

4-9-13 SPECIAL BOARD MEETING – MID VALLEY REGIONAL LIBRARY

1. Call meeting to order – Robin Tyler/Vice President – 6:40PM
 - a. Pledge of Allegiance – Led by Robin Tyler
 - b. Officer/board member roll call

Robin Tyler/Present
Deborah Stevens/Present
Debra Francisco/Present
Nancy Xander/Present
John McGovern/Present
Mary Armenteros/Present
Anita Goldbaum/Present

Marina Adlivankina/Absent
Frank Klein/Absent
Jaynee Thorne/Absent
David Hyman/Absent
Tino Julian/Absent

Mike Kabo/Council Parliamentarian/Absent
Residents/Stakeholders Present – Count 3

2. Public speakers – none
3. Presentations – none
4. Public comment on non-agendized items – none
5. Old business
 - a. Motion to oppose the Hollywood Millennium Community Plan

Robin Tyler advised that a developer wants to construct two approximately 32 story buildings on either side of the Capital Records building. She advised that the Hollywood residents are against this project and wish to preserve this site. In addition Eric Garcetti has stated he is against this project. Robin read the letter of opposition. Motion by Robin Tyler to oppose the Millennium project, prepare a letter and send CIS report – Anita Goldbaum second – 7-Yes 0-No 0-Abstentions vote unanimous – passes.

- b. Motion to oppose the \$3billion street repair tax bond

Robin Tyler advises that the City of LA continues to try and pass bond measures to increase our taxes. She stated there was concern that only homeowners would be taxed, not apartment dwellers nor businesses. Robin Tyler read an email from Councilman Englander’s office advising that property owners of apartments, townhouses, condo’s etc. as well as property owners of business may also be taxed and they “could” possibly amortize the tax in the rent; however, this is not assured. The tax could start at \$100 per year, then increase with each subsequent year and would be based on property value assessment. There would be plenty of money allocated for street repair if it was not used and wasted on other issues.

Resident/Stakeholder Martha Kopy stated that she feels the same. When she purchased her home many years ago, there was a street bond tax for sidewalk repair, etc. and they had to pay a substantial tax amount. Homeowners should not be the only ones taxed and this is a violation of Prop 13.

In addition it was discussed that delivery trucks and busses contribute greatly to the deterioration of our streets. Homeowners are extremely upset that they are continuing to bear all of the tax burden. It was mentioned that the DWP is going to increase the rates and will be doubling over the next 10-20 years again, the homeowners will have burden this tax. There is no transparency in what is being done and a “closed door” meeting will be held next week.

Deborah Stevens added that she originally felt let the voters decide, then when she read more information she would like to voice her opinion as against; with this bill they are trying to cause a divide between the homeowners, renters and business renters.

Anita Goldbaum read an email sent to the board from Brenda Hansen who wanted to voice her opinion against this bill and stated that the homeowners cannot afford yet another tax. Anita also asked that why should we approve this additional tax when the LAPD redid the lawn twice, at a cost of over 2 million tax dollars.

John McGovern advised of more wasted tax dollars regarding the Children’s Museum near Hansen Dam. They spent thousands of tax dollars on this project, they went broke doing so and it has still not opened. Yet again, another waste of funds.

Motion made by Robin Tyler to oppose the #3 billion street repair tax send a letter of opposition and prepare a CIS statement – second Anita Goldbaum – 7-Yes 0-No 0-Abstentions – vote unanimous – passes.

c. Motion to oppose the Above Ground Cell Tower on Vintage St.

John McGovern and Robin Tyler advised that they want to install a cell tower near an empty lot adjacent to homes. Basically, they can do this without any approval from the residents. These should not be located in residential areas due to the fact that they will be installed, below ground, in an encasement 17feet x 5feet which will contain lead acid batteries which are highly flammable and could explode in an earthquake, etc. The notices sent to residents affected by these cell towers provide only 3 days notice to respond and does not provide enough time to do so. In addition, they are very lucrative and the “rent” can be \$1,400 per month to the agency that allows it to be constructed.

Pamela Meeker-Stolz commented that she lives South of Nordoff and has excellent cell service however her elderly aunt lives North of Nordoff/Swinton and has terrible cell service, no matter what carrier is used. John McGovern advised that since it is close to Hayvenhurst and plans fly over that area continually that may cause the lack or interruption of service in that area.

John McGovern advised that in this particular area on Vintage it is on the city/public parkway and the property owner has no rights. The property is owned by the Gas Company and allowing the DWP to use it for their communication.

6. New business – none
7. Board comments – none
8. Meeting adjourns – 7:14pm