

**Neighborhood Council Valley Village
Board Meeting**

Date April 27, 2011

Approved

Agenda Item 1 – Call to Order, Roll Call, Agenda Distribution and Welcoming Remarks.

Mr. Tony Braswell called the meeting to order at 6:30. Mr. Braswell thanked everyone for coming out to attend our meeting. He asked speakers to fill out a speaker card and please limit their comments to two minutes. He reminded the audience that the meeting will be conducted under the Brown Act and within the guidelines of Robert's Rules of Order.

The roll was called. Board members present were Dorothy Apple, residential homeowner; Dave Bate, at-large; Tony Braswell, residential renter; Cathy Flynn, residential homeowner; Ginny Hatfield, residential homeowner; Paul Hatfield, at large; Sandy Hubbard, residential homeowner; Dr. Joshua Levy, faith based; Suzanne Lewis, residential renter; Dale Liebowitz-Neglia, at-large; Steven Stokes, residential renter; Charles Sulahian, business owner; Jeff Walker, business owner; Marc Woerschling, community based.

Board members excused were Suzanne Lauer, residential renter.

The minutes were approved by a vote of 13-0-0.

Agenda Item 2 – Introduction of Guests – Mr. Braswell – Mr. Wesley Hernandez, from Councilmember Koretz's office gave an brief presentation on current legislative updates affecting our area.

Agenda Item 3 – Public Comment on Agenda Items (limited to two (2) minutes per speaker, and must fill out a speaker card) – David Levin, a volunteer that has helped several neighborhood councils write their bylaws, commended NCVV for the way we have handled rewriting the bylaws. He also informed us that is we are not satisfied with the bylaw template that the Department of Neighborhood Empowerment has suggested, we are allowed to make changes to certain items in the bylaws.

Mr. Jim Covell, a resident in Valley Village who resides on Westpark Drive is opposed to the proposed shade structures for Valley Village Park. Mr. Covell presented NCVV with three (3) different options that he would prefer be installed at the park and submitted a copy for the record.

Ms. Mary Morris, a resident in Valley Village, let us know that she plays on the park equipment and thinks it is too hot and sunny and is in favor of installing shade structures.

Mr. Tom Rosholt, a resident in Valley Village, made a comment that this is a public park and installing proper shading would increase the benefit for more of the public by making sure the playground is safe from extreme temperature that can harm small children.

Ms. Jamie McShane, a resident in Valley Village, asked what portions of the play and picnic area will be covered by the shade structures; if the picnic tables are moved, will the epoxy on the cement be cleaned and asked that the drinking fountain be repaired.

Ms. Pamela Shafer Moser, a resident in Valley Village, is in favor of having shade structures installed at the park because she and her family have to go to other parks in the summer due to the direct sunlight on the play area.

Ms. Leslie Clay, a resident in Valley Village, is in favor of a canopy at Valley Village Park.

Ms. Jennifer Winslow, a resident in Valley Village, stated that she is in favor of the park shade structures as proposed, and seconds the statement made by Ms. Shafer Moses.

Mr. Keythe Farley, a resident in Valley Village, sent an email to info@myvalleyvillage.com stating that he is in favor of having shade structures installed at the park.

Agenda Item 4 – NCVV Bylaws – Mr. Simen – Mr. Braswell for Mr. Simen presented the NCVV Bylaws. There was a detailed discussion regarding the bylaws and some changes were proposed. The appropriate updates will be made to the bylaws and a new copy of the proposed bylaws will be presented at the May board meeting for approval. Mr. Braswell thanked Mr. Simen, who was unable to attend the meeting tonight, for his dedication and commitment to helping NCVV write their new bylaws and guide the bylaws committee through the process.

Agenda Item 5 – Finance Report, Mr. Hatfield - Mr. Hatfield gave an update on the financial report and submitted a copy for the record. He also let us know that the budget for 2012 is going to be reduced and he will have a copy of the proposed NCVV 2012 budget at our May board meeting.

Agenda Item 6 – Valley Village Park Update – Mr. Walker, Mr. Sacher – Mr. Sacher introduced Kathleen Hanover, Senior Park Maintenance Supervisor for City of Los Angeles Recreation and Parks, and Keith Brouard from Shade Structures. Mr. Sacher presented two (2) sets of plans with the footprint of the proposed schemes for Valley Village Park shade structures for board members and guests in attendance to view. Mr. Sacher is going to meet with LA City Recreation and Parks, Valley Village Homeowners Association and the Valley Village Park subcommittee to modify the proposed shade structure schemes to a less obtrusive structure. A final decision will be made on the shade structure and presented at the NCVV City Services meeting on May 10.

Agenda Item 7 – Valley Village Vision Task Force – Survey LA – Ms. Hubbard asked to postpone her update on the Valley Vision Task Force until the next NCVV board meeting. Ms. Hatfield, Ms. Hubbard and Mr. Sanchez of the Valley Village Homeowners Association are organizing residents to participate in the Survey LA project.

Agenda Item 8 - Standing Committee Reports – Communications – Mr. Stokes – Mr. Stokes let us know that new website for www.myvalleyvillage.com will be live within the next week and gave us a brief update on how the new website and host will operate. The new website is more interactive and you will be able to receive more information online than before, from meeting agendas, minutes, weather, news and more.

Agenda Item 8- Standing Committee Reports – Elections – Ms. Hatfield – Ms. Hatfield had nothing to report.

Agenda Item 8 - Standing Committee Reports – City Services – Mr. Walker – Mr. Walker let us know that bus shelter enhancements that NCVV is requesting has been sent to the city for consideration. The CERT class will be meeting May 2 and May 9. There will be a CPR class offered at the last class on May 9.

Agenda Item 8 – Standing Committee Reports – Projects – Ms. Lewis – Ms. Lewis reminded everyone that the Valley Village Pet Adoption is this coming Saturday. The Presbyterian Church at 5000 Colfax Avenue is hosting a pancake breakfast prior to the 4th of July parade at 8:00am. Ms. Lewis let us know that we need volunteers for the Colfax Fair in June, the board tee-shirts and sweatshirts are in and the lawn signs for the Valley Village Garden Tour are now available for residents that are participating in the Garden Tour competition.

Agenda Item 8 – Standing Committee Reports – Planning and Land Use – Mr. Bate – Mr. Bate let us know that PLU has created an ad hoc subcommittee to work on getting the city to approve the Floor Area Ratio District that NCVV approved over one (1) year ago. The committee has met with staff from CD2 and will be meeting with staff from CD5 in the near future.

Agenda Item 9 – Public Comment – Comments from the public on non-agenda items within the Board's subject jurisdiction – Mr. Craig Clough, a representative from Patch.com let us know that Patch now officially recognizes Valley Village as a city and will soon list Valley Village on their website.

Mr. Erik Stuber from the Los Angeles Public Library gave a brief presentation on upcoming events at the North Hollywood Library. There is a poetry reading on April 28th and May is Asian American Heritage Month. There will be several different lectures and movies relating to Asian American Heritage Month throughout the month May.

Mr. Michael Marcosa, a resident in Valley Village, asked for help regarding a property being built at 5420 Carpenter Avenue. He believes that the house is being overbuilt for the neighborhood and exceeds the guidelines in the Baseline Masonization Ordinance. Mr. Braswell has also been trying to reach the Department of Building and Safety regarding the property and will personally go to Building and Safety next week if he is unsuccessful in reaching a building inspector by telephone.

Agenda Item 10 – Future Agenda Items, President's Closing Comments and Adjournment – Mr. Braswell thanked everyone in attendance. The meeting was adjourned at 9:00pm.