

Board Meeting - Neighborhood, Council, Valley Village  
March 23, 2022

1. **North Hollywood High School Renovation - Fortunato Tapia**

Julio Palacio presented. He is an architect with LAUSD for 12 years who oversees projects in the East Valley. He previously attended North Hollywood High years ago. The High School was built in 1926. The historic buildings on the site plan are in blue. The buildings to be demolished are in yellow. The temporary buildings to be removed are in Orange. Underground utilities will be provided for new and existing buildings. A new L shaped building with classrooms is being constructed along Colfax Avenue. A new gym will replace the aging gym. New hardscape and landscaping will be installed. The historic Buildings, Kennedy Hall and Frasier Hall, will be renovated and modernized. Kennedy Hall along Colfax will be connected to the new L shaped building to the north with a bridge. The existing library will be modernized and retrofitted. 365 trees, along with 153 new trees, are planned for the landscaping along with a new irrigation system.

Lumna Kidess described the phases of the project. Phase 1 consists of the new classroom building and the gym to be completed in late 2023. Phase 2, to be completed in 2024, consists of renovations of the historic buildings, Kennedy Hall and Frasier Hall. Phase 3, consisting of the new auditorium, the renovated library and improvements to the sports field and parking, will be completed in 2025.

Tony Braswell asked whether there is any coordination between the LAUSD and DOT regarding the temporary entrance on Chandler? Yes, they will be coordinated. Tony then asked what is the number of students that the school will be able to accommodate? The maximum capacity for the high school will be 4,000 students. Finally, Tony asked whether there are any upgrades to the farm? There will be no upgrades but the buildings will be repainted.

Suzanne Lewis asked whether there will be controls to not allow non-students on campus? Construction workers will be separated from the rest of the campus by fences. Suzanne also asked whether there will be controlled access to the campus? There will be security cameras but not guards. A temporary main entrance will be on Chandler with other building entrances locked. There will be a new, secured parking area on Chandler at the northwest corner of the campus.

Alice Hart noted that a plaque for the historic designation for the Magnolia Boulevard trees will be placed on Kennedy Hall.

Ginny Hatfield asked whether there will be any modernization of the cafeteria? The cafeteria is in good condition and does not need modernization but it will be repainted. All the buildings will be repainted.

Carol Convey asked whether there are any repairs or improvements to the plumbing? All the infrastructure of the school will be upgraded, including wiring and plumbing. The upgrades will be completed in time for the 100-year anniversary of the school in 2026.

2. **LAHD First Time Home Buyer Program**

LAHD will present the program to the Planning Committee next month.

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

The main speaker at the Valley Alliance of Neighborhood Councils was Police Chief Moore. From a low level in 2019 crime has increased in 2020 and 2021. Smash and grab robberies are up as is auto theft and ghost guns are prevalent. Citizen watch groups are most helpful to the LAPD. The proposed LAPD budget should be fully funded. LAPD will no longer patrol school campuses. LAPD support positions have dropped from 3,700 to 3,500. Stephanie Clemens is running for Controller. She will focus on curbing waste and reforming the civil service system. The Board of Neighborhood Councils will likely continue to allow an exception to the Brown Act to have virtual meetings. In April we will have to start paying for our own Zoom meetings. Do a hybrid approach of some in person meetings and the rest being Zoom meetings. A recent Awareness and engagement survey reported that the top issues are homelessness, crime and the housing crisis. There is a list of issues that are a priority for Valley village residents.

4. **Reports from Elected Officials and DONE**

**Mario Hernandez - DONE** He has E mailed us a report. There is a town hall on the preparation of community impact statements on March 31 from 6-9pm

**Jeff Camp - C.D. 2** Their goal is to have full control of the 170 freeway for cleanup and maintenance of the Victory Boulevard cloverleaf and the Sherman Way on/off ramps. Ginny Hatfield favored adding greenery to the sound wall. Jeff responded that next month they will have Caltrans give a presentation to us on their beautification program for the 170 freeway. Stronger fencing will be added to keep the homeless and other intruders out of the right-of-way. Ginny Hatfield commented that there has not been much of a reduction in freeway noise at Valley Village Park. The sound wall is lower next to the park. The tunnel under the park is finally sealed. Alice Hart reported that the Magnolia Boulevard lights are now back on thanks to Jeff Camp.

**Ryan Ahari - C.D. 4.** He started four weeks ago as a field deputy with C.D.4.

**Eliza Schwartz – Assemblyman Nazarian** The rent relief applications must be submitted by March

31. A.B. 2050 by Nazarian will limit the Ellis Act that takes rent-controlled apartments out of the City's rent control program. Steve Ferguson is the new district director for Nazarian's office.

Dorothy Apple commented that a cleanup of the westbound on and off ramps at Laurel Canon is needed.

5. **Financial Report – Dorothy Apple**

Spending in February consisted of \$1395.05. The remaining balance of unspent funds is \$28,655.31. **The financial report was approved by a vote of 13-0-2 and 4-0-1 by the Student Committee.**

## 6. Committee Reports

### **Student Committee - Carol Convey**

The Committee is planning an Earth Day event which includes reaching out to the schools.

### **City Services - Suzanne Lewis**

Per A.B. 43 the speed limit on Chandler Blvd. will be reduced and the limit enforced. They hope to add Riverside Dr. next year. Recently there was a horrific accident at Riverside and Colfax. Other sections of streets were listed. Speeds are dropping on Colfax in Studio City and on Chandler. Alice Hart is getting a plaque for the Magnolia Boulevard historic trees designation placed on Kennedy Hall. Tony Braswell observed that the NBC News helicopter hovered over Route 101 for 40 minutes to do a brief traffic report. Suzanne Lewis reminded the Board to be aware of Coyotes that can kill pets and small children.

### **Emergency Preparedness - Paulette Stokes**

An event on emergency preparedness will be done next weekend. The candidates for local offices should be briefed on the importance of emergency preparedness. Information on CERT training will be sent to the Board. Suzanne Lewis suggested adding a motion on speed limits for Riverside Drive to the next meeting in April. Sandy Hubbard favored adding more cameras to the Riverside/Colfax intersection.

### **Planning & Land Use - Sandy Hubbard**

There was no meeting this month due to no projects to review and only a demolition notice. There will be a presentation by the Housing Dept. at the next Planning Committee meeting on April 13. Also, there will be an LA Planning Alliance meeting tomorrow. Tony Braswell will find out about Mobil's application for a car wash opposite the Chevron car wash. It is on the agenda of the South Valley Area Commission tomorrow. There is also an application for a Jewish school at the northeast corner of Laurel Canyon and Burbank.

### **Events & Outreach - Maribel Ulloa-Garcia**

The Committee will have a booth at the Earth Day event and a food drive for the Valley Interfaith Food Bank. She listed the items to be prepared for the April 23 Earth Day event, such as flower seeds, small trees for planting and coasters.

### **Elections & Bylaws - Ginny Hatfield**

The Bylaws amendment was submitted by the March 4 deadline.

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1. **Motion to Approve a \$500 Payment to Muralism**

**The motion to approve a \$500 payment to Muralism for the design of the 2022 banners, with several concepts to be prepared and presented to the Board, was approved by a vote of 12-0-3 and 5-0 by the Student Committee.**