reports – Events and Outreach – Ms. Lewis – Ms. Lewis informed us that Family Movie Night was a huge success and she hopes NCVV will be able to host this event again next year. National Night Out is Tuesday, August 6th at Valley Village Park. NCVV will be honoring LAFD first responders to the Magnolia and Ben traffic accident. LAPD officers will be on hand for questions and answers from the public.

Agenda Item 8 – Standing Committee Reports – Valley Village Vision Task Force – VVTF will be meeting July 24 at Oakwood School. They are working with VVHA and our local businesses to promote the holiday "Light Up Valley Village" event.

Agenda Item 9 - Standing Committee Reports – City Services – Mr. Walker – City Services is working with LADOT for the installation of 11 (eleven) new stop signs in Valley Village

Agenda Item 10 – Future Agenda Items – Approval of the 2013/2014 fiscal budget.

Agenda Item 11 – Public Comment – Public Comment from the public on non-agenda items within the Board's subject matter jurisdiction – There were no public comments.

Agenda Item 12 – President's Closing Comments and Adjournment – Mr. Braswell thanked everyone in attendance. The meeting was adjourned at 8:15pm.