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

November 13, 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 7:02 pm. Board members present were Dorothy Apple, Daryl Baskin (7:20pm), Tony Braswell, Desmond Faison, Alice Hart, Ginny Hatfield, Suzanne Lewis-Gregory, Lisa Miller, Paulette Stokes, Erin Stover, Maribel Ulloa-Garcia, Jeff Walker and Marc Woerschling. Glenn Block and 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 11-0-0, with Garcia voting in the affirmative.

There was public comment from Mr. Michael Marcosa, Ms. Linda Simon.

Mr. Braswell acknowledged long time Board member Reverend Richard Poole who led the Board in a remembrance of Board Secretary Dale Liebowitz-Neglia.

The Executive Committee report was presented by Ms. Hatfield. Raquel Beltran has been named GM of DONE and will be visiting all 99 NCs in the coming year. Mr. Braswell advised the Board that the NC Budget Advocates have asked that all NCs file a CIS asking the Mayor's office to release the budget by February 1 instead of April 20. After discussion the Board decided NCVV would not file a CIS.

Ms. Apple presented the September and October financial reports. Expenses for September totaled \$2650.00, leaving a balance of \$36,342 for FY2020. The Board voted 11-0-0 to approve the September financial report. Ms. Apple presented the October financial report, expenses totaling \$2638.07 with a remaining balance of \$33,130.48 for FY2020. The Board voted 11-0-0 to approve the October financial report. Student representative Eileen Garcia voted yes on both motions.

Ms. Jessica Fugate provided an update from CD2. There has been a significant increase in vandalism of light poles, mostly by persons stealing wiring or plugging into the power source. DWP and Street Services are trying to fix as quickly as possible. Ms. Hart commended the City for quickly repairing lights vandalized on Magnolia. CD2 hoping to partner with NCVV to sponsor a Coffee With a Cop event in January. Plans are moving forward with effort to decorate/paint utility boxes in Valley Village. Ms. Fugate will reach out to Ms. Stokes on this. The County is now working on hazardous waste pickup, number is posted on both CD2 and County District 3 websites. CD2 has nominated Paulette Stokes for recognition as an artist from District and hopes that she will be profiled in a new feature about women who inspire.

Community Plan Committee met with City Planning Department to hear the initial feedback on the update of the North Hollywood Valley Village Community Plan. In the next few months Planning Department will begin public meetings to review the guiding principles of the Plan. Discussion among Board members included questions about preserving trees, protection for trees on private property, unfinished sidewalks, Tujunga Wash landscape, density bonus projects. Mr.

Woersching and Mr. Faison attended the meeting and provided updates for the Board. It is important to bring real examples to meetings to demonstrate need for strengthening the guiding principles. Suggestion of a combined meeting of NCVV and VVHA to present the principles, Mr. Braswell will talk with Mr. Block and VVHA President Beth Fulton to investigate feasibility.

Mr. Paul Hatfield provided an update on meetings related to Burbank Airport and repositioning take off patterns to reduce noise. Significant public complaints from residents in hillsides and Mulholland corridor stating that change in traffic patterns is hurting their "quality of life" and they are advocating for all air traffic to be pushed north and west over the Valley and away from hillsides. Recent changes in takeoff patterns are the result of a new coordinated radar system implement nationally to improve safety of air traffic. This system in Southern California focuses on five regional airports around Los Angeles basin. NCVV has a stated position on aircraft noise/traffic at Burbank airport. The position was unanimously adopted by the Board in October 2018. After discussion it was decided that the Board should re-affirm the position and also explore a town hall meeting with other NCs that might be affected if traffic is pushed back over our communities. Mr. Hatfield will continue to provide updates for NCVV.

There was not report from City Services Committee. Vision Committee is still waiting for an update from Mr. Fisher about the effort to protect the trees on Magnolia. Elections Committee will meet in January, will have 3 months to propose any updates to the NCVV Bylaws. Mr. Braswell advised the Board that Mr. Glenn Block has agreed to Chair Planning and Land Use. Will be working over the next month to consider Planning structure improvements as we move forward.

Ms. Ulloa-Garcia and Ms. Hatfield updated the Board on plans for Light Up Valley Village 2019. Will be held on December 7 and it will be a block party at the intersection of Magnolia and Whitsett. We will not close the streets. Event will coordinate with Small Business Saturday to encourage shopping in Valley Village. Need help canvassing businesses over the next weekend. Also need help with printed and e-materials, planning trolley route, day of event logistics, decorating trolleys, goodie bags, more. Board members committed to help in all areas.

NCVV needs to identify two CENSUS2020 Goodwill Ambassadors to help with census in Valley Village. Question if the positions are paid? Mr. Braswell will check. This is part of a city-wide effort to ensure an accurate census for Los Angeles. First meeting is November 19.

Question about the height of a project on Magnolia across from Dollar Tree. Height on transportation corridors is now dictated by the State and not City, and that trumps the Specific Plan. Height limits are no longer valid for these projects.

Board voted to hold no meeting on scheduled December date of 12/25. Next scheduled meeting is January 22, 2020.

The September minutes were approved 11-0-0-1. There being no further business the meeting was adjourned at 8:36 pm.