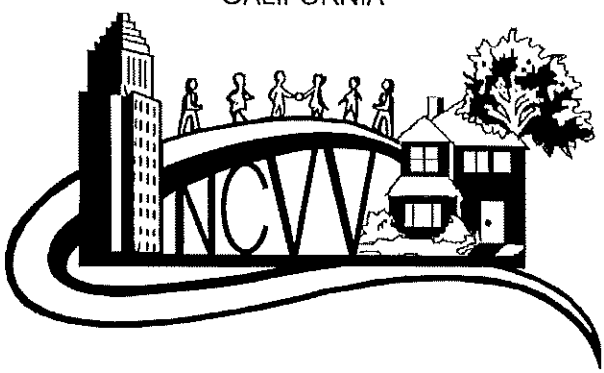
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NEIGHBORHOOD COUNCIL VALLEY VILLAGE AGENDA

June 25, 2008 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 April Minutes – Ms. Apple
3. President's Comments, 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. Finance Report – Mr. Hatfield
6. Standing Committee Reports –
   - City Services –
     - DWP Presentation on Power Rate Restructuring in Los Angeles -Winifred Yancy
   - Projects – Mr. Freedman
   - Planning and Land Use – Mr. O'Connor
     - Kling Street Property
     - Update on Huston lot, SB 1818 lawsuit
   - Communications – Ms. Lewis
   - Elections – Ms. Hatfield
     - Board Vacancies
7. Issue updates: Prop 98, 99; Burbank Noise Ordinance, Neighborhood Watch, CERT
8. Future Agenda Items
9. Public Comment – Comments from the public on non-agenda items within the Board's subject matter jurisdiction
10. President's Closing Comments and Adjournment

DATES TO HOLD: **VVHA July 4th Parade, Colfax Elementary School 9:30 am**
National Night Out, NoHo Park, August 5, 5:00 – 9:00 pm

Next NCVV Board Meeting – July 23, 2008

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
June 25, 2008

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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 6:40. Mr. Braswell thanked everyone for coming out to attend our meeting. He asked speakers to fill out a speaker card and to please limit their comments to two minutes. He reminded the audience that the meeting would be conducted under the Brown Act and within the guidelines of Robert's Rules of Order.

Ms. Hatfield thanked Danielle's Pizza for bringing dinner to the meeting and gave an update on our Business Directory. The Owner of Danielle's invited the local teachers to bring students to the restaurant as a field trip to see how pizza is made.

The roll was called. Board members present were: Dorothy Apple, residential homeowner; Tony Braswell, residential renter; David Engelbach, community organization; Ginny Hatfield, senior based; Paul Hatfield, at large; Greg O'Connor, residential homeowner; Richard Gauthier, business owner; Andrew Sacher, business owner; Philip Schaeffer, student representative; Steven Stokes, residential renter; Dr. Joshua Levy, faith based.
Board members excused were: Annalisa Engelbach, business owner; Suzanne Lewis, residential renter; Lory Oberg, residential homeowner; Yacov Freedman, cultural representative; Mona Riss, education.

Agenda Item 2 – Approval of April Minutes – Correction of the minutes to read "approval of March Minutes". The minutes were approved with the change by a vote of 10-0-0.

Member –Agenda Item 3 – President's Comments, Introduction of Guests – Mr. Braswell thanked everyone for their participation in making May's meeting on Community Emergency Response Training and Neighborhood Watch a success.
Matthew Schupbach from Councilman Jack Weiss's office let us know that the LAPD has alerted them that there has been an increase in crimes against the elderly. Regarding the Bob Hope Airport curfew, we are in support of a curfew. We just want to be sure that the curfew does not shift flights to other airports, mainly Van Nuys Airport. Mr. Engelbach made a comment regarding his feelings on the curfew, he would like the City of Los Angeles to support the curfew and if flights should be transferred to Van Nuys Airport, he would like the City of Los Angeles to take control over any flights shifted to Van Nuys.
Mr. Schupbach said that they hope all of the airports can work cohesively together to work within the curfew hours. Ms. Hatfield asked if the city has taken a position on this issue. Mr. Schupbach said that the Cardenas Motion opposing the Bob Hope Airport curfew was unanimously sent back committee. Mr. Hatfield reminded Mr. Schupbach that NCVV passed a motion opposing any flights outside of the Bob Hope Airport curfew.
He also reminded Mr. Schupbach that the three top issues in Valley Village are Masionization, Sound Walls and Airport noise. He also reminded us to call or email Bob Hope Airport anytime we hear an airplane take off before 7:00a.m. or after 10:00 p.m.

Agenda Item 5 – Finance Report – Mr. Hatfield – We ended the year spending $73,722, that leaves us $44,148 from the budget we had for fiscal year 2008. That will be rolled over to the new fiscal year along with our $50,000 allocation. Our new fiscal budget is $94,148. Mr. Hatfield gave us an update on the alleged accusation that a Neighborhood Council Treasurer has paid inappropriate and/or illegal expenses from the NC budget.
The LAPD is currently investigating this alleged crime.

Agenda Item 6 – Standing Committee Reports – City Services – DWP Presentation on Power Rate Restructuring in Los Angeles – Winifred Yancy and Jeffrey Peltola –
Mr. Peltola gave a presentation on the Department of Water and Power Residential Power Rate Restructuring and the UCLA Scientific Study on Tiered Rates and Temperature Zones. Mr. Gauthier

asked if there was a reason that air conditioning was not a factor in determining the baseline requirements for Zone 1 and Zone 2 rate allocation? Mr. Peltola said they used information provided by the California Energy Commission on what they consider as a reasonable amount of electricity to operate a home. They do not consider air conditioning as a reasonable use of electricity to operate a home. Mr. Gauthier said that for those of that live in the San Fernando Valley Zone 2, predominately end up in Tier 3, which is a higher rate. Given the differential in the temperature in the San Fernando Valley and Zone 1, residents of the San Fernando Valley are taking the burden of the Rate Restructuring. It is unrealistic to say that using air conditioning in the San Fernando Valley is not a reasonable use of electricity. Mr. Braswell asked if there would be an opportunity in 2010 to review and reassess the outcome of the study. Mr. Peltola said that the DWP would continue to reevaluate the situation. Mr. Engelbach asked if the DWP could give incentives or rebates for using alternative energy? Mr. Peltola responded that one of the of DWP's targets is to get to 20% global power by the year 2010. They are spending a significant amount on money developing wind power, geothermal power and hydropower. Solar power has not been found to be cost effective. DWP has a large program in effect promoting the use of energy efficient products. Mr. Braswell asked if this is a precursor to time of day structuring that may come in the future, where you would be charged more during the day than in the evening? Mr. Peltola responded that anyone that consumes more than 3000 kilowatts per month would be put on a time of use rate structure. The challenge in that is the cost of the meters. Mr. Braswell stated that Councilwoman Wendy Greuel voted against this in committee because she was concerned that the data was from the 1995 study, she was not necessarily opposed to this, she just wanted more recent data to review. Ms. Hatfield asked if there are any restrictions on the use of water.
Ms. Yancy responded that there are water conservation and restricted use in effect. There is the Blockbuster Program that notifies residents if they are watering during restricted hours. Once the new Water Conservation Plan is approved by the city council, you will be given warnings and then penalized if you do not abide by the Water Conservation Plan. The effective date will be determined once it goes to the council and then is signed by the Mayor.

Agenda Item 6 – Standing Committee Reports – Planning and Land Use – Mr. O'Connor – Kling Street Update – Motion: *Motion to disapprove of the proposed subdivision at 11825-11835 Kling Street due to the inconsistency of the lot sizes and their configuration with those of adjacent and nearby lots, which would result in a negative impact on the character of the neighborhood.*
Jeff Walker, a resident on Morella, spoke on the negative impact of the developers buying property in the neighborhood and trying to subdivide them into smaller lots. We were successful in changing the developers proposed subdivision of a lot in the 4600 block of Morella Avenue from three (3) lots to two (2) lots and we are hoping to accomplish this same goal at 11825-11835 Kling Street. The developer is trying to combine two (2) lots and subdivide them into six (6) lots. This proposed subdivision is out of character to with all other lots in the neighborhood.
Mr. Walker is asking that we support the motion proposed by the PLU committee. The motion passed 10-0-0.

Agenda Item 6 – Standing Committee Reports – Mr. O'Connor – Update on Huston Lot –
There is a hearing on July 10, 4:30 at the Braude Center. Please try to attend this meeting.

Agenda Item 6 – Standing Committee Reports – Elections – Ms. Hatfield – Board Vacancies – Mr. Braswell announced that Mona Riss has resigned from NCVV. She fought like crazy to be able to continue to serve on the board. However, her job requires her to be at meetings every Wednesday night. Also, this past week Yacov Freedman had to resign from NCVV. His wife is pregnant with twins and they are moving to Atlanta, Georgia. Both of these board members have served our board and will be greatly missed by all. This leaves two vacancies that will need to be filled. Ms. Hatfield will be taking over as the chair of the Projects Committee. Ms Hatfield explained the rules that need to be followed in order to run for one of the board vacancies. The seats that need to be filled are educational and cultural representative. The education position represents the learning community in Valley Village. They must live in the boundaries of Valley Village or must have verifiable affiliation with a school or college, be a teacher, headmaster or a parent of a child who attends a school in Valley Village. The cultural position represents the arts community. That can be someone who lives in Valley Village and works in the arts, movie industry or works at an affiliated business that is physically located within Valley Village. Board members are required to attend

monthly board meetings that are held on the fourth Wednesday of every month from 6:30-9:00. In addition, all board members are required to serve on at least one committee. All applicants will be required to complete a candidate filing form and verify that they have read the NCVV By-Laws that are posted on our website. Each candidate may run in only one category. It is helpful, but not mandatory to write a one hundred word essay describing yourself and your qualifications. We do require identification verifying that you are eligible to run for the seat you have applied for. The filing deadline is July 20th at 5:00 p.m. Applications can be sent to the NCVV post office box or they can be emailed. According to our By-Laws there will not be an election, this will be an appointed position. The executive board of the NCVV will review all applications and bring their recommendations to the NCVV board at our July 23rd meeting. The executive board consists of our president, vice president, treasurer and secretary. Then the NCVV board will vote to approve or disapprove of the executive committee recommendations.

Agenda Item 3 – Introduction of Guests – Taneda Larios, DONE – Ms. Larios gave an update on the South Los Angeles Congress. Soon we will have more regional congresses in the city and Valley Village area. They work with neighboring NC's to work on the issues of most concern. The approval letter for our by-laws is being sent downtown so it can be logged in and put on record. Al Abrams from the Tarzana Neighborhood Council has been recommended for appointment on the Board of Neighborhood Commissioners, which is the commission that deals with policy setting for department and the Neighborhood Council system. Ms. Larios said she looks forward to having one of our NCVV board members appointed to the Board of Neighborhood Commissioners. In regard to the scandal, we were very disgusted and shocked. This is not something that DONE takes lightly. She said that she is trying to have a standardized budget that can easily match a line item to the demand warrant. This is something that is still in the process of being approved and she asked Mr. Hatfield to give her any input he may have on a standardized budget. This would help prevent this type of fraud from happening in the future. Ms. Larios let us know that the accounting staff has been reduced from seven (7) to three (3) and none of the accounting staff are senior accountants. Anything that we can do to expedite and manage the budget process in our system will be taken under consideration. Ms. Larios also complemented us on the NCVV website. Ms. Hatfield asked what the status is of the donation ordinance. It did pass, however the program has not been set up yet. There is no time frame as to when it will be set up and we'll be notified once it is set up. If you want to make a donation, you can have a check cut directly to the vendor to cover the cost of the item that the organization needed. Currently scholarships are not covered under the donation ordinance.

Agenda Item 6 – Standing Committee Reports – Communications - Mr. Stokes – The website is currently up and everything is up-to-date. Mr. Braswell thanked Mr. Stokes for his efforts.

Agenda Item 6 – Standing Committee Reports – Projects – Ms. Hatfield – She reminded us that the Valley Village 4th of July parade is on Friday. The Homeowners Association sponsors it and NCVV will be participating in the parade. Ms. Lewis was able to get an equestrian unit that will be marching in the parade. We are still trying to find a band that will march in the parade. We have about fifty (50) of the old NCVV banners we will be giving away. Please contact Ms. Hatfield if you would like one. Ms. Hatfield reminded us that we have the Community Grant Program and the applications are on our website.
August 5th is National Night Out. It is a combined event with the NoHo Neighborhood Council and will be held at North Hollywood Park. In September we will be holding the Valley Village Birthday Party. There will be more details on this event.
We should have the Business Directory by then. Mr. Sacher let us know that in October we will be having a tree planting event at Valley Village Park. We will be doing this along with the Homeowners Association and plan on planting fifty (50) trees. Mr. Braswell let us know that we will not be participating in the Stuntacular Event for Halloween this year.
We have almost all of our Neighborhood Watch grids covered, and block captains can sign up on our website. We have a CERT class scheduled to begin on September 18th and will go for seven (7) consecutive weeks. Chief Stacy Gerlich will be teaching our class and they will be held at the Colfax Elementary School Auditorium.

Agenda Item 7 – Issue updates: Proposition 98 & 99; Burbank Noise Ordinance; Neighborhood Watch and CERT – Proposition 98 did not pass and 99 did pass. We already spoke about the Noise Ordinance, Neighborhood Watch and CERT.

Agenda Item 8 – Future Agenda Items – Dr. Levy asked if there was going to be any follow up on SB 1818? Ms. Hatfield said that our Neighborhood Council is part of the Valley Alliance of Neighborhood Councils. There is a committee within that alliance that is dedicated to SB 1818. She has been attending the meetings and said we are all welcome to attend. They have assigned a task force within the committee to see what can be done. Mr. Braswell said we would try to get Jim Dantona to come to our July meeting to give an update on SB 1818. We are going to try to get Gail Goldberg to come and speak at our September meeting. Mr. Braswell let everyone know that Zev Yaroslavsky spoke at last week's HOA meeting. He was very informative on SB 1818 and let us know that Mike Feuer, our State Representative is well versed on SB1818 and we will try to get Representative Feuer to speak at our July or August meeting. Mr. Gauthier said he would try to get the DWP to come back and speak on Water Conservation.

Agenda Item 9 - Public Comment – Comments from the Public on non-agenda items within the Board's Jurisdiction - None

Agenda Item 10 – President's Closing Comments and Adjournment – Mr. Braswell thanked everyone in attendance. The meeting was adjourned at 8:30pm.