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Brief Summary: Neighborhood Council supports this motion to request options that will allow our Board members and designated spokespersons sufficient time to present the NC position at appropriate city council and committee hearings.

Additional Information: This motion was passed unanimously by a vote of 11-0 at the May 20 NCVV Board meeting

Neighborhood Council Valley Village Board Meeting

May 20, 2015

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Agenda Item 1, 2 – Call to Order, Roll Call, Agenda Distribution, Welcoming Remarks and approval of April minutes - Mr. Tony Braswell called the meeting to order at 6:40 and thanked everyone for coming out to attend our meeting. He asked speakers to 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 Daryl Baskin, homeowner, Tony Braswell, residential renter; Richard Davies, business, Alice Hart, residential homeowner; Ginny Hatfield, residential homeowner; Suzanne Lewis, residential renter; Dale Liebowitz-Neglia, at large, Richard Poole, faith based; Alex Rostad, student rep; Paulette Stokes, Residential Renter; Steven Stokes, residential renter; Charles Sulahian, business owner; Jeff Walker, Homeowner; Marc Woersching, community based.

Board member excused was Sandy Hubbard, residential homeowner.

The amended agenda was approved 11-0. The April Minutes were approved 11-0 with changes submitted by Ms Hatfield.

Agenda Item 3 – Public Comment on Agenda Items (limited to two (2) minutes per speaker, and must fill out a speaker card)

Mr. Ron Meyer, Valley Village Homeowners Associations, spoke to the Board about enhanced database.

Ms. Nikki Ezhari provided an update from the office of City Councilman Paul Krekorian.

The Board gathered to recognize Red Nose Day with a special photo that will be uploaded onto our website late Wednesday evening.

Agenda Item 4 – Executive Committee Report – Ms. Hatfield –

Motion to Support CF 15-0389 supporting “sufficient” presentation time for NC Boards and Committee members was approved 11-0-0.

Motion to support CF 15-0524 addressing rollover funding CIS submission and NC presentation time as well as NC funds for city departments and the revised gift policy was approved 12-0-0

Motion to support Pierce College request to LACCD Board for Permanent agricultural Protected Land status was approved 10-0-0.

Agenda Item 5 – Finance Report. Mr. Stokes presented the Finance report. The Finance report and all expenditures for the period were approved 12-0-0. Mr. Stokes forwarded a motion from the Finance Committee to approve funding of \$250 for Neighborhood Congress from NCVV. The motion was approved 12-0-0. Mr. Stokes forwarded a motion from the Finance Committee to approve funding of \$250 for Budget Advocates from NCVV. The motion was approved 12-0-0.

Agenda Item 6 – NCVV Budget Day

Ms. Lewis reported that Budget Day is scheduled for June 27 at City Hall. Mr. Stokes and Ms. Lewis will be NCVV's budget reps. All Board members are welcomed to attend. Ms. Hart expressed interest in attending.

Agenda Item 7 – Committee Reports – City Services

Mr. Walker reported that the Sober Living facility has been closed and the home will not be used for that purpose. He thanked Mr. Sebastian Blanco for his leadership in helping with this issue. Mr. Walker also reported that the City Services Committee hosted a training for the emergency radio system. The full committee participated in the training and now each member has radios that can be used to communicate in an emergency situation.

Mr. Walker then addressed the Board as a stakeholder regarding a lot on 4725 Morella Avenue. The lot is owned by Hamed Reise. The owner had applied on prior occasions to have this lot and two other joined to create the opportunity for multiple homes on a subdivision of the joined property. That request was opposed by NCVV and CD2 and denied by Planning. Now the owner is developing the lot with 11 conditions requested by NCVV's PLU. Subsequent to the approval of the conditions it has come to the attention of the neighbors and PLU that one of the conditions is causing unintended expense to the neighbors. This condition is the request to replace an existing street light at the owner's (Reise) expense. However the ongoing cost (annual power) will be divided equally between the immediate neighbors based on square footage. This will require Mr. Walker and Mr. Long (other neighbor) to pay added monthly power expenses.

Mr. Walker was excused from the meeting for discussion. Mr. Braswell and Ms. Liebowitz-Neglia explained that this was not the intention of NCVV. There are actually 2 issues that occurred. The first is the request to replace the light, one of the 11 conditions. The second is the City considers the light new and under city policy DWP assesses immediate properties for the annual power/maintenance. If the light weren't replaced this would not be an issue.

After lengthy discussion the Board voted 11-0-0 to ask the President to remove the condition. Mr. Braswell will work with CD2 and the Planning Department to request that the condition be removed.

Mr. Walker rejoined the meeting.

Agenda Item 7 – Committee Reports – Communications

Mr. Braswell gave the report for Ms. Flynn. The Bridge will be produced and emailed in June. The management of NCVV's website and social media will be assumed by Mr. Danny Brady.

Agenda Item 7 – Committee Reports – Elections and Bylaws

Ms. Hatfield reported that Cathy Flynn, Education Representative, has submitted her resignation. Ms. Flynn was first elected in 2012 and has been a staunch advocate for schools in Valley Village, improving our outreach and communication with many of the schools. There will be a special election in June to replace Ms. Flynn. The documents necessary to qualify to be on the ballot will be on myvalleyvillage.com.

Ms. Hatfield also reported that the Board Bylaw amendments and Stipulations Document have both been submitted to DONE. She also gave a brief update on the next general election.

Agenda Item 7 – Committee Reports – Planning and Land Use

Mr. Liebowitz-Neglia gave an update on the Ben Avenue project. An appeal to stop the development of the site was denied. She also reported that there were no new projects submitted in May.

Agenda Item 7 – Committee Reports – Events and Outreach

Ms. Lewis reported that Colfax World Fair went well, and the Committee worked with Communications to hold a vote for the Summer Movie selection. Paddington was the winning movie. Ms. Lewis also advised the Board that a reception will be held on June 22 for the retail merchant community. Letters of invitation will go out next week. The Pancake Breakfast for the July 4th parade will be held again this year. Volunteers will be needed for that and for the parade. The breakfast starts at 8 am at Faith Presbyterian Church. Committee will meet in June to plan National Night Out and Movie Night, and begin discussion on Light Up Valley Village 2015.

Agenda Item 7 – Committee Reports – Valley Village Vision

The Vision Committee is working with Jim Britten to get out invitations to all retail merchants for the reception on June 22. The committee is also finishing up an inventory of all properties in Valley Village to work toward flagging lots that are vulnerable to development.

Agenda Item 8 – July 4th Parade

NCVV will ride in the parade. We will try to get a convertible car. We are also sponsoring the two bands and providing support for the pancake breakfast.

Agenda Item 9 – Public Comment – Public Comment from the public on non-agenda items within the Board's subject matter jurisdiction – Stakeholder discussion about signage of businesses along Laurel Canyon and other items.

Agenda Item 12 – Future Agenda Items, President's Closing Comments and Adjournment – The meeting was adjourned at 8:20 pm.