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

**September 26, 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, Dale Liebowitz-Neglia, Suzanne Lewis-Gregory, Lisa Miller, Paulette Stokes, Steven Stokes, Jeff Walker and Marc Woerschling. Pastor Richard Poole was excused absent. Student Representatives Eileen Garcia and Jake Kovinsky 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 agenda was approved 13-0-0. Mr. Braswell did not vote. Ms. Garcia voted yes.

The minutes of the August 2018 NCVV Board meeting were deferred for approval until the October meeting.

There was no public comment.

Ms. Hatfield requested a reconsideration of the motion from August Board meeting. Should LA Administrative Code be changed to allow NCs to accept donations (in-kind or monetary). A motion was made to oppose this request, and the motion to oppose was approved 6-3-0. Miss Garcia voted yes and Mr. Braswell did not vote. The board approved the request to re-consider the motion. Ms. Hatfield gave a more detailed explanation of the intent behind the proposed change to LAAC. There was brief discussion, and the Board voted unanimously to support the original request to change the LAAC to allow NC's to accept donations.

Elections and Bylaws Chair Ms. Hatfield introduced Jake Kovinsky as a nominee for the second student seat on the NCVV Board. Ms. Hatfield reviewed Mr. Kovinsky's qualifications and read his essay. She informed the Board that Mr. Kovinsky was nominated unanimously by the Committee to be considered by the full Board. The nomination was approved 14-0-0. Ms. Hatfield swore in Mr. Kovinsky and he assumed his seat on the Board.

Ms. Hatfield provided an update on the Valley Alliance meeting, and informed the Board that meetings have begun with the City for the 2019 election. She also reminded the Board of the upcoming PALS event.

Mr. Braswell provided an update on the issue of RV parking at the Laurel Canyon – Chandler intersection. All surveys have been submitted and the site survey by LADOT has taken place. We will stay very closely in touch with CD2 and Department of Transportation to find out more about the progress of the request.

Mr. Stokes shared the August financial report. Expenses for the month totaled \$2,363.13. An additional \$1,007.10 in charges remain outstanding. The remaining balance for NCVV FY2019 is \$35,684.61. The Board approved the financial report 13-0-0. Mr. Braswell did not vote, Ms. Garcia and Mr. Kovinsky voted yes.

Mr. Stokes presented motions to approve specific spending. Motion to approve a payment to Moor Business for \$242.05 was approved 13-0-0. Mr. Braswell turned the Chair over to Vice President Ginny Hatfield. A motion was made to approve \$34.24 payment to Tony Braswell for 2018 National Night Out certificates. The motion was approved 13-0-0, Mr. Braswell recused himself and both students voting yes. A motion was made to approve \$18.16 payment to Tony Braswell for ice and coffee cups for July 4<sup>th</sup> Pancake Breakfast. The motion was approved 13-0-0, Mr. Braswell recused himself and both students voted yes.

Ms. Hatfield turned the Chair over to Mr. Braswell.

Reports were presented by Emma Taylor from Council member Adrin Nazarian, Jessica Fugate from Council District 2.

Mr. Block, Chair of Community Plan Committee, gave a thorough presentation of the Community Plan process, the work of the Committee, and the role that Board and stakeholders will play moving forward. This included the importance of a strong presence at the first of four SFV meetings related to the update of the Community Plan.

Mr. Block's committee put together and approved a list of Goals and Priorities for the Valley Village interest in the Community Plan process. These are:

1. To maintain or expand key standards/elements of the existing Valley Village Specific Plan and ensure enforceability of such standards/elements (these include and not limited to - height, design, massing, parking, setback, open space/landscaping, signage, commercial uses, etc.)
2. Add comprehensive, coordinated and enforceable standards/elements consistent with the purpose and spirit of the existing Valley Village Specific Plan to preserve and enhance the quality and character of Valley Village, and to ensure orderly, attractive and harmonious multi-family and/or commercial development that is consistent with the adjacent single-family neighborhoods (such as establishing design standards, etc.).
3. Preserve, protect and expand open spaces, green spaces and tree canopy within Valley Village and surrounding communities.
4. Improve the character and design aesthetics of commercial corridors, major and secondary highways within Valley Village and surrounding communities.
5. Support orderly, attractive and harmonious new and expanded multi-family development (including small lot subdivisions) and commercial development within Valley Village, compatible with and minimizing the adverse environmental effects on the quality and character of adjacent existing single-family neighborhoods.
6. Ensure that community plan elements for adjacent neighborhoods (within and outside of the North Hollywood-Valley Village Community Plan Area) do not impair or diminish the established goals for Valley Village.

Mr. Block also reviewed the online stakeholder questionnaire that is open to all for additional input into the Community Plan update. He urged all Board members and stakeholders to logon and fill out the survey.

The motion to adopt the Community Plan Goals and Priorities was approved 14-0-0 with both students voting in the affirmative.

Ms. Liebowitz-Neglia presented the Planning and Land Use report. There were several projects sent to PLU that were single family home construction/renovation. There continues to be a problem with the City sending projects that do not need review, and neglecting to send larger projects that NCVV should weigh in on. It was noted by Ms. Liebowitz-Neglia and PLU Committee that stakeholders continue to have onerous fees placed on very small projects and that stakeholders are told to bring their concerns to NCVV. Mr. Braswell and Ms. Liebowitz-Neglia will ask for a meeting with Karo Torossian and Planning Department to discuss. Ms. Liebowitz-Neglia presented a project at 5150 N. Beeman and a request from the neighbor Glenn Gaten asking for assistance to stop/alter the project. Mr. Gaten gave a brief overview of the project. Several of his neighbors were there to support his request. Mr. Gaten has appealed the planning decision and his hearing has not been scheduled. PLU committee motioned that the Board support Mr. Gaten in his appeal. The

motion was approved 13-0-0. Mr. Braswell did not vote, both students voted in affirmative. Mr. Braswell asked Mr. Gatien to let the Board know when his hearing is scheduled.

Ms. Hatfield presented the Events & Outreach report. Faith Presbyterian will host the annual pumpkin patch this year. There will also be other activities during the day including a square dance and an outdoor movie. The movie was arranged by NCVV and FILMLA is donating all of the equipment and the rights to showing of the movie – Hocus Pocus. Planning continues for LUVV.

Mr. Walker presented the report from City Services. A motion was put forward to approve up to \$3000 to purchase 50 new Neighborhood Watch signs and 200 fasteners to attach them to the poles. The motion was amended by request of Mr. Davies to purchase up to 25 signs. The amended motion was approved 13-0-0. Mr. Braswell did not vote, both students voted yes.

There was no report from Vision Committee. There was no report from Communications Committee.

There was no public comment. There was no additional business. The meeting was adjourned at 8:55pm.