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**MINUTES
NEIGHBORHOOD COUNCIL VALLEY VILLAGE
MEETING OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS**

March 28, 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 7:02 pm. Board members present were Daryl Baskin, Glenn Block, Tony Braswell, Richard Davies, Alice Hart, Ginny Hatfield, Suzanne Lewis, Paulette Stokes, Steven Stokes and Marc Woerschling. Student Representatives Cole Walker and Zack Cruz were present. Dorothy Apple, Dale Liebowitz-Neglia, Lisa Miller, Pastor Richard Poole, and Jeff Walker were excused absent. 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.

Ms. Lewis-Gregory asked that the agenda be amended to add a presentation from Michael McLean regarding the short-term rental ordinance, and a presentation from FILMLA. Mr. Braswell asked that Mr. Howard Katchen be added to the agenda to present on the NC Budget Advocates. Ms. Lewis-Gregory asked to give a presentation on Resilient LA. The agenda as amended was approved 9-0-0-2.

The minutes of the February 2018 NCVV Board meeting were reviewed and the Board voted 9-0-0-2 to approve. Mr. Braswell did not vote. Both students voted in the affirmative.

Ms. Lewis-Gregory reviewed a report regarding Resilient LA, an effort to promote a safe and thriving community and improve disaster planning. Mr. Braswell asked Ms. Lewis-Gregory to chair and coordinate a Task Force to report back to the full Board by July meeting. The Task Force will include Ms. Stokes, Ms. Hart and Mr. Braswell.

Mr. Guy Langman provided an update to the Board on FILMLA. Board members and stakeholders were encouraged to call 213-977-8644 or email glangman@filmla.com with questions or concerns.

Mr. Howard Katchen, Treasurer of NCBA, gave an update on the progress of the NC Budget Advocates. The BA White paper was distributed to NCVV's Board members on April 4. Mr. Katchen asked that the Board review the document and consider filing a Community Impact Statement to support their work.

Public comment from Mr. Paul Hatfield provided thoughts on the ballooning city budget deficit caused in part by the unfunded pensions.

Mr. Michael McLean gave an update on the current status of the City Council's short-term rental ordinance. He asked the Board to consider a Community Impact Statement to take a position on the ordinance.

Public comment from Lucy Boyadzhyan, representing Teen Court, a program that uses peers to adjudicate minor crimes committed by persons of high school age. Currently functioning in Grant and Van Nuys High Schools. The organization would like support from NCVV through an NPG. Mr. Stokes will follow up.

Ms. Hatfield reported that the Valley Alliance of NCs gave an update on SB827 at the April meeting. She also informed the Board that she attended a recent event at the North Hollywood Library.

Mr. Stokes presented the Finance Report. Expenditures for the month were \$4,773.17, including purchase of Neighborhood Watch signs and the last school payment from July 4th parade (Birmingham High School). Funds remaining at the end of March were \$17,587.30. Mr. Stokes reminded the Board that there is still around \$3,000 in unobligated funds for the fiscal year. Ms. Lewis-Gregory asked if this total includes funding for either Budget Advocates or Neighborhood Congress. Mr. Stokes replied that it does not and those decisions would be made closer to the end of the fiscal year. The Board voted 10-0-0-2 to approve the Finance report as presented. Mr. Braswell did not vote, and both students voted in the affirmative.

Mr. Braswell reminded the Board that Mr. Stokes has signaled his intention to resign from the position of Treasurer at the end of the fiscal year. He asked – no pleaded – with Board members for someone to step up and declare interest in the position.

Emma Taylor gave an update on activities in the office of State Assemblymember Adrin Nazarian. Ms. Jessica Fugate from the office of Councilman Paul Krekorian was attending a separate meeting but provided an update that was presented by Mr. Braswell. Mr. Sanchez from office of US Representative Tony Cardenes is back from medical leave and will be at the May Board meeting. There were no representatives from the office of US Representative Brad Sherman or the office of State Senator Bob Hertzberg.

The Board has been asked by stakeholders to support adding a traffic signal at the intersection of Whitsett and Huston. Ms. Brooke Cadorette spoke in support of the request. Mr. Braswell on behalf of City Services Committee met with LADOT and CD2 to inquire about how to support the request. It was advised that a petition should be circulated and signatures collected to support the request. The signatures do not have to only be from residents, but should have a majority from the area. Mr. Braswell will work with Ms. Cadorette to develop wording for the petition. The entire process, if successful, could take 2-4 years. Mr. Block reminded the Board that the crosswalk at Temple Beth Hillel took almost 10 years.

An update was provided on the work to improve conditions related to residential use of and parking of RVs at the intersection of Laurel Canyon and Chandler. Ms. Hatfield and Mr. Braswell joined Ms. Fugate and Sr. Lead Officer Manny Arreygue at a meeting with leadership of Pilgrim Media, a large employer at the intersection. Other meetings were held with residents and stakeholders in the area. Following these meetings and input during the March NCVV Board meeting a letter was sent to Los Angeles City Attorney Mike Feuer asking that the entire intersection be re-designated as a no parking for RV zone. Currently the intersection has no restrictions. Following the letter another option came to the attention of the Board, which would be to request 2 hour time limits on all parking, on all four corners of the intersection. The Board reviewed this option, and the floor was opened to public comment. The Board voted unanimously to support an effort to request a 2 hour time limit for all corners of the intersection of Laurel Canyon at Chandler Boulevard.

A discussion was then held related to the entire map of RV parking areas in Valley Village. The Board voted to support efforts to revise the map and decrease the amount of day-time only RV parking (noted as “yellow zones” on the map). The Board also discussed input on LAMC 85.02, The Vehicle Dwelling Ordinance. It was unanimously decided that NCVV will submit language that strengthens guidelines regarding who and what vehicles qualify for RV parking and more importantly how the rules are enforced. The Executive Committee will put together a draft of text to be submitted to the City Council prior to the June deadline for renewing LAMC 85.02.

Public comment on RV parking was submitted by Mr. George Kiel, Mr. Paul Hatfield, Mr. Michael Marcosa, Mr. Rex Howard, Mr. Peter Stathis, Mr. Steve Simon, and Ms. Dana Liberman.

Mr. Woerschling advised the Board that the work to document data to support historical designation for the trees in front of North Hollywood High School at Magnolia will be done in May. He asked for help identifying the date range when the trees were planted. Several Board members and stakeholders present at the meeting offered to check old year books for photos or other info that might help.

Mr. Block did not have a report for April.

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Mr. Davies informed the Board that the new Neighborhood Watch signs have been delivered. He asked for Board members and stakeholders to let him know where there are faded or damaged signs that need to be replaced. Mr. Simon will be helping Mr. Davies and Ms. Apple with the project to replace signs. Mr. Davies also asked about the effort to water and clean up the NCVV planted trees. Mr. Davies will work with Mr. Braswell to see if there are other groups like Tree People who might be able to help. The effort is in the budget.

Ms. Lewis reviewed social media statistics and let the Board know that facebook posts helped improve participation in the Earth Day event.

Ms. Hatfield informed the Board that NCVV's Bylaw amendments have been accepted and are under review. She had no update on the date of the 2019 election, but asked that everyone be reminded there are 7 Board seats up for re-election. She also publicly recognized NCVV's two student Board members Cole Walker and Zach Cruz, who have both been accepted to college and will be completing their Board service after June 2018. Ms. Hatfield is working with the Elections Committee to recruit new student Board members.

Ms. Liebowitz-Neglia did not have a report for April.

Ms. Hatfield gave an overview of the very successful Earth Day Shredding Event held on April 21 at Valley Village park. Over 38 containers of paper were collected and shredded, close to 4 tons of weight according to calculations by Ms. Hart. Over 120 pounds of batteries were collected and taken for disposal by Melinda, a member of the Committee. Ms. Hatfield thanked all of the volunteers who helped support the event. She also asked that for future event Board members reply about their ability to participate so that it would be easier to staff the activity. Mr. Braswell thanked the Committee for their hard work.

Public comment from Ms. Lisa Ehrenberg, asking the Board for help to address sidewalk and curb damage near her home on Bellingham. She is a recent mother and has trouble with moving a carriage on the sidewalk, and there are others in her area who are wheelchair bound who cannot use the sidewalk. The City Services Committee will ask that this be placed on the next neighborhood repair list. Ms. Ehrenberg was also advised to send photos and emails to the City Council office, there has been precedent of sidewalk issues like this being addressed through CD2.

Mr. Rudy Melendez introduced himself as a candidate for State Senate seat 18.

Ms. Lewis-Gregory reminded those present that there is a statewide election on June 5 and encouraged everyone to vote.

There being no further business the meeting was adjourned at 9:25 pm.