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NEIGHBORHOOD COUNCIL VALLEY VILLAGE AGENDA

July 22, 2009 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 June 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)
5. Finance Report – Mr. Hatfield
6. Accountability of Stimulus Money Directed to Los Angeles (from May agenda) - Mr. Paterson - *motion regarding agenda item*
7. 11933 Magnolia Appeal – Mr. Bate
8. Dog Park Subcommittee – Mr. Sacher
9. Committee Structure, Membership – Mr. Braswell, Ms. Hatfield
10. NCVV Town Hall Forum, CD2 Election Update – Ms. Hatfield, Ms. Lewis
11. Standing Committee Reports –
    - Elections – Ms. Hatfield
      - *Motion to approve NCVV 2010 election site recommendations*
    - City Services – Mr. Bate
    - Projects – Ms. Lewis
      - National Night Out
    - Planning and Land Use – Ms. Fulton
      - *Motion to approve 2009 Specific Plan amendments*
    - Communications – Mr. Stokes
12. Future Agenda Items
13. Public Comment – Comments from the public on non-agenda items within the Board's subject matter jurisdiction
14. President's Closing Comments

Next NCVV Board Meeting – Los Angeles City Council District 2 Candidates Forum
August 26, 2009 7:00 PM to 8:30 PM

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

July 22, 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. 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 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; Suzanne Lewis, residential renter; Lory Oberg, residential homeowner; Philip Schaeffer, student representative, Steven Stokes, residential renter; Jeff Walker, business owner; Mark Woersching, community based.
Board members excused were Tom Paterson, residential renter; Andrew Sacher, business owner; Greg O'Connor, residential homeowner; Dr. Levy, faith based.

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

Agenda Item 3 - Introduction of Guests – Mr. Braswell – Mr. Braswell let the audience know that there are several petitions circulating the room for signatures to get candidates on the ballot the upcoming Council District 2 election. Mr. Braswell introduced Mr. Jeffrey Ebenstein, Field Deputy and Shawn Bayliss, Planning Deputy from Councilperson Paul Koretz's office. Mr. Koretz is the new representative for Council District 5 (five). Mr. Ebenstein and Mr. Bayliss supplied us with their contact information and assured us that they will be working closely with our community. Mr. Koretz has invited NCVV to meet with him on July 30. Ms. Hatfield and Mr. Braswell will attend the meeting. Councilperson Greuel was unable to attend the meeting tonight; however, she wanted to let us know that her office will continue to serve our community until the election takes place and a new representative is elected.

Agenda Item 4 – Public Comment on Agenda Items (limited to 2 (two) minutes per speaker, and speaker must fill out a speaker card) – Ms. Turbow, a resident at 4852 Ben Avenue asked if there is anything she and the neighborhood could do help dedicate for park space the property on Riverside Drive between Gentry Avenue and Ben Avenue.

Ms. Audrey Durrant a resident at 11816 Chandler Blvd. asked if it is possible to withhold issuing building permits until a developer proves that they have funds to build the project. Too many buildings have been torn down and the properties left not developed, leaving our neighborhood in a state of blight.

Tamar Galatzan, a member of the Los Angeles Unified School Board for the last two (2) years and a Deputy City Attorney in Los Angeles for the last seven (7) years, introduced herself as a candidate for the Council District Two (2) seat.

Mr. Michael McCue, Chair of the Environmental Affairs Committee, Voting Member of the Government Affairs Committee and Board Member of the Studio City Neighborhood Council, introduced himself as a candidate for the Council District Two (2) seat.

Mr. Peter Sanchez, a resident and homeowner of Valley Village since 1992, is one of the founding Board Member's and was President of the Neighborhood Council Valley Village for three (3) years. Mr. Sanchez has worked closely with the Valley Village Homeowners Association since 1997 and is the current President of the Valley Village Homeowners Association, introduced himself as a candidate for the Council District Two (2) seat.

NCVV will be hosting a town hall forum and inviting all of the Council District Two (2) candidates to participate in this event at our next meeting on August 26.

Agenda Item 5 – Finance Report, Mr. Hatfield – Mr. Hatfield gave an update on the financial report and submitted a copy for the record. He let us know that NCVV has purchased a laptop computer, which will be presented to Captain Stacy Gerlich for support of our CERT training. Captain Gerlich is head of the LAFD CERT program and has taught three (3) CERT classes to Valley Village residents in the last twelve (12) months. NCVV has also purchased a projector, which can be used with any computer for presentations at our NCVV meetings.

Our next expenditure will be the National Night Out Event on August 4.

Agenda Item 6 –Accountability of Stimulus Money Directed to Los Angeles (from May Agenda) – Mr. Paterson – *motion regarding agenda item* – This item will be carried over to our September board meeting, Mr. Paterson was not present at the meeting.

Agenda Item 7 – 11933 Magnolia Blvd. Appeal – Mr. Bate – Mr. Bate gave an update on 11933 Magnolia Blvd project. The planning department has issued a preliminary determination in favor of the project. There have been two (2) appeals filed on this determination, one by a large group of stakeholders and the other by certain members of the NCVV board. We are waiting hear when this item will be placed on the agenda. In the meantime, we are gathering support from other Neighborhood Councils Planning and Land Use Committee. At this time, we have written the support from the Valley Alliance of Neighborhood Councils, Studio City Neighborhood Council, Sunland-Tujunga Neighborhood Council and Coastal San Pedro Neighborhood Council. We are waiting to hear from the Granada Hills North Neighborhood Council, Northwest San Pedro Neighborhood Council and Central San Pedro Neighborhood Council.

Mr. Michael McCue, a resident in Studio City, voiced his concerns over the project at 11933 Magnolia Blvd and his support for our board and the stakeholders that filed the appeal.

Agenda Item 8 – Dog Park Ad-Hoc Subcommittee – Mr. Sacher – This item will be carried over to our September board meeting, Mr. Sacher was not present at the meeting.

Agenda Item 9- Committee Structure, Membership – Mr. Braswell, Ms. Hatfield – Mr. Braswell will have a full report on the new committee structure at the September board meeting.

Agenda Item 10 – NCVV Town Hall Forum, CD2 Election Update – Ms. Hatfield, Ms. Lewis – Ms. Lewis let us know that we have had eight (8) candidates respond that they will be attending our town hall forum on August 26, 7:00pm at the Colfax Charter Auditorium. We hope to have all candidates attend this forum.

Agenda Item 11 – Standing Committee Reports – Elections – Ms. Hatfield – Ms. Hatfield advised that the three (3) election sites submitted to the city for approval are Colfax Charter School, Valley Presbyterian Church and Oakwood School. *Motion: to approve NCVV 2010 election site recommendations.* Motion passed 11-0-0.

Ms. Hatfield told us that the student seat will be open next month and we are looking for a student to fill this seat.

Agenda Item 11 – Standing Committee Reports – City Services – Mr. Bate – Mr. Bate let us know that Mr. Sacher gave a presentation on possible sites for a dog park in Valley Village and possible improvements to Valley Village Park. We also discussed the possibility of a park on Riverside between Gentry Avenue and Ben Avenue.

Ms. Apple gave an update on the most recent CERT class and the possibility of a CERT Level Two (2) class given by the American Red Cross.

Mr. Walker gave a presentation on the infrastructure inventory that he has been developing, this will immensely helpful to Valley Village Planning and Land Use Committee, NCVV board and stakeholders in general. Mr. Walker will present this to the full board at our September board meeting.

The preliminary map for the Los Angeles City Bicycle Path draft plan has been posted on the LA City website. It appears that the tunnels adjoining Valley Village Park and North Hollywood Park maybe reopened to accommodate the bicycle paths. If anyone would like to comment on the bicycle path draft plans you can do so be going to the Los Angeles Bike Coalition website, la-bike.org. We will discuss the reopening of the tunnels in Valley Village Park at our September board meeting.

Today is the last day to comment on the curfew at the Burbank Airport. You can go to the Burbank Airport website, burbankairport.com.

Agenda Item 11 – Standing Committee Reports – Projects – Ms. Lewis – National Night Out Ms. Lewis gave an update on the plans for National Night Out. She reminded everyone that we having a food drive and desperately need food donations for those in need.

Agenda Item 11 – Standing Committee Reports – Planning and Land Use – Ms. Fulton – *Motion: to approve 2009 Specific Plan amendments.* Ms. Fulton gave an update on the proposed amendments to the Valley Village Specific Plan. She has asked that we post-pone voting on the motion to approve the amendments until our November board meeting, since there is still some discussion and changes that need to be made to the specific plan. Ms. Fulton asked any board members or stakeholders that want to be a part of this discussion they can attend the Planning and Land Use meeting on August 12.

Mr. Mel Randall and Mr. Barry Johnson, residents of Studio City, spoke on behalf of Lisa Sarkin, Planning and Land Use Chair of the Studio City Neighborhood Council. Ms. Sarkin is concerned that some of the amendments to the Valley Village Specific Plan will open the doors for developers to make amendments to the Valley Village Specific Plan.

Mr. Dan Caplan, a resident of Valley Village and member of the Valley Village Planning and Land Use Committee pointed out the Greater North Hollywood Community Plan will be up for renewal in 2010. Because of this, he feels this is a very good time to submit the revisions to the Valley Village Specific Plan. We hope to our specific plan amendments submitted before the Community Plan comes up for renewal.

Mr. David Compton, a resident of Valley Village asked for clarification on the Specific Plan Amendments. Mr. Braswell informed him that the changes would be amendments to the existing specific plan.

Agenda Item 11 – Standing Committee Reports – Communications – Mr. Stokes – Mr. Stokes gave an update on The Bridge. This last issue was the last printed issue of The Bridge, if you still want a hard copy of The Bridge, you will need to notify NCVV in order to have it mailed to you. Otherwise, you can view it on the myvalleyvillage.com website. The new webhost should be up and running within the next few weeks. We will be able to update the website ourselves with the new host, which will allow keeping the website information current.

Agenda Item 12 – Future Agenda Items – Mr. Walker will give a presentation on the infrastructure inventory he has compiled. Ms. Fulton would like to discuss the possibility of withholding permits for new developments while we are in a severe drought crisis. Ms. Hatfield would like to have someone from the proposed California Constitutional Convention speak at our September meeting.

Agenda Item 13 – Public Comment – Public Comment from the public on non-agenda items within the Board's subject matter jurisdiction –
Ms. Audrey Durrant, a resident in Valley Village, expressed her concerns about the increase in the speed limit on Chandler Blvd.

Ms. Leslie Owens, a resident of Valley Village, expressed her concerns about the increase in the speed limit on Riverside Drive.

Ms. Dorothy Apple, a resident let everyone know that she would be hosting a LADWP workshop at her home on Saturday, August 25 at 9:00. Anyone that is interested is welcome to attend.

Agenda Item 14 – President's Closing Comments and Adjournment – Mr. Braswell thanked everyone in attendance. The meeting was adjourned at 8:45pm.