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NEIGHBORHOOD COUNCIL VALLEY VILLAGE AGENDA (amended)

October 28, 2009 6:30 PM
Colfax Elementary School Auditorium
11724 Addison Street, Valley Village, CA, 91607

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1. Call to Order, Roll Call, Agenda Distribution, and Welcoming Remarks – Mr. Braswell
2. Approval of September 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. Valley Area Crime Update – Tim Saito, Manny Arreygue
7. Burbank Elementary School – Clara Pena
8. Water Main Update – Greg Bartz, DWP
9. 11933 Magnolia Appeal – Mr. Bate
10. 2nd Annual Children's Day – *motion to approve $500 sponsorship* - NOV. 21'
11. December 2 Debate at Valley College
12. Standing Committee Reports –
    - City Services – Mr. Bate
      - *Park Guidelines – motion to approve Park plan and improvements* – Mr. Sacher - 11-0-0
      - *Follow up to September presentation - Motion to support the concept of a Farmer's Market in North Hollywood* 11-0-0
      - *Bike Path – Motion to extend comment period on the master bike plan and to oppose re-opening of the tunnel* to public
      - *In-Lieu Parking Fees – to oppose the use of in-lieu parking fees by the City* 11-0-0 both in V.V. park 11-0-0
    - Projects – Ms. Lewis
    - Planning and Land Use – Ms. Fulton
    - Communications – Mr. Stokes
    - Elections – Ms. Hatfield
13. Bridge Closure, Colfax at Ventura — to the dude from 42 days to 94 days 11-0-0
14. Future Agenda Items
15. Public Comment – Comments from the public on non-agenda items within the Board's subject matter jurisdiction
16. President's Closing Comments

lot line merger act - Mike Feuer or Pamela

DUE TO THE HOLIDAYS THE NEXT TWO NCVV BOARD MEETINGS WILL BE HELD ON THE THIRD THURSDAY OF THE MONTH

November 18, 2009
December 16, 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

October 28, 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 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, at-large; Tony Braswell, residential renter; Ginny Hatfield, residential homeowner; Paul Hatfield, at large; Dr. Levy, faith based; Suzanne Lewis, residential renter; Lory Oberg, residential homeowner; Andrew Sacher, business owner; Steven Stokes, residential renter; Jeff Walker, business owner; Mark Woersching, community based.
Board members excused were Beth Fulton, education; Greg O'Connor, residential homeowner.

Agenda Item 2 – Approval of September Minutes – Ms. Apple - The minutes were approved by a vote of 11-0-0.

Agenda Item 3 - Introduction of Guests – Mr. Braswell – Tim Saito, City of Los Angeles Neighborhood Prosecutor; Manny Arreygue, LAPD Senior Lead Officer for Valley Village.

Jeffrey Ebenstein, Representative from Councilman Paul Koretz's office gave an update on land use appeal fees. The City proposed a raise in the appeal cost for land use projects. Councilman Koretz introduced a motion to freeze the cost at seventy-four dollars ($74), this motion passed. He also introduced a motion to involve neighborhood councils in the selection of the new general manager for the LADWP. This motion is in committee. He also is co-authoring a motion to introduce a DWP ratepayer advocate to support ratepayer's rights. Ms. Apple asked if it would be possible to split the water rationing days to addresses ending in even numbers and those ending in odd numbers to different days of the week, putting less of a strain on the sewer system.
Mr. Ebenstein said he would suggest the idea to Councilman Koretz. Mr. Hatfield suggested that the ratepayer advocate include a separate Neighborhood Council review position and that NC's be involved in the selection process for the ratepayer advocate if indeed there is one. Mr. Ebenstein agreed and he would suggest this to Councilman Koretz.

Shawn Bayliss, Planning Deputy for Councilman Paul Koretz's office gave an update on Marijuana dispensaries. There is a proposed ordinance that is with the legislative department of the City Council to limit the location and operation of the dispensaries. There is a map on the internet showing the location of the dispensaries. Mr. Woersching asked if the new ordinance would result in the closure of some of the dispensaries. Mr. Bayliss said that issue is being addressed as part of the ordinance.

add motion for $250 for Valley Alliance N.C.

A Valley Village stakeholder and Eagle Scout (Mordy) attended the October meeting as part of his requirements to obtain an Eagle Scout merit badge. Mr. Woersching provided an update on the Billboard ICO.

Agenda Item 4 – Public Comment on Agenda Items (limited to 2 (two) minutes per speaker, and speaker must fill out a speaker card). There were no public comments.

Agenda Item 5 – Finance Report, Mr. Hatfield - Mr. Hatfield gave an update on the financial report and submitted a copy for the record.

Agenda Item 6 – Valley Area Crime Update – Tim Saito, Manny Arreygue gave an update on crime in the area. They gave tips on how to avoid daytime robberies and car break-ins. Year to date, crime is down twenty-seven (27)% from last year. The only crime that is up from last year are street robberies; they are up three hundred (300)%; there have been three (3) street robberies this year. Officer Arreygue let us know that our Neighborhood Watch participation has helped eliminate crime in our area and has led to some arrests. Officer Arreygue left copies of the crime map for basic car 15A43 for the month of September.

Agenda Item 7 – Burbank Elementary School – This item was postponed until November.

Agenda Item 8 – Water Main Update – Greg Bartz, DWP – Mr. Bartz gave an update on the increased number of water main breaks. He also left information regarding the mainline breaks and repairs and the 2009/10 fiscal year financial plan dated May 19, 2009. Mr. Bartz let us know that there are some amendments to the water conservation ordinance in committee and he will keep us up to date on any changes that are made. Mr. Sacher asked if there are any plans to require homeowners with pools being required to cover their pools to conserve water evaporation. Mr. Bartz said he is not aware of any such plans, but will look into it and get back to us. Mr. Hatfield asked if there are any plans to recess power poles underground. Mr. Bartz said that in new developments this is being done. David Freeman is the DWP interim general manager for the next six (6) months. Anyone that would like to listen to discussions between the DWP and city council members can do so by logging on through the DWP website.

Agenda Item 9- 11933 Magnolia Appeal – Mr. Bate – The 11933 appeals were heard by the City Planning Commission on October 22nd. Paul Krekorian and Chris Essel spoke out against this project. Mr. Krekorian and Ms. Essel proposed the hearing be continued in order to give the neighborhood council a chance to interface with the bank and the developer to see if there are any possibilities to resolve the dispute by negotiation. They both also said this appeal should be postponed until after the December election when CD2 will have a councilperson representing the district. The developer agreed to reduce the maximum height of the building by three (3) feet on the sides that do not face the street. The street side will still be forty-seven (47) feet six (6) inches plus extensions. No member of the committee would make a motion to approve the compromise, and the chair of the committee made the motion. The motion did not pass and a new motion was introduced which passed. The new motion recognized three (3) foot height reduction proposed by the developer. The motion was approved 4-1.

Agenda Item 10 – 2nd Annual Children's Day – *Motion to approve $500 sponsorship on for the Children's Day event to be held November 21st.* The Motion passed 11-0-0.

Motion to express our concern that the Annual Children's Day event that is being held on a Saturday, does not allow participation of all Valley Village Residents.
Motion passed 11-0-0.

Agenda Item 11 – December 2nd Debate at Valley College – There is a conflict with the League of Women Voters and the date of the debate between the final two (2) CD2 candidates and will be changed. We will post the new date once it has been announced.

Agenda Item 12 – Standing Committee Reports – City Services – Mr. Bate – Park guidelines – Mr. Sacher gave a presentation on the proposed improvements for Valley Village Park. The funding for the improvements are proposed to come from Quimby funds if they are available. *Motion to approve Park plan and improvements.* Motion passed 11-0-0.

Follow up to September presentation on proposed Farmer's Market in North Hollywood. *Motion to support the concept of a Farmer's Market in North Hollywood.*
Motion passed 11-0-0.

Bike path – *Motion to extend public comment period on the Master Bike Plan from forty-two (42) days to ninety-four (94) days.*
Motion passed 11-0-0.

Motion to oppose re-opening of both tunnels in Valley Village Park. Motion passed 11-0-0.

In-Lieu Parking Fees – *Motion to oppose the use of in-lieu parking fees by the City.*
Motion passed 11-0-0.

Agenda Item 12 – Standing Committee Reports – Projects – Ms. Lewis – Ms. Lewis let us know that the food drive has been a huge success and we have extended it through December. Ms. Hatfield gave a presentation on Project Share and asked that we participate as stakeholders in adopting a senior for the holidays.

Agenda Item 12 – Standing Committee Reports – Planning and Land Use – Ms. Fulton – Stevens Nursery site has been sold to IMT, a developer with other projects in the Valley; they specialize in rental property. Ms. Fulton has been in touch with the developers and will present and update at the next meeting.

Agenda Item 12 – Standing Committee Reports – Communications – The website is continuing to be updated, and the next Bridge writing assignments will be made before end of November.

Agenda Item 12 – Standing Committee Reports – Elections – Ms. Hatfield – Ms. Hatfield let us know that the city clerk liaison will be at our November meeting to explain the 2010 NCVV election procedures.

Agenda Item 13 – Bridge Closure, Colfax Avenue at Ventura Blvd – The closing of the bridge has been postponed until November.

Agenda Item 14 – Future Agenda Items – Mr. Woersching would like to present a motion at Planning and Land Use regarding SB 1818. Ms. Oberg would like to address the Lot Line Merger Act and have Mike Fueur present at the meeting. Ms. Lewis would like to have board member photos on the NCVV website.

Agenda Item 15 – Public Comment – Public Comment from the public on non-agenda items within the Board's subject matter jurisdiction – There was no public comment.

Agenda Item 16 – President's Closing Comments and Adjournment – Mr. Braswell thanked everyone in attendance. Meeting was adjourned at 9:00pm.