

Board Meeting - Neighborhood Council, Valley Village

January 26, 2022

1. **Executive Committee Report - Ginny Hatfield**

Karen Bass was the main speaker at the meeting of the Valley Alliance of Neighborhood Councils. She believes she will be more effective at the local level. She does not favor defunding the police and has not reached a conclusion about SB 9 and SB 10.

2. **Public Comment on Agenda Items**

John Heath is with Our Neighborhood Voices that is sponsoring an initiative to curb SB 9 & 10. The initiative would permit local land use and zoning laws to override conflicting State laws, except for the Coastal Act. It would also prohibit overriding locally approved ballot initiatives.

3. **Redistricting - Tony Braswell**

The results for Valley village are mixed. We remain in Council District 2 and with our communities of interest. All of Valley Village is now in the 29th Congressional district represented by Tony Cardenas. Adrin Nazarian's district has been shifted to the east. He will run for re-election against Assemblywoman Barbara Friedman. Bob Hertzberg is termed out of his State Senate seat and is now running for District 3 of the County Board of Supervisors. Valley Village is now in State Senate District 27 **currently** represented by Henry Stern who is also running for District 3 of the Board of Supervisors. Valley Village is now in District 5 of the County Board of Supervisors represented by Katherine Barger.

4. **Whitsett Avenue Trunk Line Project**

The replacement of the trunk line was supposed to have been done late last year. DWP staff will be giving a presentation about the project at the February Board meeting. The Covid pandemic has reduced staffing levels. An apartment building at Whitsett and Albers has prevented DWP from using tunnel boring machines.

5. **Introduction of Jeff Camp, Field Deputy for C.D. 2**

Jeff has prior neighborhood council experience and is also a former field deputy with Councilman Herb Wesson's office. He joined Councilman Krekorian's office in December, 2021. He is in charge of all the communities west of the 170 freeway.

6. **Financial Report - Dorothy Apple**

Spending in December consisted of \$1,768.59 with \$290 for the producer of Light Up Valley Village. The remaining balance of unspent funds is \$30,065.62. The trees along Magnolia were not trimmed because it would be too expensive. Rather the trees were fertilized.

The financial report was approved by a vote of 13-0-2 and 3-0-2 by the Student Committee.

The allocation of a refund of \$704.02 back to the budget was approved by a vote of 13-0-2 and 3-0-2 by the Student Committee.

7. Committee Reports

Events and Outreach - Maribel Ulloa-Garcia

The next meeting in February will be to plan Earth Day. Valley Village Park is not available. They will call the principal of Colfax School as to whether Colfax is available.

Elections and Outreach - Ginny Hatfield

The Bylaws were last amended in 2020. The amendments to the Bylaws are: (1) "ad hoc Committees" are added to Sec. 5.C(3), (2) "Election" is removed from Sec. 6.C since only the City Clerk can conduct elections and "Selection" is added in its place, (3) the descriptive language on Officer duties is removed from Article 6, (4) changes are made to Article 7, Sec 1. to have a new list of standing committees with the descriptions of the committees removed and placed in the Standing Rules and (5) "real" is added to "property" in Article 10, Sec. 1. A new document, the Standing Rules, is created to further define portions of the Bylaws and Board processes and Procedures. The Standing Rules can be changed without DONE approval.

The changes to the Bylaws were approved by a vote of 13-0-2 by the Board and 4-0-1 by the Student Committee.

Student Committee - Carol Convey

Carol Convey went over the calendar of events and how to reach out to students, as with Earth Day. A contact list for the schools in Valley Village has been prepared. Students are encouraged to reach out to each other, to have a student voice. Maribel Ulloa-Garcia noted that more outreach to Burbank Elementary School is needed. Ginny Hatfield observed that there was little follow up from Burbank Elementary. Tony Braswell added that we have been trying to make contact with them for 20 years.

City Services - Suzanne Lewis

The homeless count has been moved to February 24 & 26. The restaurant, Full Circle goes back to court next week regarding the Code violations. We will have more news about this in February. The utility box painting by Ernie Merlan has resulted in 32 boxes being painted. Different types of boxes were painted. A map with the locations of the utility boxes painted in Valley Village was shown to the Board.

Alice Hart reported that a bronze plaque for the historic designation for the Magnolia Boulevard trees approved in September, 2021 will be installed. The monument number for the historic tree designation needs to be obtained. For four months the street lights along Magnolia Boulevard between Laurel Canyon and Whitsett have been out Sandy Hubbard added that the street lights along Magnolia east of Laurel Canyon have also been out. There has been no assistance from the Bureau of Street Services.

Business Committee - John Thyne

There has been no meeting of the Committee due to John Thyne having a family issue.

Emergency Preparedness - Paulette Stokes

A Saturday meeting discussed earthquake preparedness. A report will be sent out on Friday.

There will be a training session on a Saturday in the near future. Damage from the Tonga Earthquake was cited. It is difficult to get people to participate in earthquake training and drills. Also, there is CERT training. They may have an emergency preparedness town hall. Galprin's office is mapping food scarcity.

Planning & Land Use - Sandy Hubbard

Ten demolition notices and three project submittals have been received. January 31 is the deadline for bill approvals by the State Legislature. S.B. 854 will make it easier for nonprofits ~~for nonprofit~~ organizations to acquire low cost housing units. There will be a petition signing event for the _____ California initiative to prevent local zoning ordinances and initiatives from being overruled by State Legislation.

8. Reports from Elected Officials & DONE

Jeff Camp introduced himself as the new field deputy for C.D. 2.

Ryan Ahari of Assemblyman Nazarian's office indicated that he will be representing Valley Village through November, 2022. 23-25 bills can be introduced per legislative session. The deadline is February 8. Governor Newsome introduced a \$286 billion budget with a \$47 billion surplus. He cited the mortgage relief program for those impacted by Covid. Also, there is a small business assistance program for small businesses impacted by Covid, up to \$5,000 per business.

Mario Hernandez from DONE said that the deadline for completing anti-bias training is December 31.

Oswaldo Ramirez of Congressman Cardenas' office reported the Mr. Cardenas got a bill to promote oral health approved. He has requested a report on the safety of Whiteman Airport. The covidtest.gov web site in order to get test kits was set up by the Biden administration.

Jason Maruca with Supervisor Kathleen Barger's office is a field deputy and lives just north of us. Mental health is one of her most important issues. We need 4,000 more beds. Assistance is needed to prevent more deaths on the street. The money to reduce homelessness should be spent in a responsible manner. Foster children was to be her priority until the Covid hit. Graduate people out of the foster care system and not to other systems.

Tony Braswell cited the success of the tiny homes project on Chandler Boulevard.

Tammy Ramirez with Scott Schmerelson's office at LAUSD reported that Alberto Cavallo is the next LAUSD superintendent. He is currently the superintendent of the Miami School District. Schmerelson's resolutions on children's health and climate literacy are on the February 8 LAUSD Board agenda. Weekly Covid PCR testing and N-95 masks will be required starting February 8. The African-American empowerment summit is on February 5.

7. Student Committee - School Applications.

Justin Berkowitz is applying for Michigan as well as 16 other schools. Gabriella Goldenberg has been accepted by four art schools and is waiting to hear from the UCs and State schools. The availability of scholarships is a major factor. Luke Simon has been accepted by every school he has applied to but has not decided yet.