Neighborhood Council Valley Village
Board Meeting

Date July 27, 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; Dave Bate, business owner; Tony Braswell, residential renter; Cathy Flynn, residential homeowner; Ginny Hatfield, residential homeowner; Paul Hatfield, at large; Suzanne Lauer, residential renter; Dr. Joshua Levy, faith based; Suzanne Lewis, residential renter; Steven Stokes, residential renter; Charles Sulahian, business owner; Jeff Walker, business owner; Marc Woersching, community based.

Board members excused were Sandy Hubbard, residential homeowner; Dale Liebowitz-Neglia, at-large.

The minutes were approved by a vote of 11-0-0.

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. Hatfield gave an update on the financial report for 2012 and submitted a copy of the final financial report for the 2011 fiscal year for the record. *Motion: transfer $400 from National Night Out event to the July 4th parade.* The motion was approved 11-0-0.

Agenda Item 4 – California Redistricting Map Mr. Braswell gave an update on the California Redistricting map. Valley Village residents have been very vocal in letting the California Citizens Redistricting Commission know that all of Valley Village should be included in one district and not split in half. He let us know that the final map will be online this coming Friday and he will email a copy to the entire board.

Agenda Item 5 – Appreciation for Pat Davenport – Ms. Davenport was unable to attend our meeting tonight and NCVV will honor her at the National Night Out event on August 2 at Valley Village Park. Ms. Nikki Ezhari will be replacing Ms. Davenport as the new field deputy for Councilmember Paul Krekorian.

Agenda Item 6 – Garden Tour Awards – Ms. Lewis – Ms. Lewis let us know that there were twenty-five (25) entries this year and announced the winners. All prizes were delivered to the winners in person. Mr. Braswell let us know that NCVV is trying to work out a tour of the gardens. However, all houses have to be ADA (American Disability Act) approved and NCVV must provide insurance for each home that is visited. The latter is not within the budget of NCVV, so this ambition may not be possible.

Agenda Item 7 – NCVV Committee Reports – Projects – Ms. Lewis – National Night Out, July 4th Parade Update – Ms. Lewis gave an update on the upcoming National Night Out event on August 2nd. This year's July 4th parade, sponsored by the Valley Village Homeowners Association had over one thousand (1,000) entries and was the largest attended parade to date.

Agenda Item 7 – NCVV Committee Reports – Planning and Land Use – Mr. Bate – NCVV Residential Floor Area Ratio – Mr. Bate gave an update on the meeting that Mr. Braswell and Mr. Caplan had, a meeting with Council District 5 representatives. NCVV has three (3) options regarding the Residential Floor Area Ratio. 1) Approach the Planning department directly with our proposed RFA, 2) Get the support of CD2 & CD5, 3) Approach Valley Village stakeholders with a survey to get their input on the proposed RFA.

Agenda Item 7 – NCVV Committee Reports – Communications – Mr. Stokes – Mr. Stokes gave an update on the website. He is now able to upload photos and make changes to the website without the assistance of the host company. Since the new Valley Village banners have been installed, new registration for www.myvalleyvillage.com has increased from three (3) a month to three (3) a day.

Agenda Item 7 – NCVV Committee Reports – Elections, Bylaws & Outreach – Ms. Hatfield – Mr. Braswell let us know that the NCVV bylaws were the first to be submitted for approval. The deadline has been extended to accommodate all of the Neighborhood Councils that have not yet submitted their new bylaws to DONE for approval.

Agenda Item 7 – NCVV Committee Reports – City Services – Mr. Walker – City Services did not meet in July. There was no update to report.

Agenda Item 8 – Valley Village Vision Task Force – Survey LA – Ms. Hatfield gave a brief presentation on SurveyLA. SurveyLA is the Los Angeles Historic Resources Survey and is the first ever comprehensive program to identify significant historic resources throughout the city. The survey marks a coming of age for Los Angeles' historic preservation movement, and will serve as a centerpiece for the City's first truly comprehensive preservation program. As part of SurveyLA, the City of Los Angeles Office of Historic Resources needs help to identify resources that are important in your neighborhood. They are particularly interested in lesser known places that might have shaped your community. Please contact Ms. Hatfield to participate in helping with SurveyLA and she will provide you with the necessary information for the Neighborhood Walkabout Survey Form and Photo Identification Form.

Agenda Item 9 – DWP Oversight Committee – Tony Wilkinson – Mr. Wilkinson, Panorama City Neighborhood Council Vice-Chair and NC-DWP MOU Oversight Committee Chair gave a presentation on the advantages of having a rate payer advocate for the LADWP. He also advised everyone to take advantage of the LADWP website for support and information.

Agenda Item 10 – DWP Presentation – Greg Bartz, LADWP Liaison for Valley Village – Mr. Bartz gave a brief presentation on the LADWP rates process. There is a new online survey, webinars for business and residential customers and additional public meetings to be held this month as LADWP 2011 rates and customer outreach continues. He also informed us of the LADWP rate proposals and encouraged everyone to stay informed and participate. He gave us a list of resources to access to stay up to date and informed on the LADWP rate proposals and other issues, as well as to provide your input and save you time.

Agenda Item 11 – Valley Village Park Update – Mr. Walker – Mr. Walker was advised by Recreation and Parks that everything for the park enhancements has been ordered and construction will start once all items have been received.

Agenda Item 12 – Public Comment – Public Comment from the public on non-agenda items within the Board's subject matter jurisdiction – Ms. Pearl Ricci, Executive Secretary, Congressman Howard L. Berman told us that Congressman Howard Berman heeds calls from Valley residents and will be introducing a bill to curb helicopter related noise and safety concerns.

Connie Hafner-Edwards, a resident in Valley Village, asked how she could find out about sidewalk systems in Valley Village, are there guidelines and how can she get sidewalks installed.

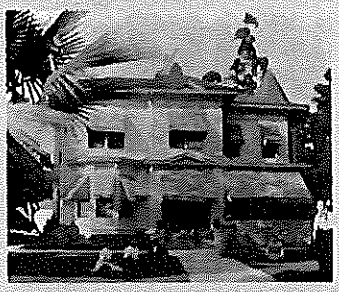
Jerry Fagin, a resident in Valley Village, asked what the purpose of the new Valley Village banners is.

Agenda Item 13 – Future Agenda Items, President's Closing Comments and Adjournment – Mr. Hatfield let us know that he will be out of town for several months and will not be attending the NCVV monthly meetings. Ms. Hatfield thanked everyone in attendance. The meeting was adjourned at 9:00pm.

MyHistoric ValleyVillage

Historic Resources Identification Form







As part of SurveyLA, the City of Los Angeles Office of Historic Resources needs your help to identify resources that are important in your neighborhood. We are particularly interested in the lesser-known places that might have shaped your community.

These places may be important for a broad range of reasons such as architecture, city planning, landscape design, ethnic heritage, residential development, commerce or industry.

Examples of historic resources include things you might not consider significant such as stores, parks, social halls, canals and bridges. A historic district can be anything from a residential neighborhood to a commercial center or industrial complex.

The citywide survey will consider all properties dating from around 1980 or earlier.

How Should I Decide What to Identify?

In considering which resources to identify, think about the following questions:

- What are the neighborhoods, commercial areas, and landscapes that have distinctive architectural or cultural characteristics, or reflect important aspects of social history or planning and development? What qualities of these places make them important?
- What sites or buildings have been gathering places or focal points of your community over the years?
- Which buildings housed important individuals, groups or organizations that shaped your community's history?
- Which buildings and districts may have been associated with important architects, builders, designers, developers, or engineers whose work helped define the character of your area?
- Which resources shaped social movements or the cultural evolution of your community?