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NEIGHBORHOOD COUNCIL VALLEY VILLAGE AGENDA

May 20, 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 April 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 Budget – Mr. Hatfield – *motion to approve NCVV 2010 budget*
7. ~~2010 City~~ Budget – Mr. Braswell, Mr. Hatfield ~~(letter)~~
8. Accountability of Stimulus Money Directed to Los Angeles – per Mr. Paterson - *motion regarding agenda item*
9. Billboard Ordinance – Mr. Woersching – *possible motion regarding proposed ordinance* (letter)
10. Pets in Valley Village Park – Felix Rivera, LA Department of Parks and Recreation
11. Standing Committee Reports –
    - Communications – Mr. Stokes
    - Elections – Ms. Hatfield
      - 2010 Election – Election Date, Election Procedures, Stipulation Document, Bylaws
      - Student Seat
    - City Services –
      - Speed Limit on Riverside, Chandler (letter)
      - Red Cross Emergency Containers – *possible motion regarding supplies for container* - defer
    - Projects – Ms. Lewis
      - Earth Day Event
    - Planning and Land Use – Mr. O'Connor/Ms. Fulton
      - Legal Ruling Regarding SB1818
      - *Motion to support the renovation of the building at 5224-5248 Laurel Canyon Boulevard* - 13-00
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 – June 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

May 20, 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. 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 would 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; Greg O'Connor, 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;

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

Agenda Item 3 - Introduction of Guests – Mr. Braswell – Mr. Braswell let us know that the crosswalk at Riverside Drive and Laurelgrove Avenue will not be removed. Our goal now is to obtain lighting and better illumination at night. He thanked Councilwoman Wendy Grueul's office for her help with this important pedestrian crossing.

Agenda Item 4 – Public Comment on Agenda Items (limited to 2 (two) minutes per speaker, and speaker must fill out a speaker card) – Mr. Bill North, a resident in Valley Village provided us with information about the Los Angeles-Glendale S.A.F.E. Collection Center and asked Mr. Stokes to input the information on www.myvalleyvillage.com .
He also let us know that National Night Out will be at Victory Blvd. and Bellingham Ave.
Mr. Jerry Fagin gave his opinion against selling wine and beer at the Chevron station and asked if they came before the NCVV Planning and Land Use Committee. Mr. Braswell let him know that they had been presented to the NCVV PLUC. Mr. Fagin also expressed his opinion that we need more local low-level hazardous waste collection sites.
Mr. Mark Indig, a resident at 11647 Huston Street asked why the LAPD has to harass dog owners at the park on Westpark Drive. Mr. Evan Roosevelt from Councilwoman Wendy Grueul's office said that their office has been inundated with phone calls from concerned residents regarding dogs being off leash and dog excrement not being picked up by dog owners. It is against the municipal code to have your dog off leash at a park that is not designated as a Dog Park. Ms. Grueul's office contacted the Office of Public Safety to do some enforcement at Valley Village Park and Beeman Park. Mr. Roosevelt let us know that there are dog parks on Victory Blvd in Lake Balboa and Mulholland and Laurel Canyon. He said we could look into having a portion of the park sectioned off as a dog use park. Mr. Bill North gave his opinion supporting a dog park in Valley Village. Mr. Fagin asked if we could get dispensers with dog waste bags installed at the park. Mr. Bate proposed a *Motion: request Recreation & Parks purchase and install*

dog waste bags and dispensers at Valley Village Park. Ms. Oberg seconded the motion. The motion was approved 13-0-0. Ms. Jennifer Reed a resident on Magnolia Blvd. asked for our assistance in filing an appeal for the SB 1818 project at 11933 Magnolia Blvd. to the City Planning Commission. This is a very dense and complicated appeal that is due on June 2nd. Board members were advised that NCVV funds could not be used to file the appeal, and the $102 fee was raised through personal contributions.

Agenda Item 5 – Finance Report – Mr. Hatfield – Mr. Hatfield presented the "NCVV Budget Report 2009" and submitted a copy for the record. Mr. Braswell asked if there are funds allocated for maintaining the banners throughout Valley Village. Mr. Hatfield assured him that there are funds available for maintaining the banners.

Agenda Item 6 – 2010 Budget – Mr. Hatfield – *Motion to approve NCVV 2010 budget* – The 2010 budget was presented to the Board for approval. A motion was forwarded from the Finance Committee to approve the 2010 budget as presented, and the motion was approved 13-0-0.

Agenda Item 7 – 2010 City Budget – Mr. Braswell, Mr. Hatfield –
Mr. Hatfield led the Board through a detailed discussion of the city budget process and current status. Mr. Hatfield submitted a resolution. *Resolution: whereas the City of Los Angeles requires competent management to cope with the present economic crisis and the long term fiscal health of the City; and whereas the current financial management process has failed to adequately control spending growth in spite of adverse economic forecasts, be it resolved that: the NCVV will request of each candidate for the office of City Council, Second Council District, a written statement that addresses the following: a process through which the City prepares the budget and long term financial plan, monitors and reports financial progress against objectives, sets financial performance criteria for programs, and includes Neighborhood Councils in the development and review of budget and long term financial plans and results. Such process will be evaluated by the Board of NCVV, or one of its committees, who will then submit questions to the candidates on the specifics of their proposals. The candidates' proposals and answers to the Board's questions, along with the Board's evaluation, will be considered public information and shared accordingly.* The resolution passed 13-0-0.

Agenda Item 8 – Accountability of Stimulus Money Directed to Los Angeles – per Mr. Paterson – *motion regarding agenda item* – Mr. Paterson was excused from this meeting and this item was deferred to a later date.

Agenda Item 9- Billboard Ordinance – Mr. Woersching – *possible motion regarding proposed ordinance* (letter) – Mr. Woersching gave an update on the amended Billboard Ordinance. The Board agreed to send letters stating NCVV position on the proposed Citywide Sign and Billboard Ordinance to each of the City of Los Angeles Councilmember's.

Agenda Item 10 – Pets in Valley Village Park – Felix Rivera, LA Department of Parks and Recreation – this item was deferred to a later date, SLO Rivera was transferred to another area and unable to attend our meeting.

Agenda Item 11 –Standing Committee Reports – Communications – Mr. Stokes –
Mr. Stokes gave an update on The Bridge publication; they hope to have it to the printer by the first week in June and in the mail by mid June. He will be updating the calendar

this evening to publicize upcoming events. The committee is in the process of approving a new host for the website.

Agenda Item 11 –Standing Committee Reports – Elections – Ms. Hatfield – 2010 Election – Election Date, Election Procedures, Stipulation Documents, Bylaws, Student Seat – Ms. Hatfield gave an update on the 2010 election procedures. The NCVV bylaws cover the election procedures. Mail in votes will be by request only. Our election date has not yet been confirmed. Our student seat is still available if you know of someone that wants to run for this seat.

Agenda Item 11 –Standing Committee Reports – City Services – Speed Limit on Riverside Drive (letter), Red Cross Emergency Containers – *possible motion regarding supplies for container* – The Red Cross Emergency Container motion has been deferred.
The increase of the speed limit on Riverside Drive was approved to forty (40) mph and Chandler Blvd. to forty-five (45) mph. Mr. Braswell said we have thirty (30) days to come up with a way to get the speed limits reduced. Mr. Bate gave an update on the upcoming CERT/CPR class June 27 & 28 from 9:00-4:00 with lunch and refreshments. The class is being held in the auditorium at Colfax Charter.

Agenda Item 11 –Standing Committee Reports – Projects – Ms. Lewis- Earth Day Event – Ms. Lewis gave an update on the Earth Day Event. We had over three hundred (300) attend the event and about thirty (30) vendors. The Department of Forestry gave away two hundred fifty (250) trees. The event was a huge success, with over thirty (30) people signing up the new CERT class. The 4th of July parade is scheduled and NCVV will be participating with two (2) floats.

Agenda Item 11 –Standing Committee Reports – Planning and Land Use – Mr. O'Connor and Ms. Fulton – Legal Ruling Regarding SB 1818 – *Motion to support the renovation of the building at 5224-5248 Laurel Canyon Boulevard* –
Ms. Fulton introduced the architect, Mr. Chris Jones, for the Frend's Beauty Supply proposed remodel of 5224-5248 Laurel Canyon. He gave a brief presentation of their project. *Motion: to support the renovation of the commercial building at 5224-5248 Laurel Canyon Boulevard to increase the ceiling height to twenty-five (25) feet and improve the front façade. The committee also recommended that the applicant consider adding additional architectural detailing on the front façade, including awnings and allow the Committee further input on tree size and selection.* The motion was approved 13-0-0.
Ms. Fulton let us know that she will be going the City Planning and Land Use to get more information on the medical building going up in the 11700 Block of Riverside Drive.

Agenda Item 12 – Future Agenda Items – Planning and Land Use will have a motion to approve the amendments Valley Village Specific Plan. Mr. Bate, a possible motion to approve a joint use of the Valley Village Park as a designated dog park. Ms. Oberg asked if Lisa Sarkin and Ben Neuman from Studio City Neighborhood Council will be attending our June meeting.

Agenda Item 13 – Public Comment – Public Comment from the public on non-agenda items within the Board's subject matter jurisdiction – Mr. North said that when he was on the website earlier today, there were sentences superimposed over other items.

Agenda Item 14 – President's Closing Comments and Adjournment – Mr. Braswell thanked everyone in attendance. Meeting was adjourned at 9:00pm.