**VAL VERDE CIVIC ASSOCIATION**

The Val Verde Civic (VVCA) is a non-profit volunteer association established by its members for the purpose of providing a forum for discussion, study and community networking activities for the betterment of the unincorporated area of Val Verde in North Los Angeles County area.

*We ask attendees to be aware of their time when presenting, asking questions, and giving comments. Anyone being disruptive, aggressive, or otherwise may be asked to leave.*

**\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*PLEASE MAKE SURE TO SIGN IN ON THE ATTENDANCE SHEET AT THE DOOR\*\*\*\*\*\*\***

**7:12pm Roll Call – Call to Order**

**Board of Directors:**

\_x\_ President – Erica Larsen

\_\_ Programs & Development Director – Martha Lomelli

\_x\_\_Projects Director – Kevan Smalley

\_\_\_Public Relations Director – Marshall Lefcourt

\_\_\_Secretary – *Vacant*

\_x\_\_Treasurer – Tanya Hauser

\_\_\_Appointed Associated Director #1– *Vacant*

\_\_\_Appointed Associated Director #2-- *Vacant* \_\_\_Appointed Associated Director #3 -- *Vacant*

**Pledge of Allegiance**  
**Approval of Agenda – Comments and/or questions on Agenda Items:**

Motion 1\_TH\_\_: Second: \_JD\_\_ Vote: Y\_all\_\_/N\_\_\_\_/A\_\_\_

**Special Announcements**

>Shameless Plug Table

>Donation Box

>Meeting Drawing Box: Put your name in the box for a drawing at the end of the meeting for free goodies \*\*Must be present to win\*\*

**Community Reports (5 minutes each)**

State of CA 21st Senate District, Senator Scott Wilk Rep. - **Kris Hough** [661.286.1471, [kris.hough@sen.ca.gov](mailto:kris.hough@sen.ca.gov)]

Not much going on at the moment

Available for meetings Thursday-Saturday Afternoons – Room 306

6 committee assignments this year

Newsom Budget: Focus on Education, Jobs, Seniors, College Tuition

14 bills are proposed and to be introduced by the end of February

Always share ideas for any bills/legislative bills

Looking for sites for mobile offices in Castaic

Q: Real ID, Go to state of CA Real ID

A: Starting NEXT YEAR. Kris Hough will bring information on the Real ID next meeting.

They have taken over the light on 126 file from Acosta

38th District Assembly, Christy Smith Rep. **Ryan Valencia** [661.286.1565, [ryan.valencia@asm.ca.gov](mailto:ryan.valencia@asm.ca.gov)]

New rep for 38th Dist but will have more staff

Same office on Tourney Rd. 2477 Suite 160

Come up with wish lists for what we can fight for up in Sacramento

Including the light on the 126

Call if there are any issues we want to bring up

5 Committee assignments

One of only 2 new “freshmen” to Chair of joint committee on emergency management - will hold a session on this soon

Concern about Val Verde being as susceptible as Paradise which had proficient efforts in place already

**LA County Supervisor Barger's Office** – **Stephanie English/ Nicole Vartanian** [661.287.3657, [senglish@bos.lacounty.gov](mailto:senglish@bos.lacounty.gov), nvartanian@bos.lacounty.gov]

Updates on public wifi at Clubhouse?

>Will get back to us

Approved a nickel per square foot increase for funding new fire stations that are in planning in the next 5 fiscal years

In December, board approved outreach on the community regarding the fire department and fire safety.

After Woosely and Camp fires will make sure all county fire resources and compares it to what the state can provide

Approved a 500,000 project to repair the Placerita trail that was closed for fires by March 2020

$570,000 to approve the Val Verde pool deck completion for May 2019

Q: Homeless shelter grant denial for the Bridge to Home

>LASA agency in charge of the funds denied ALL of the proposed grants

>BOS providing $200,000 to fill the gap to keep services year round

**California Highway Patrol** - **Officer David Munis #19909** [DMunis@chp.ca.gov, 661.294.5540]

November and December numbers

Will fine tune the numbers that are more specific to Val Verde from here out.

195 collisions

149 non injury, 46 injuries

21 arrests, 9 DUI, 1 Felony, 6 misdemeanors, 2 felony pursuits, 2 domestic violence, 1 stolen vehicle.

12th of February 11:00 AM at the Castaic Library Age well drive Smart Program for Older drivers

Has switched to 8 hour shifts, 1 to 2 extra officers on deployment, now able to do more proactive work

Has also changed up the rotation “beat” and randomly be on specific spots

Community Advisory Committee – Val Verde can use a rep every or every other month

**Sheriffs Department** - **Deputy Brian Rooney, Captain Robert Lewis** [bjrooney@lasd.org, 661.291.2712, 661.255.1121 ext. 4283, YAL: 661.257.4021] N/A

**County of Los Angeles Fire Department** - **Maria Grycan** [mgrycan@fire.lacounty.gov, 661.250.2710] – N/A

**Samuel Dixon Clinic** - **Phillip Solomon, CEO** [661.257.4008, [www.sdfhc.org/vv.asp](http://www.sdfhc.org/vv.asp) , [philip@sdfhc.org](mailto:philip@sdfhc.org)]

Working with dentist to do some pro-bono work - hoping to hire someone

Expanding the mental health but back to finding a new person to run the program full time

Vision to Learn partnering to come out to a facility to provide free vision tests/exams, etc. look at dates in the summer

Canyon Country site looking to finalize the plans for expansion

Looking for a board member, 50% board members are patient representatives, currently looking for a patient rep to serve

**Department of Parks and Recreation** - **Mari Roman**[661.257.4014, mroman@parks.lacounty.gov ]

Saturday Feb 2nd VVCA Pancake Breakfast 8:30a-10:30a

Sponsored for PAD spring program

Black History Program Saturday Feb 23rd 10a-5pm – Latisha Smith

Monday Feb 11th 4-6pm Welcome all the young ladies for a Valentines Soroptomist

Seniors group Fridays 10a-1pm

Yoga class is being cancelled, teacher cannot come anymore and it is not being funded

ESL classes Feb. 4th through May 30th 6:30-9pm Monday-Thursday

Homework Club M-F afterschool until 6:30p

**Castaic Area Town Council (CATC)** – **Douglas Roberts, Jeremiah Dockray** [www.castaicareatowncouncil.org]

Meeting with Stephanie E on the traffic situation and construction

Doug Roberts is the new 2nd REP for Val Verde

**Val Verde Community Advisory Committee (VVCAC)** [www.valverdecac.com] – *in transition*

**Community Benefits Funding Committee (CBFC)** - **Vince Cantella** [cbfcoffice@yahoo.com, 661.257.7636]

>Next Open Meeting?

>The landfill funds are not available yet until the litigation so the CBFC is cutting back on a lot of things

--Will be giving the office up in Mar/Apr and moving to the YAL office –Natalie is coming too

Bread Day will continue until office moved

Food bags will continue but not the holiday Turkeys/Hams

Need to apply for the food bags by April

Scholarships: Not accepting any new participants this year but won’t be any more new participants and there is now a cap $6,000

Cutting back the senior gardening program

No sports programming funded

TAP program will continue but just Feb-April and Aug-Nov

Q: When/if the litigation is over will we get reimbursed

A: Not necessarily, the CBFC is writing grants and grant proposals

Q: What costs are associated with the bread day?

A: Most has to do with storage

Could maybe use the church instead ---

Phillip can help!

**Consent Calendar**

Minutes from VVCA Regular Meeting ***TABLED***

Motion 1\_\_\_: Second: \_\_\_ Vote: Y\_\_\_/N\_\_\_\_/A\_\_\_

Treasurer’s Report:

Motion 1\_\_AD\_: Approve the Report Second: \_KS\_\_ Vote: Y\_ALL\_\_/N\_\_\_\_/A\_\_\_

Motion To write a check for $500 to Babak Naficy KS Second Vote: Y\_ALL\_\_/N\_\_\_\_/A\_\_\_ PASSED

Motion to add Marshall Lefcourt as a third check signer AD Second Vote: Y\_ALL\_\_/N\_\_\_\_/A\_\_\_ PASSED

**Committee Reports:**

Fundraising Committee: Martha Lomelli, Tanya Hauser, Erica Larsen, Laurel Taylor

**Pancake Breakfast February 2nd 8:30a-10:30a**

Val Verde Park Community Center

30300 Arlington St.

Suggested donation: $5 Adults, $3 Kids 11 and younger

Pancakes, sausage, fruit, juice, and coffee

More than $300 in donations! Door Prizes too!

Land Use Committee: Kevan Smalley, Jeremiah Dockray,

*Looking for Members*

-Sterling Gateway / Hunt Williams update – Kevan Smalley No updates

**(8:00pm) Old Business**

>Legal Update on CCL Expansion

Hearing for Case #BS170715

02/08/2019 at 09:30 am in

Department 28 at 111 North Hill Street, Los Angeles, CA 90012

Invoice from Babak Naficy

>Banner/Signage *Tabled*

>Board Position Openings > Looking for a Secretary

Interest form on our website

>“Neighbor of the Month” to Local Business meetings –*Tabled*

>D&O Insurance – Tanya Hauser

Additional Quote – Erica Larsen

>Community Survey –*Tabled*

>English to Spanish Course – Kevan Smalley

No updates

>CERT Class Update – Kevan Smalley

Jeremiah to help

Church to host

**New Business**

**Public Comment**

Latisha Stewart Smith –

Black History Celebration in the tradition of Iris Neal

Her family is jumping in this year

10am – 5pm on February 23rd

Here at

Iris Neal Scholarship Award expanding to subjects related to black history/heritage

Bicycle Giveaway too

Channel 5 out and interested in Val Verde and its history and will share the segment

**Give Away Drawings \* Must be present to win\***

\*Pictures of winners and their bounty\*

Latisha Smith won a jar of local tangerine vanilla bean marmalade

**9:10p Adjournment**

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