Neighborhood Council Valley Village
Board Meeting

Date November 17, 2010

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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 to the 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 Dave Bate, at-large; Tony Braswell, residential renter; Ginny Hatfield, residential homeowner; Paul Hatfield, at large; Sandy Hubbard, residential homeowner; Suzanne Lauer, residential renter; Dr. Joshua Levy, faith based; Suzanne Lewis, residential renter; Steven Stokes, residential renter; Jeff Walker, business owner; Mark Woersching, community based.
Board members excused were Dorothy Apple, Dale Liebowitz-Neglia, Charles Sulahian and Lory Oberg.

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

Agenda Item 2 – Introduction of Guests – Mr. Braswell – Mr. Peter Sanchez, former President of NCVV and current president of Valley Village Homewoners Association.

Agenda Item 3 - Public Comment on Agenda Items. limited to two (2) minutes per speaker, and speaker must fill out a speaker card – Mr. Sanchez gave an update on the effort to collect the insurance damages for the accident involving the Valley Village entry sign. The effort has run into some roadblocks, but he is still working to collect payment for the damage. There were no other public comments.

Agenda Item 4 – Update on Colfax Bridge – This presentation was moved to the December Board meeting.

Agenda Item 5 – Update on Campbell Hall Construction – It was reported that the school has been asked several times to present at the NCVV PLU and/or Board meeting and has not returned the call. Mr. Braswell and Mr. Bate will follow up. NCVV has received two complaints regarding the project from stakeholders in Valley Village. Mr. Braswell will also follow up with Wesly Hernandez, Field Deputy for CD5.

Agenda Item 6 – Valley Village Park Renovation – Mr. Walker – Mr. Walker informed the Board that the City of Los Angeles Bureau of Parks is working to complete eleven projects by the end of March. Valley Village Park renovations will be on the next list of projects that will begin after that time. The Board asked Mr. Walker to facilitate a presentation regarding the park renovation.

Agenda Item 7 – Finance Report – Mr. Hatfield – The NCVV finance report was submitted by Mr. Hatfield. There were no significant changes in the financial report. Mr. Hatfield informed the Board that the entry sign rebuild had been approved and according to the contract one-half of the payment would be made to Dee Sign. Mr. Sanchez is still working to find a settlement solution with the insurance company. Mr. Hatfield also shared an update on the city's finances.

Agenda Item 8 – Planning Forum – *Held until December.*

Agenda Item 9 – Universal Proposal – There will be a presentation regarding the Universal Project in December. NCVV will send representatives to the meeting.

Agenda Item 10 - Standing Committee Reports – Communications – Mr. Stokes: Mr. Stokes gave an update on the website.

Agenda Item 9- Standing Committee Reports – Elections – Ms. Hatfield – The Board was officially informed of the passing of long time community leader Lory Oberg. Ms. Hatfield informed the Board that the vacancy in the seat would be handled by the Executive Committee according to the bylaws. Mr. Braswell noted that the city of Los Angeles and Council office 2 provided special commendations related to Ms. Oberg's service to the community.

Agenda Item 9 – Standing Committee Reports – City Services – Mr. Walker – City Services continues to work on the park renovations, bus services, and is considering a plan to place NCVV sponsored trash cans at key spots along the Laurel Canyon corridor and possibly Magnolia and Riverside corridors.

CS also had a lengthy discussion about recent cuts to the Library budget and the impact on the Valley Village community. The following motion was proposed:
Motion: NCVV is opposed to the reduction in library hours, and requests a meeting with Amelia Earhart library staff and other neighborhood councils to explore ways to financially support reopening this library branch for additional days per week.

After it was determined that NCVV already had taken a position opposing reduction in library hours, the motion was amended to read:

Motion: NCVV requests a meeting with Amelia Earhart library staff and other neighborhood councils to explore ways to financially support reopening this library branch for additional days per week.
Mr. Walker agreed to the amended motion. The motion was approved 10-0-0.

Agenda Item 9 – Projects – Ms. Lewis – Updated the Board on the holiday food drive, and coordinating that effort with CD2 office.

Agenda Item 10 - Standing Committee Reports – Planning and Land Use – Mr. Bate –
The PLU Committee held an extensive conversation regarding the Residential Floor Area ratio that was approved in 2008 and sent to City Council. The RFA was returned from Council members Weiss and Greuel in a format that differed substantially from the wording that was approved by NCVV. Mr. Braswell and Mr. Dan Caplan (PLU) reminded the Board of the residential survey that was conducted in 2007 and 2008, the finding of which became the basis for the RFA that was approved.
PLU has proposed that the full Board re-submit the original RFA to city council offices 2 and 5. Further PLU proposed that meetings be held with both planning staffs to educate them regarding the process that led to the RFA.
Motion: *NCVV recommends to CD2 and CD5 a revised motion to establish a Residential Floor Area (RFA) district for Valley Village be prepared and introduced, to supersede the previous motion referred to PLUM Committee by City Council in January 2009, and further the motion should apply to all of Valley Village and include specific provisions for floor/area and density incentives as recommended by NCVV in August 2008.*
There was discussion as to whether the second part of the motion should be included and whether it was needed.

The motion was approved 10-0-0.

Agenda Item 11 – Food Drive – NCVV continues the food drive and will partner with CD2 in the campaign.

Agenda Item 12 – 3rd District Community Meeting, Valley Presbyterian Hospital, November 20 8:30-12:00 pm.

Agenda Item 13 – Future Agenda Items. There were none.

Agenda Item 14 - Public Comment from the public on non-agenda items within the Board's subject matter jurisdiction – There was no public comment.

Agenda Item 15 – President's Closing Comments and Adjournment – Mr. Braswell thanked everyone in attendance. The meeting was adjourned at 9:00pm.

The meeting was adjourned in honor and memory of NCVV Board member Lory Oberg.