

VNNC MEETING

DECEMBER 11 , 2013

BRAUDE CENTER

6262 VAN NUYS BL

Meeting called to order 7-05 pm. NAVAL SEA CADETS Ensign Galvin and Cadet San Pedro led the PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE. (and respectfully asked for funding for 20 additional uniforms)

QUORUM CALL—QUORUM--(13) PRESENT—PRESIDENT THOMAS, VP BENJAMIN, TREASURER (J) HOPP, SECRETARY HENDRY, Camara, De la Cuesta, Guevera, Lazarovitz, Marez, Martin, Meyer, Skelton, Waleko. ABSENT (7) Aghazarian, Anand, Ciccarelli, Havard, Sandoval, Taylor, Thompson. QUORUM—PROCEED TO AGENDA.

FIRST PUBLIC COMMENT—Treasurer Hopp says “Tom Soong, DONE, says ‘If meet minimum quorum of 11—then 6 votes may pass any item.’” Marez on St Elizabeth’s food bank serving up to 1850 in VN—Gueverra introduced as Santa, holiday party described. Pearman on “videoconferencing of Council at VN City Hall.

DONE—VNNC ELECTION UPDATE—Glenn Bailey, S Valley coordinator discusses—Alicia Smith, Independent Election Administrator will come tonight.

SECRETARY’S REPORT—Minutes complete from NOV, NOV SPECIAL—but need “clean up” regarding “vote to pass may be as low as 6 out of minimum quorum of 11”. President moves to approve—clean up by Jan.

NOV SPECIAL MINUTES--MOVE TO APPROVE—THOMAS/BENJAMIN—VOTE—12 AYE—1 ABSTAIN—PASS. NOV REG MINUTES—MOTION TO APPROVE—THOMAS/MAREZ—VOTE—13 AYE—DO PASS.

TREASURER’S REPORT—see TREASURER. Amounts here are approx.. Nov expenditures \$1300—balance “Iapprox. \$14,400. Photographer to be paid. VOTE TO APPROVE

TREASURER’S REPORT—THOMAS/BENJAMIN—11 AYE—1 ABSTAIN—DO PASS.

HONORED GUEST SPEAKER—Former California Assembly Speaker Bob Hertzberg from Van Nuys. On current local and state issues—and pending State Senate campaign.

REPS FROM ELECTED OFFICIALS. CD 6—Linda Levitan, Guillermo Marquez, Jim Dantona—takes comments on buying new mikes for room, Ms. Benavidez’ honor for Delano Pk and chairs for room. Brian Gavidia for Congressman Cardenas on “affordable care”, grants available to us. Dantona to see about getting “City business license data” for VNNC Email “blast” purposes. Luis Sanchez, City Dept of Public Works on new efforts on illegal dumping.

DONE—VNNC ELECTION UPDATE—Alicia Smith, IEA discusses. Outreach w/Next Door.com. Candidates may file Jan 4—Feb 3—materials up on web. Alisa@EmpowerLA.org can help (213) 910-3491. Citywide effort w/university students.

VNNC’S REAGAN LIBRARY RETREAT—NTE \$2500—PRESIDENT says—“If we pass this, even though DONE has objected to idea, then further discussion.” MOTION TO VOTE—THOMAS/MAREZ—VOTE—11 AYE—1 ABSTAIN—PASSES.

MOTION TO ASK COUNCILPERSON MARTINEZ GET FUNDING (\$1900) FOR BRAUDE CENTER’S PUBLIC ROOM MICROPHONES. Microphones stolen from City’s room--\$1900 is VNNC’s best found “bid” for Martinez to present. MOTION TO VOTE—THOMAS/BENJAMIN—VOTE—12 AYE—PASS.

AD HOC “BEAUTIFICATION COMMITTEE” for VN CIVIC CENTER. Gardens, flagpole, pergola by LAPD, name plaza “Marilyn Monroe”? MOTION TO VOTE—THOMAS/MAREZ—VOTE—11 AYE-1 ABS—PASS.

LIABILITY OF BRAUDE CENTER CHAIRS COLLAPSE—VNNC? Or CITY? Further

discussion.

UCLA URBAN PLANNING “SPECIAL REPORT—VAN NUYS”—presented.

VIDEOCONFERENCING OF LIVE CITY COUNCIL AT VN CITY HALL W/FEEDBACK FROM VALLEY CRITICS.

Bailey suggests VANC (Valley Alliance)

would support—Valley NC’s pass the hat to make a fund of \$11,000 needed—or put into “Neighborhood Council Budget Advocates process”. MOTION TO VOTE—THOMAS/

BENJAMIN—VOTE—12 AYE—SEND SUPPORT LETTER.

MOTION TO REQUEST CITY FUND AN NC ELECTION MAILER TO ALL CITY RESIDENTS. (SEND ALSO TO MAYOR) THOMAS/BENJAMIN MOVE—VOTE 8 AYE —4 abstain

PRESIDENTIAL APPOINTMENTS (or confirmations) –ELECTIONS—Hopp, OUTREACH—Skelton, CITY ATTY- Benjamin, PLANNING—de la Cuesta, PUB WORKS—Meyer, TRANSPORTATION—Martin, PUB SAFETY—Lazarowitz, REP TO VANC—John Hendry.

VNNC TO DO “CIS” (Community Impact Statement) ON REVENUE ENHANCEMENT—Budget Advocate Wiseman suggests we do this and other projects (as “videoconferencing”).

CALL FOR VOLUNTEERS TO WRITE FUTURE “CIS”—WALEKO, HENDRY

VOLUNTEER as AUTHORIZED CIS WRITERS. MOTION TO VOTE—THOMAS/BENJAMIN—VOTE 11 AYE—PASS.

FIRE STATION 39 REMOVAL TO OXNARD/VESPER. Ad hoc Fire Station committee discusses—concern that “first of year” will lead to City Council action. Suggested VNNC do “CIS” (community impact statement) in opposition for Council Public Works Comm and full Council. Also—a December 30 “Special Meeting”—“Exec Comm Meeting” to be ready for anything. WALEKO MOVES TO TABLE A RESOLUTION—CIS—PENDING DEC 30 MEETING.

VNNC WEBSITE—De la CUESTA, BENJAMIN PRESENT. Change from “Go-Daddy” to “WordPress” would be more efficient—can get a refund—do better, faster. Need progress—before end of year—agendize to pending SPECIAL.

FINAL PUBLIC COMMENT—Benjamn (mbr) on “poor Xmas decoration installation”—late—sloppy—a better vendor next year? Pearman on “videoconferencing” feedback for CITY COUNCIL at VN City Hall.

ADJOURNMENT—11 pm.

Respectfully submitted, John Hendry, VNNC Secretary, January 5, 2014

---minutes will be completed later today—december 30, 2013—by secretary hendry