

Minutes - Neighborhood Council, Valley Village

11-18-20

1. The meeting was called to order at 7:05 pm. 12 Board members and five student members were in attendance.

2. Executive Committee Report - Ginny Hatfield

A City Council committee set May 5 as the election date for all neighborhood councils in Region 4 which includes our neighborhood council. The Valley Alliance of Neighborhood Councils unanimously voted to support funding for the West Valley Animal Shelter. There is money from a bond issue approved a few years ago and allocated in part to the animal shelter.

3. New Principal for Colfax School

Mr. Gorton, the new principal for Colfax Elementary School, introduced himself. He likes our community. He graduated from Occidental College in 2001. After 13 years as a teacher he became an assistant principal. He is enthusiastic about being the new principal at Colfax. The construction will be completed in the spring, between March and May. Two new trees will be planted for every tree that is removed. Mr. Gorton agrees with the two for one replacement ratio.

4. Finance Report - Dorothy Apple

\$958.37 was spent in October with \$1,947.58 in outstanding expenditures. With \$9,802 carried over to Fiscal Year 2020-21, there is a balance of \$28,295.68 is remaining for the rest of the fiscal year.

The October finance report was approved by a vote of 12-0-3 with the Student Committee approving by a vote of 5-0.

5. Utility Box Wrap Up - Suzanne Lewis

Suzanne read off the names of those who participated in painting the utility boxes and showed pictures of the painted boxes. Dan Caplan helped by painting birds on the boxes. Pictures painted on the boxes include N. Hollywood High School, Amalia Earhart, two dogs and Temple Beth Hillel.

6. There is a website meeting regarding the RYLAN program tomorrow evening. Board members are encouraged to sign up for the meeting at our web site.

7. Committee Reports

Vision Committee - Marc Woersching

Marc has contacted Ken Bernstein, head of the Office of Historic Resources, for a confirmation that the supplemental report for the application for the historic designation for the Oak trees along Magnolia Boulevard has been received by OHR and also how many other applications are ahead of us in line to be processed and the approximate date for the public hearing.

Planning and Land Use - Glenn Block

There was no meeting this month. A traffic light issue is delaying the project at the southwest corner of Magnolia and Colfax. The developer did not know that they had to make improvements to the traffic lights. Also, the utility poles are to be relocated.

Elections and Outreach - Ginny Hatfield

There is now a vacancy on the Board due to Erin Stover moving out of the community. No special election to fill the vacancy is needed because we are within 180 days of the May 11 election date. The election will be conducted by mail. We are in Region 4. The candidate filing period is January 9 to February 23, 2021. The list of candidates will be issued on March 12 with the election period ending on May 11. The election will be certified on May 26. Election information is available on clerk.electionsnclacity.org. 16 year olds can now vote. Stakeholders can now vote. The goal is for 1,000 votes. Assistance from the Student Committee is requested. Social media, E mails and web sites will be utilized for outreach. Most people do not know about the neighborhood councils. Candidates are needed, voters registered and outreach needs to be done.

City Services - Suzanne Lewis

The median of Radford Avenue was recently maintained. A number of trees in North Hollywood will be pruned on December 3. The RYLAN meeting on public safety will be tomorrow night.

Student Committee - Justin Berkowitz

4,000 bags for the food drive have been obtained from Ralphs. The food drive will be on December 10. The flyers will be stapled to the bags on November 29. Flyers for the replacement show for Light Up Valley Village have been prepared. The 45 minute show will be on line.

Tony Braswell reminded Board members and members of the public to be careful to avoid the coronavirus. Wear masks, practice social distancing and wash one's hands so we will all live through this.

8. Reports from Elected Officials/DONE

Tammy from Scott Schmerlson's office reported that his office will be open for those who need Thanksgiving meals. The student advisory meetings are on Wednesdays at 4:30 pm.

Caroline from the Mayor's office reported that there will be new restrictions starting on Friday to limit the coronavirus. Businesses will be limited to 25% of their capacity. Sidewalk businesses will be limited to 50% of capacity with a 10 PM curfew for dining at restaurants. If new coronavirus cases exceed 4,000 per day then outdoor dining is prohibited. If there are greater increases in the number of cases there will be a lockdown and a 10 pm curfew. Applications for utility assistance payments will end this Friday. Toys for children will be given out this Friday. Parking lots are needed for COVID-19 testing sites.

Betty from DONE reported that Planning 101 training will be done on November 30 from 6:00 - 7:30 pm, December 5 from 5:30-7:00 pm and on December 11 from 2:00 to 3:30 pm. The Planning

Committee's action needs to be ratified and new, revised bylaws need to be sent out by Thanksgiving. The election for the Board seats is scheduled for May 11. Take precautions to avoid the coronavirus. No application for an event is needed if no funding is requested. Betty will retire in December. She was one of the seven original DONE staff members. She complemented our neighborhood council and its leadership. Tony Braswell and other Board members thanked Betty for her service and assistance to our neighborhood council.

Jessica Fulgate with C.D. 2 reported that there will be a joint food and toy drive on December 10. Board members can volunteer. New requests for tree removals cannot be done due to major budget cuts due to the coronavirus. Increased speeding is occurring due to lighter traffic caused by the virus. A town hall for the RYLAN will be tomorrow at 7:00. Some street lights have become dark due to the wires for them being cut.

9. Public Comment

Anna Grebin, a student at Cal State Northridge majoring in social work, would like to set up a committee to monitor the Planning Department regarding housing production. Tony Braswell responded that he needs more information on her committee and needs to discuss this before nominating a Board member to serve on the committee.

Paulette Stokes said that she appreciates the help she received after the fire in her apartment building.

10. The meeting adjourned at 8:28 pm.