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MINUTES NEIGHBORHOOD COUNCIL VALLEY VILLAGE MEETING OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS

March 27, 2019

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. The role was called by Ms. Liebowitz-Neglia. Board members present were Dorothy Apple, Daryl Baskin, Glenn Block, Tony Braswell, Richard Davies, Alice Hart, Ginny Hatfield, Suzanne Lewis-Gregory, Dale Liebowitz-Neglia, Paulette Stokes, Steven Stokes, Jeff Walker and Marc Woerschling. Student Representative Jake Kovinsky and Eileen Garcia were present. Pastor Rich Poole and Lisa Miller 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 12-0-0-2, with Kovinsky and Garcia voting in the affirmative.

The minutes from the January and February meeting will be presented for approval in April. There was no public comment.

Ms. Hatfield provided an overview of the March VANC meeting and thanked the Board for support of the annual celebration at CBS Studio.

Mr. Stokes presented the Finance reports for January and February. Spending for the month of January totaled \$499.07. There are still expenses of \$4,203.37 outstanding, leaving a total balance available for FY2019 of \$23,282.25. The Finance report for January was approved 12-0-0-2, both students voting affirmative. The February Financial report was presented. Spending for the month of February totaled \$3,402.77, including invoices from Moore Business Systems, Joe Mandoky for Light Up Valley Village, Kirk Margo for Light Up Valley Village, and Charles Fisher for efforts to obtain historic designation for trees on Magnolia Boulevard. Outstanding expenses totaled \$1,630.87. A motion was made to approve the February Finance report and the motion was approved 12-0-0-2. Both students voted yes. An invoice to pay Moore Business Systems \$1101.37 was approved 12-0-0-2, both students voted yes. An invoice to pay Joe Mandoky for services to Light Up Valley Village for \$300.00 was approved 12-0-0-2, both students voted yes. An invoice from Kirk Margo for services to Light Up Valley Village for \$300.00 was approved 12-0-0-2, both students voted yes. An invoice from Charles Fisher for our historic preservation application totaling \$1,380.00 was approved 12-0-0-2, both students voted yes.

Ms. Fugate presented an update from the office of Councilman Paul Krekorian. Ms. Taylor presented an update from the office of State Assemblymember Adrin Nazarian. Mr. Raj Dhillon presented an update from the office of State Senator Bob Hertzberg. Ann Bowman presented an update from the North Hollywood Library. Ms. Wong-Oyama gave a report from the Department of Neighborhood Empowerment.

Mr. Woerschling reported that the Vision Committee continues to await feedback from the city on our proposal to preserve the trees on Magnolia in front of North Hollywood High School. Ms. Lewis reported that the Communications

Committee continues to work on outreach for the 2019 election. Ms. Hatfield gave an update on the election, outreach efforts, day of election activities, polling place administration, and answered questions about the election.

Ms. Liebowitz-Neglia reported that the Planning and Land Use Committee met with the stakeholders at Vantage Avenue and that the decision of NCVV's position on the proposed development was forwarded to the full Board for consideration. She explained that the details involved were not fully known at the time of the PLU hearing and that she, Mr. Caplan and Mr. Braswell obtained further information after the meeting.

The case was presented to the Board by Ms. Liebowitz-Neglia. The lot is split zoned – the west half is R-1 and the east half is RD-1.5. The developer seeks to build a single family home on the R-1 side and a 14 unit apartment on the RD-1.5 side. The city department of Planning recommends a 4 unit apartment on the RD-1.5 side that fronts onto Laurel Canyon. The city also denied the applicants request for a driveway onto Laurel Canyon at US-101. There was discussion of the project by the Board. There were several public comments from stakeholders who live on Vantage and on Blix west of Laurel Canyon. It was noted by Board member and stakeholders that the three appeals filed were submitted prior to full availability of the actual approved project, and that since the March PLU meeting those details are known. Mr. Braswell closed the discussion and a motion was made by Ms. Liebowitz-Neglia and seconded by Ms. Apple to oppose the appeal of the developer to allow 14 units. That motion was approved 13-0-0-2, both students voted yes. A second motion was made to support the City of Los Angeles Department of Planning decision to approve 4 unit apartment and 1 unit single family home. The motion was approved 13-0-0-2, both students voted yes. Ms. Liebowitz-Neglia and Mr. Braswell asked that stakeholders come to the next PLU meeting in April to discuss the yet to be scheduled SVP Commission appeal hearing.

Mr. Block reported that the Planning Department will be presenting results of the Community Plan at a meeting later this spring, the Board will be invited to attend.

Ms. Hatfield reviewed two upcoming events – Earth Day celebration in Valley Village Park and Colfax World Fair. Earth Day will once again be our shredding event, the truck has been secured, awaiting street permits, and need volunteers. Light bulbs, batteries will also be collected. A sign up sheet was distributed for volunteers. Colfax World Fair this year will once again be shared space with VVHA. Volunteers are also need to help staff the booth.

Mr. Walker reported that there was no City Services meeting.

There was no additional public comment The meeting was adjourned at 8:45pm.