Board Meeting - Neighborhood Council, Valley Village

1-24-2024

1. Roll Call

Thirteen Board members are in attendance: Dorothy Apple, Tony Braswell, Carol Convey, Alice Hart,

Ginny Hatfield, Sandy Hubbard, Suzanne Lewis, Ernie Merlan, Jenna Powers, Paulette Stokes Maribel

Ulloa-Garcia, Marc Woersching, Jake Yocham.

2. Public Comment

Sara, the manager for John Paul Bird, noted that the primary election is coming soon on March 5.

3. City Services Committee - Discussion/motion on venders at Jon’s Market

The venders near Jon’s Market are causing traffic conditions that are not safe. Jack Bavarian with Jon’s

noted that the number of food trucks has grown from two to up to six at the Magnolia and Laurel Canyon

intersection. Generators have been attached to trucks. People are eating at Der Weinerschnitzel.

Suzanne Lewis thanked Jack for his assistance to the Committee. This is a quality of life issue. Enforce-

ment is needed. Jack Bavarian noted that Jon’s Market has been very successful at its location on

Magnolia & Laurel Canyon. Alice Hart stated that the Committee is concerned about sanitation, health

certification, parking in Jon’s lot with fewer parking spaces left and legal liability. Suzanne noted that

the problem is inadequate enforcement with the County Health Department having only four inspectors.

There should be a two hour parking limit due to the food trucks being parked for about 16 hours. They

are setting up the equivalent of a sidewalk café. Ginny Hatfield thought that Tamar Galatsin, the former

neighborhood prosecutor, may be able to assist. The trash is not being picked up. Carol Convey

commented that the violations by the food trucks have been documented during the past two years.

Sandy Hubbard suggested getting a statement from Der Weinerschnitzel and also the cleaners to the

west. Jack Bavarian responded that he has been in contact with Der Weinerschnitzel. Suzanne Lewis

noted that ticketing the ticketing the food trucks is a low priority with the LAPD.

Tony Braswell stated that we can help by setting up a meeting with the City to make this issue a higher

priority. Bring in the County Health Department to find out their requirements. Work with Jeff Camp

in the C.D. 2 Council Office. Jack Bavarian agreed with Tony’s approach. Carol Convey noted that the

food trucks are posting Jon’s address on their social media sites. Sandy Hubbard commented that the

Code requires that bathrooms be within 250 feet of the food trucks. Tony will get in touch with Jack’s

senior staff at Jon’s Market.

4. Light Up Valley Village - Suzanne Lewis

Suzanne complimented the students on their help with Light Up Valley village. A rolling street stop

may be utilized for this event in the future. John Thyne would like to be back o the Board. Goodie

bags are not cost effective. More lights are better. Have a banner over the Magnolia/Whitsett

intersection. Add carolers. On the budget there will be a refund of the sign posting charge. Earth

Day will be on Saturday, April 20th. A budget of $3,500 is proposed for Earth Day. Paulette Stokes

remarked that last year’s Earth Day was great. Many people came by at the artistic table. The

children loved the lights. Ginny Hatfield was pleased with the speed bumps on Magnolia to Irvine.

On the restaurant that is disrupting the adjacent neighborhood the City’s hearing is on April 15.

5. Food and Toy Drives - Carol Convey

The food and toy drives from December 6-8 went well. Jacqueline Vasquez had some good talks

with the parents when distributing the food during the drive. Carol Convey noted that a variety

of toys were donated and purchased. The local schools provided information on which families

needed the toys. $750 in cash was donated. Carol Convey mentioned that the students did a good

job.

6. Reports from City, County and State Officials

Diane Rana from Assemblywoman Friedman’s office noted that the State Legislature is now in

session. Ms. Friedman has some new committee assignments. The DMV’s driver test can now be

done online. A field representative position is open for applications. Dorothy Apple asked that they

check on the Valley Village sign just off the 170 freeway. We should send in our requested locations

for the State’s pilot program of cameras for traffic enforcement. Tony Braswell reported that there are

large potholes in the 101 freeway’s on ramp going was from Laurel Canyon.

7. Financial Report - Dorothy Apple

For November a total of 3,128.75 was spent with $4,280.81 in outstanding bills, a remaining balance of

16,559.51 and a net available balance of $12,278.70. The Financial Report was approved by a vote of

10-0-5 and 3-0-4 by the Student Committee.

For December a total of $4,835.82 was spent with $1,760.82 in outstanding bills, a remaining balance of

$11,723.69 and a net available balance of $9,962.87 The Financial Report was approved by a vote of

10-0-5 and 3-0-4 by the Student Committee.

8. Committee Reports

Elections and Bylaws - Jake Yocham

Tony Braswell stated that the Committee will meet in a few weeks.

Student Committee - Carol Convey

Applications for the new Student Committee are being prepared because seven out of eight Committee

members will graduate and leave. An outreach will be done to find new Student Committee members.

The application period will be from April 15 to June 15. Benny Goldenberg mentioned that the Music

Committee is preparing for its next concert.

Planning and Land Use - Sandy Hubbard.

There was no meeting in January. The next meeting of the Committee is in February. A demolition

permit was issued for a property on Otsego St. A small committee on tree removal has been set up

consisting of Sandy Hubbard, Dan Caplan and Tony Braswell. The Tree Committee is to comment before

a tree is removed. Protected trees are being marked by Building & Safety Dept. Suzanne Lewis asked did

the Board support the clergy housing project? Sandy Hubbard responded that it did.

Emergency Preparedness - Paulette Stokes

There was no meeting of the Neighborhood Council Emergency Preparedness Alliance in December.

The last meeting was at the City’s Emergency Operations Center downtown. Captain Gross spoke.

A meeting will be held this Saturday with Commissioner Shaffer. The Emergency Management Dept.

Is trying to get more funding. Refresher courses are not scheduled yet. Paulette needs addition help

to add additional items to the web site.

Community Improvement Committee - Ginny Hatfield.

At the November meeting the committee discussed the MTA’s plan to add gates along the Orange Line.

Concerns were expressed about the designs of the gates. Dan Caplan drew some sketches for the gates.

The cost of replacing the gateway sign at Laurel Canyon and the 101 freeway has gone up.

9. Future Agenda Items

Tony Braswell noted the City Controller’s report recommending a hiring freeze for non-essential positions.

A motion to provide funding for Earth Day needs to be added to the agenda for next month’s meeting.