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NEIGHBORHOOD COUNCIL VALLEY VILLAGE AGENDA

July 23, 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 April Minutes – Ms. Apple
3. President's Comments, Introduction of Guests – Mr. Braswell
4. Certificates of Recognition for 2006-2007 NCVV Board
5. Public Comment on Agenda Items (limited to 2 minutes per speaker, and speaker must fill out a speaker card)
6. Finance Report – Mr. Hatfield
7. Standing Committee Reports –
   - City Services – Richard Gauthier, Chair
     - Breice Reiner, Friends of the Library – request for purchasing library books/supplies; motion to be introduced
     - DWP Presentation on Power Reliability Program –Marvin Moore
   - Planning and Land Use - Greg O'Connor, Chair
     - Kling Street Property—result of June 15 hearing
     - Update on 30' Huston lot – Lory Oberg and Tom Patterson
     - Presentation on LaBrea-Willoughby Coalition vs. City of LA Planning Dept. – Lucille Saunders
   - Communications – Ms. Lewis, Chair
     - NCVV web site update – Steven Stokes
   - Elections – Ms. Hatfield, Chair
     - Board Vacancies -update
   - Projects – Ms. Hatfield, Acting Chair
     - Upcoming community events
     - Subcommittee on Parks – Andrew Sacher, Chair
       - October Tree Planting
8. Future Agenda Items
9. Public Comment – Comments from the public on non-agenda items within the Board's subject matter jurisdiction
10. President's Closing Comments and Adjournment

DATES TO HOLD: **NATIONAL NIGHT OUT, NoHo Park, Tuesday, August 5, 5:00-9:00PM**
CERT TRAINING - Begins September 18th – SIGN UP NOW!

Next NCVV Board Meeting – August 27, 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.*

Neighborhood Council Valley Village
Board Meeting

July 23, 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. Mr. Braswell announced that we have a difficult situation this evening; because of the recent board resignations we do not have a quorum. Taneda Larios said we could convene the meeting to appoint a board member. One of the vacancies on the board is our education seat. Mona Riss was a hard working board member in the seat for the past two years, but had to resign do to her job obligations. We posted the vacancy on our website and received an application from Beth Fulton. The executive committee recommends appointing Ms. Fulton to the board. Ms. Fulton appointment was approved unanimously and she took her seat on the board. We now have a quorum and the meeting is officially convened. Ms. Fulton gave a brief introduction of herself and her qualifications. She has been on the Colfax Elementary School PTA and PACE organizations' board. She is currently the PTA Vice President of Programs; she has been involved on the NCVV Planning and Land Use Committee for the last two years. Mr. Braswell said we still need someone to fill the Cultural Seat. If you have any interest, please let us know. 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; residential homeowner; Richard Gauthier, business owner; Suzanne Lewis, residential renter; Lory Oberg, residential homeowner; Steven Stokes, residential renter, Beth Fulton; education based; Andrew Sacher, business owner.
Board members excused were: Annalisa Engelbach, business owner; Greg O'Connor, residential homeowner; Joshua Levy, faith based; Philip Schaeffer, student representative.

Agenda Item 2 – Approval of June Minutes – The June minutes were approved by a vote of 8-0-0.

Agenda Item 3 – President's Comments, Introduction of Guests – Tim Saito, Neighborhood Prosecutor. Mr. Saito gave a brief explanation of what the Neighborhood Prosecutors responsibilities are. It is a program from the city attorney's office that tries to address quality of life issues. We are prosecutors, not civil attorneys and we try to address safety issues and crime issues, working closely with the LAPD and Council Districts. Mr. Saito has been a prosecutor for eight (8) years and worked for a federal judge for twelve (12) years prior to that. He has also done civil litigation representing the City of Los Angeles. The neighborhood prosecutor is here to provide an additional resource for residents regarding issues that affect us. He can try to provide help with crimes ranging from people going through your recyclables, trespassing, gangs, narcotic activity, prostitution, etc. He can call LAPD to see if they can increase step up patrol in the area or talk to the representative in the council district, depending on the nature of the complaint. He will

try his best to help by directing the problem to the appropriate party. He is here to help with crime or safety related issues. We should feel free to contact him by phone or email. Mr. Saito said it we could post his phone number and email on our NCVV website.

Taneda Larios, DONE Project Coordinator. The congress of courts is scheduled for this coming October. It will be coupled with the budget date; we will have more information on these meetings. If you would like to be involved in planning the congress, we will have a focus group that and for the Carol Baker Tharpe Neighborhood Leadership Institute. The focus groups will be held on July 30th at 6:00 at City Hall and is open to board members and stakeholders. On August 16th we will be having board orientation at the Braude Building for new board members. There will be several advanced components at this meeting, covering topics such as Conflict of Interest, Understanding the Leader in You, and Funding Training. Al Abrams, the new Commissioner will be giving a welcome speech to new board members.

Evan Roosevelt and Jim Dantona from Councilwomen Greuel's office. Mr. Roosevelt had no comments and Mr. Dantona will save his for the Planning and Land use portion of the meeting.

We have several former board members here tonight, Tom Paterson, Breice Reiner and Paul Weiner.

Agenda Item 4 – Certificates of Recognition for the 2006-2007 NCVV Board – Ms. Hatfield
We received a letter from the White House informing us that we had received The President's Volunteer Service Award from the President's Council on Service and Civic Participation. Each board member will receive a certificate and copy of the letter from the White House.
In May Ms. Hatfield represented NCVV at the Board of Neighborhood Council. NCVV was given recognition for our participation in the Neighborhood Council program for the last five (5) years.

Agenda Item 5- Public Comment on Agenda Items –

Agenda Item 6 – Finance Report – Mr. Hatfield – We just started our new fiscal year July 1, 2008. We do have some transactions on progress related to the National Night Out. *Motion: to move $700 from the board discretionary fund into the National Night Out fund.* The motion was seconded. Vote was approved 10-0-0.

There is an article regarding trash fees and their use in a recent issue of L.A. Weekly. Mr. Hatfield stated his opposition of further trash fees without better accountability.

Presentation on Power Reliability Program – Marvin Moon, Director of Engineering & Wayne Hinkson, Distribution Engineering Manager –
Mr. Hinkson made a presentation on the LADWP infrastructure and the time frames to replace equipment. The DWP has come up with a program to replace the infrastruction at a rate that is more acceptable to DWP clients. This is being done on the distribution side, at substations and generation facilities. The Power Reliability Program is going to be spending about $1billion over the next five (5) years on updating the current DWP infrastructure.

Mr. Moon made a presentation on what they have done to prevent neighborhood problems. DWP has placed call center representatives in electric trouble, so that they can have direct communication with the call centers that we will know exactly which circuits have failed. This will prevent the type of problems that occurred last September during the heat wave. They have also updated communication devices with crew members so they may communicate with the control center. There have been five hundred (500) transformers replaced in the last year. During the heat wave in September 2007 Valley Village had thirteen (13) transformers go out. During the heat wave June 2008, Valley Village had six (6) transformers fail; this is an improvement over last year. The distribution centers that service our area have also been updated to improve our reliability.

Mr. Engelbach asked if the DWP has a program has a program to upgrade the DWP infrastructure to accommodate new construction that is being built?
Mr. Hinkson responded that the DWP has rules that everyone must abide by. These rules are posted on their website and state what is provided for free and what developer must pay for.
Mr. Braswell asked what happens in the case of a project such as the Stevens Nursery project. In this case the business that used to occupy the space used very little power. How does the DQP accommodate the power drain that the proposed housing project will have on the current residents.
Mr. Hinkson replied that the Planning Department watches the anticipated growth in the city. They make allowances with regards to what generation and transmission distribution facilities have to be installed in the city to support the growth. This is done on a neighborhood level based on what projects they see in the pipeline. There are two (2) systems, a 5000volt system and a 35000 volt system. Single family houses are on the 5000volt system and larger projects are on the 35000volt system.
Mr. Braswell asked what happens if a developer suddenly changes his plans to build an SB 1818 project that is almost twice the size of the original plan. How will the DWP provide service for the increase in power that will be needed?
Mr. Hinkson replied that the DWP has to accommodate all clients that need service. They assume that the revenue made from the new clients will cover the cost of any upgrades and improvements that have to be made to provide them service.
Mr. Gauthier asked why the DWP is playing a catch up plan to provide sufficient service to its clients.
Mr. Hinkson replied that a few years back deregulation went into effect. At this time the DWP went into a cost saving mode, at the same time the DWP cut back on employees. Also, the DWP had not raised their rates since 1992.
Mr. Hatfield asked if the DWP is considering the impact of the accumulative effect that new developments will have on the DWP infrastructure and if they have plans to purchase power from outside resources.
Mr. Hinkson replied that is all part of the planning process. Right now the DWP has a 7400megawatt capacity. In 2006 the DWP peak load maxed out at 6100megawatt. There is a little reserve there and we are in the process of revamping our generation system. We cannot have contracts with companies that produce a certain amount of carbon, which is coal.
Ms. Oberg asked how they are going to handle the increase demand on water use.
Mr. Hinkson said that the Mayor is signing an initiative implementing water conservation. We can have a representative from the DWP present at a future meeting regarding water use. There is also a twenty (20) years plan on water conservation and use on the DWP website.

Agenda Item 7 - Standing Committee Reports – City Services – Richard Gauthier, Chair Breice Reiner, Friends of the Library – request for purchasing library books/supplies; motion to be introduced. Breice Reiner, a member of the Volunteer Friends of the Library, met with Arthur Pond Senior Librarian at the Amelia Earhart North Hollywood Regional Branch Library. Ms. Reiner became aware that because of the problems in city funding, the budget for new books and supplies has been curtailed. Some other Neighborhood councils are allocating money to support their public libraries'.
Should the above motion be approved Arthur Pond and his staff will provide us with a list of books and on CD that they need. We can order as many books and supplies as we can with the amount approved. We will also provide bookplates with our name and logo to place in the books, showing that the NCVV purchased the material. The Community will benefit from the availability of new books at our local library. The Amelia Earhart North Hollywood Regional Library is in North Hollywood Park contiguous with the Valley Village boundary. *Motion: to allocate $1,000 in funds to be used to purchase library books, books on CD and related library supplies for the Amelia Earhart North Hollywood Regional Library.* Motion approved 10-0-0. Ms. Reiner said that you can join the Friends of the Library for $50 and they hold meetings every other month on the second Saturday. The next meeting is on September 13th at the library.

Planning and Land Use – Kling Street Property – Ginny Hatfield, Ms. Fulton – Ms. Hatfield read the motion that was passed in June and asked them to postpone any action until the developer went before the Planning and Use Committee. The Hearing Officer and the new consultant for Mr. Reisi were in agreement. There is a sixty (60) day postponement on this development. Ms. Fulton, Secretary of the PLU Committee, had a conversation with Mr. Reisi after the hearing. Mr. Reisi stated that he would be at the PLU meeting on the August 13th. Ms. Fulton asked him to bring all of his plans for building, landscape and lot split with him to the meeting. Mr. Dantona said that they have requested that Mr. Reisi's request for the lot split be changed from six (6) lots to five (5) lots. This request is based on the average lot size in the area and having the new lot size conform to the existing blueprint of the neighborhood. The planning department said this was fine and they were not happy with Mr. Reisi current lot split plan. The planning department wants Mr. Reisi to work on both of his properties subdivision, Kling Street and Morella Avenue, at the same time.

Planning and Land Use – Update on 30' Huston Lot – Lory Oberg and Tom Patterson – The proposed lot split was turned down by the South Valley Area Planning Commission. They agreed that Building and Safety never should have approved the lot split. We could never have won this case without the help of Tom Patterson and Jim Dantona.
Ms. Hatfield asked what the status is on Ms. Greuel's proposed legislation that would prevent this from happening in the future. Mr. Dantona said they have been pushing the city Planning and Land Use Committee to get it passed and out of their committee. Ms. Greuel is pushing them to get it approved before the recess in August.

Presentation on La Brea-Willoughby Coalition- vs. City of LA Planning Department – Lucille Saunders – Ms. Saunders gave a presentation on the La Brea-Willoughby Coalition lawsuit against the City of Los Angeles to prevent the City Council and the Department of Planning from approving any zoning ordinances and development agreements until the City complies with their own General Plan. Los Angeles' Annual Growth and Infrastructure review, as required by law, has not been produced since 1998. The City of Los Angeles is currently in violation of the law and its own General Plan, thereby putting the public interest in jeopardy. Ms. Saunders states that the suit is to compel changes in the citywide

land use processes to truly reflect more responsibly sustainable developments by measuring potential environmental resources and impacts. The suit was filed in Los Angeles Superior Court on June 16, 2008. A copy of the 22-page complaint can be viewed at www.libracoaliton.org .

Agenda Item 9 – Public Comment – Comments from the public on non-agenda items within the Board's subject matter jurisdiction – Dale Neglia, president of the HOA for the building at 11911 Magnolia Blvd for the last nineteen (19) years, stated her opposition to SB 1818 and the negative effect it is having on our neighborhood. Other members of the homeowners association present that are in agreement with me are Michael Duke, Paula Kirchner, Nicki Fowler, Vladimir Epshteyn, Anatoly Landver, Natasha Skirvanskya, Vicent Neglia, Jennifer Reed and Sandy Hubbard.
Mr. Braswell asked if the developer has to inform the residents in the area if they are applying for a change in a project to a SB 1818 project. Mr. Dantona said that the Planning Department will send out a decision letter to the neighborhood. At this point the residents and/or Homeowners Association want to dispute the decision they can file an appeal. The decision letter is only sent out to residents abutting the proposed project.
Mr. Braswell reminded everyone that the NCVV has gone on record that they will not approve any SB 1818 projects that come before our board for approval.
Jennifer Reed, a resident at 11911 Magnolia Blvd. made comments on SB 1818. She said that we need to come up with a plan to email, write and phone our representatives to let them know that we are opposed to SB 1818 projects.
Mr. Braswell reminded everyone that they should present their thoughts to our PLU committee.
Paula Kirchner-Webb, a resident at 11911 Magnolia Blvd. made comments regarding her opposition to SB 1818 and the negative impact it is having on our community.

Agenda Item 9 – Public Comment – Comments from the public on non-agenda items within the Board's subject matter jurisdiction – Marilyn White-Sedel, a resident of Colfax Meadows, made a complaint about garage sale and lost pet sign in our neighborhood. She said we need to do something to stop people from putting up signs.

Communications – Suzanne Lewis, Chair – NCVV website update – Steven Stokes
Ms. Lewis is still working on getting the business directory completed. We are working on getting businesses involved in the Valley Village Birthday being help on September 21st.
Mr. Stokes gave an update on the website

Elections – Ginny Hatfield, Chair – Board Vacancies – update – Mr. Engelbach announced to the board that he and Annalisa Engelbach, also a board member will be relocating to Georgia in August. This will leave two (2) additional vacancies on the board. Board members are required to attend monthly board meetings that are held on the fourth Wednesday of every month from 6:30-9:00. In addition, all board members are required to serve on at least one committee. All applicants will be required to complete a candidate filing form and verify that they have read the NCVV By-Laws that are posted on our website. Each candidate may run in only one category. It is helpful, but not mandatory to write a one hundred word essay describing yourself and your qualifications. We do require identification verifying that you are eligible to run for the seat you have applied for. The filing deadline is July 20th at 5:00 p.m. Applications can be sent to the NCVV post office box or they can be emailed. According to our By-Laws there will not be an election, this will be an appointed position. The executive board of the NCVV will review all applications and bring their recommendations to the NCVV

board at our July 23rd meeting. The executive board consists of our president, vice president, treasurer and secretary. Then the NCVV board will vote to approve or disapprove of the executive committee recommendations.

Projects – Ginny Hatfield, Acting Chair- Upcoming community events –
Our next event is coming up on August 5th at North Hollywood Park. This is the National Night Out, America's Night Out Against Crime. There are flyers in the back of the room detailing the event and information can also be found on our website. We also have our CERT class starting on September 18th; this class will run for seven (7) consecutive Thursday nights from 7:00-9:00 and is being held right here in the auditorium.

Subcommittee on Parks – Andrew Sacher, Chair – October Tree Planting – Mr. Sacher gave an update on the tree planting in Valley Village Park that will take place on October 18th. This event is being cosponsored with the Valley Village Homeowners Association. We will have fifty (50) trees to plant and need volunteers to sign up to help with the planting. We will have instructions on tree planting and will be providing food and drinks throughout the day.

Agenda Item 8 – Future Agenda Items – The Tujunga Watershed/LA River Project, Ms. Melanie Winter; Apartment Properties at Risk, Mr. John A. Mozer; Board Member Nominations; Valley Village CERT class.

Agenda Item 10 – President's Closing Comments and Adjournment - Mr. Braswell thanked everyone in attendance. The meeting was adjourned at 9:00pm.