

Valley Village Homeowners Association  
Board Meeting Minutes  
March 13, 2017

**I. Call to Order**

Vice President Fagin called the meeting to order at 7:03 p.m. Present were Fagin, Goldzweig, Kaysing, Meyer, Rynew, Shorr, and Wilhelm. Hatfield, Apple, Woerschling and Sanchez were not present. There was a quorum of members.

**II. Officers' Reports**

**A. President:** Hatfield was not present

**B. Vice President:** Fagin reserved his remarks until the end of the meeting at which time he discussed his procedural ideas for a decorated Halloween home contest. He also reviewed protocol for members to attend the closed Board meetings.

**C. Treasurer:** Meyer reported that VVHA's bank account has \$21,929.00. Fagin asked if VVHA should donate \$600 to PACE for the World Fair since LAUSD is now costing approximately \$150 for each general membership meeting. Goldzweig asked if VVHA could recommend an architect to help PACE with its World Fair lay-out for a city permit. Doug Humphries was recommended. It was considered that if an architect charges PACE, VVHA would help toward that payment in lieu of a donation.

**D. Secretary:** Wilhelm announced that the February 13 minutes were approved.

**III. Committee Reports**

**A. Membership:** Wilhelm advised that the committee had not held a meeting but its goals were outlined in an email. She hopes to send welcome packages to new homeowners (residence addresses to be provided by Apple) and suggested that VVHA help individual members organize 'meet-up' groups. Rynew recommended that the Outreach & Communications Committee consider the possibility along with a VV walk or VV garden tours.

**B. Outreach & Communication:** Rynew reported that the Committee had met once and recommended April 3<sup>rd</sup> for its next meeting. Members indicated that day would not work, so Rynew will check the calendar for alternative dates. He has worked on adding archives to the website. Committee members had assignments. Fagin asked if the World Fair at Colfax was an effective platform for outreach. Meyer replied that he thought so. Meyer received a letter from the World Fair Co-Chairs requesting VVHA to man a booth and asking for a donation. Goldzweig said that there will be a PTA/PACE meeting on March 16. Also, Shorr and Kaysing volunteered to search for a meeting location west of Laurel Canyon. Shorr asked Meyer to send her a list of members who live west of Laurel Canyon. The goal is to outreach in this area.

**C. Specific Plan:** Woerschling was not present.

**D. Hospitality:** Wilhelm advised that the permit request was approved by LAUSD. Meyer asked for restaurant recommendations.

**E. Events:** Apple was not present.

**F. Political Activism:** Hatfield was not present.

**G. Bylaws:** Wilhelm explained that January's election candidate platform separated officers from Board members and does not comply with the Bylaws. This

procedure has been followed for years but this year Board members raised concern. ‘What if’ discussions followed and Wilhelm explained that the Board of Directors would choose the officers not the electorate. If there was a conflict and someone resigned, the Board would then appoint an unelected candidate who had the next highest vote. The Board indicated it was content with Wilhelm’s procedural recommendations and therefore no Bylaw changes will be submitted to the membership. Wilhelm will notify Sanchez, Nominating Committee Chair.

#### **IV. New Business**

##### **A. Request to Approve Landside Access Modernization Project at LAX:**

Fagin began the discussion by asking why VVHA should approve this project. He read Apple’s remarks from an email. The Board agreed that there appeared to be no reason for VVHA to approve or disapprove the LAMP. Meyer will include the project in an upcoming DVV. No motion was made.

**B. Speaker for July 19 General Membership Meeting:** Wilhelm explained that the task of finding a speaker belongs to the president, but in the past the Board has offered recommendations. Rynew offered Diego Edber, Schmerelson speaking on LAUSD’s future with Trump’s Secretary of Education Betsy DeVos or LA Times’ Howard Blume. Kaysing recommended Dick Platkin. A discussion about having a panel of home security experts was nixed.

#### **V. Unfinished Business**

##### **A. Public Works Monies for Sign at Starbucks Laurel Cyn & Burbank:**

Hatfield was not present.

**B. Concern about Conditional Permit for 11748 Riverside Drive:** Hatfield had sent an email reporting on his meeting with LADBS Officer Kelly. Shorr will add an update to TVV. Apple & Woersching are hereby asked to inform the Board of the date when this permit for a house of worship comes before NCVV. VVHA will then send an email blast to the membership.

**C. Massage Parlors:** Hatfield was not present.

**D. Harvard-Westlake Garage Construction:** Hatfield was to reply to this. Kaysing said she hoped VVHA would support the opposition to this construction.

#### **VI. Old Business**

**A. Phone Power:** At last Meyer had a presentation focusing on Phone Power & Ooma. AT&T had raised its rates significantly. Ooma is a VOIP service and will cost \$155.92 for the first year while AT&T charges \$942.24/yr. Ooma charges via a credit card and Meyer will use his and reimburse himself from VVHA’s bank account.

**Motion:** Made by Meyer, seconded by Fagin. VVHA will discontinue AT&T service and procure telephone service from Ooma. Motion was approved by entire Board.

**B. Reconsider Need for Officers Insurance Policy:** Goldzweig and Meyer offered to get quotes from insurance carriers.

#### **VII. Adjournment**

Meeting was adjourned at 9:00 p.m.