

Valley Village Homeowners Association  
Board Meeting Minutes  
October 10, 2016

### I. Call to Order

Past President Sanchez called the meeting to order at 7:10 pm. In attendance were Ron Meyer, Robert Pine, Zach Rynew, Gil Shorr, Ellen Wilhelm and Marc Woersching.

### II. Officers' Reports

A. President's Report: Hatfield was not present.

B. Vice President's Report: Hearn was not present.

C. Treasurer's Report: Meyer reported that VVHA's bank statement shows a current balance of \$22,757. Membership is down by 130 members. A letter requesting dues payment for the current year will be included with *The Valley Villager (TVV)* mailing later this week.

D. Secretary's Report: Minutes from the August Board meeting were approved. *TVV* listed the dates for 2017's general meetings and board meetings. (The Board agreed in emails to change the April 2017 board meeting date to April 3 because of a conflict with the first night of Passover. This change will be noted in the January issue of *TVV*.) Wilhelm will contact LAUSD to renew the lease for the auditorium at Colfax Charter for General Meetings during 2017.

### III. Committee Reports

A. Membership & Events: Sanchez reported that Light Up Valley Village has been scheduled for December 3, from 4–7 p.m. A trolley has been rented.

**MOTION:** Shorr proposed; Pine seconded. *VVHA will contribute up to \$300 for expenses incurred by NCVV for the Light Up Valley Village event on December 3, 2016.* Motion passed 4 to 2. Rynew & Meyer opposed.

B. Communications: Rynew reported that old issues of *The Valley Villager* have been loaded onto the website but that issues from this year were missing. Sanchez will work with Shorr to make sure this is corrected. Rynew will post information about the upcoming membership meeting on Facebook. Shorr distributed copies of the latest issue of *TVV*.

C. Specific Plan: Woersching acknowledged that his goal will be radical with city hall yet he proposed the following motion that he is also seeking through the NCVV Valley Visions Committee. He will bring a draft of the proposed changes to the next Board meeting for discussion and potential approval.

**MOTION:** Woersching proposed; Pine seconded. *Woersching will draft contextual design standards language with the intention of amending the Specific Plan to include said language.* Motion passed by all.

Once again, the Weddington family has submitted a plan to upzone the tennis courts and golf course in Studio City to permit the building of condominiums. Sanchez asked Apple or Woersching to invite a representative from the Studio City Residents Association or SAVE LA RIVER to attend our Board meeting on January 9, 2017, to address their concerns. VVHA has opposed development proposals for this land in the past.

Sanchez attended a meeting at In Yoga to learn more about what has upset some members regarding a rumor that the Duttons are selling their land on Laurel Canyon. When asked for a comment, the Duttons said in an email that "It's a shame they're blaming their

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departure on the lease ... since they still have a year to go." There is a rumor that Popeyes will be closing in January.

VVHA used to receive a list of all case applications filed with the City's Planning Department -- an arrangement that ended when NCVV was established. Pine volunteered to contact Tony Braswell of NCVV and ask him to forward all copies of applications to VVHA. Pine will contact the Planning Department with the same request.

D. Planning Next General Membership Meeting: Meyer asked for restaurant recommendations. Golden Chopsticks and Royal Macaron were suggested.

E. Nominating Committee: Sanchez advised that he would be phoning all board members to ascertain their interest in serving for the 2017-2019 term.

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

A. Establish Fee for Arborist Speaker at January 2017 General Meeting: Shorr has found an arborist who has agreed to speak for 20 minutes on the subject of tree maintenance during a drought, followed by a Q&A session.

**MOTION:** Shorr proposed; Pine seconded. *VVHA agrees to pay an honorarium of \$100 for an arborist to speak at the January 2017 general meeting.* Motion passed unanimously.

B. L.A. Historic Neighborhood Conference: Wilhelm asked if the Board wanted to send a representative to this conference. Consensus was that the conference agenda did not apply sufficiently to the Valley to warrant our presence.

C. WAZE Interfacing with Neighborhood Traffic: Rynew reported that a former member had complained about the street traffic in their area. Meyer suggested the problem will resolve itself when LADWP finishes replacing water pipes on Whitsett. Board agreed there was nothing it could do at this time.

D. Film Production at 11519 La Maida: [Neighbors two doors down asked for help from VVHA because the owner has rented his home to film production companies five times in 2016. The concern revolved around the number of large trucks parked on the street for days and the wear and tear on the recently-paved street.](#) Hatfield referred the question of too many filming days to Paul Krekorian's office. Pine suggested that neighbors contact Film LA.

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

A. The North-end VV sign at Starbucks: No progress was reported. Meyer suggested that VVHA approach Oakwood and ask them to place a sign welcoming drivers to Valley Village on the bridge being built across Magnolia. No decision was made.

B. Valley Village Park: Hatfield was not present to address the issue of homeless encampments in the park.

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

A. Phone Power: Rynew suggested that Meyer look into Vonage.

B. Update on Holiday Truck: The matter has become moot.

#### **VII. Adjournment**

The meeting was concluded at 8:57 p.m. with a motion made by Pine and seconded by Shorr.