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

**May 16, 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 7:00 pm. Board members present were Dorothy Apple, Daryl Baskin, Glenn Block, Tony Braswell, Richard Davies, Alice Hart, Ginny Hatfield, Pastor Richard Poole, Paulette Stokes, Steven Stokes and Marc Woersching. Student Representatives Cole Walker and Zack Cruz were excused absent. Dale Liebowitz-Neglia, Suzanne Lewis, Lisa Miller, 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. The agenda was approved 10-0-0. Mr. Braswell did not vote.

The minutes of the April 2018 NCVV Board meeting were reviewed, with updates submitted by Ms. Hatfield and Mr. Woersching. The Board voted 10-0-0 to approve. Mr. Braswell did not vote.

Ms. Sepii and Mr. George Salib asked the Board for support of an extended license for Red Moon Café. Mr. Braswell asked that the matter be presented to the Planning and Land Use committee in the June meeting. Mr. Brandon Scario asked to speak to the Board but was not present.

Mr. Michael Marcosa and Mr. Brian Smith informed those in attendance of an invitation only google chat room that is helping to distribution information about the RV parking issue at the intersection of Laurel Canyon and Chandler. Mr. Marcosa also shared information about a trespasser at his home on a recent Sunday. The police were called and arrested the person, response time was 11 minutes. Mr. Braswell will ask that Todd Gilman, Neighborhood Prosecutor, be added to the distribution list for the google chat room.

Ms. Emma Taylor, State Assembly office, and Ms. Jessica Fugate, CD2, were at other meetings and unable to attend. Mr. Nigel Sanchez provided an update from the office of US Congressman Tony Cardenes. Mr. Mark Brown provided an update from the office of State Senator Bob Hertzberg, and then presented the Board with a plaque honoring NCVV's 15 years of service. Ms. Betty Wong Oyama, Department of Neighborhood Empowerment, advised the Board that the amended bylaws for NCVV have been approved. She also reviewed funding deadlines that are approaching at the end of the fiscal year. There will be a live ethics training in the Valley on June 11 at the Braude Center.

Ms. Hatfield shared a report from the Executive Committee. She gave updates from the April VANC meeting, and advised the Board that the 2019 NC elections will not have an option for election voting or vote by mail. All voting will be done at polling locations. (GINNY ADD MORE THAT I MISSED)

Mr. Stokes shared the April financial report. Expenses for April totaled \$2,283.25. The remaining funds for May and June totaled \$16,680.00 including outstanding expenditures. The Board voted 9-0-0 to approve the April financial report (Reverend Poole abstained, Mr. Braswell did not vote). Mr. Stokes reviewed the outstanding efforts that produce the annual Neighborhood Congress, to be held in September 2018. The Finance Committee recommended that the Board

support Neighborhood Congress at the \$750 level. The motion was approved 9-0-0 (Reverend Poole abstained and Mr. Braswell did not vote). Mr. Stokes spoke to the Board regarding the work of the NC Budget Advocates and the Finance Committee recommended that the Board provide \$250 to support their work for the coming year. The request was approved 9-0-0 (Reverend Poole abstained and Mr. Braswell did not vote).

Ms. Hatfield gave an update on the Soundwall project. Construction has begun, K-rails have been installed on the south portions of 170 freeway and signage had been put up on entrance/exit ramps, also on surface streets including Colfax, Burbank, Laurel Canyon. A copy of blueprints for the entire project, including the landscape plan were circulated. NCVV will get the blueprints onto myvalleyvillage.com. Mr. Steve Palmer asked if the wall will go all the way to 101 on the west side, and the answer is yes (according to the aforementioned blueprints).

Mr. Braswell advised the Board that language for the petition to install a traffic signal at Whitsett and Huston has been given to Brooke Cardorette. There was no one present from DWP to participate in a discussion of the new light poles that are being placed around Valley Village. Mr. Paul Hatfield, President of the Valley Village Homeowners Association, shared his thoughts that there should be better communication with neighbors when the poles are being erected. The new poles are higher than the current poles, although it seemed to those who have seen them that they have fewer power lines and thus reduced visual blight. The Board supports the effort of VVHA to improve communication from DWP.

There was no one to present on the Short-Term rental ordinance currently under review by City Council. Ms. Hatfield gave an overview of the current ordinance, no action was required from the Board.

There was a discussion of the status of the RV parking issues at Laurel Canyon and Chandler. The letter to Mike Feuer's office has still not received a reply. At the April meeting the Board proposed support for an effort to implement 2-hour parking limit on all streets at the intersection, which would apply to any area currently marked as "green" in the city ordinance. A plan to accomplish this was discussed. Stakeholders who have an interest in this effort will meet at a location TBD to review the petition process for parking restrictions. Several Board members offered to help the stakeholders with this effort. Jessica Fugate in the office of Councilman Krekorian sent the forms for parking restrictions. The meeting will be held before July 1.

Mr. Block informed the Board that it is "official" that the Southeast San Fernando Valley will be the next phase of the Community Plan Update. That means that work on the five Community Plans will begin in the fall of this year. The NCVV Community Plan Committee will meet very soon to discuss.

Mr. Davies gave the report for City Services. There have been many attempts to secure a company to water NCVV's trees but still no success. The new Neighborhood Watch signs are being installed, and we will probably need to order more. Mr. Braswell and Mr. Stokes will follow up. Mr. Walker is on day 59 of his cross-country bike ride.

Mr. Braswell gave an update on NCVV communications for Ms. Lewis. Ms. Hatfield reminded the Board of the upcoming election and said that her committee will start meeting soon. Mr. Braswell gave an update on Planning and Land Use for Ms. Liebowitz-Neglia.

Ms. Hatfield reviewed the upcoming NCVV events, including the May 19 Colfax World Fair, the July 4<sup>th</sup> pancake breakfast, National Night Out on August 7 and the Halloween Pumpkin Patch. The E&O committee is working with FilmLA to host a movie night at the Pumpkin Patch. The movie they hope to secure is Young Frankenstein.

Ms. Stokes informed the Board that there will be an Art show on July 21 at Carter Sexton. The event will be co-sponsored by NCVV. She invited everyone to participate.

Mr. Woerschling shared that the effort to protect the North Hollywood High School trees along Magnolia at Colfax will be completed in May. Once the work is done it will be submitted to the Council office, who has agreed to sponsor it to the full City Council.

There were no other items and the meeting was adjourned at 9:23 pm.