Neighborhood Council Valley Village
Board Meeting

10-0-0

Date August 24, 2011

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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 to 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; Tony Braswell, residential renter; Cathy Flynn, residential homeowner; Ginny Hatfield, residential homeowner; Paul Hatfield, at large; Suzanne Lewis, residential renter; Dale Liebowitz-Neglia, at-large; Steven Stokes, residential renter; Charles Sulahian, business owner; Jeff Walker, business owner; Marc Woersching, community based.

Board members excused were Dave Bate, business owner; Sandy Hubbard, residential homeowner; Suzanne Lauer, residential renter; Dr. Joshua Levy, faith based.

The minutes were approved by a vote of 10-0-0.

Agenda Item 2 – Public Comment on Agenda Items (limited to two (2) minutes per speaker, and must fill out a speaker card) –

Agenda Item 3 – Finance Report, Mr. Hatfield - Mr. Braswell gave an update on the financial report, submitted a copy for the record and informed us that DONE has approved the budget for fiscal year 2012. Mr. Walker proposed a *motion: to approve the budget as presented* and Ms. Liebowitz-Neglia seconded the motion. The motion was approved by a vote of 10-0-0.

Agenda Item 4 – Introduction of Hilary MacGregor, LAUSD – Tamar Galatzan and Jennifer Brogan, LAUSD District 3 – Ms. MacGregor is the new chief of staff for Tamar Galatzan. Ms. MacGregor gave us a brief update on the LAUSD budget. There has been a 1.5 billion dollar cut to the LAUSD budget over the last three (3) years and another 400 million dollar cut will be made this year. Appeals need to be to your state legislature to help restore the LAUSD budget. Despite these budget cuts, public schools have continued to raise their test schools above the state average. LAUSD has launched a pilot teacher evaluation program that puts them on the cutting edge of national education reform. There are more affiliated charters in the San Fernando Valley, seventeen (17) of the eighteen (18) affiliated charter schools are in the San Fernando Valley and seven (7) of them are in Ms. Galatzan's district.

Agenda Item 5 – California Redistricting Map – Mr. Braswell, Mr. Hatfield – Mr. Braswell let us know that NCVV has filed their concerns regarding the redistricting of the assembly and state senate. There is more information online at www.wedrawthelines.org . As it stands right now, the area of Valley Village east of Whitsett Avenue will be in the new district.

Agenda Item 6 - Standing Committee Reports – Communications – Mr. Stokes – Mr. Stokes asked that information for items being posted on the website be sent to him in the proper format and with all of the pertinent details to help expedite the postings. There has been a marked increase

in the use of www.myvalleyvillage.com since the new banners were installed along Riverside Drive and Laurel Canyon Boulevards.

Agenda Item 6- Standing Committee Reports – Elections – Ms. Hatfield – Ms. Hatfield let us know that the City Clerk will be conducting the 2014 Neighborhood Council elections. They will also being doing a study to possibly use electronic voting.

Agenda Item 6 - Standing Committee Reports – City Services – Mr. Walker – *Motion* – *NCVV Shall submit a written request to the Los Angeles Department of Transportation, adding a request for installation of a bus bench on the south east corner of Riverside Drive and Radford Avenue, to the list submitted in March 2011. The* motion was approved by a vote of 10-0-0.

Agenda Item 6 – Standing Committee Reports – Projects – National Night Out - Ms. Lewis – Ms. Lewis let us know that the National Night Out was a huge success. They are now making plans to participate in the Great American Shake Out on October 20th.

Agenda Item 6 – Standing Committee Reports – Planning and Land Use – NCVV Floor Area Ratio - Mr. Bate – There was not a meeting in July. The committee is continuing to work on the floor area ratio, the down zoning of certain properties and Survey L.A.

Agenda Item 7 – Community Impact Statement – Bus Signage – Mr. Braswell us know that the Bus Bench signage motion that passed the City Council vote last week awarded the contract to a new company. The council voted 11-1 in favor of a contract with Martin Outdoor Media, which promised to pay the city at least $2.7 million of its advertising revenue over the next decade. Martin Media plans to replace all five thousand (5,000) current fixtures.

Agenda Item 8 – Valley Vision Task Force – Survey LA – Mr. Braswell & Ms. Leibowitz-Nieglia – The Valley Vision Task Force is still looking for volunteers to help with Survey LA and residents that have knowledge of the history of Valley Village. We are trying to document the history of Valley Village.

Agenda Item 9 – Future Agenda Items

Agenda Item 10 – Public Comment – Public Comment from the public on non-agenda items within the Board's subject matter jurisdiction – Ms. Mary Ann Coiff presented information on the upcoming NoHo Taco Cook-off being held on September 24, 11:00-6:00pm at Sears North Hollywood. A portion of the proceeds will benefit the Forgotten Dog Foundation.

Mr. Scott Jacobs and Ms. Lisa Jacobs, residents in Valley Village voiced their opposition to the new Colfax Charter boundaries.

Ms. Dayne DaLuise, a resident in North Hollywood, gave a brief background on herself and asked NCVV to support her in the upcoming Miss California U.S.A. pageant.

Mr. Stuart Simen, a resident in Valley Village, asked if we had any information on the North Hollywood Hospital that is currently being torn down and is just outside the Valley Village borders.

Mr. Peter Sanchez, a resident in Valley Village and president of the Valley Village Homeowner's Association, encouraged residents to join the VVHA. VVHA is a non-profit organization that encourages all residents to protect their interests by joining the Valley Village Homeowners Association. They are a group of Neighbors working together to improve the quality of life in Valley Village.

Mr. Andrew Lachman, a candidate for State Assembly 46th District, gave a brief presentation on his background, qualifications and platform.

Mr. Mark Reed, a representative from the Congress Residents Forum presented information on the upcoming Resident's Forum on August 25 at 7:00pm at the American Legion Post 308 in Reseda. The resident's forum wants to make your voice heard. They hope to create a contract with the district that with items that you want from your elected officials. After the contrast is developed and finalized, they will post it on their website and ask others to sign on to it. They will post all incumbents and candidates who agree with you and agree to be held accountable.

Ms. Ezhari, field deputy for Councilmember Paul Krekorian, let us know that Street Services has turned over responsibility of trash bins to the Sanitation Department. There is a community picnic to celebrate the restoration of the Great Wall of Los Angeles on September 17, 3:00-6:00pm on Coldwater between Burbank and Oxnard. There is going to be a run/walk fundraiser in honor of Conor Lynch, who lost his life crossing Woodman Avenue last year. This event on Sunday October 16 is a fundraiser to benefit new and existing programs that raise awareness and promote the safety of pedestrians, runners, cyclists and young drivers. Ms. Ezhari also brought us some "drive slowly, watch for kids" signs.

Ms. Pearl Ricci, from Congressman Howard Berman's office gave us a brief update on the Congressman's activities over the past month.

Agenda Item 11 – President's Closing Comments and Adjournment – Mr. Braswell informed us that several residents have called and emailed with complaints of coyote sightings in the area. We need to be diligent about keeping our trash can lids closed, do not leave dog or cat food outside overnight and keep small pets indoors overnight. You should report any coyote sightings to Animal Services by calling 311. If it is an emergency you should call 911. Mr. Braswell thanked everyone in attendance. The meeting was adjourned at 7:45.