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NEIGHBORHOOD COUNCIL VALLEY VILLAGE AGENDA

January 27, 2010 6:30 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 Welcoming Remarks – Mr. Braswell
2. Approval of December Minutes – Ms. Apple
3. Introduction of Guests
4. Public Comment on Agenda Items (limited to 2 minutes per speaker, and speaker must fill out a speaker card)
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8. 11933 Magnolia Appeal –
9. Westwood Neighborhood Council Certification
10. Food Forward Presentation – Rick Nahmias
11. Standing Committee Reports –
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      - Planning Course Proposal for Stakeholders
      - *Motion: To approve up to $750 to support the 5 week Planning Program*
    - Communications – Mr. Stokes
    - Elections – Ms. Hatfield
    - City Services – Mr. Bate
      - ***Motion 1:*** *NCVV approves a Neighborhood Watch meeting to be hosted at the home of Dorothy Apple on January 31 and allocates up to $500 to be spent to support the event.*
      - ***Motion 2:*** *NCVV is opposed to the elimination of the Van Nuys/Studio City Dash line and encourages creative realignment to increase ridership/revenue, including possible route changes, fare increases and better marketing.*
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NEXT NCVV MEETING
February 24, 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

January 27, 2010

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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; Beth Fulton, education; Ginny Hatfield, residential homeowner; Paul Hatfield, at large; Dr. Joshua Levy, faith based; Suzanne Lewis, residential renter; Lory Oberg, residential homeowner; Steven Stokes, residential renter; Jeff Walker, business owner; Mark Woersching, community based.

Board members excused were Andrew Sacher, business owner; Greg O'Connor, residential homeowner.

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

Agenda Item 3 - Introduction of Guests – Mr. Braswell – Jeffrey Ebenstein with Councilman Paul Koretz's office. Mr. Ebenstein gave an update on the Los Angeles City budget crisis and thanked Neighborhood Council's for their input and concern in helping to solve the crises. The welcome to Valley Village sign was damaged by a hit and run driver and is under investigation by the LAPD. Once the LAPD detectives have completed the investigation, the City will be able to go after the driver's insurance company to recoup money to repair the sign. Mr. Ebenstein gave an update on the motion's Councilman Koretz introduced regarding AB 1866 and Accessory Dwelling Units, code enforcement that is supposed to be enforced by the Department of Building and Safety and the election process of Neighborhood Councils. Copies of the complete motions were submitted for the record. Taneda Larios with DONE was present for the meeting.
Ms. Larios let us know that the city will be collecting shoes for the Haiti earthquake victims at City Hall on January 28th. An Emergency Preparedness task force is being assembled and she will give more information on this when it becomes available. There will be a meeting for Empower LA to educate stakeholders about civic engagement and Neighborhood Councils at Sherman Oaks Elementary on January 28 from 6:30pm to 8:30pm.

Agenda Item 4 – Public Comment on Agenda Items (limited to 2 (two) minutes per speaker, and speaker must fill out a speaker card) – Eric Nielson, a resident in Valley Village presented a petition signed by thirty-four (34) residents in his immediate neighborhood requesting speed bumps in his neighborhood west of Whitsett Avenue and south of Magnolia Blvd. Mr. Nielson is going to present his request at the next City Services meeting and continue to collect signatures in his area.

Agenda Item 5 – Finance Report, Mr. Hatfield - Mr. Hatfield gave an update on the financial report and submitted a copy for the record. *Motion: to transfer $2,000 from the Board Discretionary fund to the Outreach fund.* Motion approved 11-0-0.
Motion: to transfer $1,500 from the Executive Discretionary fund to the Outreach fund. Motion approved 11-0-0.

City Budget Resolution:
Whereas the Mayor has proposed the sale of parking structure and meter revenue rights to balance the near-term budget; Whereas it is financially imprudent to fund short term uses with long term assets or income, The Neighborhood Council Valley Village opposes the sale of any revenue generating assets assigned to the General Fund or rights to the revenue derived from said assets. Resolution passed 11-0-0.

Agenda Item 6 – Department of Neighborhood Empowerment – BongHwan Kim – Mr. Kim thanked all of the board members for their participation in the Neighborhood Council process. He gave a presentation on the impact of the Neighborhood Council process and the effect the budget crisis may have on Neighborhood Councils funding in the future. Mr. Kim is expecting to lose at least half of his staff in the near future. In spite of the budget cuts, Mr. Kim will focus his attention on education and outreach, the funding program and establishing a non-profit organization to raise funds for the Neighborhood Councils, and establishing Emergency Preparedness programs and promoting CERT education.

Agenda Item 7 – Sherman Village, Board of Neighborhood Commissioners – Al Abrams for Linda Lucks, BONC – Mr. Abrams is the vice president of the Board of Neighborhood Commissioners that oversees the Neighborhood Councils. Mr. Abrams asked NCVV to consider absorbing the area called Sherman Village into Neighborhood Council Valley Village.

Mr. Peter Sanchez, a resident in Valley Village gave a presentation from the original transcripts of the meetings pertaining to the history and certification of NCVV. He also explained that Sherman Village was not included in the original boundaries of NCVV because of they are not within the certified boundaries of Valley Village. BONC recommended at that time that Sherman Village was a better fit for Sherman Oaks. One of the missions of NCVV was the protection of the Valley Village Specific Plan. If Sherman Village was part of NCVV, that would have diluted the authority of the Valley Village Specific Plan according to BONC.

Several Board members voiced their opposition to absorbing Sherman Village as part of NCVV; mainly because of the effect it may have on the Valley Village Specific Plan and the fact that Sherman Village receives all of its service from Sherman Oaks.

Ms. Judith Ledford a resident in Valley Village voiced her opposition to absorbing Sherman Village as part of NCVV.

Mr. Abrams let us know that the next BONC meeting in the south San Fernando Valley will be on March 2nd, the location has not yet been determined.

Agenda Item 8 – 11933 Magnolia Blvd. Appeal – Mr. Bate – Ms. Jennifer Reed, a resident of Valley Village, gave an update on the 11933 Magnolia Blvd. appeal. Ms. Reed informed us that the PLUM committee of City Council voted to grant a CEQA appeal on 11933 Magnolia Project and denied the project based on concerns about flaws in the

traffic study, including traffic count methodology and the sufficiency of mitigation measures and the infrastructure to support the project in combination with two other projects. We need eight (8) of fifteen (15) council Members to vote to uphold the appeal on Friday, January 28 at the City Council meeting. Ms. Reed asked that we contact our City Council person and ask that they support the appeal. Ms. Reed also asked that we attend the City Council meeting to show support for upholding the appeal of the project. Ms. Reed emailed all of this information to the board and the contact information for our City Council members. Ms. Dale Neglia, a resident in Valley Village, also asked for our support of the 11933 Magnolia Project appeal.

Agenda Item 9 – Westwood Neighborhood Council Certification – Mr. Braswell let us know that the Los Angeles Board of Neighborhood Commissioners voted unanimously to certify the first Westwood Neighborhood Council.

Agenda Item 10 – Food Forward Presentation – Rick Nahmias – Mr. Nahmais was not present.

Agenda Item 11 – Standing Committee Reports – Planning and Land Use – Ms. Fulton – Planning Course Proposal for Stakeholders – *Motion: to approve up to $750 to support the five (5) week Planning Program open to the first twenty (20) stakeholders to sign up.* Motion approved 11-0-0.

Agenda Item 11 – Standing Committee Reports – Communications – Mr. Stokes – Mr. Stokes will send an email to Valley Village stakeholders and put the Planning Program on the website. Mr. Stokes informed us that they are working on a new format for The Bridge publication.

Agenda Item 11 – Standing Committee Reports – Elections – Ms. Hatfield – Ms. Hatfield let us know that the election procedures are on the website and she will have more information at the February board meeting.

Agenda Item 11 – Standing Committee Reports – City Services – Mr. Bate –
Motion: NCVV approves a Neighborhood Watch meeting to be hosted at the home of Dorothy Apple on January 31 and allocates up to $500 to be spent to support the event. Motion passed 11-0-0.
NCVV is opposed to the elimination of the Van Nuys/Studio City Dash Line and encourages creative realignment to increase ridership/revenue, including possible route changes, fare increases and better marketing. Motion passed 11-0-0.

Agenda Item 11 – Standing Committee Reports – Projects – Ms. Lewis – No report was given.

Agenda Item 12 – Future Agenda Items – Ms. Hatfield would like an update on the La Brea Willoughby Coalition lawsuit.

Agenda Item 13 – Public Comment – Public Comment from the public on non-agenda items within the Board's subject matter jurisdiction – None

Agenda Item 15 – President's Closing Comments and Adjournment – Mr. Braswell thanked everyone in attendance. Meeting was adjourned at 9:00pm.