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NEIGHBORHOOD COUNCIL VALLEY VILLAGE
Board Meeting Agenda

January 26, 2011
6:30 PM – 9:00 PM
Colfax Elementary School Auditorium
11724 Addison Street, Valley Village, CA, 91607

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THE TWO CANDIDATES FOR LAUSD BOARD DISTRICT 3 HAVE BEEN INVITED TO SPEAK TO OUR COMMUNITY AND WILL BE INTRODUCED DURING THE MEETING

1. Call to Order, Roll Call, Agenda Distribution, and Approval of December Minutes – Mr. Braswell and Ms. Apple
2. Introduction of Guests
3. Public Comment on Agenda Items (limited to 2 minutes per speaker, and speaker must fill out a speaker card)
4. Board Election – Homeowner Seat – Ms. Hatfield
5. Finance Report – Mr. Hatfield
6. Proposed Zoning Code Changes – Ms. Hubbard, Mr. Bate
   Updated Motion on Resolution *regarding funding for the City Planning Department*
7. Valley Village Park Update – Mr. Walker
8. Sidewalk Ordinance – Ms. Hatfield, Glenn Bailey (Encino Neighborhood Council)
9. East Valley Animal Shelter – Ms. Hatfield
   Motion: *allocate up to $800 to purchase 25 pet beds for use at the East Valley Animal Shelter* – withdrawn
10. Valley Village Vision Task Force
11. NCVV Committee Reports
    - Planning and Land Use – Mr. Bate
    - Communications – Mr. Stokes
    - Elections, Bylaws & Outreach – Ms. Hatfield
    - City Services – Mr. Walker
      - Metro Update on behalf of Ms. Gooley
    - Projects – Ms. Lewis
12. Ethics Training – Mr. Braswell, Ms. Apple
13. Update on NCVV Bylaws – Mr. Braswell, Mr. Simen
14. Future Agenda Items
15. Public Comment – Comments from the public on non-agenda items within the Board's subject matter jurisdiction
16. President's Closing Comments

NEXT NCVV MEETING
February 23, 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

Date January 26, 2011

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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; Ginny Hatfield, residential homeowner; Paul Hatfield, at large; Sandy Hubbard, residential homeowner; Suzanne Lauer, residential renter; Dr. Joshua Levy, faith based; Dale Liebowitz-Neglia, at-large; Steven Stokes, residential renter; Jeff Walker, business owner; Mark Woersching, community based.
Board members excused were Suzanne Lewis, residential renter.
Board members not present were Charles Sulahian, business owner.

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

Agenda Item 4 – Board Election – Homeowner Seat – Ms. Hatfield – Ms. Hatfield introduced Ms. Cathy Flynn. Ms. Flynn is running for the homeowner's seat and gave a brief summary of her involvement in the neighborhood and her qualifications to run for the NCVV board. Ms Flynn was elected to the board by a vote of 10-0-0 and will fill the seat vacated by Ms. Lory Oberg until 2012. Ms. Hatfield swore in Ms. Flynn.

Agenda Item 2 – Introduction of Guests – Mr. Braswell – Ms. Tamar Galatzan, a member of the Los Angeles Unified Board of Education and a candidate for LAUSD Board of Education. Ms. Galatzan gave a brief presentation on her background and qualifications for running for re-election to the LAUSD Board of Education.

Ms. Pearl Ricci from Congressman Howard Berman's office let us know that he will be hosting a free homeowners assistance and retention workshop on March 5, 9:30-2:00 at the Marvin Braude San Fernando Valley Service Center. Space is limited to the first two hundred (200) people to sign up.

Mr. Wesley Hernandez, Field Deputy from Councilmember Paul Koretz's office let us know that there is a joint committee hearing evaluating the effectiveness of responses to the foreclosure crisis in California January 31, 9:30 am at the Los Angeles County Hall of Administration Board of Supervisors Hearing Room.

Ms. Pat Davenport, Field Deputy from Councilmember Paul Krekorian's office gave us copies of the Festival Booklet for this year. She let us know that the Department of Cultural Affairs publishes this booklet and solicits the money from private entities to publish the booklet. Ms. Davenport will be getting us information on available street furniture for NCVV to purchase for our community.

Mr. Louis Pugliese, a candidate for LAUSD Board of Education, 3rd District gave a brief presentation on his background and qualifications for running for the LAUSD Board of Education.

Mr. David Compton, a resident in Valley Village, asked Mr. Pugliese what are the time requirements of a board member for LAUSD. Mr. Pugliese said that there are not set hours for the position; however, he plans to be a full time board member if elected and will keep a forty hour workweek.

Mr. Augusto Biasini, a candidate for City of Los Angeles member of the Council, 2nd District, gave a brief presentation on his background and qualifications for running for City Council.

Agenda Item 3 – Public Comment on Agenda Items (limited to two (2) minutes per speaker, and must fill out a speaker card) – Ms. Kalee Przybyak, a resident of Valley Village, asked Ms. Galatzan if she knows what the student dropout rate is in LAUSD. Ms. Galatzan let her know that the method of tracking students is in the process of being updated and a more accurate number should be available this year.

Mr. Steve Simon, a resident of Valley Village asked Ms. Galatzan if there are any plans to bring back music and shop classes. Ms. Galatzan let him know that about ten (10) years ago music and arts classes were brought back to the LAUSD curriculum. These types of classes have recently been cut by Sacramento due to budgets cutbacks. There are music and arts classes being funded in some schools by parent involvement and fundraising. As for the vocational type classes, they are very costly to staff with teachers and equipment. These types of classes are being taught at many community colleges. Students can dual enroll in LAUSD and community colleges in order to take vocational classes.

Ms. Susan Kovinsky, a resident in Valley Village, asked Ms. Galatzan what district of LAUSD she oversees. Ms. Galatzan covers the San Fernando Valley, from Toluca Lake to Porter Ranch.

Ms. Liebowitz asked Ms. Galatzan for her opinion on Granada Hills Charter High School taking over the new high school. Ms. Galatzan let us know that the LAUSD Superintendent is going to review the various proposal submitted and then make a recommendation to the board.

A member in the audience asked about Title 1 funding in the LAUSD School District. Schools with a large low-income student population meet the definition and requirements for students to be eligible to receive Title 1 funds. Ms. Galatzan was able to appropriate $85,000 (eighty-five thousand) unrestricted money to every single non Title 1 school in LAUSD.

Mr. Hatfield asked about the future of pension benefits for LAUSD employees and if there will be any discussion about this important topic by the LAUSD School Board. Ms. Galatzan let us know that a task force was set up at the last board meeting and asked Mr. Hatfield to be part of the task force.

Ms. Hubbard asked if teachers consider pension as part of their pay, have teachers been informed that having a pension in the future is in lieu of a pay raise, if teachers have the choice to pay social security or take social security as a benefit, or after thirty-five (35) years of service do they have a choice to move up the employment ladder. Ms. Galatzan let her know that Congressman Howard Berman has tried to introduce legislation in congress to change social security benefits for teachers. Teachers have been told that in lieu of a raise there is a pension available to them.

Mr. David Compton asked Ms. Davenport for an update on the Mobile Ordinance. She let him know that the Department of Transportation is the lead enforcement for this ordinance in the San Fernando Valley.

Agenda Item 5 – Finance Report, Mr. Hatfield - Mr. Hatfield gave an update on the financial report and submitted a copy for the record.

Agenda Item 6 – Proposed Zoning Code Changes – Ms. Hubbard, Mr. Bate – *Updated Motion on Resolution* *regarding funding for the City Planning Department.* Mr. Walker made a motion that the resolution be adopted as a motion. Ms. Liebowitz seconded the motion. The motion was approved 11-0-0. A copy of the complete resolution/motion is attached for the record.

Agenda Item 7 – Valley Village Park Update – Mr. Walker gave an update on the proposed updates to Valley Village Park. An ad hoc committee consisting of Andrew Sacher, Ginny Hatfield and Sandy

Hubbard has been set up to finalize the park improvements and new equipment that will be installed at the park. They will act as a liaison between the Department of Recreation and Parks and NCVV.

Agenda Item 8 – Sidewalk Ordinance – Ms. Hatfield, Glenn Bailey (Encino Neighborhood Council) – Mr. Bailey let us know that Los Angeles City Council is considering a report from the City Attorney dated December 10, 2010 which if approved would shift the financial responsibility of repairing sidewalks, driveways, and curbs damaged by tree roots from the city to individual property owners. Since 1974 the City has assumed the responsibility under the Los Angeles Municipal Code Section 62.103. However, of the ten thousand seven hundred fifty (10,750) miles of sidewalks, the City estimates forty-six hundred (4,600) miles are in need of repair at a staggering cost estimate of $1.2 billion. The typical repair cost is estimated to be $3,500 to $7,000. Under the proposed ordinance, a property owner would be cited and given ninety (90) days to make the repairs using someone from the City's list of approved contractors. If the repairs are not made within the ninety (90) days, the City would cause the repairs to be made and would add a forty (40) percent administration fee. The Council File number is 05-1853. Further details are available at the City's webpage
http://cityclerk.lacity.org/lacityclerkconnect/index.cfm?fa+ccfi.viewrecord&cfnumber=05-1853
As of today, four (4) Neighborhood Councils have filed Community Impact Statements opposing this proposed ordinance. Mr. Bailey is encouraging all Neighborhood Councils to take a position on this issue.

Agenda Item 9 – East Valley Animal Shelter – Ms. Hatfield – *Motion: allocate up to $800 to purchase twenty-five (25) pet beds for use at the East Valley Animal Shelter.* Ms. Hatfield withdrew this motion because a private donor came forward and donated the pet beds.

Agenda Item 10 – Valley Village Task Force - Ms. Hubbard let us know that there is a meeting scheduled for February 10 with the board members in the task force.

Agenda Item 11 - Standing Committee Reports – Communications – Mr. Stokes – Mr. Stokes let us know that they are working on the Neighborhood Watch portion of the website, it has been temporarily out of service. Mr. Stokes has a conference call with the web designers to come up with a logical way to archive all of the articles that are available on the website to make it more users friendly. AT&T Uverse is not yet available in Valley Village. There is not a timeframe as to when AT&T Uverse will be available in our neighborhood.

Agenda Item 11 - Standing Committee Reports – Elections – Ms. Hatfield – Ms. Hatfield had no update to report.

Agenda Item 11 - Standing Committee Reports – City Services – Mr. Walker – Mr. Walker let us know that we are looking into the possibility of street furniture and public trash cans in Valley Village. Donna Gooley was not able to attend the meeting and asked that NCVV take a position on the elimination of certain bus lines by the Metropolitan Department of Transportation. We have asked to have an employee of the Metro come to our next board meeting to give a presentation on the bus routes that might be eliminated. A copy of Ms. Gooley's letter is attached for the record.

Ms. Liebowitz made a motion to oppose the reduction of Metro bus lines 183 and 96. Ms. Hatfield seconded the motion. The motion was approved 7-2-1.

Ms. Hatfield gave an update on the proposed soundwall along the 170 Freeway. A copy of the letter from the Los Angeles County MTA is attached for the record.

Agenda Item 11 – Standing Committee Reports – Projects – Ms. Lewis – Mr. Braswell on behalf of Ms. Lewis let us know that we are looking for a band to perform in the Valley Village 4th of July parade.

Agenda Item 11 – Standing Committee Reports – Planning and Land Use – Ms. Bate – Mr. Bate had no update to report.

Agenda Item 12 – Ethics Training – Mr. Braswell, Ms. Apple – Mr. Braswell let us know that all board members must complete their ethics training.

Agenda Item 13 – Update on NCVV Bylaws – Mr. Braswell, Mr. Simen – Mr. Braswell let us know that the updates have been made to the NCVV bylaws, have been sent to the City for approval and will be on our March agenda for board approval.

Agenda Item 14 – Future Agenda Items – Mr. Woersching would like to discuss proposed Planning Department Cuts.

Agenda Item 15 – Public Comment – Public Comment from the public on non-agenda items within the Board's subject matter jurisdiction – Ms. Mary Gillis, a resident in Valley Village, asked about the Los Angeles Department Of Water and Power Rates. Mr. Greg Bartz from the LADWP was present in the audience and spoke with her in private.

Agenda Item 16 – President's Closing Comments and Adjournment – Mr. Braswell thanked everyone in attendance. The meeting was adjourned at 9:00pm.