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NEIGHBORHOOD COUNCIL VALLEY VILLAGE AGENDA

April 22, 2009 6:30 PM
Colfax Elementary School Auditorium
11724 Addison Street, Valley Village, CA, 91607

The public is requested to fill out a "Speaker Card" to address the Board on any item of the agenda prior to the Board taking action on an item. Comments from the public on Agenda items will be heard only when the respective item is being considered. Comments from the public on other matters not appearing on the Agenda that is within the Board's subject matter jurisdiction will be heard during the Public Comment period. Public comment is limited to 2 minutes per speaker, unless waived by the presiding officer of the Board. Agenda is posted for public review at: Colfax Elementary School, 11724 Addison Street, Valley Village 91607, Shaarey Zedek Congregation, 12800 Chandler Blvd, Valley Village 91607, East Valley Senior Center, 5000 Colfax Ave., Valley Village 91601, Sego Nursery, 12126 Burbank Boulevard, Valley Village 91607, Marie et Cie, 11704 Riverside Drive, Valley Village 91607, 7-11 5343 Laurel Canyon Boulevard, Valley Village 91607, North Hollywood Library, 5211 Tujunga Avenue, North Hollywood, 91601, Newspaper (Daily News and Sun), NCVV website. As a covered entity under Title II of the Americans with Disabilities Act, the City of Los Angeles does not discriminate on the basis of disability and upon request, will provide reasonable accommodation to ensure equal access to its programs, services, and activities. Sign language interpreters, assistive listening devices, or other auxiliary aids and/or services may be provided upon request. To ensure availability of services, please make your request at least 3 business days prior to the meeting you wish to attend by contacting the Department of Neighborhood Empowerment Project Coordinator, Taneda K. Larios, at taneda.larios@lacity.org.

1. Call to Order, Roll Call, Agenda Distribution, and Welcoming Remarks – Mr. Braswell
2. Approval of March Minutes – Ms. Apple
3. Introduction of Guests – Mr. Braswell
4. Public Comment on Agenda Items (limited to 2 minutes per speaker, and speaker must fill out a speaker card)
5. Financial Update, LAUSD – Ms. Tamar Galatzan per Ms. Hatfield
6. Finance Report – Mr. Hatfield
7. Instant Run-off Voting Update – per Ms. Hatfield – motion to support Instant Run-Off Voting
8. Form 54 Update – per Ms. Hatfield – possible motion regarding implementation of Form 54
9. Billboard Ordinance – Mr. Woersching – possible motion regarding proposed ordinance
10. CERT Update – Ms. Apple
11. Standing Committee Reports –
    - Elections – Ms. Hatfield
        - Business Representative
        - 2010 Election – Motion to approve the NCVV DONE Elections Procedures Stipulation Document
        - Student Seat
    - City Services –
        - Speed Limit on Riverside, Chandler
        - DOT MOU Advisory Committee - Tom Paterson
    - Projects – Ms. Lewis
        - Earth Day Event
    - Planning and Land Use – Mr. O'Connor/Ms. Fulton
        - Legal Ruling Regarding SB1818
    - Communications – Mr. Stokes 5/8 - cut class - for bridge & map
12. May Meeting Date - 5/20
13. Future Agenda Items
14. Public Comment – Comments from the public on non-agenda items within the Board's subject matter jurisdiction
15. President's Closing Comments

Next NCVV Board Meeting – May 27, 2009

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

April 22, 2009

1300

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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 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 Roberts Rules of Order.

The roll was called. Board members present were Dorothy Apple, residential homeowner; Dave Bate, at-large; Tony Braswell, residential renter; Richard Gauthier, business owner; Ginny Hatfield, residential homeonwer; Paul Hatfield, at large; Dr. Levy, faith based; Suzanne Lewis, residential renter; Greg O'Connor, residential homeowner; Tom Paterson; residential renter; Steven Stokes, residential renter; Mark Woersching, community based; Philip Schaeffer, student representative
Board members excused were Beth Fulton, education; Lory Oberg, residential homeowner; Andrew Sacher, business owner.

Agenda Item 2 – Approval of April Minutes – Ms. Apple - The minutes were approved by a vote of 10-0-0.

Agenda Item 3 - Introduction of Guests – Mr. Braswell – Mordy Roth and Julian Gershon, local boy scouts, will be sitting in on our meeting in order to receive a merit badge. Ms. Taneda Larios, Project Coordinator from DONE and Mr. Evan Roosevelt from Councilwoman Wendy Grueul's office are present. Ms. Larios let us know that there will be a valley emergency preparedness meeting on May 14 at the Braude Center. Representatives from the Red Cross and DONE will be present. They have agreed to convene on a monthly basis to clarify and ascertain the role of neighborhood councils and the integration of community groups in the area of Emergency Preparedness. Ms. Apple let Ms. Larios know that she would be attending the monthly meetings.

Mr. Roosevelt gave an update on the progress of the crosswalk removal on Riverside Drive. The DOT will be conducting another pedestrian study at the crosswalk.

Mr. Joseph Solis, District Representative from Senator Carol Liu's office introduced himself and gave us a brief background on Senator Liu.

Agenda Item 4 – Public Comment on Agenda Items (limited to two (2) minutes per speaker, and speaker must fill out a speaker card).

Agenda Item 5 – Financial Update, LAUSD – Ms. Tamar Galatzan per Ms. Hatfield – Mrs. Tamar Galatzan, member of the LAUSD Board, spoke to the NCVV Board regarding budget concerns for the school system. She complimented NCVV for our involvement with local schools and encouraged more as budgets tighten.

Agenda Item 6 – Finance Report – Mr. Hatfield – The financial report was submitted.

Agenda Item 7 – Instant Run-Off Voting Update – per Ms. Hatfield – motion to support Instant Run-off Voting – Mr. Guatam Dutta, Deputy Director, Political Reform Program from the New America Foundation gave a presentation on instant run-off voting and asked for our support. *Motion: NCVV endorses Instant Run-off Voting (IRV), and urges the Mayor and City Council to put IRV on the ballot for the voters to decide.* Motion passed by a vote of 10-1-0.

Agenda Item 8 – Form 54 Update – per Ms. Hatfield – possible motion regarding implementation of Form 54 – *Motion: NCVV supports efforts to advocate Form 55 in lieu of Form 54 with the wording "materially affected by the NCF identified on page two (2)" and encourages the Los Angeles City Council to adopt it.* Motion passed by a vote of 10-1-0. Mr. Bate will redraft the Declaration, Neighborhood Council Financial Disclosure Form and take it to the Valley alliance meeting in two (2) weeks.

Agenda Item 9- Billboard Ordinance – Mr. Woersching – possible motion regarding proposed ordinance – Mr. Woersching gave a brief background on the City Council ban on erecting new billboards and the exceptions to the ban. *Motion: That the NCVV Board recommend to the City Council, the Valley Alliance of Neighborhood Councils and the Citywide Congress of Neighborhood Councils that the proposed Citywide Sign and Billboard Ordinance recommended by the City Planning Commission on March 26 be revised and approved as follows: 1. Retain the citywide ban on new billboards in Los Angeles approved in 2002, including the ban of billboards along the freeways approved in the early 1950s. 2. Remove the exception provisions contained in the proposed ordinance approved by the Planning Commission that would permit new billboards in supplemental sign districts and permit larger and taller on-premise identification signs in comprehensive sign programs for large projects and through the sign modification procedure. 3. Prohibit further conversions of billboards to digital billboards and new digital billboards. 4. Prohibit super graphics signs on the sides of buildings. 5. Increase the fines for violations of the sign and billboard ordinance so that they create a significant economic disincentive to violating the ordinance. In addition, that the City Council: 1. Adopt a policy that the City Council not settle any future billboard industry lawsuits that are one-sided in favor of the companies, i.e. no retroactive legalizing of illegal billboards put up without permits, no allowing signs to be converted to digital billboards and no more reductions in sign inspection fees. 2. Renegotiate, if possible, the settlement agreements, which allow four (4) companies to convert eight hundred seventy-eight (878) existing signs to digital billboards.* Motion passed 11-0-0.

Agenda Item 10 – CERT Update – Ms. Apple- We had 39 people graduate from our CERT class and have scheduled another class to take place the last weekend in June. It will be a two (2) day course and will include a CPR class. We are trying to obtain CERT stickers from the LAFD to give to people that have taken the course to post on the place of residence. Ms. Apple has been in contact with the Red Cross in trying to obtain an emergency supply bin in our neighborhood.

Agenda Item 11 – Standing Committee Reports – Elections – Ms. Hatfield – Business representative - Mr. Braswell informed us that Mr. Gauthier would be resigning from the board and thanked him for his years of service on NCVV. Ms. Hatfield let us know that Jeff Walker, a business owner in Valley Village has submitted an application for this seat. The executive committee approved his application. His appointment was approved 11-0-0.

2010 Election – *Motion: to approve the NCVV DONE elections procedures Stipulation document.* Motion was approved 11-0-0.

Student Seat – Ms. Hatfield reminded everyone that we would need to fill the student seat this summer as Philip Schaeffer is graduating. Mr. Schaeffer expects to be here until August.

Agenda Item 11 – Standing Committee Reports – City Services – Speed Limit on Riverside, Chandler – The Board was advised that the DOT will be surveying speeds on Chandler and Riverside. The speed limits are expired. The new recommendations will be 40mph, and will be made to the City Council sometime in late May or June. The city is also re-surveying the crosswalk on Riverside sometime in early May.

DOT MOU Advisory Committee –

Agenda Item 11 – Standing Committee Reports – Projects – Ms. Lewis – Earth Day Event – Ms. Lewis reported that the Valley Village Earth Day celebration was a great success. Over 200 people attended, there were almost 40 vendors. Ms. Lewis hopes to repeat the event in 2010.

Agenda Item 11 – Standing Committee Reports – Planning and Land Use – Mr. O'Connor/Ms. Fulton – Legal Ruling SB1818 – Planning and Land Use meeting conflicted with Passover and all business was postponed until May.

Agenda Item 11 – Standing Committee Reports – Communications – Mr. Stokes - Mr. Stokes let us know that there have been increased site visits to myvalleyvillage.com. There will be one more large print production of the Bridge and that it would then be transferred to an online format with prints copies mailed out by request only.

Agenda Item 12 – May Meeting date – The May NCVV meeting will be held on May 20.

Agenda Item 13 – Future Agenda Items –

Agenda Item 14 – Public Comment – Public Comment from the public on non-agenda items within the Board's subject matter jurisdiction – Mr. Rick Green thanked us very much and said he needed to get the boy scouts home to do their homework. Mr. Bruce Thomas GVGL made a comment regarding the removal of the sidewalk; he is against the sidewalk being removed. Ms. Freddie Goldberg, a resident at 11911 Magnolia expressed her concerns about the increase in the speed limit on Riverside Drive and the removal of the sidewalk. Ms. Goldberg also asked for a response regarding the SB1818 decision and its affect on local projects. Ms. Barbara Gauthier, a resident in Valley Village, asked that we vote no on Proposition 1E at the May 19 special elections.

Agenda Item 15 – President's Closing Comments and Adjournment – Mr. Braswell thanked everyone in attendance. The meeting was adjourned at 9:10pm.