Neighborhood Council Valley Village
Board Meeting

December 16, 2009

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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 pm. 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; Joshua Levy, faith based; Suzanne Lewis, residential renter; Lory Oberg, residential homeowner; Andrew Sacher, business owner; Steven Stokes, residential renter; Jeff Walker, business owner; Mark Woersching, community based.
Board members excused were Beth Fulton, education; Greg O'Connor, residential homeowner.

Agenda Item 2 – Approval of November Minutes – Ms. Apple - The minutes were approved by a vote of 11-0-0.

Agenda Item 3 - Introduction of Guests – Mr. Braswell – The Board thanked Danielle's Wood Fired Pizza who donated pizza for the meeting.

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

Agenda Item 5 – Finance Report, Mr. Hatfield - Mr. Hatfield gave an update on the financial report and submitted a copy for the record. The NCVV welcome sign on Laurel Canyon at the 101 Freeway has been hit and damaged. We may need to allocate funds to cover repair of the sign.

Agenda Item 6 – Burbank Elementary School – Clara Pena – Ms. Pena was not present.

Agenda Item 7 – Food Forward Presentation – Rick Nahmias – Mr. Nahmais was not present.

Agenda Item 8 – Sherman Village – DONE – A DONE representative was not present to discuss this matter and will be at our January, 2010 meeting. DONE does not want any areas in Los Angeles to be without Neighborhood Council representation.

Agenda Item 9- Standing Committee Reports – Projects – Suzanne Lewis – Ms. Lewis let us know that she is still collecting canned and boxed food for the food drive. Ms. Lewis let us know that she would like to have photos taken of the board members for the website.

Agenda Item 9 – Standing Committee Reports – Planning and Land Use – Beth Fulton – Mr. Braswell gave an update on Cell Phone Tower applications. Ms. Hatfield told us that

at the last VANC meeting, a resolution was passed urging Los Angeles City to require stand alone cell towers to be camouflaged to fit the environment. Cell towers that are visible on top of buildings are to be hidden by a decorative panel and that the electrical panels be disguised by color or form that fits the environment or placed underground. The resolution also asked that all cell phone tower applications come before the Neighborhood Council for approval. Mr. Woersching said that they would address the issue of cell phone towers in Planning and Land Use committee. He suggested that we urge Councilman Krekorian to initiate an ordinance that requires all cell phone tower applications to be presented to Neighborhood Councils for their input and approval on location. Neighborhood Councils need to be a step in the cell phone tower application process and this will require an amendment to the zoning code.

Ms. Jennifer Reed, a resident in Valley Village, told us that Dick Platkin and Tom Roth, the two retired city planners that helped with the 11933 Magnolia project would like to teach a free class to Valley Village residents and stakeholders on City Planning. There will be more information on the dates and location at the next NCVV meeting.

Ms. Oberg asked if NCVV had taken a position on the City Council motion to allow accessory dwelling units. Mr. Braswell let Ms. Oberg know that we had not taken a position on ADU's, but had voiced our opposition to them at the CD2 debates. Councilman Krekorian voiced his opposition to ADU's. Mr. Hatfield is going to request a speaker come to our January NCVV board meeting to discuss ADU's and ask Councilman Koretz to inform us of his position on ADU's.

Agenda Item 9 – Standing Committee Reports – Communications – Steven Stokes – Mr. Stokes is working on the new issue of The Bridge; it will be delivered electronically. He needs articles for the new issue of The Bridge and urged all board members to submit articles. Mr. Stokes is now able to update the website and asked that we email him any information that we would like to see on the website.

Agenda Item 9 – Standing Committee Reports – Elections – Ms. Hatfield – The filing period for the 2010 NCVV Board election is February 26 through March 30.

Agenda Item 9 – Standing Committee Reports – City Services – Mr. Bate – Donna Gooley, a resident in Valley Village, would like to have the DASH bus route extended and submitted a map with her suggestions. She will present her proposed changes at the January City Services meeting and her opposition to DASH cancelling the service on the Studio City/Van Nuys route.

Agenda Item 10 – Future Agenda Items – Mr. Bate would like to present a motion on the DASH bus route service. Mr. Woersching would like to discuss SB 1818 implementation ordinance. Mr. Braswell would like to have someone come speak on the increase in speed limits in Valley Village. Ms. Oberg would like to discuss the Lot Merger Ordinance Wendy Grueul presented when she was our Councilwoman. Dr. Levy asked if it is possible to have surveillance cameras installed at our major entrance and exit routes. Ms. Lewis would like to have photos of the board members on the website.

Agenda Item 11 – Public Comment – Public Comment from the public on non-agenda items within the Board's subject matter jurisdiction –

Agenda Item 12 – President's Closing Comments and Adjournment – Mr. Braswell thanked everyone in attendance. The meeting was adjourned at 8:40pm.