

**Neighborhood Council Valley Village
Board Meeting**

Date December 15, 2010

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; Tony Braswell, residential renter; Ginny Hatfield, residential homeowner; Sandy Hubbard, residential homeowner; Dr. Joshua Levy, faith based; Suzanne Lauer, residential renter; Dale Liebowitz-Neglia, at-large; Suzanne Lewis, residential renter; Steven Stokes, residential renter; Charles Sulahian, business owner; Jeff Walker, business owner; Mark Woersching, community based.
Board members excused were Dave Bate, at-large; Paul Hatfield, at large.

The minutes were approved by a vote of 11-0-0, with a change to the date of the meeting.

Agenda Item 2 – Introduction of Guests – Mr. Braswell – Ms. Pat Davenport, representative from Councilmember Paul Krekorian's office gave an update on the Los Angeles City budget cuts. The East Valley Senior Center will be moving to its new location very soon. The Department of Neighborhood Empowerment survey is now available to view online. The Department of Building and Safety is going before the City Council to request that they be able to assess violators of building code violations.

Agenda Item 3 – Public Comment on Agenda Items (limited to two (2) minutes per speaker, and must fill out a speaker card) – There were no public comments.

Agenda Item 4 – Finance Report, Mr. Hatfield - Mr. Braswell for Mr. Hatfield gave an update on the financial report and submitted a copy for the record. He let us know that a fifty percent (50%) down payment has been made and the artwork submitted to the company that is making the repairs to the Valley Village Entry sign.

Agenda Item 5 – Colfax Bridge Update – Christine Sotelo, Los Angeles Bureau of Engineering – Ms. Sotelo gave us an update on the Colfax Bridge. The bridge is constructed; the street needs to be connected to the bridge at both ends and the retaining walls built to complete the repairs. The bridge repairs should be completed the beginning of May, six (6) months under schedule. The Studio City Residents Association are concerned with the proposed railings that are being installed on the bridge and this may hold up the completion of the bridge.

Agenda Item 6 – Proposed Zoning Code Changes – Mr. Braswell let us know that Neighborhood Council Valley Village is actively involved in the proposed zoning code changes. NCVV has sent a Community Impact Statement on the entire process, stating that NCVV feels the feedback period should be extended until all of the nine (9) proposed zoning code changes have been released. Ms. Hubbard and Mr. Woersching were very involved in preparing the CIS. Ms. Liebowitz is very concerned that a Mitigated Negative Declaration will be released prior to the nine (9) proposed zoning code changes.

Agenda Item 7 – Valley Village Vision Task Force – Mr. Braswell let us know that we need to be very involved in the North Hollywood Community Plan that is up for renewal and the threat to the Valley

Village Specific Plan with the proposed zoning code changes. Ms. Hubbard is going to chair a task force that will study the Community Plan and Specific Plan and report back to NCVV with a long term vision for Valley Village. NCVV will appoint the task force at the January board meeting and look into hiring a city planner to help with the process. The Community Plan renewal has been delayed; Mr. Woerschling will let us know the new renewal date at the January meeting.

Agenda Item 8 – Bike Plan Follow Up – Mr. Braswell let us know that the tunnels at the 170 Freeway are still showing on the Master Bike Plan. Councilmember Paul Krekorian and Councilmember Paul Koretz are both opposed to opening the tunnels. Ms. Davenport told us that opening the tunnels has been removed from the Master Bike Plan. We will continue to monitor the Master Bike Plan changes to be sure that the tunnels are not opened.

Agenda Item 9 – Valley Village Entry Sign – This item was addressed in the Finance Report.

Agenda Item 10 - Standing Committee Reports – Communications – Mr. Stokes – Mr. Stokes had to leave the meeting early. Ms. Hatfield let us know that they are working on a holiday greeting for the website.

Agenda Item 10 - Standing Committee Reports – Elections – Ms. Hatfield – Ms. Hatfield let us know that we have a vacancy on the board for a Homeowners seat and advised us of the candidate qualifications. The candidate filing form is available online at www.myvalleyvillage.com. The deadline to file for candidacy is January 23, 2011. The election will be held at our January NCVV board meeting.

Agenda Item 10 - Standing Committee Reports – City Services – Mr. Walker – Mr. Ramon Barajas, City of Los Angeles, Department of Recreation and Parks Valley Region Superintendent gave an update on the Valley Village Park Improvements. One of the reasons that this project has been delayed is due to the fact that there are currently forty (40) Proposition 40 projects that are being made to various parks in Los Angeles. There is a deadline and these projects must be completed by March 30, 2011. If they are not completed on time, they will not get the Proposition 40 funding. The final design for Valley Village Park should be completed by the end of January. Mr. Barajas gave us a list of exercise equipment and we can pick up to ten (10) items that will be installed at the park. Mr. Walker is going to form a subcommittee to go over the list of exercise equipment and the proposed park improvements. The improvements include, but are not limited to, solar lighting, walking/jogging path, shade structure, replace fencing and paint the backstop on the baseball diamond. There has been approximately four hundred sixty thousand dollars (\$460,000) allocated for the park improvements. The subcommittee will report to Mr. Barajas and the NCVV board at our January board meeting. The park improvements should start in June 2011 and will take approximately three (3) months to complete. Mr. Braswell asked Mr. Barajas for a list of benches that we could choose from for the park. Mr. Barajas let us know that we should contact the Parks Foundation to go through the process of dedicating a park bench in the honor of Lory Oberg.

City Services did not meet in December and there was nothing further to report.

Agenda Item 10 – Standing Committee Reports – Projects – Ms. Lewis – Ms. Lewis gave an update on the Neighborhood Watch Open House held in November at Marie Et Cie and thanked board member Charles Sulahian for hosting and providing gelato for this event. The food drive is ongoing and NCVV is still collecting food that will be delivered to the local homeless shelter. The NCVV social is December 19 from 5:00-7:00 at Ca del Sol. The projects committee will be planning the garden event to be held this spring.

Agenda Item 10 – Standing Committee Reports – Planning and Land Use – Ms. Bate – Mr. Woerschling for Mr. Bate had no updates to report. Mr. Woerschling would like an update on the status of the revisions to the Baseline Masonization Ordinance. Mr. Braswell informed him that the meeting with Councilmember

Koretz had been postponed until January. Ms. Liebowitz told us that PLU members have been assigned different projects that are under construction in Valley Village to monitor and will report back on their progress at the January meeting.

Agenda Item 11 – Future Agenda Items – Ms. Hatfield would like to organize a pet adoption fair. She would also like to discuss the survey to reorganize DONE. Mr. Braswell will have the revisions to the NCVV Bylaws ready to review at our January board meeting. Ms. Lauer would like to have some follow up to the traffic light that was supposed to be installed at Laurelgrove Avenue and Riverside Drive.

Agenda Item 12 – Public Comment – Public Comment from the public on non-agenda items within the Board's subject matter jurisdiction – Suzanne Arnout, a resident of Valley Village asked for advice in getting AT&T to provide Uverse Service to Valley Village. Uverse is a fiber optic service provided by AT&T in certain areas that allows you to bundle AT&T services. The Communications Committee will look into the matter and will give us a report at our next meeting.

Agenda Item 13 – President's Closing Comments and Adjournment – Mr. Braswell thanked everyone in attendance. The meeting was adjourned at 8:30pm.