

**Neighborhood Council Valley Village  
Board Meeting**

**June 26, 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; Paul Hatfield, at-large; Suzanne Lewis, residential renter; Dale Liebowitz-Neglia, at-large; Paulette Stokes, residential renter; Steven Stokes, residential renter; Jeff Walker, education; Marc Woerschling, community based.

Board members excused were Dave Bate, business owner; Sandy Hubbard, residential homeowner; Dr. Joshua Levy, faith based; Charles Sulahian, business owner.

**Agenda Item 2 – Approval of May Minutes** – This item is moved to the July meeting.

**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 Branch Library, gave a brief update on upcoming events at the library. The library is now open four (4) nights a week, Monday through Thursday, until 8:00p.m. Starting January 2013 the library will be open seven (7) days a week. More information on the library events and schedule go to [www.lapl.org](http://www.lapl.org) .

Ms. Nikki Ezhari, field deputy from Councilmember Paul Kerkorian's office, reminded us about National Night Out event on August 6<sup>th</sup> Family Movie Night on July 20<sup>th</sup>. She also gave an update on the property at Morella Avenue and Kling Street. A task force has been created to monitor the property in question and will keep us informed of their progress

**Agenda Item 4 – Statement from Board Members Regarding Conflict of Interest – Mr. Braswell** – Mr. Braswell reviewed the City of Los Angeles and State of California Ethics Laws for Los Angeles City Officials and Members of Neighborhood Councils conflict of interest policy.

**Agenda Item 5 – Finance Report**, - Mr. Braswell, for Mr. Hatfield -

**Motion:** to approve the FY2013 Demand Warrant/PCard Summary and budget as presented. The motion was approved by a vote of 9-0-0.

**Motion:** to allow the treasurer discretion to create categories within the guidelines of DONE as needed. The five (5) approved categories are 1, operations; 2, outreach; 3, community improvement projects; 4, neighborhood purpose grants; 5, elections. The motion was approved by a vote of 9-0-0.

**Motion:** to approve FY2014 Budget as presented. The motion was approved by a vote of 9-0-0.

Mr. Braswell gave an update on the financial report and submitted a copy for the record.

**Agenda Item 6 – Election Committee Report – Ms. Hatfield** – Nomination of Emily Morris to NCVV's Student Seat for the FY2014 – **Motion:** to approve nomination of Emily Morris. The motion was approved by a vote of 8-0-1. Ms. Morris was sworn in and seated as the student representative.

**Agenda Item 7 – Presentation to Tyler Ganus** – Tyler Ganus spent two of the first four years of his life living at Children's Hospital Los Angeles, suffering from a very rare blood disease called Aplastic

Anemia. His condition was so serious he was offered a wish from the Make-A-Wish Foundation. Tyler declined the offer and just celebrated his eleventh (11<sup>th</sup>) birthday by hosting a fundraiser for the Make-A-Wish Foundation. NCVV has declared June 26, 2013 Tyler Ganus day and presented him with a proclamation honoring the incredible work he has done for his community.

**Agenda Item 8 – Executive Committee Report – Ms. Hatfield- NC Reform Initiative** - There was nothing to report on this item.

**Agenda Item 9 – Bay-Delta Conservation Plan – Presentation from Alexandra Nagy – carried over from the May meeting** – Ms. Alexandra Nagy, from Food & Water Watch, gave a presentation on their opposition to the proposed Bay Delta Conservation Plan to build twin tunnels or any such conveyance facility to divert the Sacramento River. Their organization feels this project, that is estimated to cost 20 to 50 billion dollars, is unnecessary and would benefit corporate agriculture at the expense of LADWP ratepayers. Food & Water Watch would like to see legislation passed to prohibit the use of ratepayer money to finance this project and to support investment in local water projects that would improve the reliability of our water supply. She encouraged NCVV to invite the LAWPD to attend a board meeting, so they could voice their opinion on this proposed project.

**Agenda Item 10 – Update –Fund to Assist Magnolia Traffic Accident Victims – Ms. Hatfield, Ms. Lewis** – Ms. Hatfield received an email from the chair of the committee that checks have been requested, received and distributed to the five (5) individual traffic accident victims.

**Agenda Item 11 – Mayor’s Listening Tour – Ms. Lewis** – Ms. Lewis gave a report on the success of the Mayor’s listening tour. There was a large turn-out of Valley Village stakeholders and the event was a huge success. Family Movie Night Under the Stars is July 20<sup>th</sup> and the film will be Wreck it Ralph.

**Agenda Item 12 – Standing Committee Reports – Valley Village Vision Task Force – Ms. Hubbard** – There was nothing to report on this item.

**Agenda Item 12 - Standing Committee Reports – Communications – Mr. Stokes** – Mr. Stokes informed us that we now have sandwich signs to inform the public of our meeting location. Mr. Stokes will be adding a new section to the website that highlights VV architecture and development history

**Agenda Item 12- Standing Committee Reports – Elections – Ms. Hatfield** – Ms. Hatfield informed us that there will be elections on 2014. Valley Village is in Region 4 and our elections will be in March.

**Agenda Item 12 - Standing Committee Reports – City Services – Mr. Walker** Mr. Rick Brill – Stop Signs for Intersection of Hartsook Street and Ben Avenue – *Possible motion to request stop signs.* Ms. Julia Schwaba, a resident in Valley Village, expressed her concern for the safety of pedestrians walking on the residential streets of Valley Village and asked that a stop sign be installed at the corner of Hartsook and Ben. Mr. Michael Gregory, a resident in Valley Village, expressed his opinion that a stop sign be installed at the corner of Hartsook and Ben. Mr. Braswell said that he would email Brian Gallagher and Nikki Ezhari requesting that a stop sign be installed at the corner on question.

*Bike Lanes on Lankershim – Possible motion regarding bike lanes on Lankershim Boulevard.*

Mr. Walker informed us that there have been two meetings to discuss the possibility of the installation of bike lanes on Lankershim Blvd. Midtown North Hollywood Council has taken a position opposing the proposed removal of a traffic lane so a bike lane can be installed. Mr. Walker would like NCVV to take a position on this item. Ms. Hatfield made a **motion:** *to have the City Services committee create an email questionnaire to be distributed to stakeholders in Valley Village asking for their opinion on the proposed bike lane on Lankershim.* Ms. Liebowitz-Neglia seconded the motion. The motion was approved by a vote of 9-0-0.

Kevin Hopps, from the Los Angeles County Bike Coalition agreed to help write the questionnaire to be distributed to Valley Village stakeholders regarding the bike lane proposal on Lankershim.

**Agenda Item 12 – Standing Committee Reports – Events and Outreach – Ms. Lewis** – Ms. Lewis gave us an update on the progress of Family Movie Night and National Night Out. She will need volunteers from the board to help at both of these events.

**Agenda Item 12 – Standing Committee Reports – Planning and Land Use – Mr. Bate** – There was nothing to report on this item.

**Agenda Item 13 – Request from The Mary Magdalene Project** – Mr. Braswell gave a brief presentation on the Mary Magdalene Project, a nonprofit organization that helps women who are victimized by Domestic Trafficking and Street Prostitution permanently exit the lifestyle. The board chose to not take a position or make a motion on this item.

**Agenda Item 14 – Public Comment – Public Comment from the public on non-agenda items within the Board's subject matter jurisdiction** – Patricia Dixon voiced her opinion that the United Nations is trying to encroach on our nation's sovereignty.

**Agenda Item 15 – Future Agenda Items, President's Closing Comments and Adjournment** – Mr. Braswell thanked everyone in attendance. The meeting was adjourned at 8:40p.m.