

Minutes – Neighborhood Council, Valley Village
9-22-21

1. The meeting was called to order at 7:02 pm. 17 Board members were in attendance with Paul Vitello absent.
2. Executive Committee Report - Ginny Hatfield

The Valley Alliance of Neighborhood Councils meets every second Thursday of the month. This month's speaker was Councilman Kevin de Leon from C.D. 14. He addressed the homeless issue and the proposed 25,000 additional units of housing for the homeless by 2025. Details on implementing S.B. 9 need to be worked out.

The proposed Code of Conduct is controversial, as to whether it should apply to neighborhood councils as well as City employees. Redistricting could result in a return to gerrymandering. There should be more Council districts that are entirely in the Valley and fewer that extend over the hill. Mario Hernandez responded to questions about the proposed Code of Conduct.

3. DONE - Mario Hernandez

DONE is looking into resuming in person Board meetings. There will be two more information sessions on the Code of Conduct. Our usernames on Cornerstone have been changed. Maribel Ulloa-Garcia was not able to do the training on her computer. The program will not let her do it. The due date for amending the bylaws is April 20, 2022. Mario will resend the E mail on the anti-bias training. The application period is open for the Mayor's Youth Council. Ginny Hatfield asked whether there are any bylaws changes from DONE? A change will be about changing the procedure for filling vacancies on the Board.

4. Financial Report - Dorothy Apple

\$167.88 was spent in July with a balance of \$36,386.73 at the end of July. \$36,554.61 is allocated for the new 2021-22 fiscal year. A motion to approve the June financial report was passed by a vote of 12-0-3 and 4-0-1 by the Student Committee.

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5. Community Impact Statements

Community Impact Statements can now be prepared by all Executive Board members.

6. Reports From Offices of Elected Officials and DONE

Ryan Ahari - Assemblyman Nazarian. The Legislature is adjourned until January. Their office is

requesting proposals for bills. 15 bills are allowed rather than 20 prior to the pandemic. Five bills were approved in the session just ended and were sent to the governor. One bill was signed by the Governor regarding cultural competence on LGBT issues for those with fiduciary duties. Assemblyman Nazarian voted no on S.B. 9 and 10.

Jessica Fulgate - C.D.2. Jessica is away, on the east coast.

Brenda Yanez - State Senator Sheila Kuehl. Health orders are being modified to be consistent with Biden's policies. The changes regarding vaccinations inside buildings will take effect on October 7. A vaccine clinic is scheduled on Saturday, October 7. A community advisory committee has been set up regarding Witeman Airport. The landscaping of the sides of the Tujunga Wash is to be put on the agenda for next month. Brenda's E mail is byanez@bos.lacounty.gov.

7. Committee Reports

Communications - There is nothing to report but the web site is getting a lot of traffic.

Planning & Land Use - Eight demolitions and one new project are proposed. Assemblyman Nazarian was thanked for opposing S.B. 9 & 10. An initiative to repeal S.B. 9 & 10 is being prepared and the organizers are meeting with community groups. Because S.B. 9 & 10 are not mandatory the City should not take action to implement it. It is unclear whether the historic designation proposed for the Magnolia Boulevard trees has gone before the City Council. No one has been notified.

Events and Outreach - There is nothing to report this month.

Elections and Bylaws - There is a limited number of days available for a committee meeting. The third Wednesday is not available due to a conflict with a Valley Village Residents Association meeting.

Student Committee - There are open positions on the committee. Applications need to be sent out by October 15. Having co-chairs for the committee was not supported. The Student Committee will get thank you letters.

City Services - A Studio City volunteer would like to plant trees in Valley Village. We are setting up a Web site tour of the utility boxes. The restaurant on Riverside Drive that is causing noise has resulted in meetings with the LAPD and the other enforcement agencies. A list of three proposed traffic lights will be presented to the Board. A coyote alert has been issued. The coyotes are hungry and thirsty

Renter's Committee - This is an ad hoc committee to reach out to the 60% of the residents of Valley Village that are renters. They are difficult to contact. The Renter's Committee is to develop ideas and issues involving renters.

Business Committee - At the first meeting of the Committee there was a lively discussion about reaching out to the businesses. The first contacts will be made by canvassing. Paulette Stokes will compile the information obtained from the canvassing. The next meeting is on September 26.

Emergency Preparedness - The last meeting was on August 28. The items covered are templates for the

emergency kits and the names of City officials for emergency preparedness. Bill Pogue's emergency training classes cost \$300. There is periodic training done by the Mar Vista Neighborhood Council. Paulette Stokes will send us information on emergency preparedness. There is a new RYLAN training program.

Community Improvement - The Committee will work on the Tujung Wash landscaping project and maintenance of the Magnolia Boulevard trees.

8. Future Agenda Items

The stormwater storage staff from Public Works Dept. would like to make a presentation in October.

There is stagnant water next to Colfax School depending on the undulations of the pavement and also next to Valley Village Park. Vector Control should be asked to come out and spray for mosquitos.