

VAN NUYS NEIGHBORHOOD COUNCIL
JULY 8, 2015 MINUTES
6262 VAN NUYS BL—7 PM

MEETING CALLED TO ORDER—7 05 pm. MBR CAMARA GAVE PLEDGE. QUORUM CALL.
PRESENT—(13) PRESIDENT THOMAS (chair), VP BENJAMIN, SECRETARY HENDRY, Meyer, Lazarovitz, Martin, Camara, Waleko, Anand, de la Cuesta, Lynn, Knoll, Asgarian. LATE (4) TREASURER HOPP, Skelton, Padden, Luna. ABSENT (4) Havard, Merabi, Robbins, Rains.

QUORUM—PROCEED TO AGENDA.

PUBLIC COMMENT—Kathy Snyder that “orphan area” (n/Sherman Wy, e/Woodman, w/Tujunga Wash) is now incorporated w/VNNC. Eliot of VN’s new edible “Cricket Farm”, Pearman on “Budget Day” where Hopp, Bailey elected. Anand on “7-11 free slurpee day” and “free swim” at LA Parks.

REPS OF ELECTED PUBLIC OFFICIALS—Amanda from Mayor’s Office on “summer night programs”, 10,000 summer jobs and help for veterans. Santana from Sen Hertzberg on SB 405, a traffic ticket reform, Guillermo of CD 2 on July 23 “torch run” Special Olympics at VN City Hall, Angie of Krekorian on “water fire, earthquake safety” seminars. Ju 31 “senior safety” at Bernardi—VNNC sponsor? PRESIDENT MOVES WE SPONSOR?

PRESIDENT CALLS ON COMMITTEE CHAIRS TO REPORT—Skelton on Delano Pk event, Asgarian on “Rim of the Valley” and her committee not approved.

TREASURER—VNNC gave bonus \$1,500 to LAPD. Benjamin, second signatory on his microphone purchase (spent \$2090.19)

NEW BUSINESS—INVITE NEW COUNCILMAN DAVID RYU. Perhaps in August—TABLED AS MOTIION.

COMMUNITY IMPACT STATEMENT PRO “MS. RICHARDS’ GREAT STREET PROJECT” ALONG VN BLVD.) Discussion. MOTION TO VOTE—HOPP/ANAND. VOTE—11 AYE—1 NO—2 RECUSE (Benjamin, de la Cuesta)—2 ABSTAIN (Waleko, Lynn)

CIS—CITY BICYCLE MASTER PLAN (first since 1990)—Presented Hyeran Lee, City Bicycle Coalition. Concerns—“safety first”, world class cycling environment, “complete streets” for bikes, walkers, cars, mobility hubs. CITY COUNCIL FILE 15-0719. Discussion. MOTION TO VOTE—WALEKO/LUNA. VOTE—9 AYE—1 NO—5 ABSTAIN—1 RECUSE (de la Cuesta).

COMMUNITY AMBASSADORS—To offer this title to those “experts” and “community reps” who might better refer others to us for discussions, funding, programs, etc. Discussion. MOTION TO VOTE—THOMAS/WALEKO. VOTE—14 AYE—PASS.

SUPPORT MUSEUM OF SF VALLEY’S HORSE STATUE PROGRAM---Horse statues to be commissioned for ALL VALLEY COMMUNITIES to which they can provide a “unifying local reason” for the idea of the SFV as the “Valley of the Horse”. MOTION TABLED—NO REPRESENTATIVES TO SPEAK.

A POET LAUREATE FOR VAN NUYS? PRESENTED by PRESIDENT THOMAS. Definition? Funding? Hendry objects as silly, childish giving out “phony titles”. MOTION TO VOTE—THOMAS/BENJAMIN. VOTE—13 AYE—1 NO—PASS.

A DROUGHT TOLERANT PLANT FOR VAN NUYS? A DEMONSTRATION GARDEN? Ronnie Schiff suggests “Matilija poppy”. Discussion. MOTION TO VOTE--LUNA/LYNN. VOTE--14 AYE—1 ABSTAIN (Asgarian).

CITY ATTY TO RESOLVE COMMITTEE FORMATION, RULEMAKING, PROCESS. TABLED.

“GREAT STREETS PROGRAM” IDEA FOR COMMUNITY VILLAGE AT AETNA, VN BL. A place where a “A Taste of Van Nuys” event might happen. Tenting, awnings, booths, etc. Perhaps a \$30 K project. MOTION TO VOTE--THOMAS/BENJAMIN. VOTE—13 AYE.

JUNE VNNC MINUTES. SECRETARY POSTED—OFFERS. No objections. MOTION TO VOTE—THOMAS/BENJAMIN. VOTE—13 AYE—PASS.

TREASURER’S REPORT—No dashboard offered. Lateness of hour simply led to “motion to accept”. DISCUSSION. MOTION TO VOTE—THOMAS/BENJAMIN. VOTE—12 AYE.

MOTION TO ADJOURN.

Respectfully submitted—John Hendry, VNNC Sec retary, August 2, 2015