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NEIGHBORHOOD COUNCIL VALLEY VILLAGE AGENDA

June 24, 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 May 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. 2010 City Budget Update – Mr. Hatfield
7. Accountability of Stimulus Money Directed to Los Angeles (from May agenda) - Mr. Paterson - *motion regarding agenda item*
8. DWP Rate Payor Advocate – Mr. Hatfield – possible motion regarding support from NCVV for Rate Payor advocate
9. 11933 Magnolia Appeal – Mr. Braswell, Mr. Bate – *motion to support the appeal filed by stakeholders regarding 11933 Magnolia*
10. Pets in Valley Village Park – Mr. Bate
11. Committee Structure, Membership – Mr. Braswell, Ms. Hatfield
12. CD2 Election, Representation – Mr. Braswell, Mr. Roosevelt
13. Standing Committee Reports –
    - Elections – Ms. Hatfield
      - 2010 NCVV Election, Student Seat
    - City Services –
      - Speed Limit on Riverside, Chandler (letter)
      - Crosswalk at Riverside and Laurelgrove
    - Projects – Ms. Lewis
      - National Night Out, July 4th Parade
    - Planning and Land Use – Ms. Fulton/Mr. O'Connor
      - Motion – To support a variance and Specific Plan exception for a 570 sq ft, self service car wash and conditional use permit for the sale of ~~alcohol~~ for off-site consumption with selling hours from 8:00-12:00 pm
      - Motion – To support proposed amendments to the Valley Village Specific Plan to add additional regulations involving urban design, additions and a deletion to the list of prohibited uses and four recommended programs separate from the Specific Plan ordinance.
    - Communications – Mr. Stokes
      - Bridge, Website
14. Future Agenda Items
15. Public Comment – Comments from the public on non-agenda items within the Board's subject matter jurisdiction
16. President's Closing Comments

Next NCVV Board Meeting – July 22, 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

June 24, 2009

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Agenda Item 1 – Call to Order, Roll Call, Agenda Distribution and Welcoming Remarks. President Braswell called the meeting to order at 6:40. President 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; Dr. Levy, faith based; Suzanne Lewis, residential renter; Lory Oberg, residential homeowner; Greg O'Connor, residential homeowner; Andrew Sacher, business owner; Steven Stokes, residential renter; Jeff Walker, business owner; Mark Woersching, community based.
Board members excused were Tom Paterson, residential renter; Philip Schaeffer, student representative

Agenda Item 2 – Approval of May Minutes – Ms. Apple - The minutes were approved by a vote of 13-0-0.

Agenda Item 3 - Introduction of Guests – Mr. Braswell – Mr. Evan Roosevelt from Councilwoman Wendy Grueul's office let us know that there will be a special election on September 22nd to fill the seat she is vacating to become City Controller. There will a runoff scheduled for December 8th if necessary. A traffic signal has been approved for installation at the corner of Riverside Drive and Laurelgrove Avenue.
Mr. Greg Bartz, LADWP representative dropped off information about water conservation Phase 3 and shortage year rates, water conservation rebate programs, water conservation FAQ's and fact sheets, securing Los Angeles's water supply action plan, LADWP payment assistance programs and LADWP 2009-2010 fiscal year budget. Mr. Bartz let us know that there is an 800-phone number to call if you notice neighbors watering during restricted hours. Mr. Bartz said the LADWP could set up workshops with stakeholders to educate us on keeping our yards green and conserve water.

Agenda Item 4 – Public Comment on Agenda Items (limited to 2 (two) minutes per speaker, and speaker must fill out a speaker card). – Mr. Stuart Simen a homeowner in Valley Village is opposed to the proposed car wash and sale of beer and wine at the Chevron Station on the Corner of Laurel Canyon and Riverside Drive.

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 our biggest expense is the distribution of The Bridge and we will go electronic with this publication in the future, which will save a considerable amount of money in our budget.

Agenda Item 6 –2010 City Budget Update – Mr. Hatfield – The 2010 budget has been reduced by $5,000 to $45,000. Ms. Hatfield suggested that we reduce the Community Grant Program to $7,500.

Agenda Item 7 – Accountability of Stimulus Money Directed to Los Angeles (from May Agenda) – Mr. Paterson – *motion regarding agenda item* – This item was postponed until the NCVV July board meeting.

Agenda Item 8 – DWP Rate Payer Advocate – Mr. Hatfield – possible motion regarding support from NCVV for Rate Payer Advocate – *resolution: Therefore, be it resolved, in order to begin to restore the faith and confidence in the governance and oversight of the DWP, and in order to provide Rate Payers and the City Council a better understanding of the affairs of the DWP, we urge the City Council and the DWP to establish an independent Rate Payers Advocate.* Resolution passed 13-0-0.

Agenda Item 9- 11933 Magnolia Appeal – Mr. Braswell, Mr. Bate – *motion to support the appeal filed by stakeholders regarding 11933 Magnolia –*
Mr. Bate gave an update on the feasibility of amending the Los Angeles Municipal Code to allow Neighborhood Councils to appeal various land use entitlements.

Motion - Approve Dave Bate to be the person of interest to write a letter to support the appeal (DIR-2008-1178-SPP) filed by the stakeholders of Valley Village regarding 11933 Magnolia Boulevard, Valley Village. Motion passed 13-0-0.

Motion - Approve Dave Bate to represent NCVV and support the appeal filed on behalf of the board members at the hearing on the appeal of the approval of 11933 Magnolia Boulevard, Valley Village. Motion passed 13-0-0.

Motion – the Board of the Neighborhood Council Valley Village supports the stakeholders of Valley Village's appeal [DIR-2008-1178-SPP] regarding SB1818 development located at 11933 Magnolia Blvd, Valley Village. Motion passed 13-0-0.

Mr. Bate proposed a resolution to thank Studio City Neighborhood Council for their support of the appeal for the project at 11933 Magnolia Blvd. Resolution passed 13-0-0.

Ms. Jennifer Reed, a resident in Valley Village thanked the NCVV Board for their support for the appeal of the SB1818 project at 11933 Magnolia Blvd.

Agenda Item 10 – Pets in Valley Village Park – Mr. Bate – Mr. Bate let us know that Valley Village Park does not meet the City requirements for establishing a dog park, we are looking into other possible locations that may support a dog park.
Ms. Delores Compton, a resident in Valley Village, expressed her concerns that it is dangerous for people using the park when dog owners allow their dogs to run off leash in the park. Ms. Marisa Kagan, a resident in Valley Village, expressed her concerns that Valley Village needs a dog park.

Agenda Item 11 – Committee Structure, Membership – Mr. Braswell, Ms. Hatfield –
Mr. Braswell is reevaluating the structure of our committee membership.

Agenda Item 12 – CD2 Election, Representation – Mr. Braswell, Mr. Roosevelt – The election date has been set for September 22nd and if a run-off is necessary it is scheduled for December 8th. The candidate-filing period begins on July 6th. Candidate's can collect the Petition for Nomination for collecting signatures to be put on the ballot and they must be turned on by July 27th.

Agenda Item 13 – Standing Committee Reports – Elections – Ms. Hatfield – Ms. Hatfield let us know that Valley Village won the Valley Regional Congress 2009 Award for "Best Voter Turnout". We also won the award for "Greenest Neighborhood".

Agenda Item 13 – Standing Committee Reports – Elections – Ms. Hatfield – The date has now been set for our 2010 elections--May 27, 2010. The polls will be open from 2:00-8:00PM. There will be ten other NCs conducting elections that day. The City Clerk's office will be administering the elections. NCVV will need some volunteers to assist the Clerk's office. Our Student position needs to be filled; Philip is leaving us in August to attend college.

Agenda Item 13 – Standing Committee Reports – City Services – Speed Limit on Riverside Drive and Chandler Blvd. (letter) – Mr. Braswell will send a letter stating NCVV's opposition to the increase in speed limit.
Crosswalk at Riverside Drive and Laurelgrove – A traffic light has been approved for this intersection and will be installed in the near future.

Agenda Item 13 – Standing Committee Reports – Projects – Ms. Lewis - National Night Out, July 4th Parade – NCVV will have two (2) cars in the parade this year thanks to Dorothy & Tony. Ginny bought decorations and I ordered four (4) NCVV magnetic door signs. All Board members are encouraged to show support and ride in the cars. National Night Out is Tuesday August 4th from 6:30pm-8:30pm at Valley Village Park. NCVV will be honoring Neighborhood Watch and CERT Volunteers. Food, music and a Walk Lite by Flashlight. Evites for this event will go out next week and flyers are located in the back of the room. Our food drive has been extended through September due to low turnout of food; please bring in your non perishable food items for Seniors and children in the area. Please bring in your cans of food at the next board meeting.

Agenda Item 13 – Standing Committee Reports – Planning and Land Use – Ms. Fulton/Mr. O'Connor – *Motion – To support a variance and Specific Plan exception for a 570 square foot, self service car wash and conditional use permit for the sale of beer and wine for off-site consumption with selling hours from 8:00am-11:00pm at the Chevron Station on the corner of Laurel Canyon Blvd. and Riverside Drive.* Motion passed 13-0-0.
The motion to support proposed amendments to the Valley Village Specific Plan has been postponed until the July 22 NCVV board meeting. The proposed amendments will be discussed in depth at the July 8 NCVV Planning and Land Use meeting. Ms. Dale Neglia, a resident in Valley Village, expressed her concerns opposing medical marijuana parlors in Valley Village. Ms. Jennifer Reed, a resident in Valley Village, expressed her concerns for overlay areas in Valley Village and expressed her concerns that we have stricter set-backs and step-backs in the Valley Village Specific Plan.

Agenda Item 13 – Standing Committee Reports – Communications – Mr. Stokes – The Bridge, Website – Mr. Stokes let us know that the new issue of the Bridge is at the printer and will be mailed to stakeholders before the end of the month. A new contract has been approved for Website upgrades and sent to DONE for signatures.

Agenda Item 14 – Future Agenda Items – Mr. Sacher proposed a video competition to show why Valley Village needs a sound wall. Ms. Hatfield asked that the proposal be considered at a future meeting.

Agenda Item 15 – Public Comment – Public Comment from the public on non-agenda items within the Board's subject matter jurisdiction – no comments.

Agenda Item 16 – President's Closing Comments and Adjournment – Mr. Braswell thanked everyone in attendance and especially those in attendance on Morella Avenue; we are here to help you. The Meeting was adjourned at 9:00