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NEIGHBORHOOD COUNCIL VALLEY VILLAGE AGENDA

February 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 January 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. Motion Regarding DWP Oversight Committee – Mr. Gauthier
   Motion: *NCVV will become a signatory to the MOU (MOU2 03/20/07) between LA DWP and Certified NC's*
   Motion: *NCVV will appoint a council member to the MOU2 Oversight Committee with delegated authority to represent NCVV and be bound by a majority vote of the Oversight Committee on certain issues*
6. Motion Regarding SB1818 – Mr. Engelbach
   Motion: *Neighborhood Council Valley Village Board requests that the Los Angeles City Council mandate that the Valley Village Specific Plan take precedence over SB1818 in all zoning issues within the boundaries of Valley Village*
7. Finance Report – Mr. Hatfield
8. MTA Proposed Changes to Bus Routes – Donna Galooley
9. Motion Regarding Request for NCVV Funds to Support North Hollywood PD Interrogation Room Renovation
   Motion: *NCVV will allocate $750 to participate with adjacent NCs to refurbish the Interrogation Rooms at NoHO PD*
10. Stakeholder Presentation on 4635 Morella Avenue Project – requested by Stephanie Palmer
11. Standing Committee Reports –
    Projects – Mr. Freedman
    Planning and Land Use – Mr. O'Connor
    Motion: *NCVV PLU supports Mr. Reisi's proposed subdivision of the lot labeled 1 on the plans submitted at the February 13 meeting, that develops a flag lot at the 4635 Morella Avenue Project, with the developer's voluntary covenant to preserve the existing yellow house (labeled parcel B) "as is". Further, NCVV requests and the representative of the developer agrees that the developer will work wht NCVV and the immediate neighbors of this property (Ed Bolby and Richard Dachman) on the development and landscaping related to parcel A.*
    Motion: *NCVV support Wendy Greuel motion for a city initiated lot merger ordinance.*
    Update on 4635 Morella Avenue Project
    Communications – Ms. Lewis
    Elections – Ms. Hatfield
    Motion: *Approve Amendments to NCVV Bylaws submitted January 23, 2008*
    City Services – Mr. Gauthier
12. Other Items for discussion, distribution of Board materials – Mr. Braswell
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

Next Meeting March 26, 2007

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
2-27-2008

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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 6:45. 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 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; David Engelbach, community organization; Ginny Hatfield, senior based; Paul Hatfield, at large; Dr. Joshua Levy, faith based; Richard Gauthier, business owner; Suzanne Lewis, residential renter; Andrew Sacher, business owner; Philip Schaeffer, student representative; Steven Stokes, residential renter.
Board members excused were: Yacov Freedman, cultural representative; Annalisa Engelbach, business owner; Greg O'Connor, residential homeowner; Mona Riss, education.

Agenda Item 2 – Approval of December Minutes – The January minutes were approved by a vote of 10-0-0.

Agenda Item 3 – President's Comments, Introduction of Guests – Mr. Braswell had no comments to make. He introduced Taneda Larios from DONE, Matthew Schupbach from Councilman Jack Weiss's office and Breice Reiner, former vice president of NCVV.

Agenda Item 4 - Public Comment on Agenda Items – Dr. Dan Wiseman attended the Mayor's Budget meeting on Saturday and gave the Board a presentation of what occurred at the meeting. Mr. Braswell and Mr. Hatfield thanked him for attending the budget meeting and reporting back to us. Mr. Hatfield made a comment on the Los Angeles Budget Survey. He stated that the Budget Survey is all about spending money and does ask any questions about where they should cut back on spending. Bill North suggested that Valley Village be better prepared in case of emergency. He would like to have CERT come to a meeting to do a presentation and get enough people to sign up to take the CERT Disaster Preparedness training course. We need to have at least twenty-five (25) people sign up to take the course. Mr. Braswell said we could have a presentation at our meeting on Wednesday, June 25th.

Agenda Item 3 – President's Comments, Introduction of Guests – Matthew Schupbach from Councilman Jack Weiss's office let us know that SB1818 secured passage in the City Council last week and that Jack Weiss voted for it. He reminded us that it is state legislation and the city was forced to adhere to it or face lawsuits. Mr. Braswell let Mr. Schupbach know that we have a motion on the agenda tonight addressing SB1818. NCVV has heard from numerous stakeholders in Valley Village, Studio City, Toluca Lake and Mid-Town North Hollywood who know of language in other city's adaptations of SB1818 that have taken steps that are much stronger than the steps the LA City has taken to protect neighborhoods. Mr. Stuart Simen asked for a copy of the exact wording of the SB1818 legislation that was passed by the city. Mr. Schupbach said he would send us a copy of the legislation. Ms. Hatfield asked if there has been any consideration in the debate on the bottom-line of affordable housing. They are tearing down rent control buildings and putting up new buildings with maybe three (3) to four (4) affordable housing units, were any discussion made on this and what was the outcome? Mr. Schupbach knows the topic was brought up, but he has no details about it. Mr. Engelbach said that he has a copy of the state legislation and you can go online and download it. He stated that there are a number of options that the government agencies have in terms of what they choose to implement in this, providing that the overall idea of encouraging low income and moderate income housing is done. Mr. Engelbach went on to say that the fact that LA City Council voted to pass SB1818 and essentially obliterate the Specific Plan for Valley Village in one swoop, without any debate, is egregious and they should be help

accountable for this. Mr. Schupbach asked to be excused to attend another meeting and asked us to let him know the outcome of the vote on the Motion regarding SB1818.

Agenda Item 6 – Motion Regarding SB1818 – Mr. Engelbach – *Motion:* *Neighborhood Council Valley Village Board requests that the Los Angeles City Council mandate that the Valley Village Specific Plan take precedence over SB1818 of all zoning issues within the boundaries of Valley Village.* Mr. Braswell stated that there are two projects that are being proposed in Valley Village right now that violate the VV Specific Plan. They are five stories and they are claiming density bonuses, based on the fact that they will have affordable units. PLU will be looking into all of the particulars regarding these proposed projects. But, NCVV needs to take a position on this motion now, that Valley Village is absolutely opposed to the city's action on this and that we revere our Specific Plan and we want it respected within the boundaries of Valley Village. Mary Preston said that she has written two (2) letters to her councilwoman regarding SB1818 and suggested that we get a letter writing campaign started regarding Valley Village's position on this matter. Stuart Simen put on the record that the wording within the bill of SB1818 states: all city's, county's, or city and county shall adopt an ordinance that specifies how compliance with this section will be implemented. He feels that this means that the city can do what they want regarding SB1818 and that does not mean overriding the Valley Village Specific Plan. He believes that a letter writing campaign is perfect, and that the city council should rescind there vote and that we should absolutely let our city council members know that they aren't going to make it to the next step. Mr. Engelbach read the motion: *THAT THE VALLEY VILLAGE SPECIFIC PLAN TAKES PRECEDENCE OVER SB1818,*
Given that the terms of SB1818 allow for substantial density increases that will adversely impact the mitigating effects of the Valley Village Specific Plan, the NCVV Board proposes that the Los Angeles City Council mandate that in circumstances where the permissible allowances in SB1818 conflict with the current restrictions and requirements of the Valley Village Specific Plan that the Valley Village Specific Plan shall, in all circumstances, take precedence over the terms of SB1818.
Ms. Apple seconded the motion. A vote was taken and the motion passed 10-0-0.
Mr. Sacher reminded everyone about the Town Hall meeting Thursday, February 29th at the Beverly Garland Hotel. SB1818 and other proposed developments are among the topics for discussion. Mr. Braswell made the following comment as a stakeholder, not as the board president: He feels that with the ground swell of support that we have seen on this issue in the past few months, might possibly enable us to something on the November ballot to pull this legislation back. There are people angry all over the state. Los Angeles City Council is not taking the strong actions that we are seeing in other localities. It is incumbent on us to make this happen, we can't just complain about this; we all need to speak out on this issue. Mr. Braswell asked Ms. Larios if we, as a NC, are allowed to do anything to represent the voice of the hundred's of stakeholders that have stated their opposition to SB1818. Ms. Larios said she would ask the city attorney and get back to us with the week.

Agenda Item 4 - Public Comment - Karen Goldberg said that she doesn't come to too many of our meetings, but she is concerned that the NCVV needs to do more to get people to come to the meetings. Suzanne Schmidtke asked if we could post the names of NC Alliances on the website.

Agenda Item 5 – Motion Regarding DWP Oversight Committee – Mr. Gauthier
Motion: *NCVV will become a signatory to the MOU (MOU2 03/20/07) between LA DWP and Certified NC's.* Mr. Gauthier made a brief presentation on the background on the DWP rate action and the role of the oversight committee, which he has been a member of for the last two and a half (2.5) years. The Memorandum of Understanding is an agreement between the DWP and NC that the DWP will provide early notification of any rate action on it's website, by emails and the press of significant issues. Significant issue examples, power outages, street closures, rate increases, etc. The motion was seconded; the motion was approved by a vote of 11-0-0.
Motion: *NCVV will appoint a council member to the MOU2 Oversight Committee with delegated authority to represent NCVV and be bound by a majority vote of the Oversight Committee on certain issues.* The motion was seconded, with an amendment to make Mr. Gauthier the delegated authority. The amendment was voted on 11-0-0. ***Motion:*** *NCVV will appoint a Richard Gauthier to the MOU2 Oversight Committee with delegated authority to represent NCVV and be bound by a majority vote of the Oversight Committee on certain issues.* The motion was approved by a vote of 11-0-0.

Agenda Item 7 – Finance Report – Mr. Hatfield – Mr. Hatfield thanked Dr. Wiseman for attending the finance meeting. There are several large expenses in our budget that either in process or to be determined. They have been accrued in the finance report, because we are approaching the end of the fiscal year. ***Motion:*** *To transfer $1,000 from the Outreach Fund, $4,500 from the Board Discretionary Fund and $4,500 from the Executive Discretionary Fund to the Website Development Fund.* The motion was seconded. Dr. Wiseman suggested that we allocate funds to be donated to the local Public Libraries. The motion was approved by a vote was 11-0-0. Mr. Hatfield prepared us for the possibility of the city taking back some of the NC funds for the upcoming year and the need to cut back on NC expenses. Mr. Hatfield raised an issue with Mr. Kim at DONE over the use of treasurer's social security number's. Mr. Hatfield feels that these social security numbers should not be attached to any NC city credit card. Mr. Kim said he would follow up on this issue and get back to him. Ms. Larios said that she followed up on the Bank of America account that was supposedly closed.

Agenda Item 8 – MTA Proposed Changes to the Bus Routes – Donna Galooley
Ms. Galooley was not present for her presentation. Mr. Braswell said that he went through our previous minutes and we have taken action on this issue in the past. If she wishes to address the board at another time, she will be welcomed to do so.

Agenda Item 9 – Motion Regarding Request for NCVV Funds to Support North Hollywood PD Interrogation Room Renovation – *Motion:* *NCVV will allocate $750 to participate with adjacent Neighborhood Councils to refurbish the Interrogation Rooms at NoHo Police Department.* ***The motion was amended to read:*** *NCVV expects that the money will be spent and the work completed by the end of fiscal year 2009.* Mr. Hatfield said the funds could come out of the Small Neighborhood Projects Fund. The amendment to the motion was approved 11-0-0. The motion was approved 11-0-0. Ms. Larios said she would help us with the transfer of funds.

Agenda Item 10 – Standing Committee Reports – Planning and Land Use – Mr. O'Connor
Motion: *NCVV PLU supports Mr. Reisi's proposed subdivision of the lot labeled 1 on the plans submitted at the February 13th meeting, that develops a flag lot at the 4635 Morella Avenue Project, with the developer's voluntary covenant to preserve the existing yellow house (labeled parcel B) "as-is". Further, NCVV requests and the representative of the developer agrees that the developer will work with NCVV and the immediate neighbors of this property (Ed Bolby and Richard Dachman) on the development and the landscaping related to parcel A.* The motion was approved by a vote of 11-0-0. ***Motion:*** *NCVV supports Wendy Greuel's motion for a city initiated lot merger ordinance.* The motion was approved 11-0-0.
Motion made by Suzanne Lewis: *We are concerned about the precedent that this type of development on 4635 Morella Avenue sets in Valley Village and we don't want it to be a precedent that we see all across our community, we are supporting the compromise, but we are not supporting a blanket compromise for all of Valley Village.* The motion was seconded. The motion was approved 11-0-0.

Agenda Item 10 – Standing Committee Reports – Projects – Ms. Hatfield: Ms. Hatfield gave an update on the removal of the Valley Village banners and the installation of the new banners. The tentative date for the Valley Village birthday party is May 4th and the plans in development.

Agenda Item 10 – Standing Committee Reports – Communications – Ms. Lewis said that we will be getting advertising on the DASH buses around the area promoting the website, banners, etc.

Agenda Item 10 – Standing Committee reports - City Services – Mr. Gauthier – This is a new committee and will have its first meeting in April. Neighborhood watch will be moved from Projects to this committee. Mr. Braswell said that there has been some increased crime activity and to be aware of any unusual happenings in the area. Any suspicious activity should be reported to the LAPD. Dr. Levy asked that we could combine NW with the CERT training. That is something that we are fastidiously working on.

Agenda Item 10 – Standing Committee Reports – Elections – *Motion:* *Approve Amendments to the NCVV Bylaws submitted January 23rd, 2008.* Two changes have to be made per the city; at our election in April 2010 the entire board will need to be elected, after that, the seats will be staggered at the elections every two years. The groups will be split into two groups A & B. The way we will determine who falls into A or B in the categories that have multiple numbers the top two vote getters serve a four year term and the other two serve a two year term. The second change is, until 2010 if there is a vacancy on the board, the board will appoint a replacement. We would not need to hold a special election to fill the seat. After 2010, we will revert back to holding a special election if the need arises to replace a board member. Dr. Levy asked for clarification on the new definition of stakeholder and how the City Clerk will be enforcing it at the election. The motion to amend the bylaws of NCVV was approved by a vote of 11-0-0.

Agenda Item 12 – Future Agenda Items – Please send Mr. Braswell an email if you have any future agenda items.

Agenda Item 13 – Public Comment - Comments from the public on non-agenda items within the Board's subject matter jurisdiction - None

Agenda Item 14 – President's Closing Comments and Adjournment – Mr. Braswell thanked everyone in attendance and reminded them to attend the town hall meeting on tomorrow night at the Beverly Garland Hotel. Meeting was adjourned at 9:30.

Los Angeles Neighborhood Council Stakeholder Survey

We'd appreciate a few minutes of your time to answer some questions to assess our Neighborhood Council. Your responses will help us learn how to better serve you. Thank you.

Neighborhood Council:_____ **Date:**_____

1) How did you learn about this meeting? (Please check all that apply)

- O E-mail message
- O E-Newsletter
- O Printed newsletter
- O Posted agenda
- O Direct mail to your home
- O Flyer delivered to your home
- O Telephone call
- O Word of mouth
- O Other (Please describe): _____

2) Do you receive notices or communications from your council on a regular basis (emails, newsletters, etc.)

O Yes → **If yes, how often?** → O No

O Once a month O About every three months O About twice a year O Once a year

O Other (Please describe) _____

3) Did you come to this meeting because of a particular issue or just to find out more about the council?

O Particular Issue → O To find out more about the Neighborhood Council

Please describe the issue _____

4) Did you speak or make a written comment at this meeting?

O Yes → **If yes, what did you talk about?** → O No

Please describe the topic: _____

5) To what extent do you agree with the following statements?

	Strongly Disagree	Somewhat Disagree	Somewhat Agree	Strongly Agree
Members of the board paid attention to me (if you spoke)/to other speakers (if you didn't)	O	O	O	O
Board members were courteous and respectful to all persons attending the meeting.	O	O	O	O
Board members were courteous and respectful to each other.	O	O	O	O
The meeting started on time.	O	O	O	O
Materials (agendas, reports, etc.) were available to me and others at the meeting.	O	O	O	O
Board members were responsive to those attending the meeting.	O	O	O	O
This meeting was organized and well-run.	O	O	O	O
This Neighborhood Council meeting was a good use of my time.	O	O	O	O

6) Which issues concern you the most as a stakeholder in the Neighborhood Council area?

- ○ Neighborhood crime
- ○ Safe places for children to play
- ○ Delivery of city services
- ○ Community celebrations and events
- ○ Environmental issues
- ○ Schools
- ○ Improvements to roads, streetlights, public areas
- ○ Land use issues
- ○ Other (Please describe): _____

7) Did you vote in the last neighborhood council election?

○ Yes ○ No

8) How many Neighborhood Council meetings have you attended in the last six months? _____Meetings

9) Would you be willing to serve as a:

Council volunteer? ○ Yes → **If yes** ↓ ○ No

Member of the board or a committee? ○ Yes → **If yes** ↓ ○ No

Please provide a telephone number and/or email address and the best time to contact you:

_____

10) Would you like someone from the council to contact you regarding your issue or concern?

○ Yes → **If yes** ↓ ○ No

Please provide a telephone number and/or email address and the best time to contact you:

_____

11) Please tell us about yourself... Are you... ○ Male ○ Female

What is your age?

18 or younger	18 to 24	25 to 34	35 to 44	45 to 54	55 to 64	65 or older
○	○	○	○	○	○	○

What is your race/ethnicity? [Please check all that apply]

Asian/ Pacific Islander	Black or African American	Latino/ Hispanic	Native American	Non-Hispanic White	Other: Please Describe
○	○	○	○	○	○

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Within the boundaries of your Neighborhood Council, are you ...

Resident (Homeowner)	Resident (Renter)	Business Owner	Employed in NC area	Property Owner (Other than Home)
○	○	○	○	○

Employed by or volunteer at a community organization (e.g. non-profit, religious organization, school) ○

Other ○

Please describe:_____

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Please return your completed survey to your Neighborhood Council or contact the Department of Neighborhood Empowerment (DONE) for more information at (213) 485-1360

THANK YOU!