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MINUTES NEIGHBORHOOD COUNCIL VALLEY VILLAGE SEPTEMBER 2019 MEETING OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS

September 25, 2019

7:00 PM – 7:30 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, Alice Hart, Ginny Hatfield, Suzanne Lewis-Gregory, Lisa Miller, Paulette Stokes (arrived 7:30 pm), Erin Stover, Maribel Ulloa-Garcia, Jeff Walker and Marc Woerschling. Dale Liebowitz-Neglia, Desmond Faison and Student Representative Jake Kovinsky were excused. Student Representative Eileen Garcia was 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 12-0-0, with Garcia voting in the affirmative.

There was public comment from Mr. Eric Andrist, Mr. Steve Simon, Mr. Paul Hatfield.

Ms. Hatfield provided an overview of the August Valley Alliance meeting, and informed the Board that the Board of Neighborhood Commissioners is considering changes to NCs that include additional mandatory training and lowering age of voting/Board membership. They are also considering requirement that each Board set aside a portion of annual funding for dispute resolution.

Mr. Braswell advised the Board that NCVV has a stated position on aircraft noise/traffic at Burbank airport. The position was unanimously adopted by the Board in October 2018. The Board should discuss the latest details on this matter and re-adopt the position as there are several new Board members and circumstances related to the matter have evolved. It will be presented in October.

Ms. Apple presented the financial reports for July and August. With carryover funds from FY2019 total available funding for FY2020 is \$44,206.79. Monthly expenditures for July were \$904.78. Outstanding expenses included \$3106.51 incurred against available funds. The remaining balance is \$37,988.71. The Board voted unanimously to approve the Finance Report – 12-0-0, Yes votes were Braswell, Hatfield, Apple, Baskin, Block, Hart, Lewis, Miller, Stover, Ulloa-Garcia, Walker, Woerschling. Ms. Garcia voted yes.

The August financial report contained expenses of \$2,103.03 including National Night Out expenses. Total expenses for August were \$2,103.03. There are outstanding expenses of \$2,581.51 encumbered against total funds available, leaving a balance of \$36,521.68 for FY2020. The Board voted unanimously to approve the Finance Report – 12-0-0, Yes votes were Braswell, Hatfield, Apple, Baskin, Block, Hart, Lewis, Miller, Stover, Ulloa-Garcia, Walker, Woerschling. Ms. Garcia voted yes.

Ms. Apple reported the following motions from the finance Committee:

Motion: approve monthly expenditure for fiscal year 2019-2020 to pay \$510.20 to the City of Los Angeles for publishing Board member business cards for 9 Board members was approved 12-0-0, Yes votes were Braswell, Hatfield, Apple, Baskin, Block, Hart, Lewis, Miller, Stover, Ulloa-Garcia, Walker, Woersching. Ms. Garcia voted yes.

Motion: approve payment of \$400 to Jimmy Dale for providing music/entertainment at National Night Out was approved 12-0-0, Yes votes were Braswell, Hatfield, Apple, Baskin, Block, Hart, Lewis, Miller, Stover, Ulloa-Garcia, Walker, Woersching. Ms. Garcia voted yes.

Ms. Apple explained the 2 charges and 1 credit for \$111 related to Survey Monkey. Due to NCVV closing the account there is no way to dispute the charge, and so the reversed charge that resulted in a credit will be reversed again and result in restoring the original charge of \$111 to the account.

Reports/updates were presented by Emma Taylor from the office of Assemblymember Adrin Nazarian, Jessica Fugate from the office of Councilman Paul Krekorian, the office of US House member Tony Cardenes, and Betty Wong Oyama from the Department of Neighborhood Empowerment.

Mr. Block and Mr. Woersching introduced Julia Heidelberg and Andy Rodriguez from LA Department of City Planning who presented an update on the Community Plan process. The project has been underway for just over one year, 65 meetings in the community and several town hall presentations to stakeholders. The plan will govern development for the next 20 years. The current status of the project and associated presentations can be seen on the department's website. Public comment included questions on specific developments in Valley Village (White Whale building), update request on RECODE LA (expected January 2020). The Planning Department recognized Valley Village for the extensive outreach related to the project and the high participation rate of our Board and stakeholders.

Planning and Land Use report was held until the end of the meeting.

Ms. Stokes joined the meeting.

Mr. Block reminded the Board that the next meeting of the Community Plan committee will discuss feedback to the presentation from the Planning Department.

Ms. Ulloa-Garcia presented the report from Events & Outreach. National Night Out was a great success, over 250 people participated and elected officials/LAPD joined the event. An outline of Light Up Valley Village was presented – with the plan to close Magnolia east and west (1 block each) of Whitsett and focus the party on the intersection. One trolley will be rented to tour lights in the area. The event will tie into Small Business Saturday and stakeholders will be encouraged through direct mail and internet marketing to patronize Valley Village businesses. The event will be Saturday December 7, 5pm to 8pm. The budget proposed includes all associated costs not to exceed \$15,000. *A motion was forwarded from the committee: approve up to \$15,000 for 2019 Light Up Valley Village December 7.* The Board voted unanimously to approve the Finance Report – 12-0-0, Yes votes were Braswell, Hatfield, Apple, Baskin, Block, Hart, Lewis, Miller, Stokes, Stover, Ulloa-Garcia, Walker, Woersching. Ms. Garcia voted yes.

Ms. Ulloa-Garcia and Ms. Hatfield presented information related to repairing the Valley Village gateway sign. The estimate is \$10,508.50. After receiving the estimate Ms. Hatfield was informed that there can be safety poles installed in front of the sign to prevent further damage, and solar lighting can be installed. This would raise the cost to \$12,208.25. Mr. Braswell motioned to amend the original motion to include the additional expense related to lighting and safety. The motion was seconded by Ms. Apple. After discussion Mr. Walker called the question. The Board voted unanimously to close discussion. The amendment was approved unanimously. Mr. Braswell also asked that the motion be amended to state that NCVV will attempt to use money from the EZ-Lube funding before using NCVV funds. Ms. Apple seconded. The Board voted unanimously to approve the amendment. The amended motion now states a request to approve funding of \$12,208.25 to repair the sign and seek to use funding from EZ-Lube account before NCVV funds. There was one public comment on the matter. The motion was approved unanimously 13-0-0, Yes votes were Braswell, Hatfield, Apple, Baskin, Block, Hart, Lewis, Miller, Stokes, Stover, Ulloa-Garcia, Walker, Woersching. Ms. Garcia voted yes.

Ms. Stokes gave the Board an overview of Halloween event to be held at Carter Sexton and Art Parlor, Saturday October 12, 4-8pm. Volunteers are needed for the event and NCVV will support refreshments and have an outreach table.

Ms. Lewis-Gregory reported that the focus of City Services Committee will be emergency preparedness, sustainability, homelessness and public safety. There were stakeholders at the meeting to report dangerous trees on city property that are dead and need to be removed. Graffiti on Galaxy carwash site needs to be addressed. Mosquitos are a big concern this year, and anyone who knows of standing water should call Vector Control using 311. The Committee will work with the President to follow up on FILMLA guidelines proposed in February. They will also be working on the project to paint street electrical boxes over the next year.

Mr. Woersching reported that Mr. Charlie Fischer continues to work on the request to create historic status for the trees on Magnolia by North Hollywood High School. He will obtain an invoice from Mr. Fischer but asked that it not be paid until the project is completed.

Ms. Stover will present an updated Board communications plan at the October Board meeting.

Public comment included report of overgrown hedges blocking clear view of an intersection.

Brett Engstrom from Gelson's Market re-presented their request for a CUB to expand the front of the store to restaurant space including a request for Beer and Wine service. The Board approved this request in 2017, but the project was held by Gelson's at the time. They are now ready to move forward with the project. A motion was made by Ms. Apple and seconded by Ms. Lewis-Gregory and Ms. Hart to approve the project. The Board voted unanimously to approve the project as presented. Ms. Garcia voted yes.

A presentation was made by Senator Bob Hertzberg's office to support the North Valley Bus Rapid Transition proposal. This would expand access to CSUN and is funded through Measure M. After Board discussion it was determined that more information was needed as this is not in Valley Village and the Board wanted to be sure to hear from NCs who are directly impacted.

Ms. Miller has authored a book on administrative law that is now available to the public.

Ms. Eric Andrist asked that NCVV help inform the public about the Valley Village Choir.

Mr. Paul Hatfield gave an update on Burbank airport public meetings.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:15pm.