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MINUTES NEIGHBORHOOD COUNCIL VALLEY VILLAGE MEETING OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS

October 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 7:05 pm. Board members present were Daryl Baskin, Glenn Block, Tony Braswell, Richard Davies, Ginny Hatfield, Suzanne Lewis-Gregory, Lisa Miller, Paulette Stokes and Marc Woerschling. Mr. Stokes arrived at 7:15pm. Student Representatives Eileen Garcia and Jake Kovinsky were present. Dorothy Apple, Alice Hart, Dale Liebowitz-Neglia, Pastor Rich 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. The agenda was approved 9-0-0. Both students voted yes.

Minutes from August and September meetings were carried over until the November meeting.

There was no general public comment.

Mr. Braswell introduced the new Senior Lead Officer for Valley Village, Robert Benavidez. Officer Benavidez gave a brief overview of his background and 20+ years of service as a member of LAPD. He stated he is eager to work with our community to make everyone safer. Officer Benavidez encouraged anyone who needs assistance to contact him directly through email – 32151@lapd.online. He also gave an update on crime statistics, noting that overall trend for criminal activity continues to move down, and encouraging stakeholders to help LAPD in their work to continue to improve safety.

Mr. Braswell reviewed the recent meeting of the Burbank-Glendale-Pasadena airport authority which focused on improved safety for air traffic at BUR airport. These changes that are moving forward include amendments to the OROSZ and SLAPP procedures for the airport. Mr. Paul Hatfield, President of the Valley Village Homeowners Association and NCVV Board members Ginny Hatfield, Suzanne Lewis and Lisa Miller attended the October 18 meeting. The Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) is seeking public comment on the proposed safety enhancements. There will be 2 public forums to present the updates, November 8 and November 9. The Executive Committee approved and sent to the full Board a letter from NCVV endorsing the proposed changes and supporting the efforts. A motion was made to approve the letter as presented. Ms. Hatfield made a motion to change the letter to accurately reflect the number of stakeholders (change from 23,000 to 26,000). The motion was approved 10-0-0. Mr. Braswell stated that the Executive Committee feels the letter will carry more weight if signed by each Board member. The Board voted 10-0-0 to sign the letter “en masse”. Mr. Braswell will prepare a letter and work with individual Board members to collect signatures. If all 15 Board members and 2 Students don’t agree to sign, it will just carry one signature from Board President.

Ms. Hatfield presented the Executive Committee report. She gave an overview of the Fall VANC meeting which focused on the November elections and reviews of candidates and propositions. Ms. Hatfield also mentioned the 50th Annual PALS luncheon on November 7. She also announced that LAUSD and Colfax School will host another public hearing on October 25 to discuss updates on the Farm and on landscaping. It was asked why there had been no feedback on the

concern about the student dropoff/pickup planned move to Huston. Ms. Fugate said the Council office has received many calls on the matter and that all calls should go to Mr. Schmerlson's office and to LAUSD. There is a meeting next week between LAUSD and DOT to discuss this matter.

Mr. Davies on behalf of the City Services Committee gave an overview of their discussion about FILMLA and a request from stakeholders to add structure to filming guidelines in Valley Village. He informed the Board that the Committee reviewed five other neighborhood specific filming guidelines and found many common factors, but did not find any specific requests that were outside existing FILMLA structure. The Committee will meet again in November to draft guidelines for Valley Village and Mr. Davies invited all interested Board members and Stakeholders to join the meeting on November 13, Oakwood School North Campus Classroom C, 7pm to 8:30pm. Public comment was given by Mr. Aaron Epstein, Mr. Ivor Levene and others. All were asked to join the November meeting. There was a discussion about the ability to assign a maximum number of film "shoots" in a given time period. Mr. Epstein said that there is such a number in Palos Verdes guidelines and he will bring to the November meeting.

Ms. Jessica Fugate from CD2 gave an update on the RV parking issue at the intersection of Laurel Canyon and Chandler Boulevard. As of October 24 the request for restricted parking at the intersection has been approved, and will move forward. The next step is survey for sign placement, then fabrication of signs and finally installation. These steps should take about 3 months. Mr. Braswell thanked the Council office for their steadfast support and acknowledged the stakeholders who were "boots on the ground" to collect signatures and keep up the pressure on the Department of Transportation.

Senator Bob Hertzberg introduced himself to the Board, gave an overview of the work accomplished by his office in this year's legislative session, and reviewed goals for his next term. He answered questions from Board members and the audience. Mr. Paul Hatfield stated his concerns with the current tax proposal put forward by Senator Hertzberg.

Mr. Stokes presented the Finance report. The beginning balance of \$38,559.77 was reduced by \$628.46 in spending during September, leaving a remaining balance of \$37,931.31. There are \$3,104.65 in outstanding expenses and the net available funds are \$34,826.66. A motion was made to accept the Finance report as presented, and that motion was approved 10-0-0, with both students voting in the affirmative. A motion was made to approve the September invoice of \$257.50 from Moore Business Results. The motion was approved 10-0-0 with both student voting in the affirmative.

Reports were given by Betty Wong Oyama from Department of Neighborhood Empowerment, Jessica Fugate from Council District 2, and Emma Taylor from Assembly member Adrin Nazarian.

Mr. Glenn Block gave an update on the NHVV Community Plan process. The Open House was very well attended, and Valley Village was well represented. The survey is still open and to date we have over 200 responses. The next Open House is Sherman Oaks/Studio City and will be held Monday, October 29 at Studio City Library. The Community Plan Committee will meet in November (Date TBD) to go over next steps for the Planning process.

Ms. Hatfield reported that the Events & Outreach Committee met and discussed Light Up Valley Village 2018. Permit requests have been submitted, the holiday trolleys have been ordered and the Committee is currently working other event related logistics. We will need many volunteers for the event and the Board is encouraged to help and ask friends/family to help.

Mr. Woerschling advised the Board that the survey to support historic status for the North Hollywood High trees will be completed in December.

Ms. Lewis reviewed social media statistics which were up due to advertising for Halloween festival.

Mr. Braswell reported for Ms. Liebowitz-Neglia that the Board continues to work with Planning Dept and City Council office to remove requirement for Specific Plan Compliance review at the Planning office. There will be an appeal by stakeholder Glenn Gatien regarding renovation of a property adjacent to his home. Ms. Liebowitz-Neglia and Mr. Braswell will attend the hearing.

There were no other comments and the meeting was adjourned at 9:05 pm.

