VNNC MINUTES
JUNE . 2014
6262 VAN NUYS BL

MEETING CALLED TO ORDER—7-05 PM. Pledge of allegiance. QUORUM CALL—(17) PRESIDENT THOMAS, VP BENJAMIN, TREASURER HOPP, SECRETARY HENDRY, Havard, Meyer, Lazarovitz, Martin, Guevera, Skelton, Camera, Waleko, Anand, de la Cuesta, Pedden, Lynn, Luna. Merabi, Arzola elected—but not sworn—can not vote until "into the meeting"

FIRST PUBLIC COMMENT—Pearman and Fogler on "videoconferencing", Bart Reed on "recall of Ms. Hopp", Monica Alexenko defending Ms. Hopp, Alistair Vose on McLeod Microbrewery (opening Ju 20) @14741 Calvert, Padden (mbr) on "sidewalk vending", Anand on Brown Act and what "disrupting the mtg is", Marez and Guevera

SECRETARY'S REPORT—MAY MINUTES distributed for "vote", Jan and April's "contended VN Sta 39" vote hard to document (but the motion, the CIS failed). MOVE TO APPROVE—THOMAS-BENJAMIN. VOTE 15 AYE-2 ABSTAIN.

COMMITTEES TO REPORT—Lazarovitz on "Sex Trafficking Summit" Ju 30, de la Cuesta on "Ciclavia in the Valley" (an all-bicycle day). Mayor Garcetti to "target" VN Bl as a "special target".

TREASURER'S REPORT—Hopp reports balance as \$7998 going in--\$637 out--\$7369 currently. MOTION TO ACCEPT—THOMAS/BENJAMIN. VOTE 16 AYE—1 ABSENT. REPORT ACCEPTED.

COUNCIL OFFICE REPORT—Levitan and Martinez. Thanx for help @VN Libray's 50th, LAPD's 50th. A "Cruise Night" event? Working w/VNNC on "Sex Trafficking Summit" Ju 30 and a "Health Fair".

NEW MEMBERS MERABI, ARZOLA SWORN—JOIN THE PANEL—MAY VOTE.

NEW BUSINESS—SUPPORT LETTER FOR CELLPHONE TOWER ON VALLEY PRES BLDGS—6815 Noble—Mark Myers presents—MOTION TO VOTE--THOMAS/BENJAMIN. VOTE 18 AYE—1 NO. SUPPORT LETTER TBA Ju 14.

AMBER MESHAK OF DONE—90 MINUTE ETHICS SEMINAR—Discussion—general info—Meshak asked to arrange follow up time. Board needs "Record Retention Act".

VAN NUYS NC BANNERS ON VN BL LIGHT POLES—Don Greenwald, Amgraph. Discussion. VNNC set aside \$2500 previously—but estimates for 61 poles \$8254 and 92 poles \$11654—and w/fmr Pres Cordaro's suggestion "Do intersections"—this item put over for further discussion.

THE 105.1 DONE RECONCILLATION OF OCT-NOV-DEC RECEIPTS. This on "agenda"—discussions between Treasurer Hopp and "downtown" and is in process w/ DONE—so put over.

REIMBURSEMENT FOR TREASURER HOPP--\$100.26. This suggested by another—Pres Thomas---per DONE policy. Receipts will be provided. MOTION TO VOTE—THOMAS/BENJAMIN. VOTE 16 AYE—L NO—2 ABSTAIN. MOTION PASSES.

A GENERAL POLICY FOR REIMBURSEMENTS OF EXEC OFFICERS—Directed to Anand's "Government Affairs Committee".

REIMBURSEMENT FOR VP BENJAMIN--\$21.78. This "done by DONE"—so done.

CD 2's KREKORIAN SPONSORED "MOVIE NIGHT" for NC's. NTE \$200. Incomplete paperwork TABLED.

VN LIBRARY "SPECIAL PROJECT"—Kelly Tyler . VN Librarian presents. Has funding for special outreach project for VN. Working w/Meyer (mbr) on "outreach", "workshop", "community driven reform projects". VNNC will do "retreat" at VN Public Library.

THREE STRIKES AND OUT—Put over—need further discussion as how to put "Code of Conduct" in "standing rules".

RECALL OF TREASURER HOPP—Priveleged motion per a "recall petition" (50 signatures) presented to VNNC. Discussion of Ms. Hopp's comments before City Pub Works Committee on the "Fire Station 39 new site". Did Ms. Hopp misstate the Board's position on CIS votes on FS 39? Discussion. What process? "Warning—mediation—removal?" A "censure" not in VNNC's bylaws. A "mediation" process DONE proposes? A future "censure" mechanicism for VNNC?

Open discussion—Ms Hopp "closes" in her own defense. MOTION TO VOTE—THOMAS-BENJAMIN. VOTE—5 AYE---12 NO—1 ABSTAIN. MOTION FAILS—MS. HOPP REMAINS.

VNNC STANDING RULE—INDIVIDUAL BOARD MEMBERS MAY NOT "SPEAK FOR THE BOARD"—ONLY FOR THEMSELVES. Discussion. MOTION TO VOTE—THOMAS/BENJAMIN. VOTE—19 AYE—UNANIMOUS.

FORM AD HOC 90 DAY COMMITTEE ON STREET VENDING. (R) Hopp as "advisor". MOTION TO VOTE—THOMAS/ANAND. VOTE—19 AYE—MOTION PASSES.

CIS LETTER FOR 14410 VALERIO. Regina Minon presents. They have reduced density, met other VNNC PLUM suggestions per de la Cuesta. MOTION TO VOTE—THOMAS/LAZAROVITZ. VOTE 15 AYE—LETTER TO BE DRAFTED.

CIS IN SUPPORT OF LA RIVER AND OTHER CREATIVE WATER REUSE STRATEGIES. Jessica Sanchez, LA RIVER foundation. Presentation. Discussion. MOTION TO VOTE—THOMAS/LUNA. VOTE—16 AYE—MOTION PASSES.

CIS FOR STARBUCKS—6353 VN BL. (replaces Arby's) Needs variance from zoning for offer "before dawn coffee service" before 6 am.. Discussion about other "security issues" on site. MOTION TO VOTE—THOMAS/LAZAROVITZ. VOTE—18 AYE—PASS.

CIS FOR NON-SUPPORT OF PROPOSED APARTMENT AT 6908 VESPER. Maria Scherzer presents. In general, neighborhood councils try to "suggest" or "adapt" existing projects—but for this project, members and public felt developer didn't listen, did not ask for community input, and so community doesn't want this project at all.. De la Cuesta suggests this "no vote" wastes the authority of the group. MOTION TO VOTE—THOMAS/BENJAMIN. VOTE 12 AYE—1 NO—2 ABSTAIN. MOTION PASSES.

PLAQUE AT DELANO PK FOR MS. BENAVIDEZ—NO VENDING AROUND ST ELIZABETH'S. PUT OVER.

CIS IN SUPPORT OF 'NC BUDGET ADVOCATES' WHITE PAPER" ON PROPOSED BUDGET REFORMS. Discussion—this to make explicit the NC support of the NC "budget advocate process" and its results. MOTION TO VOTE—THOMAS/LUNA. VOTE—12 AYE.

ADJOURNMENT. Respectfully submitted—John Hendry, Secretary, June 29. 2014.