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NEIGHBORHOOD COUNCIL VALLEY VILLAGE AGENDA

August 27, 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 July 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. Board Member Nominations – Ms. Hatfield and Mr. Braswell
6. Finance Report – Mr. Hatfield
7. The Tujunga Watershed/LA River Project – Ms. Melanie Winter
8. Apartment Properties at Risk – Mr. John A. Mozzer
9. Standing Committee Reports –
   - Projects – Ms. Hatfield
     - Valley Village Birthday Party
   - Planning and Land Use – Mr. O'Connor
     - Motion to approve Residential Floor Area (RFA) District for Valley Village (motion to be distributed at meeting)
     - Magnolia Trees Villa Update
     - Kling Street Property Update
   - Communications – Ms. Lewis
   - Elections – Ms. Hatfield
   - City Services – Mr. Gauthier
10. Valley Village CERT Class
11. Future Agenda Items
12. Public Comment – Comments from the public on non-agenda items within the Board's subject matter jurisdiction
13. President's Closing Comments and Adjournment

DATES TO HOLD: CERT TRAINING - Begins September 18

Next NCVV Board Meeting – September 24, 2008

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.*

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Board Meeting
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Agenda Item 5 – Board Member Nominations – Ms. Hatfield and Mr. Braswell – Mr. Braswell called the meeting to order at 6:30. We are convening a special meeting of the board to elect new board members, we have three (3) vacancies on the board and we do not have a quorum. There is a provision in the Department of Neighborhood Empowerment that allows Neighborhood Council to convene a meeting without a quorum in order to elect new board members. Ms. Hatfield introduced the candidates for the At-Large Seat, Dave Bate and the Community Based Seat, Mark Woersching. Mr. Woersching gave a brief introduction of himself. He has lived in Valley Village since 1992, is an Urban Planner for the City of Los Angeles, is active an active member of the VVHOA and is on the NCVV Planning and Land Use Committee. Mr. Bate gave a brief introduction of himself. He has been a resident of Valley Village since 1992, has owned rental property in Valley Village since 1998 and is an attorney with his own private practice specializing in both transactional and litigation work. The executive committee recommends appointing Mr. Bate to the board. Mr. Bate's appointment was approved unanimously and he took his seat on the board. The executive committee recommends appointing Mr. Woersching to the board. Mr. Woersching's appointment was approved unanimously and he took his seat on the board. Mr. Braswell congratulated both of them on their appointment to the board and thanked everyone for coming out to attend our meeting.

Agenda Item 1 – Call to Order, Roll Call, Agenda Distribution and Welcoming Remarks – Mr. Hatfield – 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, senior based; Paul Hatfield, at large; Greg O'Connor, residential homeowner; 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.
Board members excused were: Philip Schaeffer, student representative; Dr. Joshua Levy, faith based.

Agenda Item 2 – Approval of July, 2008 Minutes – The minutes were approved by a vote of 11-0-0.

Agenda Item 3 – President's Comments, Introduction of Guests – A representative from Ms. Greuel's office stopped by before the meeting to offer help for our NCVV Anniversary Party on September 21st. Peter Sanchez, the NCVV former president and Sandy Hubbard are present at our meeting this evening.

Agenda Item 9 – Standing Committee Reports – Projects – Ms. Hatfield – Ms. Hatfield gave a report on the Neighborhood Night Out event held in August. Ms. Hatfield gave an update on the Valley Village Neighborhood Council 5th Anniversary Party. It is on September 21st, from 2:00-5:00 at the Country School. We are contacting Valley Village

businesses to donate food or services for this event. Ms. Apple reminded people to sign up on the www.myvalleyvillage.com website for Neighborhood Watch.

Agenda Item 10 – Valley Village CERT Class – Ms. Apple – Ms. Apple gave an update on the CERT, Community Emergency Response Team class starting on September 18th being held at the Colfax Elementary School Auditorium for seven (7) consecutive weeks. Ms. Hatfield gave an update on the Valley Village Neighborhood Council 5th Anniversary Party. It is on September 21st, from 2:00-5:00 at the Country School. We are contacting Valley Village businesses to donate food or services
for this event.

Agenda Item 6 – Finance Report – Mr. Hatfield – Mr. Hatfield gave an update on our year to date expenses. We have the library book purchase, Anniversary Party, Neighborhood Night Out Event and a few outstanding invoices from last year that have to be paid. These expenses will add up to about $7,000 over the next few months. The board is going to start distributing The Bridge electronically; this will cut back on our distribution fees. *Motion: to reallocate $4,000 from The Bridge budgeted Fund to the Board Discretionary Fund and approve payment of the outstanding invoice to Vital Research for the Mansionization Survey from the Board Discretionary Fund.* The motion was approved the motion was approved 11-0-0.

Agenda Item 9 – Standing Committee Reports – Communications – Ms. Lewis - Ms. Lewis is still working on the Valley Village business directory, that we hope to have on our website soon. The latest issue of The Bridge will be mailed out next week. Mr. Stokes gave an update on the website. He is trying to make the calendar page more user friendly and easier for us to make changes to the website. The Bridge will be posted on the website in the near future. Ms. Jennifer Reed was concerned that the board would not engage in an email conversation with her regarding SB 1818 projects and developments in Valley Village. Ms. Larios gave the audience an explanation of the Brown Act and how the board is allowed to communicate with stakeholders through email communication. Mr. Sanchez, former president of NCVV, also made clarifications for stakeholders present at the meeting on the Brown Act. Ms. Reed asked if the website could answer such questions or have a point person to direct stakeholders to regarding development issues.

Agenda Item 7 – The Tujunga Watershed/LA River Project – Ms. Melanie Winter - Ms. Winter is Founding Director of the Tujunga Watershed/LA River Project. Ms. Winter gave a presentation on the Tujunga Watershed/Los Angeles River Project and what we can do to help. In spring of this year, they finished a three (3) year study on the Tujunga/Pacoima Watershed. This is a plan on how to sustainable manage our water resources in the San Fernando Valley. The study was funded by the State of California. The objective was to look for a way to increase ground water recharge, improve water quality, enhance Habitat and improves our communities. The study has recommended forty (40) neighborhood projects to help obtain their goal for increased ground water reservoir. Mr. Braswell said we would put a link to the entire study on the NCVV website. Mr. Hatfield asked how do prevent the runoff from being full of pollutants? Ms. Winter responded that the dirt and plants actually suck up the pollutants. Most of our native soil in the San Fernando Valley is a natural sand filter. Ms. Oberg asked is asphalt is a permeable material that water can soak through? Ms. Winter said that is true. We could request that new developments use more asphalt instead of concrete. We should also communicate to our City Council Members that we prefer asphalt to concrete in any new developments. Ms. Gauthier asked if there are other Watershed Projects that affect other neighborhood and if the DWP has figured the Watershed Projects into their water

conservation plans. Ms. Winters said that they have been working with the Bureau of Sanitation for about ten (10) years. Two (2) years ago they passed the Integrative Resources Plan. Department of Water & Power was a major partner in this plan. Ms. Hatfield asked if there is funding to complete the proposed forty (40) projects? There is funding for some of about six (6) of them that are already underway. Two of them have already been completed. Mr. Woersching asked if the section of the Tujunga Wash that runs along the border of Valley Village is rather bare, is there any money available to landscape this area? Ms. Winter responded the County has plans on their books to landscape areas, but being pushed by the Neighborhood Councils may help speed the process along. Mr. Sacher asked if there are any guidelines for the average homeowner for improvements they can make to improve their personal property? Ms. Winters said that information is in the handouts that she has for us and the information is also be on the website.

Agenda Item 9 – Standing Committee Reports – Planning and Land Use – Mr. O'Connor – *Motion: to approve Residential Floor Area (RFA) District for Valley Village (motion to be distributed to board members).*

PROPOSED REGULATIONS FOR SINGLE FAMILY HOMES IN VALLEY VILLAGE

1. *The maximum residential floor area contained in all buildings and accessory buildings shall not exceed thirty-four (34) % (.34:1) of the lot area.*
2. *Additional floor area not exceeding six (6)% of the lot area shall be granted, resulting the maximum residential floor are not exceeding forty (40) % (40:1) of the lot area if:*
    - A. ***Proportional Stories Method –*** *The total residential floor area of each story other than the base floor in a multi-story building does not exceed seventy-five (75)%of the base floor area: or*
    - **B.** ***Façade Stepback Method*** *- The cumulative length of the exterior walls facing the front lot line, equal to a minimum of forty (40)% of the building width, shall be stepped-back a distance of twenty-five (25)% of the building depth from a line parallel to the lot width established at the point of the building closest to the front lot line; or*
    - **C.** ***Second Floor Stepback Method –*** *The cumulative length of the exterior walls other than the base floor in a multi-story building facing the front lot line, equal to a minimum of sixty (60)% of the building width, shall be stepped-back a distance of twenty-five (25)% of the building width from a line parallel to the lot width established at the point of the building closest to the front lot line.*

The motion was approved by a vote of 11-0-0.

Magnolia Tree Villas Update, 11911 Magnolia Blvd. – The original project next door to this development was approved for 76 condos and was under the current height restrictions of thirty-six (36) feet. Since then the builder has gone back and applied for an SB 1818 project. The SB 1818 project will have a detrimental effect on the Magnolia Tree Villa's. NCVV board has taken a stance as a board that we will not approve any SB 1818 projects. However, we do not have the authority to stop the development. Mr. Braswell is asking for an ad hoc subcommittee of the board to revise the Valley Village Specific Plan. We have a small opportunity to fight SB 1818 projects through the Valley Village Specific Plan, but we need to make changes to the plan in order to obtain our goal.

Agenda Item 4 – Public Comment on Agenda Items – Ms. Jennifer Reed stated her opposition to the SB 1818 project next door to the Magnolia Tree Villa's. Ms. Sandy Hubbard said she feels that NCVV needs to become more involved in proposed

buildings and traffic along Magnolia Blvd from Laurel Canyon to the 170 Freeway. And also Mr. Braswell asked that we continue to write and call our local and state legislatures about our opposition to SB 1818 projects. And we should also request the support of Wendy Greuel's office for a traffic study. Ms. Hubbard also supports Ms. Reeds comments on the board reaction to the email chain and subsequent "frequently asked questions" FAQ's section on the website to steer initial community concerns to a consistent, defined direction. Ms. Hubbard gave an update on the status of her lawsuit against SB 1818. The City Council will be discussing her case in two (2) weeks. If they turn down her lawsuit it will go to trial in March 2009. Ms. Mary Preston asked to please let us know the agenda before we waste our time to attend. You are supposed to publish it. I will complain. The over development on the Riverside and Magnolia Blvd. is abdominal. Please stop it. O'Connor, a builder won't, conflict of interest. Why do I need to give up my precious time to come listen to a presentation about The River, when I've already heard it?

Agenda Item 9 – Standing Committee Reports – Planning and Land Use – Mr. O'Connor – Kling Street Property Update – nothing new to report.

Agenda Item 8 – Apartment Properties at Risk – Mr. John Mozzer – Mr. Mozzer gave a presentation of some material that Ms. Hubbard came across regarding old interim control ordinances for Valley Village. In the 1980's when the Valley Village Specific Plan went into effect, certain properties should have been down zoned from R3 and R4. They should have been down zoned according to the consistency plan at the time. The City Council just passed a program in the Community Plan Update to down zone properties where there is viable housing, where it is appropriate. There are apartments buildings that are inappropriately zoned, allowing for buildings to be torn down and larger building constructed.

Agenda Item 9 – Standing Committee Reports – City Services – Mr. Gauthier will have a speaker from the LADWP to talk to us about Water Conservation.

Agenda Item 11 – Future Items – Ms. Hatfield said we would have speakers to talk about Proposition 8, Marriage Proposition and Proposition 7, Solar Proposition at our next board meeting.

Agenda Item 12 - Public Comment – Comments from the public on non-agenda items within the Board's jurisdiction –

Agenda Item 13 – President's Closing Comments and Adjournment – Mr. Braswell thanked everyone for coming to the meeting and adjourned the meeting.