

**Neighborhood Council Valley Village
Board Meeting**

March 26, 2014

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; Cathy Flynn, residential homeowner; Ginny Hatfield, residential homeowner; Suzanne Lewis, residential renter; Djaq Morris, student seat; Dale Liebowitz-Neglia, at-large; Steven Stokes, residential renter; Paulette Stokes, residential renter; Charles Sulahian, business owner; Jeff Walker, education; Marc Woersching, community based.

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

Mr. Braswell made a motion and Ms. Apple seconded the motion. **Motion:** amend the agenda to allow Greg Bartz, from the LADWP, to give an update on the trunk line improvement on Magnolia Boulevard. **The Motion was approved by a vote of 11-0-0.**

Agenda Item 2 – The February minutes were approved by a vote of 11-0-0.

Agenda Item 3 – Public Comment on Agenda Items (limited to two (2) minutes per speaker, and must fill out a speaker card) – Luke Simon, a resident in Valley Village and student at Colfax Charter Elementary School, asked the NCVV board to help organize a clean-up day in Valley Village. Ms. Lewis let Mr. Simon know that Valley Village is organizing Earth Day Clean-Up in Valley Village on Saturday April 26 and invited him and his fellow classmates to participate in the event.

Mr. Steven Butcher, Field Representative for Assemblymember Adrin Nazarian, congratulated incoming and outgoing members of the NCVV board. The City of Los Angeles recently banned fracking. Assemblymember Nazarian helped introduce AB 2420 (Fracking). This bill clarifies municipality's authority to ban fracking through local ordinances. Fracking, or hydraulic fracturing, is the process of extracting natural gas from shale rock layers deep within the earth by using pressurized liquid. He is also working on AB 1510 (Seismic Retrofit Tax Credit) In light of the growing concern of earthquake preparedness and safety, Assemblymember Nazarian introduced AB 1510, to give property owners a 30% Income Tax Credit for Seismic construction for vulnerable structures. Assemblymember Nazarian will be teaming up with Councilmember Paul Krekorian at the Studio City Farmer's Market on Sunday, April 13, from 8:00-2:00. They will be giving away one hundred (100) low flow shower heads courtesy of the Los Angeles Department of Water and Power and one hundred (100) fruit trees courtesy of Million Trees LA. Trees are limited to first come, first served basis; only one (1) tree per property address.

Mr. Butcher presented NCVV outgoing board members Mr. Paul Hatfield, Dr. Joshua Levy and Mr. Dave Bate with a certificate of recognition from the California State Assembly and Legislature. Dr. Levy and Mr. Bate were not present to accept the certificate.

Mr. Greg Bartz, Community Liaison for the LADWP, gave us a background for Ms. Marcie Edwards, the new General Manager of the LADWP. Mr. Bartz informed us the LADWP is working to resolve issues created by the new customer billing system and they apologize for any inconvenience this may have caused their customers.

Mr. Bartz informed us that we are currently in the middle of a drought and informed us of some water conservation programs that are available to consumers. LADWP is proud to offer FREE aerators and

showerheads to our residential customers. More information on these water saving devices can be found at waterconservation@ladwp.com. California Friendly Landscape Incentive Program increased the rebate amount for this program on April 1, 2013 from \$1.50 to \$2.00 per square foot of residential turf replaced with water efficient landscaping up to a limit of \$4,000.

Mr. Bartz also gave an update on the Magnolia Trunk Line Project. Magnolia Boulevard from the Tujunga Wash to Whitsett Avenue is scheduled to be completed by October 2014. Construction on the trunk line on Whitsett Avenue between Weddington Street and Riverside Drive is scheduled to start in November 2014 and be completed by November 2016.

Mr. Bob Hertzberg, candidate for the State Senate new 18th District, gave a brief presentation on his background, qualifications and campaign.

Mr. Paul Hatfield, a resident in Valley Village, asked Mr. Hertzberg what his position is on the Bullet Train/High Speed Rail. Mr. Hertzberg supports the Bullet Train/High Speed Rail. He does agree that the proposed project may have some holes, but feels California needs this type of transportation and feels there are ways to finance this project.

Agenda Item 4 – 2014 Election Report – Ms. Hatfield, Ms. Lewis – Ms. Hatfield informed us that a total of three hundred thirty-one (331) votes were cast at the 2014 NCVV elections and announced the winning representatives. Ms. Lewis let us know that the election overall was a huge success. The addition of the food trucks encouraged a family atmosphere and the community support was tremendous.

Agenda Item 5 – Finance Report, Mr. Stokes - Mr. Stokes gave an update on the financial report and submitted a copy for the record. **Motion:** *The board of the NCVV has reviewed the monthly expenditure report for February 2014 and hereby accepts and approves them.* **Motion was approved by a vote of 11-0-0.**

Agenda Item 6 – Board Administrative Support – Mr. Braswell, Ms. Apple – Mr. Braswell informed the board that DONE has implemented new guidelines for the NC's meeting minutes. Mr. Braswell will be contacting various approved vendors to consider hiring an outside company to prepare the monthly minutes.

Agenda Item 7 – Standing Committee Reports – Valley Village Vision Task Force – VVTF committee submitted recommendations to board to request matching grant monies from Councilmember Krekorian's office for 1) paint maintenance of street sign poles (work to be performed Saturday April 26th); 2) developing an interactive section on website where VVL merchants' directory can be housed/updated; and in addition to CD2 monies, seeking grant monies from Cultural Affairs for 3) restoration/replacement of mural under freeway overpass. They are continuing their research into educating committee members on land use and exploring upgrades to the Valley Village architectural design book. Ms. Donna Gooley gave an update on her work researching Historic Homes in Valley Village. Their next meeting is April 24, 7:00p.m. at the Oakwood School.

Agenda Item 7 - Standing Committee Reports – Communications – Mr. Stokes – Mr. Stokes had no updates to report.

Agenda Item 7 - Standing Committee Reports – Elections – Ms. Hatfield – See agenda item 4.

Agenda Item 7 - Standing Committee Reports – City Services – Mr. Walker – Mr. Walker gave an update on the status of the Mobile Digital Sign. The North Hollywood LAPD station is still waiting approval from LA City to have PALS purchase the sign. The City Services committee did not meet in March.

Agenda Item 7 – Standing Committee Reports – Events and Outreach – Ms. Lewis – Ms. Lewis gave updates on the upcoming blood drive for Children's Hospital Los Angeles, Earth Day, Family Movie Night, National Night Out and Light Up Valley Village. She also reminded us that the Colfax Fair is on May 17th and NCVV will need volunteers to man our booth from noon-7:00. Faith Presbyterian Church will be hosting a pancake breakfast on July 4th before the Valley Village Homeowners Parade.

Agenda Item 7– Standing Committee Reports – Planning and Land Use – Mr. Braswell – Mr. Braswell informed us that the Rafi project at 11841 Riverside Drive has been approved by the Department of Building and Safety. After the election, PLU is going to start polling residents to establish their support of the Residential Floor Area in Valley Village.

Agenda Item 8 – LADWP Water Recycling Project Briefing – Bob Sun, LADWP –Mr. Bob Sun and Mr. John Hinds, from the LADWP, gave a presentation on the Los Angeles Groundwater Replenishment Project and Recycled Water Program. LADWP is preparing an Environmental Impact Report for the proposed Los Angeles Groundwater Replenishment Project in the San Fernando Valley. The proposed project involves construction of an advanced water purification facility to perform advanced treatment of recycled wastewater from the Donald C. Tillman Water Reclamation Plant. The purified water would be used for groundwater replenishment. Replenishment would be accomplished by spreading the purified recycled water at the Hansen and Pacoima spreading grounds, and by delivering purified recycled water into new injection wells to increase groundwater recharge in the San Fernando Groundwater Basin. The proposed Los Angeles Groundwater Replenishment (GWR) Project will provide up to 30,000 acre-feet per year (AFY) – more than 9.7 billion gallons – of purified recycled water by 2022 to replenish the San Fernando Groundwater Basin. This effort will help maintain the reliability of the City's water supply and reduce dependence on purchased imported water.

The City's existing Donald C. Tillman Water Reclamation Plant (DCTWRP) treats wastewater from homes and businesses to the tertiary level, which is then used for irrigation, commercial and industrial uses, and environmental benefits. A new advanced water purification facility will be built to further treat the tertiary level water to produce purified recycled water. Up to 30,000 AFY of this purified water will then be conveyed through existing and new pipelines to the Hansen Spreading Grounds and Pacoima Spreading Grounds.

This purified water will be added to the spreading grounds where it will flow through the soil to replenish the aquifers in the San Fernando Groundwater Basin. This natural treatment of water will continue for at least three years until it is pumped out by groundwater wells to supplement City's drinking water supplies. Up to 30,000 AFY of this purified water will then be conveyed through existing and new pipelines to the Hansen Spreading Grounds and Pacoima Spreading Grounds. This purified water will be added to the spreading grounds where it will flow through the soil to replenish the aquifers in the San Fernando Groundwater Basin.

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The City plans to begin groundwater replenishment operations in 2022 at a cost of \$400 million and annual cost and operation of \$19 million.

The LADWP is requesting input from individuals, stakeholders, organizations, and agency representatives that may be interested in the proposed project as to the scope and content of the environmental information to be included in the project EIR. The 45-day public comment period for the Initial Study starts Sept. 6, and concludes on Oct. 21. Three public scoping meetings will be held on: Wednesday

Sept. 25 (Sepulveda Garden Center near Encino), Thursday Oct. 3 (Canterbury Elementary School in Arleta), and Saturday Oct 12 (LADWP Headquarters, Downtown L.A.). For More information please visit www.ladwp.com/envnotices .

LADWP has approved the construction of recycled water distribution pipelines in the Los Angeles North Hollywood area. The LADWP has agreed to pay for the capital expenses incurred by the city of Burbank for the construction of recycled water distribution pipelines with Los Angeles from the agreed points of connection at the Los Angeles-Burbank cities borders to various LADWP customers in the North Hollywood Area. LADWP will pay Burbank up to \$4.5 million for constructing recycled water distribution pipelines in the above mentioned area. This agreement is effective upon the execution of the contract and will expire when the pipeline extension projects listed in the agreement is completed and paid for by the LADWP, which is anticipated to be completed by December 2015.

Agenda Item 9 – April Board Meeting –Mr. Braswell asked current and new board members to be prepared to join NCVV committees at the April meeting.

Agenda Item 10 – Public Comment – Public Comment from the public on non-agenda items within the Board’s subject matter jurisdiction – Mr. Paul Hatfield, a resident in Valley Village and former NCVV board member, feels LA city should not apply the same standards on volunteers as it does to paid staff. Neighborhood Councils do not have the resources to supply administrative support as City Council members have. Therefore it becomes increasingly difficult for board members to focus on core service to their constituents.

Agenda Item 11 – Future Agenda Item, President’s Closing Comments and Adjournment – Mr. Braswell thanked everyone in attendance. The meeting was adjourned at 9:00pm.