

VNNC JUNE 2013 MEETING

BRAUDE CENTER

JUNE 12, 2013

MEETING CALLED TO ORDER 7 pm (at conclusion of VNNC SPECIAL MEETING)

QUORUM CALL—PRESENT (14)-- PRESIDENT THOMAS, VP BENJAMIN, TREASURER HOPP, SECRETARY HENDRY, Aghazarian, Anand, Ciccarelli (late), Havard, Lazarovitz, Marez, Martin, Meyer, Skelton, Taylor. ABSENT (5)—Camara, Guevera, Sandoval, Thompson, Waleko.

QUORUM—PROCEED TO AGENDA—

FIRST PUBLIC COMMENT—Fogler on Councilman Zine giving \$50,000 apiece to his “Nbrhd Councils” from “saved office funds”—and Cardenas should do same. Pearman on same—Padden on “St Elizabeth’s vendors” w/Marez offering “no vendor zone”. Aghazarian on “What he learned as VNNC member”—Marez on plaque at Kittridge/Kester.

LAPD SLO—Vince Mora—on crime trends, etc.

GREG BARTZ—LA DWP LIASION—w/materials, presentation

VNNC RECEIVED 4 SEPARATE PRESENTATIONS--

DISASTER PREPAREDNESS—Cheryl Cashman (cheryl.cashman@redcross.org)

Suggests “neighborhood mapping” (a neighborhood organizes, then assesses who has disaster supplies, tools, who would need special help, each house posts “sign” as to “OK” or “need help”. Red Cross would provide video to explain how to do this.

MID VALLEY COUNTY SOCIAL SERVICES CENTER PRESENTATION—Van Nuys BI/Saticoy. LA County will turn existing building—and more land—into a one-stop shop for juvenile and foster care programs. Discussions as to “what services offered”—and expectation that “violent” and those “on medication” will be handled elsewhere.

AMTRAK PRESENTATION—Amtrak officials offer discussion of Van Nuys Station—(Van Nuys/Raymer) which will get second platform, pedestrian tunnel so that 2 trains can stop at Van Nuys at same time. This will improve service—make boarding easier—reduce overall time on the trains. Other discussion on right of way issues, Metrorail service.

LA CITY COUNCIL DISTRICT 6 DEBATE—CINDY MONTANEZ v. NURI MARTINEZ. Candidates offered “equal time” (10 minutes) for statements, and open Q +A with board members, audience. VNNC concern—Montanez offered former VNNC VN City Hall office returned to VNNC if elected.

END OF PRESENTATIONS—BACK TO AGENDA DISCUSSIONS

REPORTS FROM COMMITTEES—PLUM offers “hearing” on “liquor license” at 7/11 at Victory/Tyrone (meets transparency concern as VNNC member Anand owns the store)—and “joint VNNC—SONC hearing” on CENTER BMW.

VNNC CHRISTMAS EVENT—Marez presents. SECRETARY needs additional time to find this “item” in his records.

CENTENNIAL PLAQUE—MAREZ presents—to move new corrected “Centennial Cruise Night plaque” from ARMY/NAVY SURPLUS STORE to Mr. Stanoff’s GENERAL STORE.

THOMAS/BENJAMIN MOVE THE VOTE—VOTE 11 AYE—ITEM PASSES.

MOTION TO REMOVE MEMBER CAT WHITE FOR CAUSE. City Attorney offers “opinion” that White resigned—ITEM TABLED—(open seat may be offered to takers)

VN SISTER CITY PROGRAM—Discussion—an agency helps w/”set up”. HELD OVER.

LETTER OF SUPPORT FOR SKOLNICK/HWANG—A letter to support request for funding

