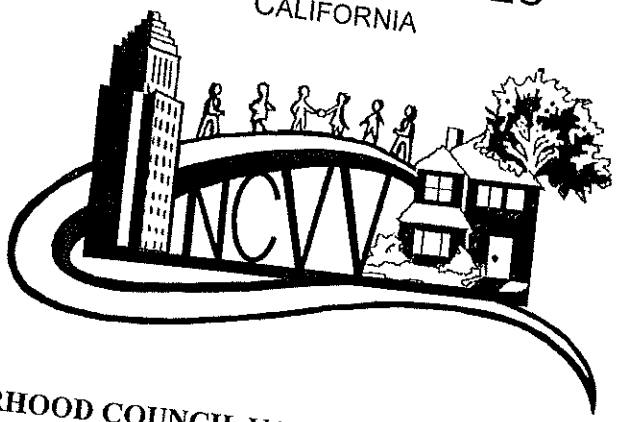
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NEIGHBORHOOD COUNCIL VALLEY VILLAGE AGENDA

March 25, 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 January Minutes – Ms. Apple
3. 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. Report on NCVV February Town Hall Forum – Ms. Lewis
6. 2009 City Election Report – Ms. Hatfield
7. Finance Report – Mr. Hatfield
8. Bureau of Sanitation Presentation on Alternative Technologies – Helen Yoon, per Ms. Hatfield
9. Bureau of Sanitation Presentation on Hazardous Waste Disposal – Dan Meyers, per City Services
10. MTA Presentation – per Ms. Hatfield
11. CERT Update – Ms. Apple
12. Standing Committee Reports –
    - Communications – Mr. Stokes
    - Elections – Ms. Hatfield
        - Board Membership
        - Student Seat
    - City Services – Mr. Gauthier
        - *Motion: NCVV requests City of Los Angeles to increase the number of hazardous waste collection events at LAVC so that there are held semi-annually (two times per year)*
        - Speed Limit on Riverside, Chandler
    - Projects – Ms. Lewis
        - Earth Day Event
    - Planning and Land Use – Mr. O'Connor/Ms. Fulton
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15. President's Closing Comments

senior center
bill board ordinance
stimulus package
speed limit

Next NCVV Board Meeting – April 22, 2009

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 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, 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 carry. A 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 next meeting by 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 reconsideration. The aforesaid shall all be in compliance with the Brown Act.

Neighborhood Council Valley Village
Board Meeting

March 25, 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 6:40 pm. Mr. Braswell thanked everyone for coming out to attend our meeting. He asked that anyone wishing to speak to the Board 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 Roberts Rules of Order.
Mr. Braswell told us that we have three (3) amendments to the Agenda. They are the Billboard Ordinance, the Stimulus Package and the Senior Center. The amendments to the agenda were approved by a vote of 9-0-0.

The roll was called. Board members present were Dorothy Apple, residential homeowner; Tony Braswell, residential renter; Richard Gauthier, business owner; Ginny Hatfield, senior based; Paul Hatfield, at large; Suzanne Lewis, residential renter; Tom Paterson; residential renter; Andrew Sacher, business owner; Steven Stokes, residential renter; Marc Woersching, community based.
Board members excused were Greg O'Connor, faith based; Lory Oberg, residential homeowner; Dave Bate, at-large; Beth Fulton, education based.
Board members absent were Philip Schaeffer, student representative; Joshua Levy, residential homeowner.

Agenda Item 2 – Approval of February Minutes – Ms. Apple - The minutes were approved by a vote of 9-0-0.

Agenda Item 3 - Introduction of Guests – Mr. Braswell – Mr. Evan Roosevelt from Councilwoman Wendy Greuel's office let us know that Mr. Gallagher from the Department of Transportation would be giving us an update on Riverside Drive and Chandler Boulevard speed limits and crosswalk changes. Mr. Roosevelt did not have an update on the status of the amendment to the Baseline Masionization Ordinance that NCVV submitted in September 2008. Mr. Paterson asked if there would be an appointment to fill Councilwoman Wendy Greuel's seat when she vacates it to become City Controller. Mr. Roosevelt said that Council President Eric Garcetti has said that there will be a special election to fill her seat when she vacates the position.

Mr. Danny Paz from Paul Koretz's campaign for Council District 5 seat gave us an update on his campaign and informed us know that there will be a runoff election on May 19th.

Mr. Damien Carroll from Assemblyman Mike Feuer's office thanked all of those that attended the meeting to advocate for Funding Package 11, sound wall installation. With the passage of Proposition R there will be specific funds allocated for the sound wall installation. Mr. Feuer has submitted AB109 to the state legislature. It is a proposed statewide bill that would impose a two (2) year moratorium on construction or conversion of digital billboards.

Ms. Sherry Revard from the East Valley Multipurpose Senior Center gave us an update on the Senior Center and the services they provide to seniors in the community. The Senior

Center is in need of community support and will be applying for an NCVV grant. In the meantime, they are launching a fund raising event to help raise funds for the Senior Center. Ms. Revard will leave literature on the Senior Center and information on how to make a donation.

Ms. Irene Harris from the American Cancer Society gave us an update on the Relay for Life event coming up on May 16th.

Mr. Greg Bartz from the LADWP gave us an update on the DWP program "Taking it to the Street" and recent rate increases to fund citywide upgrades and replacement of water and power infrastructure. He left printed material regarding these items. A resident asked Mr. Bartz why the DWP does not average your bills over twelve (12) months. He agreed that this is a good idea and urged DWP users to email or write to the DWP with this request.

Mr. Brian Gallagher, PE Senior Transportation Engineer from the Department of Transportation, East Valley Operations Division gave us an update on Riverside Drive and Chandler Boulevard. The speed limit of thirty-five (35) mph went into effect in 1996, it was in effect for seven years (7) and renewed for three (3) years. Speed limits have expiration dates. The speed limits on these two (2) streets expired, and currently there is not an enforceable speed limit. The DOT has performed an engineering radar study and determined that the new speed limit on Riverside Drive will be forty (40) mph. He did not know what the new speed limit is for Chandler Boulevard. They will be presenting the results of the study to the City Council for approval and will let us know when it will be on the agenda. Ms. Lewis has collected eleven (11) pages of signatures opposing the speed limit increase and would like to present them at the meeting.

Mr. Braswell asked about the notice on Riverside Drive and Laurelgrove Avenue to remove the crosswalk. Mr. Gallagher gave us a presentation on the study that determined the removal of this crosswalk. He also let us know that there is a thirty (30) day public comment period before any action will be taken. Mr. Roosevelt told us that we would hold a community meeting with the DOT to discuss this issue further in the near future. Ms. Hatfield asked if the fact that there are five (5) schools in the area would constitute lowering the speed limit. Mr. Gallagher said they are not allowed to lower a speed limit because there is a school, however there are signs posted that when children are present the speed limit is twenty-five (25) mph. Mr. Paterson asked if there is an Environmental Impact Review done before raising a speed limit. Mr. Gallagher said they are not required to do an EIR. Mr. Braswell asked Mr. Gallagher to attend our April 22 board meeting. The increased speed limit on Riverside Drive will be an agenda item and open for further discussion.

Mr. Paterson asked if he could present a motion on the Stimulus Package. Mr. Braswell asked if he would join the City Services Committee and prepare a motion to present at the April board meeting.

Agenda Item 9- Bureau of Sanitation Presentation on Hazardous Waste Disposal – Dan Meyers, per City Services – Mr. Meyers gave a presentation on items that may not be disposed in our household trash bins. Los Angeles has mobile hazardous waste disposal units that travel throughout the city. There are also permanent hazardous waste sites, our goal being to eliminate the mobile units and add additional permanent sites throughout Los Angeles. Mr. Meyers left literature from the Department of Public Works, Bureau of

Sanitation with the locations of S.A.F.E. Collection Centers and items that should be disposed in them.

Agenda Item 12 – Standing Committee Reports – City Services – Mr. Gauthier – *Motion: NCVV requests City of Los Angeles to increase the number of hazardous waste collection events at Los Angeles Valley College so that they are available semi-annually (two times per year)* The motion was approved 9-0-0.

Mr. Paterson presented a motion. *Motion: There will be a pickup for hazardous materials at the Earth Day Event on April 25th.* Ms. Lewis seconded the motion. The motion was approved 9-0-0.

Agenda Item 8 – Bureau of Sanitation Presentation on Alternative Technologies – Helen Yoon, per Ms. Hatfield – Ms. Yoon gave a presentation on Alternative Technologies for processing post-source separated municipal solid waste. The effort to divert non-recycled solid waste from landfills and convert it into a renewable energy resource is part of the Bureau of Sanitation's comprehensive Solid Waste Integrated Resource Plan (SWIRP). This is the framework for managing solid waste in the City of Los Angeles over the next twenty (20) years. The effort is supported by Los Angeles Mayor Antonio Villaraigosa and is consistent with the City Council's recently adopted RENEW L.A. plan. Ms. Yoon left literature on her presentation for Alternative Technologies and Counting Down to Zero Waste Plan. Mr. Braswell asked Mr. Stokes to put a link to the information presented on our website.

Agenda Item 4 – Public Comment on Agenda Items (limited to 2 (two) minutes per speaker, and speaker must fill out a speaker card) – Ms. Jackson, a resident on Huston street asked if we could get groups of residents together to purchase solar panels. Mr. Paterson said that he would get a board member from the Holmby Hills Neighborhood Council that is heading up "The One Hundred (100) House Project" to come speak at our meeting about groups of residents getting together to purchase solar panels.

Agenda Item 10 – MTA Presentation – per Ms. Hatfield – Robert Machuca MTA - Mr. Machuca, Transportation Planner San Fernando Valley/North County Area Team with the Metropolitan Transportation Authority gave an update on sound wall installation. 4.6 million dollars have been approved to complete the final design of Sound Wall Package 11. The design stage should start in July and take approximately one (1) year. Mr. Machuca had no updates on the sound wall project past the design stage. Further updates will be provided to us when funds from Measure R become available for this project. Arlene Jackson, a resident on Huston Street asked why our sound wall is going to take another five (5) to ten (10) years to build. We have been waiting thirty-five years (35) for this sound wall. Ms. Jackson also wants to be sure that the sound wall extends all the way to Riverside Drive and asked that there be trees planted along the Riverside Drive off ramp.

Agenda Item 5 – Report on NCVV February Town Hall Forum – Ms. Lewis – There was a large turnout for this event. All of the candidates came to this event, except for Paul Weiss.

Agenda Item 6 –2009 City Election Report – Ms. Hatfield – Council District 5 will be having a runoff election on May 19th between Robert Vahedi and Paul Koretz. There is also a

runoff for the City Attorney seat between Jack Weiss and Carmen Trutanich. Measure B was defeated and this was a great victory for Neighborhood Councils across the city.

Agenda Item 7 – Finance Report – Mr. Hatfield – Mr. Hatfield let us know that there are several large expenditures planned. They are the Earth Day Event, The Bridge distribution and the Colfax World Fair. This will bring us to approximately $45,000 in expenses for our fiscal year.

Agenda Item 11 – CERT Update – Ms Apple – The CERT class has thirty-five (35) people attending and we will be having a CPR class after the last CERT class.

Agenda Item 12 – Standing Committee Reports – Communication – Mr. Stokes – Mr. Stokes is finalizing the latest round of updates to the website. They are also working on the next edition of The Bridge.

Agenda Item 12 – Standing Committee Reports – Elections – Ms. Hatfield - Board Membership, Student Seat – Ms. Hatfield let us know that Mr. Gauthier is vacating his seat on the board. His seat will be up for election at our April 22 meeting. The application form to file is online at our website. Our student seat will be resigning this summer and his seat will be vacant in June. There was a student present who attends Providence High School and is interested in applying for the student seat when it becomes available.

Agenda Item 12 – Standing Committee Reports – Projects – Ms. Lewis – Earth Day Event – The banner is up on the southwest corner of Riverside Drive and Ben Avenue. This event will be held on Sunday April 25. We are trying to get Garth Kemp to be the MC of this event. There are still tables available for vendors at this event. We are launching a food drive to help needy families in the community. Please bring canned food and non-perishables to our meetings.

Agenda Item 12 – Standing Committee Reports –Planning and Land Use – Mr. O'Connor/Ms. Fulton – Planning and Land Use is working on amendments to the Specific Plan. They should be completed by our May board meeting.

Mr. Woersching presented a motion on AB 109. *Motion: The Board of the Neighborhood Council Valley Village supports AB 109 which would establish a moratorium on the construction of, or conversion to, new digital advertising displays until January 1, 2012, and would also disallow the conversion of existing static billboards which would include eight hundred seventy-seven (877) signs approved for the conversion in the City as part of the World Wide Rush v City of Los Angeles settlement.* The motion was approved 9-0-0.

Mr. Woersching presented a motion to the Exceptions to the Citywide Sign and Billboard Ordinance. *Motion: That the NCVV Board recommend to the City Council, the Planning Commission, the Planning Department, the Valley Alliance of Neighborhood Councils and the Citywide Congress of Neighborhood Councils that the exceptions contained in the proposed Citywide Sign and Billboard Ordinance be removed from the ordinance as follows: 1, Remove the supplemental sign district enabling ordinance, 2, Remove the Comprehensive Sign Program provision, 3, Remove the sign Modifications provision.* The motion was approved 9-0-0.

Agenda Item 14 – Public Comment – Public Comment from the public on non-agenda items within the Board's subject matter jurisdiction – Jennifer Reed, a resident at 11911 Magnolia Blvd, Valley Village asked if the Planning and Land Use committee has

received the Mitigated Negative Declaration Report for 11933 Magnolia Blvd. Ms. Reed would like our PLU committee to take under advisement the MND filing and be prepared to address the site plan review determination once it has been issued. Mr. Braswell asked that Ms. Reed forward her information to him and he will be forward it to the PLU committee. Mr. Braswell asked Ms. Reed to come to our next PLU meeting to present their needs to the committee.

Agenda Item 13 – Future Agenda Items – Please email future agenda items to Mr. Braswell for the April board meeting.

Agenda Item 15 – President's Closing Comments and Adjournment – Mr. Braswell thanked everyone in attendance. Meeting was adjourned at 9:30pm.

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I will encourage other points of view,
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I will respect, value, and consider everyone's opinion.
I will adhere to all local, state and federal laws as well as hold
other board members accountable to do the same.
I will find the good in my neighborhood,
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I will work to honor diversity, build community,
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To the neighborhood council system, to my neighbors,
and to neighborhoods throughout the City of Los Angeles,
I pledge to do this to the best of my ability.