

VAN NUYS NBRHD COUNCIL  
JANUARY 14, 2014 MEETING  
6262 VAN NUYS BL

MEETING NOT VIDEOTAPED (Benjamin “away”)—BUT TAPE RECORDED (de la Cuesta)  
LATER IN MTG—SECRETARY REQUESTS de la CUESTA BE CROSS-TRAINED TO RUN CAMERA.

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MEETING CALLED TO ORDER—7-05 pm-- PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE—QUORUM CALL--  
PRESENT—(16) --PRESIDENT THOMAS (chair), SECRETARY HENDRY, Havard, Meyer, Lazarovitz, Martin,  
Camera, Waleko, Anand, de la Cuesta, Padden, Lynn, Luna, Merabi, Raynes, Robbins.  
EXCUSED ABSENCES—(3)—VP BENJAMIN, TREASURER HOPP, Skelton

PUBLIC COMMENT—Jacob Lynn, Hendry on a personal attack, Marez, Wilson\

SECRETARY’S REPORT—NO REPORT--“Sent but not circulated minutes”—Secretary moves to “put over”.

TREASURER’S REPORT—NO REPORT--TREASURER HOPP had serious accident—might not return. VNNC  
to “wait the month” for news. VP Benjamin, as “second signatory” to monitor—members Luna, Robbins  
volunteer help—and would “accept supporting appointments” if Benjamin becomes Treasurer..

CITY CRISIS RESPONSE TEAMS—10 minute presentation—CITY has volunteer “crisis response teams”—  
per the flyer on the table, City is training—Tu-Thu nights for 8 weeks. In “earthquake prone” area—prep  
is vital.

COUNCIL DISTRICT 2 REPORT—Guillermo is “not coming”—will work the PREPAREDNESS SUMMIT  
upcoming.

LAPD JEOPARDY PROJECT---Fmr mbr Marez introduces LAPD officers Bailey, Garcia. LAPD outreach  
group @Oxnard/Woodman—counseling, tattoo removal, GED, support—in a “free space” but could use  
permanent home. Gwen Zaragosa w/her children in support. Consider a “grant” for next mtg.

DAVID GONZALEZ—LAUSD AREA LIASON—Covers VN High, introduced John Rome, Instructional  
Supervisor for area—in Monica Ratliff’s School Board district. Offers assistance.

GREG BARTZ—DWP COMMUNITY LIASON—Reps much of SF Valley. Offers “Community Service

Saturdays” at various DWP sites for “walk in” resolution of issues. Classes in “drought tolerant planting”  
available. Offers DWP’s Speaker Bureau on water, power, drought related issues.

DAN WISEMAN—NC BUDGET ADVOCATE—Covering for Treasurer Hopp. “Advocates” interviewing City  
Council District offices re their perceived “neighborhood priorities” on [NCBA@la.com](mailto:NCBA@la.com). Budget is at \$8.5  
billion—for April 20 action.

ADDITIONAL PUBLIC COMMENT—Miriam Fogler, Donna Pearman, Maria Alexander of “Center for Living  
and Learning” has a “navigator contract” to enroll for “Open California” health care. Sandy Logan of  
NCADD continues to “work projects” on vendor awareness of “alcohol abuse issues”—open visibility at  
liquor stores to dissuade “stick ups”.

NATHAN WOLFSTEIN, CAROL CASHMAN AS EMERGENCY CONSULTANTS. Trying to organize event for 600 Valley residents for emergency prep—training, stockpiling. Should we do it Sat, Ap 25 at church @Rayen, nr Sepulveda/Parthenia?

CIS—MAKE “ELECTION DAY” IN NOVEMBER AND A “HOLIDAY”. SEND TO CONGRESSMAN CARDENAS. Scherzer says “out of VNNC jurisdiction”—Hendry says “only 20% population will get such a holiday”. MOTION TO VOTE—THOMAS/LAZAROVITZ. VOTE—10 AYE—4 NO—2 ABSTAIN. MOTION PASSES.

CIS—PARKING ON CEDROS (S OF OXNARD). Continuing discussion w/ Councilman LaBonge. Neighbors continuing to “shape” their proposal—parking limits, speed bumps, etc. PUT OVER FOR PROGRESS.

CIS?—NAMING ORANGE LINE STATION FOR AMELIA EARHART. Continuing—PUT OVER.

VNNC AMEND BYLAWS—TO TURN “YOUTH SEAT” INTO “STAKEHOLDER AT LARGE”—Discussion—would go DONE as “bylaws change”—but VNNC never recruited “youth”—“Why not invite every VN High Student Body President” says Hendry? If find “youth” in interim—we might fill. MOTION TO APPROVE—THOMAS/ANAND. VOTE—7 AYE—6 NO—1 ABSTAIN. PASS.

CSUN STUDENTS AND A “VN HEALTH FAIR PROJECT”—Presentation. Aimed at VN’s large, underrepresented Hispanic community. Needs a “funding request”—a 501 c-3 sponsor.

2015 VAN NUYS “DECEMBER HOLIDAY” PREPARATIONS—Per Marez (fmr mbr), he requests this be posted every month so that VN doesn’t “miss” as it did in 2014.

HONORARY MAYOR FOR VAN NUYS—(PRESIDENT THOMAS?)--Fmr President Jamie Cordaro had been so elected as reward for past service. Time to pick again? Limit the “honor” to 2 yr term? Lazarovitz nominates PRESIDENT THOMAS. Discussion-- MOTION TO VOTE—LAZAROVITZ/MERABI. VOTE—14 AYE—1 NO—1 ABSTAIN. PASS. PRESIDENT THOMAS IS HONORARY MAYOR.

PLANNING SUMMIT—de la CUESTA PRESENTS—TH, MAR 26 @ 6-30 PM. Film, speakers, MS. SCHIFF introduced. Planning workshop—tour “old VN library” (Sylvan/Vesper)—

15100 VANOWEN—CIS re VARIANCE FOR REC ROOM TURNED INTO UNIT. TABLED.

ADDED TOPICS—SECRETARY asks that de la Cuesta be “trained” to videotape meetings. SECRETARY asks that “added language to Agenda” credits the “EXECUTIVE COMM origin of the Agenda”.

Added discussion—w/TREASURER HOPP injured, restated that VNNC will “toll the month”, return to the discussion, and will accept mbrs Luna’s and Robbins’ help—and “volunteering” to fill positions under VP Benjamin, if he fills Ms. Hopp’s place. Homeless “count” January 29—need volunteers—material on desk.

MEETING ADJOURNED—9-30 PM

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Respectfully submitted—JOHN HENDRY, VNNC SECRETARY, FEBRUARY 1, 2015

