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NEIGHBORHOOD COUNCIL VALLEY VILLAGE AGENDA

September 24, 2008 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 August Minutes – Ms. Apple
3. President's Comments, Introduction of Guests – Mr. Braswell
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
   Motion for Transfer of Funds per Treasurer
6. Presentation on Proposition 7 – (Laurette Healey – Yes Brendan Huffman – No)
7. Presentation on Proposition 8 – (Professor David Cruz – No Handout – Yes)
8. DWP Presentation – Water Conservation – ~~Bob~~ Erb, Director Water Services Tom
9. Valley Village Anniversary Wrap Up Report – Ms. Hatfield and Ms. Lewis
10. Standing Committee Reports –
    - City Services – Mr. Gauthier
    - Projects – Ms. Hatfield
      New Chairperson for Committee – steven ~~peter~~ stokes - communication
    - Motion to Approve Community Grant of $2500 for Colfax Elementary School
    - Planning and Land Use – Mr. O'Connor
    - ~~Communications~~ – Ms. Lewis – projects
    - Elections – Ms. Hatfield
11. Valley Village CERT Class Update
12. November, December Board Meeting Date Change
13. Future Agenda Items
14. Public Comment – Comments from the public on non-agenda items within the Board's subject matter jurisdiction
15. President's Closing Comments and Adjournment

DATES TO HOLD: CERT TRAINING - EVERY THURSDAY THROUGH 10/30 10/7-10/9

Next NCVV Board Meeting – October 22, 2008
November Meeting will be Wednesday Nov. 19 December Meeting will be Wednesday Dec. 17

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
September 24, 2008

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Agenda Item 1 – Call to Order, Roll Call, Agenda Distribution and Welcoming Remarks – Mr. Braswell – Mr. Braswell 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 Roberts Rules of Order.

The roll was called. Board members present were: Dorothy Apple, residential homeowner; Tony Braswell, residential renter; Ginny Hatfield, residential homeowner; Paul Hatfield, at large; Richard Gauthier, business owner; Suzanne Lewis, residential renter; Andrew Sacher, business owner; Steven Stokes, residential renter; Lory Oberg, residential homeowner; Dave Bate, at-large; Mark Woersching, community based; Beth Fulton, education based; Dr. Joshua Levy, faith based; Philip Schaeffer, student representative; Board members excused was: Greg O'Connor, residential homeowner

Agenda Item 2 – Approval of September, 2008 Minutes – The minutes were approved by a vote of 13-0-0.

Agenda Item 3 – President's Comments, Introduction of Guests – Matthew Schupbach, from Councilman Jack Weiss's office presented Neighborhood Council Valley Village with a Certificate of Commendation from Jack Weiss and Mayor Antonio Villaraigosa congratulating us on our fifth year anniversary of our certification as a Neighborhood Council. Mr. Schupbach said that Jack Weiss's office has been receiving several phone calls regarding abandoned construction sites due to the downturn in the housing market. If you are aware of any of such project, please feel free to contact their office and they will contact the Department of Building and Safety to help get these sites cleaned up and safe for the neighborhood. Mr. Weiss's office has also been receiving phone calls on water conservation problems and has referred these issues to LADWP Drought Busters. Mr. Braswell asked that Mr. Weiss's office copy NCVV on any actions they take against property owners or developers regarding abandoned properties within Valley Village.

Evan Roosevelt from Councilwoman Wendy Greuel's office brought flyers regarding the Valley Community Fair being help at Valley College on Sunday, September 28th. It is an informational fair regarding City Services. Mr. Roosevelt presented Neighborhood Council Valley Village with a Certificate of Commendation from Councilwoman Wendy Greuel congratulating us on five years as a Neighborhood Council. Shelly Klace asked Mr. Roosevelt for an update on the status of the Stevens Nursery project. It is his understanding that the City has cleaned up the graffiti and done brush clearance recently. Ms. Lewis asked if there is anything that can be done about commuters speeding on Riverside Drive between Colfax and Laurel Canyon. Mr. Roosevelt said that they could request LAPD to do some selective speed enforcement during specified hours along Riverside Drive. The Engineering Department would have to be contacted for a new signal project; the process is a very lengthy one. He said they would start the process to ask for a traffic signal at Riverside Drive and Radford Avenue. Mr. Braswell asked if a property purchased in foreclosure would be able to build an SB 1818 project. Mr. Dantona replied that any covenants that are recorded on the deed and attached to the land would carry forward to the new owners.

Mr. Dantona needs a copy of our Residential Floor Area motion sent to Wendy Greuel and Jack Weiss's office. They need this in order to start the process of implementing a new RFA in Valley Village. The process involves putting in a motion with Planning and Land Use Committee to start drafting a new RFA district. PLU will then start working with the community to go through exact issues that they want to address. That will then be brought to the city Planning Commission that will give a recommendation to the City Council. Once it is passed, it will become an overlay on that part of the community. This process generally takes about six months and we should be able to have this new RFA passed before our councilmember's are up for reelection. Mr. Dantona gave an update on the 30' lot on Huston Street. It is his understanding that the City erred when issuing a permit for the lot split and cannot move forward under its current permit status. The decision by the Planning Commission invalidates the permit for the lot split. Ms. Hatfield asked if a city councilperson introduces an ordinance and then no longer is a member of the city council, does the ordinance continue in the process for approval? Mr. Dantona replied that the ordinance process would carry forward once it is introduced. Ms. Freddie Goldberg, a resident at 11911 Magnolia Boulevard, asked if the city is going to do a cumulative traffic study on Magnolia. Mr. Dantona said that a meeting is being set up with PLU and DOT to address the issue's effect on Magnolia residents.

Agenda Item 4 – Public Comment on Agenda Items –

Agenda Item 6 – Presentation on Proposition 7 –
(Laurette Healey – Yes, Brendan Huffman – No)
RENEWABLE ENERGY GENERATION. INITIATIVE STATUTE.

- Requires utilities, including government-owned utilities, to generate 20% of their power from renewable energy by 2010, a standard currently applicable only to private electrical corporations.
- Raises requirement for utilities to 40% by 2020 and 50% by 2025.
- Imposes penalties, subject to waiver, for noncompliance.
- Transfers some jurisdiction of regulatory matters from Public Utilities Commission to Energy Commission.
- Fast-tracks approval for new renewable energy plants.
- Requires utilities to sign longer contracts (20 year minimum) to procure renewable energy.
- Creates account to purchase rights-of-way and facilities for the transmission of renewable energy.

Ms. Healey gave a presentation for Yes on Proposition 7.
Mr. Huffman gave a presentation for No on Proposition 7.
Mr. Sacher asked how this bill will effect homeowners currently using solar energy and how will it encourage more homeowners to use renewable energy within their own homes. Mr. Huffman said that right now we get energy from the grid. Whatever you are currently doing as a homeowner to derive energy from renewable sources will not change. Whatever energy you derive this way means you will need less energy from the grid. This proposition does not do anything that will affect the laws that relate to the homeowner or residential user. Mr. Huffman responded that the Solar Community is concerned that they will be put out of business if Proposition 7 passes. Mr. Bate asked what the anticipated cost to consumers over the life of this entire process if Proposition 7 passes. Mr. Huffman said they are not quite sure; they are concerned if AB 32 is implemented it could increase our energy costs in Los Angeles up to 40%. Ms. Healey said that the increase in consumer's costs could never be raised more than 3%. Ms. Fulton

asked Ms. Healey if she has any issue with any of the language in the proposition. Ms. Healey responded that she has no opposition to anything in the proposition.

Agenda Item 7 – Presentation on Proposition 8 –
(Professor David Cruz – No, Handout – Yes)
ELIMINATES RIGHT OF SAME–SEX COUPLES TO MARRY. INITIATIVE CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENT.

- Changes the California Constitution to eliminate the right of same-sex couples to marry in California.
- Provides that only marriage between a man and a woman is valid or recognized in California.

Professor David Cruz gave a presentation for No on Proposition 8. Ms. Hatfield let us know that she did contact a group that supports Yes on Proposition 8, however they were not able to attend our meeting to present their side. Therefore, we have printed literature supporting Proposition 8.

Agenda Item 4 – Public Comment on Agenda Items –
Paul Waters, fifteen-year resident of Valley Village and head of the Studio City Neighborhood Council board formation and board member for the first three years. Mr. Waters gave a presentation for NO on Proposition 8 and asked that NCVV adopt a Community Impact Statement opposing Proposition 8.
Ms. Apple asked to have the board take a position on this issue at our next meeting; Mr. Stokes seconded the motion. Ms. Oberg asked if that would not be to late considering that the election is in November. Ms. Apple withdrew her motion and Mr. Stokes withdrew his second of the motion. Ms. Oberg asked that the NCVV adopt a position on Proposition 8, Mr. Stokes seconded the motion. *Motion: NCVV is opposed to Proposition 8.* Motion passed 13-0-0.
Mr. Braswell read the three (3) Community Impact Statements that were presented to the board. The CIS submitted by Mr. Sacher was put forward as a motion; Mr. Woersching seconded it.
Community Impact Statement: Neighborhood Council Valley Village opposes Proposition 8 because it proposes to eliminate the fundamental right of same sex couples to marry in the state of California. It would permanently change the state constitution and may void existing same sex marriages that are currently recognized by law. Neighborhood Council Valley Village strongly encourages all its stakeholders to vote No on Proposition 8 this November. The motion passed 7-5. Ms. Oberg made a motion: *The board members that were opposed wanted it to be clear that they are not voting against the idea, but were voting against the wording.* Motion passed 12-0-0.

Agenda Item 5 – Finance Report – Mr. Hatfield – This is our first official finance report for the fiscal year. Right now we have realized just over $16,000 in actual spending, leaving us about $78,000 left for the fiscal year. There are several items included in the $16,000 figure that have not been paid. One of those items in our expenditures are some invoices from Alan Dale, our website programmer. We do not have enough funds in the website budget to cover those invoices. *Motion: to transfer $3,000 per NCVV Treasurer from Board Discretionary Fund to the Website Development and Maintenance Fund.* Motion passed 13-0-0. Mr. Hatfield does not want to pay these invoices until Alan Dale meets with our communication committee to discuss certain customer service issues. We are still waiting for all of the invoices to come in for the NCVV anniversary party. At this point we have spent about $1,200, $200 over our budget. We have still not received confirmation

from DONE that they have processed our request for payment of $500 for East Valley PALS to cover our share of the costs for National Night Out.

Agenda Item 8 – DWP Presentation – Water Conservation – Tom Erb, Director Water Services – Mr. Erb gave an update on what the city is doing for water preservation and the Drought Busters Los Angeles's Conservation Team. He went over the new prohibited uses of water that were signed into law in August. The Drought Busters are out there right now and they are issuing citations to people violating the new water conservation laws. For more information you can visit www.ladwp.com or call 1-800-DIAL DWP. Mr. Braswell asked if as a neighborhood council, when a project comes before us, is there anyway we can ask that the project be more "green." Mr. Erb responded that you could advocate for changes and ask our Councilmember's to encourage the city council to make these changes. There is a specific ordinance that is being drafted that would revise the city's landscape ordinance. The Bureau of Sanitation is taking a lead on an ordinance, for low impact development which would cover items such as trying to capture storm water on site. There are a number of initiatives that are being worked on at the city level to help make new developments more "green," and water preservation awareness.

Agenda Item 9 – Valley Village Anniversary Party Wrap Up Report – Ms. Hatfield and Ms. Lewis – Ms. Hatfield said we had about one hundred fifty (150) people at the NCVV anniversary party and had twenty (20) businesses that participated. Starbucks, Shakeys, Subway and Angelino's donated food. The highlight of the day was when the Shamrock Store gave a performance of Irish clog dancing. Susan Lewis presented the Business Directory at the event and brought more for the Board members and stakeholders. She encouraged everyone to support our Valley Village businesses. The idea behind the business directory is to get it onto our website for everyone to take advantage of. Mr. Braswell thanked the Valley Village Homeowners Association for the continued support and help with the business community.

Agenda Item 10 – Standing Committee Reports – Elections – Ms. Hatfield – We still have a vacancy in the renter's seat. The candidate filing form is in the back of the room and on the website, if anyone would like to run for the seat.

Agenda Item 10 – Standing Committee Reports – City Services – Mr. Gauthier – We have a new member of our City Services committee, Jeff Walker, a resident of Valley Village. Mr. Gauthier reviewed notes from the September City Services committee. He said there are many issues the committee is taking under advisement, and they have begun prioritizing to put together a work plan for the committee. One item they will be working on is a resource inventory of Valley Village. There has been much discussion about what should be included in the effort, and Mr. Gauthier feels is will interact heavily with Planning and Land Use. They will also be looking at issues like traffic, utilities, and others.

Agenda Item 10 – Standing Committee Reports – Projects – Ms. Lewis – Ms. Hatfield, Ms. Suzanne Lewis and Mr. Braswell are planning to attend the Valley Community Fair. The Valley Village Tree Planting is Sunday October 19 at Valley Village Park. *Motion: to approve $2,500 for Colfax Elementary School.* Ed Bowlby and Shelly Klace, PACE president presented their request for NCVV Community Grant Project to build a Literacy Garden at Colfax Elementary School. Motion passed 13-0-0.
Ms. Lewis is the new chair of the Projects Committee.

Agenda Item 10 – Standing Committee Reports – Communications – Mr. Lewis –

Mr. Stokes is the new chair of Communications Committee.

Agenda Item 10 – Standing Committee Reports – Planning and Land Use – Mr. O'Connor – Ms. Fulton gave an update on the PLU meeting. Mr. Reisi was not able to make the meeting and there is nothing else to report.

Agenda Item 11 – Valley Village CERT Class Update – We had about fifty (50) people attend the class, there are six (6) more weeks of the class. It is held every Thursday night at 7:00 in the Colfax Auditorium. Ms. Hatfield asked if we could get a link on the website to show residents that have completed the CERT training. Ms. Apple reminded everyone that the next meeting would be on Tuesday October 7 so that there is no conflict with Yom Kippur.

Agenda Item 12 – November, December Board Meeting Update – The date for November has been changed to November 19th and December has been changed to December 17th.

Agenda Item 13 – Future Agenda Items – Mr. Sacher would like to make a presentation on the outcome of the tree Planting Event. Mr. Woersching would like to ask Melanie Winters to our PLU meetings to help with landscape planning on the Tujunga wash. Ms. Hatfield would like to have a presentation on Proposition 11. Mr. Hatfield will have a motion for budget allocation.

Agenda Item 14 – Public Comment – Comments from the Public on Non-Agenda Items within the Board's subject matter jurisdiction – Mr. Simen asked "why didn't the bylaw changes and the reconfiguration of the board appear in the official publication of NCVV, The Bridge?" Mr. Braswell responded that there was an article published in The Bridge regarding the changes and they are available to see on the website.
He also wanted to know why there are no microphones in a room this large and board members can barely speak so that someone sitting in the first row of public seating can hear them, the meeting is not being held in the Public pursuant to the Brown Act. Mr. Braswell respectfully disagreed with Mr. Simen. Mr. Braswell said that we need to be compliant with ADA, if we have a written request from someone that has a hearing impairment we will make every attempt to accommodate him or her. We are not required to have a microphone at our meetings. We will be replacing our public address system, hopefully by the next meeting; both our system and the system at the school are inoperative at this time. Ms. Freddie Goldberg asked for our help in asking for a moratorium on building SB 1818 projects. Mr. Braswell responded that we have been working on updating the Valley Village Specific Plan and trying to help stop SB 1818 projects.

Agenda Item 15 – President's Closing Comments and Adjournment – Mr. Braswell adjourned the meeting and thanked everyone in attendance for coming to the meeting.