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MINUTES NEIGHBORHOOD COUNCIL VALLEY VILLAGE MEETING OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS

January 24, 2018

7:00 PM – 9:00 PM

Fellowship Hall - Faith Presbyterian Church
5000 Colfax Avenue, Valley Village, CA, 91607

The meeting was called to order by Tony Braswell at 7:01 pm. Board members present were Tony Braswell, Dorothy Apple, Daryl Baskin, Glenn Block, Richard Davies, Alice Hart, Ginny Hatfield, Dale Liebowitz-Neglia, Suzanne Lewis, Lisa Miller, Richard Poole, Paulette Stokes, Steven Stokes, Jeff Walker and Marc Woersching. NCVV Student Representatives Cole Walker and Zach Cruz were present. The quorum for NCVV Board meetings is 8, which must include 3 members of the Executive Committee. No Board members stated a conflict of interest with any item on the meeting agenda.

The minutes of the December 2017 NCVV Board meeting were reviewed and the Board voted 13-0-0 to approve. Both student representatives voted in the affirmative. Mr. Braswell did not vote. Mr. Woersching had not yet arrived. No public comment cards were submitted.

Ms. Hatfield shared the Executive Committee report, including updates on the 2019 election, BONC efforts to define “stakeholder” and the upcoming VANC mixer.

Ann Bowman from North Hollywood Library presented the Board with an overview of upcoming activities and thanked the Board for their ongoing support. Alice Hart advised the Board that Magnolia Boulevard from Laurel Canyon to Whitsett Avenue will be repaved in February. Stakeholders will be notified in an eblast next week. Betty Wong Oyama presented an update from the Department of Neighborhood Empowerment including an update on bylaw revision deadline, 2019 election and definition of a stakeholder. Jessica Fugate presented an update from the Council office, including an update on a Town Hall on Homelessness sponsored by CD2.

Mr. Stokes presented the December 2017 Financial statements. Total expenses for Light Up Valley Village remain \$6,434.56. Monthly expenses for December total \$2,667.09, and the remaining balance for FY2018 is \$27,115.80. ***The December 2017 financial report was approved 14-0-0. Both student representatives voted in the affirmative. Mr. Braswell did not vote. Mr. Stokes presented a motion from the Finance Committee to approve \$250 to support the Valley Alliance of Neighborhood Council’s spring mixer in March. The motion to approve \$250 to support the VANC mixer was approved 14-0-0. Both student representatives voted in the affirmative. Mr. Braswell did not vote.***

Mr. Karo Torossian, Planning Director for the Office of Councilman Paul Krekorian, gave an update on several issues. The Community Plan process continues to move forward and there is strong support for including the southeast San Fernando Valley in round two. The project at the corner of Magnolia and Colfax has been issued demo permits, and the small lot subdivision adjacent to the lot is still with the Planning Department. The Galaxy Car Wash property at the southeast corner of Chandler and Whitsett is still with Planning Department. We expect to receive requests for two large projects in the near future, both claiming density bonuses. A proposed five story apartment on Magnolia across from The

Dollar Store, and a four-story apartment complex at 12320 Chandler. Mr. Torossian will meet with developers/owners of both potential projects.

Mr. Torossian presented background on two components of the Valley Village Specific Plan. For over one year NCVV has received many calls from homeowners required to pay a fee of \$3000+ for small projects, to ensure Specific Plan compliance. The compliance review relates to height (no greater than 30') and questions about square footage are governed by zoning and the BMO. It was proposed that this permit compliance review not be required for R1 properties in Valley Village. This could be addressed with a motion from City Council. There was extensive discussion on whether or not this involves "opening" the Specific Plan. The Board was advised by Mr. Torossian that it would not allow other changes in the Specific Plan. A motion was made by Alice Hart and seconded by Dale Liebowitz-Neglia to approve support for a request of Councilman Paul Krekorian to adjust the requirements for R1 permit compliance to allow a Plan Check staff member to approve related to height and not require a formal permit compliance review. Mr. Block proposed that the motion be amended to also address parking requirements in small lot subdivisions by increasing guest parking. He motioned to amend the original motion. Ms. Miller seconded the motion to amend. After further discussion Pastor Pool requested that the question be called. The amendment was accepted by Ms. Hart. The amendment failed by a vote of 4-10-0-2. Mr. Braswell did not vote. The question was called on the original motion. The Board voted 13-1-0-2 to request that the office of Councilman Paul Krekorian request an adjustment the requirements for R1 permit compliance to allow a Plan Check staff member to approve related to height and not require a formal permit compliance review. Mr. Braswell did not vote.

Mr. Torossian gave an update on SB827, a bill proposed by Senator Scott Wiener to adjust the CA Code to provide "transit-rich housing bonus" and remove local jurisdiction in planning decisions for any property within a ¼ mile radius of a high-quality transit corridor. It was noted that the Red Line, Orange Line and bus service in Valley Village essentially envelopes the entire community under the impact of this proposed legislation. A motion was made by Ms. Liebowitz-Neglia and seconded by Ms. Lewis to oppose SB827 and communicate the position through letters to city and state officials. The motion was approved 15-0-0-2.

Five LA City Council files were discussed by the Board. CF17-1343 requests that the Planning Department report recommendations regarding the imposition of land use conditions on CUP requests specific to the sale and service of alcohol. The Board voted 14-0-0-2 to submit a Community Impact Statement supporting the motion. CF18-0878S1/S2 requests that the city review RecycleLA agreements and determine whether to proceed with taking necessary steps to terminate the individual contracts for substantial failure in service. Mr. Braswell advised that the provider assigned to Valley Village, Waste Management, was scheduled to present to the full Board at the January meeting, and will attend the February meeting instead. The Board voted 14-0-0-2 to submit a Community Impact Statement supporting CF18-0878.

CF17-1225 was reviewed by Ms. Hatfield, and asks that the city amend policy to make event organizers aware of costs from the city to underwrite an event earlier (within 10 days of receipt of request for event permits) and to improve public safety for such events. The Board voted 14-0-0-2 to submit a Community Impact Statement to support CF17-1225. CF12-1824-S1 requests that the Municipal Code be amended to prohibit loud or unruly gatherings on residential property in the City of Los Angeles and to clarify administrative fine amounts. Mr. Walker proposed and the Board agreed that NCVV should support stronger fine amounts in section 9 (h) Fines and Penalties for Violations. The Board voted 14-0-0-2 to submit a Community Impact Statement supporting the motion with a request for larger fines in section 9 (h). Finally CF03-1459-S3 requests that the Urban Forestry Division work with the Planning Department and DBS to convene and consult with stakeholder groups, arborists, community groups and environmental groups to report back within 75 days regarding recommendations for strengthening the Protected Tree Ordinance. The Board requests that Neighborhood Councils be specifically added to the list of groups who will be consulted. The Board voted 14-0-0-2 to submit a Community Impact Statement supporting CF03-1459-S3 and ask that NCs be included in the meetings.

Ms. Hatfield presented a draft event calendar for CY2018 including:

- Earth Day shredding event at Valley Village Park

- VVHA July 4th parade and pancake breakfast (lower support to one band)

- National Night Out August 7

- Light Up Valley Village December 1 or 8, with some discussion about limiting the scope of the event

- NCVV 2019 election expecting that outreach and filing would begin by the end of the year

- NCVV banner replacement, with less total banner purchase

Also proposed was continued support for Colfax World Fair. It was suggested that support be lowered to \$500. Halloween Happening was also suggested with some function in conjunction with the Faith Presbyterian Church Pumpkin Patch. There was discussion about the proposed calendar and cost estimates. Mr. Braswell suggested that the event calendar be agendaized for the February meeting.

Valley Village Vision Committee did not meet, Mr. Woerschling said that the Tree survey on Magnolia is behind schedule due to other trees with higher priority (in danger of being removed). He believes the Board will have the report by May. City Services Committee did not meet, will continue to work on ordering Neighborhood Watch signs. Communications Committee had no report. Elections and Bylaws report was given during the Executive Committee report. Planning and Land Use had a full hearing on proposed property at corner of Whitsett and Otsego. Approximately 50 stakeholders attended the hearing, and PLU recommended that the project be adjusted requesting setbacks on the R1 sides, redesign of the exterior and finishes, reconsideration of access, and presentation of landscape plan. The developer agreed to re-visit the plans to present to the full Board in February.

The Community Plan Task Force did not meet. Mr. Block and Mr. Woerschling will coordinate the next meeting.

Ms. Lewis asked that FILM LA be invited to a future Board meeting. There were no other Liaison reports. Ms. Gil Shorr asked the Board for an update on the proposed welcome sign at Starbucks on the southwest corner of Burbank and Laurel Canyon. Ms. Hatfield gave an update on the effort, and the Board will reach out to CD2 for an update on discussion with Starbucks corporate office.

Being no further business, the Board voted to adjourn at 9:20 pm.