

Minutes - Neighborhood Council, Valley Village

6-23-21

1. Installation of New Board Members

Councilman Paul Krekorian described the Board's duties, including dealing with difficult issues and thanked the Board members for their service. He then administer the swearing in of the new Board member and will send certificates of appreciation to the departing members.

2. Election of Officers

The following officers were elected for 2021-2022:

President - Tony Braswell
Vice President - Ginny Hatfield
Treasurer - Dorothy Apple
Secretary - Marc Woersching

3. Proclamations for Retiring Board Members

Tony Braswell thanked Glenn Block, Jeff Walker and Tiffany Mar for their service on the Planning Committee, the City Services Committee and the Student Committee.

4. Specific Plan Compliance Fee Refunds

The project permit fee that was incorrectly applied to single family homes was withdrawn about two years ago and the refund checks have been sent out by the City.

5. Executive Committee Report - Ginny Hatfield

At this month's Valley Alliance of Neighborhood Councils meeting the members discussed the proposal (CF-21-0407) , that we opposed, to standardize election rules for neighborhood councils. The rules are being reviewed by the City Attorney. They may not be permitted by the City Charter. A proposed State bill would require accommodating public comment at meetings of the Valley Alliance of Neighborhood Councils. There will be no in person Board meetings until late in December. There may be a mix of on line and in person Board meetings in 2022.

6. Project Updates

North Hollywood Library - Meredith McGowan. A grant was given to the library that was used for more books. The library reopened in May. The grant was divided among books for adults, teens and children.

Magnolia Blvd. Oak Trees - Marc Woersching. On April 15 the Cultural Heritage Commission recommended approval of an historic designation for the Magnolia Boulevard Oak trees. The historic designation will then go to the City Council for final approval. It has the support of Councilman Krekorian.

Tree Feeding, Magnolia Blvd., Oak Trees - Alice Hart. The 15 trees were fed on June 7. It was done swiftly and professionally. The estimate for trimming the trees is high. We will not be

able to afford it during this current fiscal year.

7. Financial Report - Dorothy Apple

\$7,652 was spent in May with a balance of \$5,847 for the remainder of the 2020-21 fiscal year. A motion by Dorothy Apple and seconded by Suzanne Lewis to amend the financial report with a budget of \$1,200 rather than \$1,500 for the tree feeding was approved 13-0. The amended financial report was approved by a vote of 13-0.

Those signing the financial documents are Dorothy Apple, Tony Braswell for the second signature and Suzanne Lewis for the alternate signature. The first bank card holder is Ginny Hatfield and the second card holder is Suzanne Lewis.

The budget for 2021 to 2022 was approved in May. \$32,000 is allocated for the budget.

8. Reports from Elected Officials and DONE

Mario Hernandez - DONE. The first module for Board training was done in June. The Congress of Neighborhood Councils will be held three months from now as a virtual session. Tony Braswell asked for guidance on the storage of records. Ginny Hatfield asked what is the procedure for disposing of unneeded equipment? Mario responded that it is handled by the City Clerk.

Jessica Fulgate, C.D. 2. The top issue is homelessness. The goal is to house all the homeless in C.D. 2 by early next year. The coronavirus has disrupted the maintenance of street lights. DOT will not be getting back to normal until later this year. Enforcement was suspended during the pandemic. It has now resumed again. Suzanne Lewis asked about the status of the Slow Streets program. Tony Braswell will be putting on a special meeting on the Safe Streets program, probably on July 14. Venders without health certificates have appeared, mostly on Magnolia next to Jons Market. In response Jessica requested that pictures of the venders be sent to her. Maribel Ulloa-Garcia commented that there was no notice that parking tickets would continue during the pandemic, with \$200 - \$300 tickets. Jessica will be contacting DOT about the parking tickets. Paulette Stokes asked about the status of permit parking? It will probably not be resumed until early next year. However, new residents need permits to park. Alice Hart asked about a squatter on Laurel Canyon Blvd? Jessica advised that the LAPD should be contacted regarding the squatter and the County Health Department contacted regarding human waste.

Ryan Ahari - Assemblyman Nazarian's Office. Only one third of the normal number of bills can be submitted in the State Assembly. Still Mr. Nazarian has gotten ten bills out of the Assembly and to the State Senate. He is working on getting the unemployment checks issued by the Employment Development Department. About 300 cases are handled by each staff person. S.B. 9 and S.B. have been voted out of the Senate and have been assigned to committees in the Assembly. S.B. 9 allows single family home lots to be subdivided into two smaller lots with a four lot maximum, but it can be up to six lots in some circumstances. S.B. 10 allows an apartment building with up to ten units on a single family home lot plus four accessory dwelling units, for a total of 14 units.

Caroline Menjivar - Mayor's office. An online vaccine card has been issued by the State government. And a new program to assist small businesses through the local Chamber of

Commerce has been established. Also, \$1 million has been allocated for the Al Fresco outdoor dining program, \$50 million is available for grants for 5,000 small businesses impacted by the coronavirus and there is \$2.5 million for LA Optimize to provide digital advertising services for small businesses. The San Fernando Valley Pride parade is this Saturday, up Van Nuys Boulevard to the Northeast Valley.

Brenda Yanez - State Senator Kuehl's Office. Vaccinations are available at County vaccination sites. A parental consent form is needed for children. The County's eviction moratorium has been extended to September 30th. On June 30 there will be a food distribution at Whiteman Airport. Grants are available through their office, through their discretionary funding program.

9. Committee Reports

City Services - Suzanne Lewis. A meeting will be held regarding illegal fireworks. Report every instance of illegal fireworks. The painting of the utility boxes is continuing. There is a new neighborhood council sign on the 101 Freeway at Coldwater Canyon. Dog food for the tiny houses for the homeless is needed. There are concerns over loud noise from a restaurant at Riverside and Colfax. Call in noise complaints to the LAPD. Paulette Stokes reported that the goal of the Streets LA Tree Summit on May 26 is to have more trees and foliage in low income communities, to lower urban heat levels and capture rain water. Also, Paulette worked on the new freeway sign at Coldwater Canyon.

Communications - Tony Braswell. There was nothing to report.

Planning & Land Use - Glenn Block. The Specific Plan project permit compliance fees that were incorrectly levied against single family home projects have been completely refunded. The work on obtaining the refunds was successful due to Committee members working with Krekorian's office. Sandy Hubbard will succeed Glenn Block as the chair of the committee.

Events & Outreach - Maribel Ulloa-Garcia. Events are on hold this year due to the coronavirus.

Elections & Bylaws - Ginny Hatfield. 273 stakeholders were registered and 201 case ballots. Ginny appreciates the comments that were received regarding the election problems, which were forwarded to the City Clerk's office. The Valley Alliance of Neighborhood Councils will do an analysis of what went well and what did not go well the election. The Committee is satisfied that 200 residents voted.

Student Committee - Tiffany Mar graduated, is going to Berkeley and will no longer be on the committee. The Student Committee received awards for their work from the Parent's Association.

10. August Board Meeting. The August meeting will be a retreat, not a regular Board meeting and will be on a weekend.

11. Public Comment.

Tracy Nini observed that there will be a conflict between Neighborhood Council and Valley Village Residents Association meetings on July 14.

Jake Yocham is excited to be on the Board and see things getting done.

Paul Vitello also looks forward to being on the Board.

Carol Convey would like to meet the other Board members. She is on the Board to serve the students.

12. Committee Assignments. Let Tony Braswell know what your interests are for committee assignments and whether you would like to chair a committee.
13. Adjournment. The meeting adjourned at 9:00 pm.