

VAN NUYS NBRHD COUNCIL  
MAY 13, 2015 GENERAL MTG  
6262 VAN NUYS BL—7 PM

MEETING CALLED TO ORDER—7:05 PM. FMR PRESIDENT DON SCHULTZ LED PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE.

QUORUM CALL—( 16) PRESENT. PRESIDENT THOMAS (chair), VP BENJAMIN, TREASURER HOPP, SECRETARY HENDRY, Havard, Lazarovitz, Martin, Skelton, Camera, Waleko, Padden, Lyn, Merabi, Robbins, Knoll, Asgarian. (4) ABSENT—Meyer, Anand, Luna, Rains. (3) LATE—de la Cuesta. Luna, Meyer (not for quorum, but all votes following) QUORUM—PROCEED TO AGENDA—

PUBLIC COMMENT—Marez on “Jeopardy” funding, Karen Swift of LA METRO Comm Relations Valley, Fogler on VN needs “bowling, movies”, other amenities. Sandy Logan (NCAAD) whom we owe letter, Jay Handal (chair, NC Budget Advocates) on “Councils for Councils” (mentoring), VNNC “member status clean-up”, Budget Day Ju 27, some 100 ideas per Advocates w/30 adopted, support the program. Simon Bibyan, at Legal Clinic (Friar/VN) on wanting to clean up VN BL w/pressure washer, and pressure business owners.

VNNC MINUTES---MARCH 2015 MINUTES. APRIL and APRIL SPECIAL to follow. MOTION TO VOTE ON MARCH 2015—(THOMAS/BENJAMIN). VOTE—16 AYE—1 ABSTAIN. MARCH MINUTES APPROVED.

TREASURER’S REPORT—(no vote)—VNNC HAS \$1,100 LEFT—FUNDING YR ENDING SOON. STREET BANNERS PAID—LAPD VN WOMEN’S LOCKER RM PENDING, SPECIAL OLYMPICS T-SHIRTS PENDING. ITEMS MAY BE PUT OVER FOR PAYMENT AFTER NEW FUNDING YR.

ELECTED OFFICIALS, THEIR REPRESENTATIVES—CD 6—GUILLERMO MARQUEZ. Invites to COUNCILMEMBER MARTINEZ and LAPD CHIEF BECK’S “Community Crime Summit” at VN City Hall’s abandoned “Council Chambers” Monday.

COUNCILPERSON KREKORIAN’S rep.

VNNC CITY OFFICIALS “SPEAKER SERIES” and REPORT  
DIANA of CITY’S CONVENTION CENTER. Reports ctr is largely “contract out” w/City mgmt. Discussion of “Farmers’ Field” football stadium deal and others. Importance of convention center to save/encourage hotel business. LA has 9,000 rms, San Diego and Anaheim have 10,000, SF has 19,000—so “winners take all”. Though convention sizing may be “smaller”.

ASSMBLYMBR NAZARIAN—Angie offers “Guide Dog Seminar” (VNNC co-sponsor) on May 25, “desalinization” as “drought alternative” on May 29 at LAVC’S Monarch Hall.

MASTER NBRHD FACILITATOR TRAINING—Project to provide “facilitators” who can “map the neighborhood” for post-earthquake or post-disaster “weak spots” and residents who have “special skills” (a plumber, electrician, doctor, nurse)

PRESIDENT CALLS ON COMMITTEES TO REPORT—

Skelton on OUTREACH (Varouj, fmr mbr gets award), de la Cuesta on PLUM w/“big project” at Oxnard/Van Nuys pending. Lazarovitz (PUB SAFETY) on “Summit” Ju 17.

NEW BUSINESS—

VNNC TO FUND NTE \$1500 on “VALLEY DISASTER PREPAREDNESS FAIR” IN GRANADA HILLS UNDER AEGIS OF COUNCILPERSON MITCH ENGLANDER. Discussion. MOTION TO VOTE—(THOMAS/WALEKO). VOTE—18 AYE—PASS.

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VNNC TO FUND T-SHIRTS FOR SPECIAL OLYMPICS TORCH RUN BY LAPD ACROSS VN. NTE--\$2500. (funding helps cover “all costs”).

(TWO MOTIONS—RECUSALS—PROCESS FOLLOWS)

PRESIDENT THOMAS, Lazarovitz, Meyer, Merabi need to “recuse” as members, Mid Valley Police Council—and “withdraw”. VP BENJAMIN ASSUMES CHAIR. Discussion—concern that \$2500 is too high—but a lower amt is important. MOTION BY ROBBINS/HOPP TO REDUCE THE AMOUNT PAID TO \$999.00.

VOTE TO APPROVE SUBSTITUTE MOTION—(ROBBINS/HOPP) TO SUBSTITUTE \$999 FOR \$2500. VOTE—(HOPP, CAMERA also RECUSE). VOTE—11 AYE—APPROVE.

“FINAL VOTE”—VNNC TO FUND NTE \$999 TO SPECIAL OLYMPICS (LAPD PARTICIPATION) IN VALLEY TORCH RUN. MOTION TO VOTE—(BENJAMIN/HAVARD). VOTE—(HOPP, SKELTON, CAMARA also “recuse” joining THOMAS, LAZAROVITZ, MEYER, MERABI—making 7 “recusals”). KNOLL is “not eligible as under 18). VOTE—10 AYE—1 NO-- MOTION PASSED FOR \$999.

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PRESIDENT THOMAS RETURNS TO CHAIR.

LETTER OF SUPPORT FOR ABC FOR 7556 SEPULVEDA (Peruvian restaurant). Regina Minor, expediter. VNNC suggests “limitations” per hours, signage, beer only, no “display”,. Letter offered if Minor, owners agree to VNNC’s points. MOTION TO VOTE—(THOMAS/BENJAMIN). VOTE—18 AYE—1 NO.

CIS—VNNC SUGGESTS CITY, LAPD ACCEPT “ON LINE REPORTING” FOR CRIME REPORTS. LAPD could “follow up”—but others can “report”, get their insurance to pay, and move through small events. MOTION TO VOTE—(THOMAS/BENJAMIN)—VOTE 18 AYE—PASS.

MOTION TO FUND NTE \$250 for “SMART FUNDING” (A nbrhd, non profit information resource). TABLED.

VNNC TO START A “COMMUNITY GARDEN IDEA” per PRESIDENT’S, WHITE HOUSE’S GUIDELINES. (at pergola, back of VN Courthouse?). MOTION TO VOTE—(THOMAS/WALEKO). VOTE—15 AYE—4 ABSTAIN. PASSED.

PUBLIC COMMENT—Glenn Bailey to urge CIS by VNNC to support COUNCILPERSON WESSON’S motion to “add significant public comment” for nbrhd councils on their own special issues. NC Sustainability Coalition to meet.

MBR LUNA ADDS MOTION TO BUY 21 “ROBERTS’ RULES OF ORDER” (one per VNNC member). HELD OVER FOR PROCESS THROUGH NEXT CYCLE. Discussion on need for microphones.

MEETING ADJOURNED—9-30 PM.

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Respectfully submitted—John Hendry,VNNC Secretary. May 31, 2015.