

Minutes - Board Meeting, Neighborhood Council - Valley Village

5-21-2025

1. Roll Call

Nine Board Members were in attendance: Tony Braswell, Dorothy Apple, Carol Convey, Alice Hart, Ginny Hatfield, Sandy Hubbard, Suzanne Lewis, Christyn Saracino, Marc Woerschling.

2. Election Update

Tony Braswell gave the update in lieu of Jake Yocham who was not present due to a work conflict. We need to urge people to send in their registration forms in order to receive their ballots in the mail. Tony provided a figure as to how many applications for ballots have been received by DONE. Suzanne Lewis thought that the figure was for the Valley only. Tony will be away for 10 days so ballot applications should be sent to Dorothy Apple.

3. Financial Reports - Dorothy Apple

For April a total of \$3,109.94 was spent with a remaining balance of \$11,073.88, bills outstanding of \$2,112.52 and a net available balance of \$8461.36. The April Financial Report was approved by a vote of 8-0-7 and 3-0-6 by the Student Committee. Tony Braswell indicated that it is uncertain whether our leftover funds can be carried over the next fiscal year.

A motion to approve \$1,000 for a neighborhood purposes grant for North Hollywood High School band instruments was approved by a vote of 8-0-7 and 3-0-6 by the Student Committee.

A motion to approve \$1,000 for a neighborhood purposes grant to Burbank Elementary School to support the school's garden program was approved by a vote of 10-0-5 and 3-0-6 by the Student Committee.

A motion to approve \$1,200 for a neighborhood purposes grant for the Colfax World Fair for the Colfax Charter School approved by a vote of 6-0-9 and 3-0-6 by the Student Committee. There was a concern about our booth close to Morella Ave. being away from the main entrance and competing popcorn sales at a booth at the main entrance.

A motion to approve \$300 for a neighborhood purposes grant for the supplies for the pancake breakfast at Faith Presbyterian Church was approved by a vote of 9-0-6 and 3-0-6 by the Student Committee.

A motion to approve \$85.79 for Simi Fast Inc Neighborhood Watch sign fasteners was approved by a vote of 9-0-6 and 3-0-6 by the Student Committee.

A motion to approve up to \$400 for the annual US mailbox fee was approved by a vote of 9-0-6 and 3-0-6 by the Student Committee.

A motion to approve up to \$200 for outreach for the July 4 parade was approved by a vote of 9-0-6 and 3-0-6 by the Student Committee.

4. Committee Reports

Community Improvement Committee - Ginny Hatfield

Our banner permits are up for renewal at the end of this fiscal year. We have requested new Council motions for both sets of banners from the Council office. Hopefully, this should be a routine approval. We have received a quote from our vender, DeeSigns, for an overhaul on the NCVV gateway sign on Laurel Canyon near the 101 Freeway, removing the stone facing which is falling apart and replacing it with river rock, which is

what it originally looked like when erected in 7007-08. Funding the work will be explored in the next fiscal year. We are in the initial stages of trying to develop a proposal for NCVV light pole signs, which would delineate our boundaries. We have identified about a dozen locations and are working with the C.D. 2 Council office to obtain more detailed information from the Dept. of Transportation. We have not yet determined the feasibility of the project as we do not have sufficient information from the city. We will report on this when we find out more.

Events and Outreach - Maribel Ulloa-Garcia

The final Coffee With a Cop event with Senior Lead officer Rob Benavidez is scheduled for June 7 at the farmers market. After that will be a coffee with Adrin Nazarian. A movie night presented by the C.D. 2 Council office will be held either in August or September. The No Ho Neighborhood Council and the Oakwood School may be participating as well. Possible locations for the movie night are North Hollywood Park, the Rite Aid parking lot or the Faith Presbyterian Church. National Night Out against crime will be held on August 5. A 75,000 grant for Valley Village Park may be awarded by the City. Suzanne Lewis will attend the information session on May 30 to find out more about the details of the grant.

City Services - Suzanne Lewis.

Portions of Laurel Canyon have been swept. A clean up with Council District 2 is being organized. Locations for the clean up that are being requested are Riverside/Kraft near the Route 170 off ramp and Ben/Magnolia. The Wilkinson/Magnolia intersection will be updated with lost crosswalk markers. 30 street lights are out, Bureau of Street Services and DWP crews will be back in Valley Village during the week of June 8. Graffiti and weed removal is ongoing on Riverside and Colfax. There are three bus stops without covers. Mayor Bass has put a moratorium on enforcing the regulations on street vendors.

Planning Committee - Sandy Hubbard.

There are no new developments to report on the 20 acre radio tower site. On landscaping the sides of the Tujunga Wash flood channel, we have requested a meeting with Supervisor Barger's office and are waiting for their response. S.B. 79, which would allow multistory, apartment and condominium buildings in single family home neighborhoods within a half mile of a rail or bus stop, is being considered by committees of the State Senate. While many organizations are opposed to S.B. 79, it has strong support from the real estate industry and the YIMBY movement.

5. VANC Report - Ginny Hatfield

April's speaker, Tim Campell, wrote a critical article on the City's homeless program. The LAHSA bureaucracy is about process rather than results. The average cost of housing a homeless person is about \$400,000. There may be fraud involved. There may be a State investigation. The DONE staff has been reduced, resulting in more neighborhood councils for each staff person to serve. Penny Santos is the new City Clerk. About \$1 million is available citywide to be rolled over into the next fiscal year.