Board Meeting - Neighborhood Council, Valley Village

 June 28, 2023

1. Board Minutes

 Dorothy Apple moved and Carol Convey second to approve the minutes for the April and May Board

 meetings. The minutes were approved without objection.

2. Election Report - Ginny Hatfield

 86 votes were cast in the election for the Board. There were no challenges. The election will be

 certified by July 6.

3. Finance Report - Dorothy Apple

 For May $5,084.40 was spent. The remaining balance is $10,205.38 and the net available amount

 is $9 330.55.

 The Financial Report was approved by a vote of 13-0-2.

4. Executive Committee Reports - Ginny Hatfield

 Massud from the Solar Energy Company introduced himself to our community and welcomes our

 feedback. Not all promises by other companies are kept. He works by referrals only. Ginny discussed

 the functions of the Valley Alliance of Neighborhood Councils, which increases the influence of

 neighborhood councils on the elected officials. At this month’s VANC meeting both candidates for the

 vacant C.D. 6 Council seat, Imelda Padilla and Marisa Alcaraz, spoke. Imelda is a community organizer

 Marisa is a chief deputy for Councilman Curran Price. Both candidates presented themselves well and

 answered 10 questions directed to them. The main speaker at the VANC meeting was Rick Cole, who

 currently is the chief deputy for the Controller’s office. Rick spoke for an hour and listed the priorities

 of the office. Only 142 of the 172 authorized positions are filled. More must be filled. The City’s budget

 is now $13.2 billion, which must be properly administered. They are responsible for paying venders

 and City employees. They are installing and implementing a new $62 million software system. Rick

 Cole impressed her with his knowledge and candor. He is a true public servant.

5. Committee Reports

 Emergency Preparedness - Paulette Stokes

 The most recent committee meeting was on Saturday, June 24. At the Emergency Preparedness

 Department more staff are needed and the technology needs to be upgraded. Hazard mitigation is

 being done to reduce long term hazards. We are not prepared, not ready. The Heat Relief for LA.

 campaign was commended. The effects of climate change are fires and floods. At the meeting there

 was a discussion of power grid failure, what happens when the grid goes down and how long can the

 public survive with no grid. Also, there are the impacts of more and more electric cars on the grid.

 Ginny Hatfield favored adding emergency preparedness information to the VVNC web site. The water

 capture project in Valley Village Park will not start construction until the fall, or maybe not until next

 year. There is graffiti on the park benches. Ginny has contacted a staff person for the park to have

 to have the graffiti removed. Caltrans has removed the graffiti around the Route 170 freeway tunnel

 and repaired a hole in the fence.

 Community Improvement Committee - Ginny Hatfield

 The 101 Freeway welcoming sign has been damaged four times since it was installed in 2007. The

 damaged letters have been replaced. The tree has not yet been trimmed. The plants will be replaced

 and replanted. The solar collector has been relocated in order to be more effective.

 Events & Outreach - Maribel Ulloa-Garcia

 The pancake breakfast on July 4 will start at 8:00 am and end at 9:30 am. The July 4 parade starts at

 10:00. Volunteers are needed for the pancake breakfast. August 3 is National Night Out.

 City Services - Suzanne Lewis

 A CUZ to convert an existing pharmacy at 11655 Riverside to an event facility has been requested.

 The Al Fresco permit request for the night club has been on hold. There is a Building & Safety Dept.

 hearing in August on the violations that have not been corrected. There is no enforcement mechanism

 in the Al Fresco Ordinance. The loud parties five days a week are continuing. There have been over

 300 reports made over the past 2 ½ years about the noise, threats, fights and gunfire. Ten months went

 by without the night club getting an Al Fresco permit. They still do not have an alcohol CUB. It is only

 due to pressure from the public that the permits were not issued.

 There is an 11 foot cell phone tower on Riverside and Radford, on an S.B. 1818 apartment building.

 The total height is 56 feet. The people in the building do not benefit from the cell phone tower. A

 neighbor is concerned about the effects of the cell tower. Sandy Hubbard noted that the cell phone

 tower is not very visible and will be screened. The Planning Committee did not take a position on the

 tower.

 What happened to the matching grant for $1,000 to Muralism from Krekorian’s office? The grant

 request needs to be resubmitted to the C.D. 2 office. The repainting of the electrical boxes should be

 done by July 2.

 A tribute to Dale Neglia will be posted on the NCVV web site.

 The food venders have moved from Magnolia to Laurel Canyon. They are cooking their food on the

 sidewalk. The red curb on Magnolia has not been enforced. Set up a zone where the venders can be

 located. A balance between the needs of the venders and the public is needed.

 Alice Hart observed that there are illegal signs being posted that can be taken down. Street Services will

 take down the illegal signs when the signs are reported to them.

 Cleanup at Laurel and Chandler was recently done and graffiti removed. The trash cleanup has removed

 1600 bags of trash.

 Don’t leave stagnant water out which can breed mosquitos.

 Planning & Land Use - Sandy Hubbard

 4635-39 Tujunga This is a project with three stories, 20 units with two units being affordable

 and a subterranean garage. The applicant presented the project to us. The trees to be removed

 will be replaced. Street trees were requested by the committee.

 11748-11754 Riverside Drive A single family home will be replaced by units for the rabbis of

 the synagogue.

 12243 Riverside This is a six unit small lot subdivision that is applying for a variance and also for

 demolition permits. There is also a request for a telecommunications tower from DISH. The

 committee did not take a position on the tower due to a letter in opposition,

 4673 N. St. Claire A variance has been requested for this property.

 12144 W. Riverside This is a project to convert three commercial buildings to a multifamily residential

 building with eight units and a height of 36 feet. Alice hart asked why the Committee is not supporting

 the Specific Plan. Sandy Hubbard responded that we are preempted by State law.

 Concerns were expressed about a 55 foot tall project on Hermitage on the projects list in the Valley

 Villager.

 Student Committee - Carol Convey

 Student recruiting is going on. The deadline for submitting applications has been extended to July 15.

 Three new student members are needed and three new members were introduced. Rock Edwards,

 Melody Caplan and Natale Ireland are graduating.

6. Special meeting of the Board

 There will be a special meeting of the Board on Monday, July 3 to approve several spending requests.

 7. Reports from DONE & Elected Officials

 Diane Rana - Assemblywoman Laura Friedman

 18 of her bills were passed and sent to the Senate, including a bill to curb concert ticket abuses.

 They had their first meeting with Caltrans. Service requests can be sent to Caltrans via Diane. The

 Tujunga Ave. underpass under the Ventura Freeway will be cleaned up. Ms. Friedman does not have a

 position on S.B. 411 regarding allowing neighborhood councils to have online meetings. The Valley

 Alliance of Neighborhood Councils supports S.B. 411. There is a need to clean up the brush at the on

 and off ramps of the Ventura Freeway. There are dead weeds, shrubs and trees.

 8. Future Agenda Items & Closing Comments

 A ballot measure to restrict State preemption of local land use authority will be on the August agenda.

 We should send in our support for S.B. 411 by Senator Portentino regarding online meetings for

 neighborhood councils.