

VNNC FEBRUARY MEETING MINUTES

February 13, 2013—BRAUDE CENTER

CALL TO ORDER—7-05 PM—THOMPSON LEADS PLEDGE

QUORUM CALL—PRESENT (13)—PRESIDENT THOMAS, TREASURER WHITE, SECRETARY HENDRY, Aghazarian, Camara, Guevera, Hopp (J), Lazarovitz, Marez, Martin, Meyer, Skelton, Thompson. ABSENT (6)--VICE PRESIDENT BENJAMIN, Ciccarelli, Havard, McGhee, Sandoval, Waleko

QUORUM—PROCEED TO AGENDA

FIRST PUBLIC COMMENT—Joe Rison LADWP on “Coldwater Cyn shutdown” from Ventura to Mullholland, Jason Hill (Young Warriors) thanx for VNNC’s being “first supporter” of youth group, Patricia Marshall on “enjoining prostitutes”, Fogler on VNNC needs “Mayoral debate”, Pearman on all candidates to back “TV of Council from VN City Hall”, Hopp on Treasurer White PRA, Dan Strontiak as candidate for CD 6, Rachel Kosmic on “Soberlink”, Marez (mbr) on “CD 6 election important”

LAPD SENIOR LEADS—Support of “beautification” on Leadwell St (w of VN Bl, n of Sherman Wy)? This Sat? Use a 501-c-3 to “pass thru”? Carbuonoc on 2012 crime stats—down 1%, hope for 5% in ’13. May lose VN Volunteer Center, vital for community projects. SLO Larsen on “homeless issue”—leads a Feb 28 “Clergy Council” at LAPD station.

HONORED ELECTED OFFICIALS AND REPS—Steven Butcher from Assemblyman Nazarian. Open house Feb 21—two bills—one for “tobacco free schools”.

SECRETARY’S REPORT—Move to accept November,” November Special”, and “January”. (thanx to Ms. Hopp for “Jan”). MOTION BY THOMAS/THOMPSON TO ACCEPT . VOTE 12 AYE

TREASURER’S REPORT—Treasurer served with PRA “Meet and confer” by Richard Hopp. Thomas Soong presents a “DONE breakdown” on VNNC books. President offers 5 “outstanding bills” in process--\$250 VN historical plaque, \$2500 New Directions VN Bl grant, \$375 election mail consultant, “Nationwide” Xmas banner, DJ from Hemet. A Feb 28 “full on training” for Treasurer issues, talk on “Leadwell beautification support”, “end of year” means “spend money” w/demand warrant by May 15, or use P-Card. P-Card back.

BEAUTIFICATION OF LEADWELL ST—DISCUSSION—MAREZ MOVES \$1500 THROUGH A 501-C-3 OR SOME SUCH APPROACH. NOTED THAT VOTE TO EXPEND MONEY NOT ON AGENDA—SO TO BE PUT OVER. Group needs our application—their own suggested 501-c-3—not for us to decide. PUT OVER TILL SPECIAL MTG.

PRESIDENT CALLS COMMITTEES TO REPORT—PARKS AND REC—MAREZ, PLUM—MARTIN WISHES TO BE CO-CHAIR, POSSIBLE CANDIDATES FOR VACANCIES—Camille of AL’s Chicken, Taylor for Renter Zone 1, Padilla (fmr member to reapply).

OUTREACH—Skelton says can VN High do “nameplates”, can VNNC do more w/ VN High? MARTIN TO CO-CHAIR PLUM w/ CICCARELLI. THOMAS/ THOMPSON MOVE.

VOTE—13 AYE—APPROVE

VNNC TO HOST 2 TOWN HALL FORUMS FOR CD 6 ELECTION. Open invitations—Strontiak spoke earlier, Cindy Montanez a fmr Assemblyperson and Mayor, City of San Fernando spoke.

METRO SCOPING OF VN TRANSIT CORRIDOR. Upcoming community forums. March 16 at Panorama High, March 19 at San Fernando Aquatic Center, March 21 at Arleta High, 27th at Braude.

DISCUSSION OF 7/11 AT VICTORY/SYLMAR. Owner Paul Annan discusses concern over

his store, management of liquor sales, etc. Offers help to VN High and VN Elementary.

DESIGNATION OF JEFFERY BRILL—DEPARTMENT OF NEIGHBORHOOD EMPOWERMENT—AS CUSTODIAN OF VNNC RECORDS. Discussion—the group has no “custodian”, Mr. Brill agrees to do so. MOTION TO VOTE—THOMAS. LAZAROVITZ. VOTE—11 AYE, 1 ABSTAIN (J.Hopp). MOTION APPROVED.

MOTION TO HIRE APPLE ONE TO “DO” VNNC BOOKS. DONE has serious issues w/ past “VNNC books”—and requires better forensic bookkeeping. MOTION PUT OVER.

PURCHASE CHAIRS FOR BRAUDE MEETING ROOM. NTE \$1,000. Although VNNC is the least of the many groups that “use” Braude Meeting Room, VNNC will try to “push” the replacement of broken chairs. Hopp (R) says “Try ‘LA SHARES’”—other City agencies. Motion to clarify—VNNC will “set aside” the money—look at the issue—and consider later if will spend all, part, or none. MOTION TO VOTE—THOMAS/THOMPSON. VOTE—12 AYE—APPROVED.

LAFD WEIGHTLIFTING SUPPORT—WITH BUDGET AMOUNT—With LAFD Captain absent, ITEM PUT OVER.

VNNC PUBLICITY ON “MOTOR VEHICLE NETWORK”. George Larat, Motor Vehicle Network, has rights to place “ads” on “tv screens” at DMV—discusses—could do some “public service” support of VNNC.

CITY ATTORNEY TO DISCUSS VNNC TIRESLASHING INCIDENTS. No City Attorney present—discussion—members and audience should park at Chase Bank (ne corner VN Bl/ Sylvan) where cameras will record.

CHIP RUDOLPH AND PROBLEMSOLVERS. Ms. Rudolph offers full range of support, creative thinking for small businesses. Would be a natural for Van Nuys and VN Bl merchants. AD HOC BUSINESS COMMITTEE will work w/ Rudolph.

VNNC WEBSITE DISCUSSION—Co-chairs VP BENJAMIN, Mr. Hopp are not present to report.

CALL FOR VOLUNTEERS FOR VNNC BOARD? President reports 3 applications, Mr. Taylor, Camille from Al’s Chicken, Padilla. (fmr member).

LAST PUBLIC COMMENT—Fogler on wishing to join VNNC, Marez (mbr) on “working w/ St Elisabeth’s, Taylor on kind words for Violet, the women set on fire at VN Bl/Sherman Wy, Pearman on “Get Mayor’s candidates to come to VNNC.”

MEETING ADJOURNED. SPECIAL MEETING MAY FOLLOW ON FOLLOWING WEDNESDAY.

Respectfully submitted, John Hendry, Secretary, February 19, 2013.