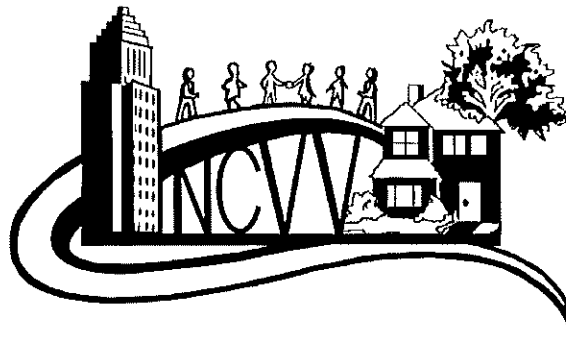


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## NEIGHBORHOOD COUNCIL VALLEY VILLAGE

### Board Meeting Agenda

October 26, 2011

6:30 PM – 9:00 PM

Colfax Elementary School Auditorium  
 11724 Addison Street, Valley Village, CA, 91607

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1. Call to Order, Roll Call, Agenda Distribution, and Approval of August Minutes – Mr. Braswell and Ms. Apple  
     Motion to Rescind Vote Regarding PLU Motion  
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2. Public Comment on Agenda Items (limited to 2 minutes per speaker, and speaker must fill out a speaker card)
3. Finance Report – Mr. Hatfield
4. Proposal to Franchised Waste Removal – Mr. Walker Myla Rahman (Cerrell Associates), Gina Palencar (LAANE)
5. Neighborhood Team Program (CERT) – Larry Bogatz, Battalion 18 Coordinator, Ms. Hatfield
6. NCVV Committee Reports  
     Planning and Land Use – Mr. Bate  
     *Motion: NCVV opposes changes to the proposed Citywide Sign Ordinance recommended by the Planning Dept. July 22, 2011 and supports the Ordinance as originally recommended in 2009 by the City Planning Commission.*  
     Communications – Mr. Stokes  
     Elections, Bylaws & Outreach – Ms. Hatfield  
     City Services – Mr. Walker  
     Projects – Ms. Lewis
7. Valley Village Park Renovations – Mr. Braswell
8. Valley Village Vision Task Force – Ms. Hubbard
9. Public Comment – Comments from the public on non-agenda items within the Board's subject matter jurisdiction
10. Future Agenda Items, President's Closing Comments

### NEXT NCVV MEETING – November 16, 2011

**Process for Reconsideration** – The Board may reconsider and amend its action on items listed on the agenda if that reconsideration takes place immediately following the original action or at the next regular meeting. The Board, on either of these two days, shall: (1) Make a Motion for Reconsideration and, if approved, (2) hear the matter and Take an Action. If the motion to reconsider an action is to be scheduled at the next meeting following the original action, then two items shall be placed on the agenda for that meeting: (1) A Motion for Reconsideration on the described matter and (2) a [Proposed] Action should the motion to reconsider be approved. A motion for reconsideration can only be made by a Board member who has previously voted on the prevailing side of the original action taken. If a motion for reconsideration is not made on the date the action was taken, then a Board member on the prevailing side of the action must submit a memorandum to the Secretary identifying the matter to be reconsidered and a brief description of the reason(s) for requesting reconsideration at the next regular meeting. The aforesaid shall all be in compliance with the Brown Act.

**Neighborhood Council Valley Village  
Board Meeting**

**October 26, 2011**

**Approved**

**Agenda Item 1 – Call to Order, Roll Call, Agenda Distribution, Approval of August Minutes – Mr. Braswell and Ms. Apple -**

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, business owner; Tony Braswell, residential renter; Ginny Hatfield, residential homeowner; Sandy Hubbard, residential homeowner; Dr. Joshua Levy, faith based; Suzanne Lewis, residential renter; Dale Liebowitz-Neglia, at-large; Steven Stokes, residential renter; Jeff Walker, education; Marc Woerschling, community based.

Board members excused were Paul Hatfield, at large; Suzanne Lauer, residential renter; Cathy Flynn, residential homeowner; Charles Sulahian, business owner.

The minutes were approved by a vote of 10-0-0

**Motion:** To rescind vote regarding Planning and Land Use motion from September 21, 2011 NCVV board meeting. The motion was approved by a vote of 10-0-0.

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**Agenda Item 2 – Public Comment on Agenda Items (limited to two (2) minutes per speaker, and must fill out a speaker card) –** Ms. Pat Davenport from Councilmember Paul Krekorian's office gave us an update on the new Sherman Oaks/East Valley Adult Center located at 5060 Van Nuys Boulevard, Sherman Oaks Park. The ribbon cutting ceremony is scheduled for October 27. Ms. Davenport also informed us of the new Farmers Market in North Hollywood. The NoHo Farmers Market is held every Saturday from 8:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. on Bakman Avenue, between Magnolia Boulevard to the South and Weddington Street to the North. Council District 2 has two hundred fifty thousand dollars (250,000) in discretionary funds that have been earmarked for street and sidewalk repair. Ms. Davenport asked us to submit any sidewalks and/or streets that we feel are in need of repair.

A member of the audience asked how we can call the NoHo Farmers Market local farmers, when the majority of them bring their produce in from Ventura County.

**Agenda Item 3 – Finance Report, Mr. Hatfield -** Ms. Hatfield for Mr. Hatfield gave an update on the financial report and submitted a copy for the record.

Recent major transactions included five hundred dollars (500) for the Neighborhood Council Congress and four hundred fifty dollars (450) to renew our self-storage contract for another six months.

Ms. Hatfield read an email from Mr. Hatfield and submitted a copy for the record. "Regarding other issues, I have heard from an NC Budget Advocate that the mayor will not allow the advocates to make

presentations at this Saturday's Budget Day. Ed Novy, who is a rep from the North Valley, is proposing a boycott of the meeting in protest.

I am in total agreement with him. If NCs are supposed to be a part of the process, excluding board members from making statements is contrary to the spirit and purpose of the event.

I have long been opposed to this event. In my view, it has always been a charade by the mayor to give the appearance of neighborhood council involvement.

If in fact no NC representatives are permitted to make formal presentations, we should protest the decision in a letter to the Mayor and our two City Council Members. I will be happy to draft it."

**Agenda Item 4 – Proposal to Franchised Waste Removal – Mr. Walker, Myla Tahman (Cerrill Associates) Gina Palericar (Laane)** – Mr. Greg Good, Esq. Director of Waste and Recycling Project for Laane gave a brief presentation on The Don't Waste LA Coalition. The coalition is a group of community, environmental, faith and labor organizations wanting to establish region wide standards in the commercial and multi-residential waste and recycling industry.

Ms. Myla Rahman, Account Executive for Cerrill Associates gave a brief presentation on the parties that her company is representing on the waste management issue and the possibility that the City of Los Angeles will soon convert trash pick up for commercial and multi residential to a franchise system. They do not want the proposed franchised system to be an exclusive system and would like there to be several companies for business owners and landlords to choose from.

**Agenda Item 5 – Neighborhood Team Program (CERT) – Larry Bogatz, Battalion 18 Coordinator, per Ms. Hatfield** – Mr. Bogatz gave a brief presentation on the Los Angeles Fire Department disaster preparedness section CERT, Community Emergency Response Team and NTP, Neighborhood Team Program. We informed Mr. Bogatz that NCVV has trained over three hundred (300) residents in CERT and hand out emergency backpacks to graduates of the class. NCVV is definitely interested in organizing groups of residents for NTP and the City Services Committee will work on this program.

**Agenda Item 6 - Standing Committee Reports – Planning and Land Use – Mr. Bate – Motion:**  
*NCVV opposes changes to the proposed Citywide Sign Ordinance recommended by the Planning Department July 22, 2011 and supports the Ordinance as originally recommended in 2009 by the City Planning Commission. The motion was approved by a vote of 9-0-1.*

Mr. Bate informed us that are four (4) properties in Valley Village that are still zoned R4. It is the PLU opinion that these properties should have been down zoned to RD1.5 in the early 1980's when the regularization of properties in Valley Village was being done per AB 283. NCVV feels this is the appropriate time to ask the Los Angeles Planning and Land Use Committee to start the process of down zoning the four (4) properties in question. NCVV will be asking Councilman Paul Krekorian for his support and help in getting this accomplished.

**Motion:** *NCVV requests Councilman Paul Krekorian and the Los Angeles City Council promptly initiate proceedings and take all necessary steps to change the zoning of the following four (4) properties in Valley Village from R4-1 to QRD1.5 low median 2. Mr. Walker seconded the motion. The motion was approved by a vote of 9-0-1.*

**Motion:** *NCVV requests the Los Angeles City Council direct the Planning Department to process the down zoning of the four (4) properties and make it a high priority in its work program. Ms. Liebowitz-Neglia seconded the motion. The motion was approved by a vote of 10-0-0.*

**Agenda Item 6 – Standing Committee Reports – Communications – Mr. Stokes –** Mr. Stokes had no update to report.

**Agenda Item 6 - Standing Committee Reports – Elections, ByLaws & Outreach – Ms. Hatfield –**  
Ms. Hatfield informed us that the November NCVV board meeting will be held on November 16 at North Hollywood High School. Congressman Howard Berman will be attending our board meeting on December 14<sup>th</sup>. This meeting will be co-hosted with the Valley Village Homeowners Association. She also informed us that the Valley Alliance of Neighborhood Councils will be meeting on November 10<sup>th</sup> to pursue the option of holding Neighborhood Council elections in 2012.

**Agenda Item 6 - Standing Committee Reports – City Services – Mr. Walker –** Mr. Walker let us know that Valley Village will be getting new bus benches. Martin Bus Benches is taking over the city contract for bus benches from Norman Bus Bench. The bus benches will be replaced over a two year span. We will also be receiving some additional benches and trash cans.

**Agenda Item 6 – Standing Committee Reports – Projects – Ms. Lewis –** Ms. Lewis informed us that over eight (8) million people participated in the Los Angeles Great Shakeout on October 20<sup>th</sup>. NCVV is holding their third annual food drive and the PALS luncheon is on November 10<sup>th</sup>.

**Agenda Item 7 – Valley Village Park Renovations – Mr. Braswell –** Mr. Braswell informed us that the park renovations are under construction and he will continue to update us monthly until the project is completed.

**Agenda Item 8 - Valley Village Task Force – Ms. Hubbard –** Ms. Hubbard did not have anything to report.

**Agenda Item 9 – Public Comment – Public Comment from the public on non-agenda items within the Board's subject matter jurisdiction –** There were no public comments.

**Agenda Item 10 – Future Agenda Items President's Closing Comments and Adjournment –**  
There were no future agenda items. Mr. Braswell thanked everyone in attendance.  
The meeting was adjourned at 9:00.