

**Neighborhood Council Valley Village
Board Meeting**

Date March 23, 2011

Approved

Agenda Item 1 – Call to Order, Roll Call, Agenda Distribution, Welcoming Remarks and Introduction of Guests. 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; Suzanne Lewis, residential renter; Dale Liebowitz-Neglia, at-large; Steven Stokes, residential renter; Jeff Walker, business owner; Marc Woerschling, community based.

Board members excused were Sandy Hubbard, residential homeowner; Suzanne Lauer, residential renter; Charles Sulahian, business owner; Dr. Joshua Levy, faith based.

The minutes from the February board meeting were approved by a vote of 10-0-0.

Ms. Pearl Ricci, a representative from Congressman Howard Berman's office, dropped off postcards provided by Congressman Berman for residents to fill out so they can be kept informed on major issues and receive the Congressman's e-newsletter.

Agenda Item 2 – Public Comment on Agenda Items (limited to two (2) minutes per speaker, and must fill out a speaker card) – Ms. Karen Covell, a resident at 5019 Westpark Drive gave her opinion opposing the installation of shade structures at Valley Village Park. Ms. Covell submitted a petition signed by twenty-six (26) people stating "we the undersigned residents (stakeholders) of Valley Village are committed to the beautification of the Valley Village Park. To that end, we fully support the motion passed by the NCVV last year to add pathways, benches, signage, dog bag dispensers, as well as repair the softball backstop and broken light fixtures. However, we are adamantly opposed to the addition of fitness equipment or 'shade structures,' such as the ones proposed over the play and picnic areas. We feel any such fitness equipment or shade structures are inconsistent with the current use, intimate scale, and natural landscape."

Agenda Item 3 – Finance Report, Mr. Hatfield - Mr. Hatfield gave an update on the financial report and submitted a copy for the record. Mr. Hatfield let us know that all demand warrants must be submitted to DONE by April 15 for payment. The purchasing card can be used for expenditures until June 15.

Agenda Item 4 – NCVV Budget –

Motion to approve street banners project for two (2) years, the current permit expires in June 2011 - \$17,032.36. The motion was approved by a vote of 10-1-0.

Motion to approve up to \$2,500 for planning consultant for Valley Village Vision Committee. The motion was approved by a vote of 11-0-0.

Motion to approve up to \$1,000 to develop the Valley Village zoning map. The motion was approved by a vote of 11-0-0.

Motion to approve a grant of \$1,400 to the Valley Village Homeowners Association for the July 4th parade. The motion was approved by a vote of 11-0-0.

Motion to approve a grant of \$3,600 to Valley Village Homeowners Association for 2011 National Night Out. The motion was approved by a vote of 11-0-0.

Motion to approve a grant of \$5,000 to Amelia Earhart Library for book/equipment purchase. The motion was approved by a vote of 11-0-0.

Agenda Item 5 – DONE Survey - Mr. Braswell asked all of us to please participate in the Department of Neighborhood Empowerment Survey that is available to take online at their website.

Agenda Item 6 – Los Angeles County Department of Mental Health Presentation – Karen Goldberg - Ms. Karen Goldberg from the County of Los Angeles Department of Mental Health gave a presentation on the comprehensive services provided by the LACDMH. She also gave us contact information for Mr. James Randall, Outreach Coordinator for Service Area 2. The San Fernando Valley is located in Service Area 2.

Agenda Item 7 – Valley Village Garden Tour – Ms. Lewis – Ms. Lewis gave an update on the 2nd annual Valley Village Garden Tour. The photos must be taken between April 1 to May 20 and submitted via email or the USPS. The event is being sponsored by NCVV, Sego Nursery and Dorothy Apple, Coldwell Banker Residential Brokerage. The winners will be announced at the May 25 NCVV board meeting. Any additional information needed on this event can be found at www.myvalleyvillage.com.

Agenda Item 8 – CERT Class – Ms. Apple – Ms. Apple gave an update on the upcoming CERT class starting on April 4, 2011. There is still room in the class for people to sign up. The dates are April 4th, April 13th, April 25th and May 2nd from 6:00-10:00 at the Colfax Charter Auditorium. Any additional information needed on this event can be found at www.myvalleyvillage.com.

Agenda Item – 9 Valley Village Park Update – Mr. Walker, Mr. Sacher – Mr. Sacher gave a brief update on the proposed enhancements to Valley Village Park and submitted a written copy for the record. Mr. Sacher asked that we table the decision regarding shade structures to the April City Services meeting. The City Services committee and the Valley Village Park Improvement ad hoc committee does not recommend the installation of exercise equipment in the park.

Agenda Item 10 – Valley Village Task Force – Ms. Hubbard was excused from the meeting and will provide an update at the May board meeting. Ms. Hatfield gave an update on Survey LA and asked for volunteers to help submit homes to Survey LA that might be considered as a Historic Home.

Agenda Item 11 – Coalition to End Billboard Blight – possible outreach for support – This agenda item was postponed to the April board meeting.

Agenda Item 12 - Standing Committee Reports – Communications – Mr. Stokes – Mr. Stokes, Ms. Flynn and Mr. Braswell are going to write articles and put together an issue of The Bridge. The issue will be distributed electronically, through the US Postal Service and dropped off at various local businesses in Valley Village.

Agenda Item 12- Standing Committee Reports – Elections, By-Laws and Outreach – Ms. Hatfield – Ms. Hatfield let us know that the Los Angeles Education and Neighborhoods Committee, which Councilmember Krekorian is the chair of is having a special meeting this evening to discuss the Neighborhood Council Elections Task Force findings regarding the election process for 2012.

Mr. Braswell let us know that we are still waiting for approval of our bylaws from DONE.

Agenda Item 12 – Standing Committee Reports – Projects – Ms. Lewis – Ms. Lewis presented information on the Pet Adoption being held on April 30 at the Presbyterian Church at Colfax Avenue and Addison Street.

Agenda Item 12 – Standing Committee Reports – Planning and Land Use – Mr. Bate – Mr. Bate gave an update on the status of the Floor Area Ratio motion that was passed by NCVV. There is a meeting scheduled with Councilmember Krekorian, Mr. Braswell and Mr. Bate for April 6th to discuss the status of the motion at the City Council level. Members of Planning and Land Use have been discussing ways to beautify/landscape the Tujunga Wash and this subject will be addressed at the PLU meeting in April.

Motion to approve a CUB 5424 Laurel Canyon for beer and wine sales. There was no action taken on this item.

Agenda Item 12- Standing Committee Reports – City Services – Mr. Walker -

Motion: The City Services Committee moves that the NCVV Board submit a written request to the City of Los Angeles Department of Transportation, or such other city agency as may be appropriate, requesting the installation of bus shelters at the following locations in Valley Village:

- 1) The southwest corner of Laurel Canyon Boulevard and Magnolia Boulevard (Bus Line 183),*
- 2) The northeast corner of Whitsett Avenue and Chandler Boulevard (Dash Line),*
- 3) The northeast corner of Whitsett Avenue and Chandler Boulevard (Bus Line 156),*
- 4) The northeast corner of Whitsett Boulevard and Magnolia Boulevard (Dash Line),*
- 5) The northwest corner of Whitsett Avenue and Magnolia Boulevard (Dash Line)*
- 6) The northwest corner of Laurel Canyon Boulevard and Riverside Drive (Bus Line 96).*

The motion was approved by a vote of 11-0-0.

Agenda Item 13 – Public Comment – Public Comment from the public on non-agenda items within the Board's subject matter jurisdiction – Mr. Erik Stuber from the North Hollywood branch of the Los Angeles Public Library gave a brief update on the passing of Measure L and what it means for reinstating hours of operation at the library. He also gave us an update of upcoming events and celebrations to be held at the library in the near future. Mr. Stuber said he would email a calendar of the upcoming events to Mr. Stokes to post on the NCVV website.

Mr. Craig Clough, Editor of the North Hollywood-Toluca Lake www.northhollywood.patch.com website gave a brief presentation on Patch. Patch is a new way to find out about, and participate in, what's going on near you. They provide community specific news and information platform dedicated to providing comprehensive and trusted local coverage for individual towns and communities. Patch is run by professional editors, writers, photographers and videographers who live in or near the communities they serve, and is supported by a great team in their New York City headquarters. Patch also gets advice from their Editorial Advisory Board and from many members of the community. More information on Patch can be found on their website.

Agenda Item 14 – Future Agenda Items, President's Closing Comments and Adjournment –

Mr. Braswell thanked everyone in attendance. The meeting was adjourned at 9:00pm.