

MINUTES FROM
VNNC RETREAT
AUGUST 23, 2014
VAN NUYS PUB LIBRARY—6250 SYLMAR
SATURDAY--10-00 am—5-00 pm

THIS IS SPECIAL VNNC “SATURDAY RETREAT”—NOTICE POSTED—PUBLIC INVITED—Mr. Fogler came
AGENDA CONTAINS “CARRY OVER ITEMS” FROM AUGUST GENERAL—some resolved, others not

QUORUM CALL—(11) PRESENT—(2) LATE--PRESIDENT THOMAS (chair), VP BENJAMIN, TREASURER
HOPP, SECRETARY HENDRY, Havard (late), Lazarovitz, Martin, Skelton, de la Cuesta (late), Padden, Lynn,
Merabi, Arzola. Absent—(5) Meyer, Camera, Waleko, Anand, Luna. QUORUM—TO AGENDA.

PUBLIC COMMENT—(R) Hopp on purchase of “Westlaw?” program for “Cal Pub Records Act” issues.
Hendry on 150 replies to “dogshit” in neighbor’s CITY trash cans on Network Neighborhood website,
Hopp on paperbags and liquor sales, Skelton on her experience at a store

SECRETARY’S REPORT—Minutes from August General to be included w/Retreat Minutes for Sept Exec.

TREASURER’S REPORT—(J)Hopp--simple “good shape and continuing till Sept”

AMBER MESHACK. DONE REP,(818-374-9898) ON “TRAINING” FOR ALL MEMBERS (90 minutes)
Ethics training is “required”—go “on line”—or “live” on Sept 4-10-20 at various sites. Meshack’s A-B-
C-D-E-F discussion—Agenda tips, Budget issues, DONE oversight, Ethics issues, “How to” on “Funding”.

Stresses work with “electeds” to increase NC’s ambits, DONE now prefunds \$4K monthly in cycle, a
“funding request form” for every expenditure. Use DONE website w/many support features.

VNNC’s concerns over “bylaws”? DONE imposed certain “bylaws” upon us in 2014—if “issues” w/ 2012
“bylaws”, then ask for change. DONE is for coordination, consistency, answers, bylaws—BONC
(appointed commissioners) may impose their own “oversight”. Discuss “faults” w/our Agendas (less
jargon, more explanation, avoid “serial meetings” to arrange votes, VNNC’s ADA discussion is wrong,
need larger “font” for ADA. “Public Comment” concerns—chair can “shape” “Pub Comment”, group up
speakers w/one speaker, etc. NC’s need a “Master Book”—on the table—at the meeting—w/ Agenda,
supporting materials, past minutes, etc.

The “meeting posting policy” now subject to BONC’s new requirement—primarily “on line”—through
CITY’s “ENS” notification

DISCUSSION LEADS TO A “DROP IN VOTE”--AGENDA 8A—VNNC’S POSTING REQUIREMENTS.
VNNC FOLLOWS BONC’S GUIDELINES—POSTS ONWEBSITE, EMAIL BLAST, CITY’S ENS, POSTING AT 6262
VAN NUYS BL (meeting location). THOMAS/BENJAMIN MOVE TO VOTE. VOTE—13
AYE—PASS.

Meshack adds—Luna, Merabi, Camara, Waleko need ETHICS—Hendry, Lynn, Camara, Luna, Padden
need FUNDING.

BACK TO AGENDA—(carry over from AUG GEN)--14725 SHERMAN WAY—CIS—TO ALLOW FOR 5’
(approx.) FRONT FENCE ALONG SHERMAN WAY FOR NEW HOMEOWNERS. (A DISCUSSION DURING AUG
GEN—BUT QUORUM LOST). MOTION TO VOTE—THOMAS/BENJAMIN. VOTE 12 AYE—1 ABSTAIN. TO DE
LA CUESTA FOR CIS.

CIS FOR PROJECT AT 6532 SEPULVEDA—TEAR DOWN 11 UNIT APT—ADD 57 UNITS. (carry over from AUG GEN—a discussion at AUGUST GEN when QUORUM was lost.) MOTION TO VOTE—THOMAS/BENJAMIN—VOTE 12 AYE—1 ABSTAIN.

MOTIONS 8b—8c—THESE ITEMS DISCUSSED AT AUGUST GENERAL—AND VOTED. DUE TO A LOST QUORUM, ITEMS WERE REPOSTED—AND 8b—8c WERE ADDED BY ACCIDENT.

CIS REGARDING CITY COUNCIL’S PROPOSED “SIDEWALK VENDING LIBERALIZATION”—VP BENJAMIN prepared detailed “NO SIDEWALK VENDING BECAUSE ---” motion. MOTION WAS PRAISED AT VANC (VALLEY ALLIANCE OF NEIGHBORHOOD COUNCILS). MOTION TO ACCEPT BENJAMIN’S LANGUAGE FOR A CIS—THOMAS/MERABI. VOTE—13 AYE—PASS.

MOTION TO CLARIFY “VNNC BYLAWS”. WE SEND OUR “2012 BYLAWS” TO DONE—W/THEIR NEW “STAKEHOLDERS’ DEFINITION”—WE ASK DONE TO DISCUSS ISSUES W/DONE’S 2014 “IMPOSED” BYLAWS. Discussion. MOTION TO VOTE—THOMAS/BENJAMIN. VOTE 11 AYE—2 ABSTAIN.

VNNC TO FUND NTE \$500 THE CONGRESS OF NEIGHBORHOODS SATURDAY, SEPT 20 EVENT AT CITY HALL. A general meeting, CITY reps attend, round tables, etc. Delegates to attend? MOTION TO VOTE—THOMAS/BENJAMIN. VOTE—10 AYE—3 ABSTAIN. DO PASS? SUBJECT TO CHAIR?

ADD TO “NO VENDING CIS” A “NO SIDEWALK BAILBONDS BUSINESS”? Per (R) Hopp. MOTION PUT OVER

CIS—VNNC’S SUMMARY OF THE “SEX TRAFFICKING SUMMIT” MEETING FOR CITY COUNCIL, STATE LEGISLATIVE PRESENTATION. Still working w/Councilperson Martinez on “Johns’ school”, impounding vehicles, extending penalties for “sex w/minor aged prostitutes”. PUT OVER.

LUNCH---

AFTERNOON SESSION—Kelly Tyler, VN Librarian, on “major project” from AMERICAN LIBRARY ASSOCIATION to train her and others to “go out” and “assess” what this community wants and needs—and community perceptions on how to unify and meet those goals.

A wide-ranging forum—open discussion—goals assessment and summary.

ADJOURNMENT—4 PM.

Respectfully submitted—John Hendry, VNNC Secretary. September 1, 2014