

## Neighborhood Council Valley Village Board Meeting

May 21, 2014

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**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; Darryl Baskin, at-large; Tony Braswell, residential renter; Richard Davies, business owner; Cathy Flynn, education; Ginny Hatfield, residential homeowner; Suzanne Lewis, residential renter; Dale Liebowitz-Neglia, at-large; Steven Stokes, residential renter; Paulette Stokes, residential renter; Jeff Walker, residential homeowner; Djaq Morris, Student seat.

Board members excused were Sandy Hubbard, residential homeowner; Richard Poole, faith based; Charles Sulahian, business owner; Marc Woerschling, community based.

**Agenda Item 2 – Approval of April Minutes – Ms. Apple** – The April minutes were postponed to the June meeting.

**Agenda Item 3 – Public Comment on Agenda Items (limited to two (2) minutes per speaker, and must fill out a speaker card)** – Michael Stevens, from the Museum of the San Fernando Valley, gave a brief presentation on the Public Art Initiative they are supporting and the Horses Across the Valley project. More information on both of these items can be found at their website [www.themuseumsfv.org](http://www.themuseumsfv.org) and [www.horsesacrossthevalley.org](http://www.horsesacrossthevalley.org).

Mr. Michael Gaiter, a resident in Valley Village, encouraged the NCVV board to consider diversity when seeking an artist for the mural painting under the 170 Freeway overpass.

### **Agenda Item 4 – Executive Committee Report - Mr. Braswell and Ms. Hatfield –**

**Motion** – Approve committee assignments – Richard Poole, E & O; Richard Davies, CS; Darryl Baskin, Communications; Freddie Goldberg, PLU; Sebastian Blanco, CS. **The motion was approved by a vote of 11-0-0.**

**Agenda Item 5 – Finance Report Board Treasurer – Mr. Stokes** – Mr. Stokes submitted a copy of the May budget and the 2014 fiscal budget for the record.

**Motion** – Approve payment of \$600 Banner Fee to City of Los Angeles. **The motion was approved by a vote of 11-0-0.**

**Motion** – Approve NCVV FY2015 budget. This item was moved to the June meeting.

### **Agenda Item 6 – Committee Chair Appointments, Committee Assignments - Mr. Braswell and Ms.**

**Hatfield** – Cathy Flynn is the new chair of the NCVV Communications committee. Dale Liebowitz-Neglia is the new chair of the NCVV Planning and Land Use committee.

**Agenda Item 7 - Standing Committee Reports – City Services – Mr. Walker** – He also informed us that the stop sign installation in Valley Village has started and should be completed within the next few weeks. Mr. Walker gave an update on the Mobile Digital sign. LAPD will approve the purchase of the Mobile Digital Trailer. The funds that were collected from the five (5) NC's that are serviced by the LAPD North Hollywood Station are currently being held by Councilmember Paul Krekorian. NCVV is trying to find out their options to spend these funds that were earmarked for the trailer purchase, as well as the other four (4) NC's.

Mr. Stuart Simen, a resident in Valley Village, stated that there is a license plate scanner at the corner of Riverside Drive and Whitsett Avenue.

**Motion:** Request that Rec & Parks put bike racks in Valley Village Park. **The motion was approved by a vote of 11-0-0.**

**Motion:** NCVV strongly requests that the resurfacing of Magnolia Boulevard between Laurel Canyon Boulevard and Whitsett Avenue (reference no 13069840) be placed on the work program of the Bureau of Street Services, Public Works Department for the Fiscal Year 2014-2015. **The motion was approved by a vote of 11-0-0.**

**Agenda Item 7 – Standing Committee Reports – Ms. Flynn –** Ms. Flynn has met with Mr. Stokes to update her on the running of the website. She has requested that all committee chairs email her copies of their agendas and approved minutes. Mr. Stokes informed us that we will all have ncvv.org email addresses in place by the end of June.

**Agenda Item 7- Standing Committee Reports – Elections – Ms. Hatfield –** Ms. Hatfield reviewed all of the by-law changes below. Voting on the motions below has been moved to the June meeting to give the public thirty (30) days to review the by-law changes.

**Motion:** Rescind 2/27/13 motion to establish Valley Village Vision Committee as a Board Committee.

**Motion:** Rescind 2/27/13 motion to rename Elections and Outreach Committee as Elections Committee.

**Motion:** Establish new Standing Committee entitled Valley Village Vision Committee.

**Motion:** Amend bylaws to rename Elections, Outreach and Bylaws Committee as Elections and Bylaws Committee.

**Motion:** Amend bylaws on page 5, section 3 to read “The Board shall take Official Action by a majority vote of the total number of Board members present excluding abstentions.”

**Motion:** Amend bylaws page 5, section 3 at the end to add “Abstentions shall only count as abstentions and not as “no” votes”.

**Motion:** Amend bylaws to remove Factual Basis definition from the At Large B board seat.

**Agenda Item 7 – Standing Committee Reports – Planning and Land Use – Ms. Neglia-Leibowitz –**

**Motion:** Support the CUP for Harvest Moon Café to add wine beer sales and extend hours. Mr. Braswell made a motion to amend the motion to read Support the CUP for Harvest Moon Café to add wine beer sales and extend hours pending the PLU chair review of Harvest Moon Café CUP. Ms. Neglia-Leibowitz seconded the motion. **The motion was approved by a vote of 11-0-0.**

Oakwood School will be presenting plans for their remodel and expansion at the NCVV PLU meeting on July 9<sup>th</sup> at Colfax Charter School.

**Agenda Item 7 – Standing Committee Reports – Events and Outreach – Ms. Lewis –** Ms. Lewis gave an update on the Free Pancake Breakfast on July 4<sup>th</sup> at the Presbyterian Church and the upcoming Family Movie Night on July 12<sup>th</sup>. Gates will open at Colfax Charter at 6:00pm. The movie this year is Frozen and there will be several onsite food trucks for this event. NCVV will be hosting a watering and mulching event for the newly planted trees on June 12<sup>th</sup> at Valley Village Park. Ms. Lewis is looking for local heroes to feature at this year’s National Night Out event on August 5<sup>th</sup> at Valley Village Park.

**Agenda Item 7 – Standing Committee Reports – Valley Village Vision Committee – Ms. Hubbard –** Ms. Braswell gave an update on the tree planting project. The committee has confirmed that one hundred sixty-three (163) will be planted along the Valley Village business district. The VVVC will be contacting local businesses to adopt a tree and agree to water the tree for the first two (2) years after planting them.

**Agenda Item 8 - Public Comment – Comments from the public on non-agenda items within the Board’s subject matter jurisdiction –** there were no public comments.

**Agenda Item 9 - Future Agenda Items, Closing Comments – Board President –** Mr. Stokes would like to have Metro and DOT present an update on the 170 Freeway Soundwall. Ms. Hatfield would like to have discussion and clarification on the weekly and daily rentals that are happening in Valley Village on websites such as [www.airbnb.com](http://www.airbnb.com). The meeting was adjourned at 8:00.

