

VAN NUYS NEIGHBORHOOD COUNCIL  
MINUTES OF APRIL 11, 2012

MEETING CALLED TO ORDER—7-05 pm. NAVAL SEA CADETS present “The Colors”, Pledge.

QUORUM CALL--PRESENT (11) PRESIDENT WALEKO, VP CORDARO, SEC HENDRY, Camera, Ciccarelli, Guevera, Marez, Padilla, Rodriguez, Thomas, Thompson.  
ABSENT—Treasurer McGhee

THANKS to Ms. MEYERS—appeared to “make quorum”—but was “excused” for another event

QUORUM—PUBLIC COMMENT—Laurette Healey, Assembly candidate. Jerry Martin and METRO no smoking policy, Marez (mbr) on Captain Ratner and Sea Cadets for “community service” and wants plaque on Kittridge/Kester “traffic island improvement”. Thompson (mbr) presents LAPD officers with new US flag for community room.

HONORED GUESTS—Ruben Zaragosa CD 6 w/Brian Galivia. 4/18 scoping by MTA of VN BI “corridor” w/ new interest in Sepulveda BI “corridor”. 4/20 LAUSD district map to be discussed. (Marez asks support to bring back Community Court).

LAPD SENIOR LEADS—SLO Verdin stresses LAPD’s “Sepulveda BI dedicated unit” w/results asks VNNC for \$5,000 for T-shirts in support of “Special Olympics”—Must be “agendized”.

SECRETARY’S REPORT—MINUTES distributed by E-Mail. Discussion? Thompson/Cordaro move to accept. VOTE TO ACCEPT—11 AYE—UNANIMOUS

TREASURER’S REPORT—McGhee still sick, and abroad.

COMMITTEE REPORTS—

Parks/Rec (Marez, Thompson) To do sock hop at Delano Park in June.

Planning and Land Use—Montage Development’s project “on agenda” for later.

Bylaws—Mc Ghee away.

Safety—Work on disaster prep.

Outreach—working the same Marez/Thompson sock hop at Delano Pk.

NEW BUSINESS—MOTION TO CHANGE QUORUM TO 51% of ACTIVE VNNC MEMBERS

Waleko/Cordaro to discuss. Quorum problems discussed VOTE 10 AYE—1 NO (Camara).

\$2500 for UNIFORMS FOR NAVAL SEA CADETS (Magnolia/Sepulveda). Captain Ratner, USN Ret,

discusses community impact, career development for those teens participating.

WALEKO/THOMPSON MOVE TO APPROVE \$2500. VOTE—8 AYE—2 NAY—1 ABSTAIN.

NEW MEMBER PROCESS—With problems making “quorum”, need this process. Form produced by McGhee, Waleko—intend 2 meeting process—“See and be seen”—then vote.

WALEKO/THOMPSON TO DISCUSS. WALEKO MOVES VOTE—11 AYE—UNANIMOUS—PASSES.

LETTER ENDORSING BART REED AND CROSS-VALLEY TO WESTSIDE MASS TRANSIT OPTION.

Bart Reed of Palms NC stresses need for “cross Valley plan”—concerns that Sepulveda Bl may move ahead. Twelve NC’s have endorsed. VNNC ought join. WALEKO/MAREZ DISCUSS. VOTE—10 AYE—1 NO. REQUEST FOR VNNC SUPPORT LETTER PASSES.

(Reed also asks support letter for Plummer St “bus” to Sepulveda Veterans Hospital, and support for Assembly law requiring 3 bikes be carried per transit bus.)

ALSO—be concerned that METRO may take money to do “toll lanes” on I-405.

GRIEVANCE COMMITTEE—Call for volunteers to join the 3. No takers.

MONTAGE DEVELOPMENT—LETTER OF SUPPORT—WALEKO/HENDRY to DISCUSS. Item heard in PLUM (Ciccarelli). Needs support as “blends” Sherman Wy density w/ local nbrhd’s density.

VOTE—11 AYE—1 ABSTAIN. MOTION PASSES—LETTER TO BE DRAFTED.

VNNC BUSINESS CARD—WALEKO/PADILLA. Some members need, some want, others not.

VOTE 9 AYE—1 NAY—1 ABSTAIN. MOTION PASSES.

NTE \$2500 BERNARDI CENTER TABLES AND CHAIRS—WALEKO/THOMPSON TO DISCUSS.

Rhetta Alexander presents. Discussion of funding—Bernardi gets \$143 K, must raise \$33K.

VOTE—11 AYE—MOTION PASSES.

VNNC—UNIVISION SPANISH LANGUAGE COMMERCIALS ON VN BUSINESSES. WALEKO/PADILLA

TO DISCUSS. FIRST—MOVE TO REDEFINE MOTION TO NTE \$10,000. Mariya Menchaca from UNIVISION. Discussion of limited TV commercials in Spanish for Van Nuys. Marez offers \$1000.

VOTE—5 AYE—4 NO—2 ABSTAIN. MOTION FAILS—BUT WITHOUT PREJUDICE.

REMOVAL OF MEMBER LENNY NELSON? Discussion of his absences—notified—removed

CRITICISM OF MEMBER JOHN CAMARA—Discussion of Mr. Camara’s non-attendance—and encouragement of others to stay away from last meeting.

FINAL PUBLIC COMMENT—Nkeone Nwankewo, organizer of Felicity Charter School, seeking support. David Hernandez, Congressional candidate on public events he participates in.

MEETING ADJOURNED—9-15 PM.

Respectfully submitted.

John Hendry, VNNC Secretary, April 19, 2012.

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