

VNNC MAY 2013 MINUTES

MAY 8, 2013

BRAUDE CENTER, VAN NUYS

CALL TO ORDER—PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE—QUORUM CALL. PRESENT (15)—PRESIDENT THOMAS (chair), VP BENJAMIN, TREASURER HOPP (late), SECRETARY HENDRY, Anand, Camara, Guevera (late), Havard, Marez, Martin, Meyer, Skelton, Taylor, Thompson, Waleko. ABSENT—(4) Aghazarian, Ciccarelli, McGhee, Sandoval.

FIRST PUBLIC COMMENT—Siegel Adini of Narconon for funding Dec race, Monique Curry of AMTRAK, Marez (mbr) Army-Navy store closing after 62 yrs and wants to honor owner Ben Sussman, R.Hopp on “Bylaws committee” not meeting, Dora from Assmbyman Nazarian on June 8 “Citizenship Fair” at Church on Way, Fogler waves camera at Board (VNNC has videotaped last 3 meetings).

SECRETARY’S REPORT—April minutes sent by E-Mail, copies at desk. MOTION TO APPROVE—THOMAS/BENJAMIN. VOTE TO APPROVE—14 AYE. APPROVED.

TREASURER’S REPORT—Treasurer Hopp presents. Written report. “New Directions” grant in limbo. Approx \$8842.74 in bank, up to \$4,000 available for P-Card.

LAPD SPECIAL OLYMPICS. NTE \$2500. (two votes—first a “no quorum” vote)

PRESIDENT THOMAS, mbr Meyer recuse, VP Benjamin chairs. “Special Olympics and/or camera” per agenda—but LAPD Offer Verdin says “Special Olympics” only. VOTE TAKEN—NO QUORUM—MEETING STOPS--PUT OVER—VOTED LATER as member stepped out, returned later)

BROWN BAG FOUNDATION (for ROCK OF THE VALLEY CHURCH). NTE \$2,000.

BROWN BAG foundation will step in for Rock of the Valley. Discussion. Members Skelton, Waleko say they will “recuse”. MAREZ/ (J) HOPP MOVE TO VOTE. VOTE 7 AYE—2 NO—3 ABSTAIN—2 RECUSE (Skelton, Waleko).

VAN NUYS REC CENTER/DELANO PK FUNDING/ NTE \$3,000. Skelton/Waleko to discuss. (Soccer league funding). Funding “pass-through” Kiwanis Club? If so, they’ve added a “computer” beyond VNNC’s “stipulations”. “Table”? No, stipulate “ONLY FOR SOCCER, ONLY FOR THE REC CENTERS, NO COMPUTER” THOMAS/BENJAMIN CALL FOR VOTE. VOTE—14 AYE—PASS.

FUNDING OF VNNC OUTREACH—NTE \$5,000. Thompson presents. MOVE TO ENCUMBER \$5,000 FOR VNNC CONTINUING OUTREACH. THOMAS/MAREZ MOVE TO VOTE. 12 AYE. PASSES.

MAYOR’S CITIZENSHIP WORKSHOP. NTE--\$360.00 Waleko presents. At Church on Way. WALEKO/MAREZ MOVE TO VOTE. 13 AYE—PASSES

LAPD SPECIAL OLYMPICS. NTE--\$2500. Discussion—this is a “Special Olympics” vote—and not the possible “camera vote”. LAPD continues support—World Special Olympics will be held in LA in 2015. A re-vote after quorum regained. PRESIDENT THOMAS, mbr Meyer recuse. VP BENJAMIN “chairs” the vote. BENJAMIN/THOMPSON MOVE TO VOTE. VOTE—11 AYE—1 ABSTAIN—2 RECUSE (Thomas, Meyer)

HEAVEN AND EARTH CAT SANCTUARY. NTE--\$2500.00 Matt Vance of group presents. Cat sanctuary. VNNC might get “name recognition”. WALEKO/THOMPSON MOVE TO VOTE. VOTE—14 AYE.

DELANO PARK RECOGNITION FOR MONICA BENAVIDES. Marez moves for “letter of support” for plaque for Ms. Benavides on baseball diamond as strongest supporter for Delano Pk. Collected 1350 signatures for this. THOMAS/BENJAMIN MOVE TO VOTE. 14 AYE. PASSES.

RE-DEFINE OPEN VNNC SEATS TO FILL THEM. Discussion of absent members White, McGhee, ask them to vacate? “Youth seat” can be filled by non-youth till next election. Instead-- new motion to allow Marez, Anand to “trade seats”—Marez from “Commercial” to “Non-Profit”—Anand “Non-Profit” to “Commercial”. Revised motion. THOMAS/BENJAMIN MOVE VOTE ON SEAT SWAP. VOTE—11 AYE—PASSES.

HORSES FOR SF VALLEY—No presenter.

MARY MAGDALENE—Donna Daniel (Sherman Wy/Haskell) looks for funding for October 5 walk, 500 participants. Invited to return through VNNC process.

PRESIDENT ANNOUNCES TENTATIVE JUNE 3 “EXECUTIVE COMM”—JUNE 12 MEETING.

NO VENDOR ZONE. Marez discusses St. Elizabeth’s vendor problems—LA Cathedral has a “no vendor zone”—City could discuss, structure a “no vendor zone”--- Marez asks VNNC to authorize him. MAREZ/ANAND MOVE TO VOTE. VOTE—14 AYE—PASS.

BOARD RESOLUTION--ROLLOVER LEFTOVER VNNC FUNDS TO CITY’S CONGRESS OF NEIGHBORHOOD COUNCILS (upcoming this summer). THOMAS/WALEKO MOVE TO VOTE. 14 AYE. PASSES.

BOARD RESOLUTION--ROLLOVER OF LEFTOVER VNNC FUNDS TO MAYOR’S BUDGET ADVISORY PANEL. Waleko proposes for NC sponsored “interaction with Mayor, department heads” to propose City budget alternatives. THOMAS/BENJAMIN MOVE TO VOTE. VOTE—13 AYE—PASSES.

VAN NUYS SISTER CITY—President Thomas. A “Sister City Organization”, a 501-c-3, can “match” cities. Hendry suggests “Van Nuys, Indiana” as possibility.

ADD 2 MEMBERS TO EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE. Marez proposes to add Lazarovitz, Camara. Tabled.

REIMBURSEMENT FOR BOARD OFFICERS—To pay photocopies, etc. Thomas/Marez move to vote. VOTE 11 AYE—1 ABSTAIN (Anand).

PLAQUE @ KITTRIDGE/KESTER ISLAND w/VNNC PRESIDENTS’ NAMES?? (Marez) Had been a continuing VNNC project—plaque can be justified but dropping names of VNNC Presidents could be compromise.

RITZ CALVO -- VNNC PHOTOGRAPHER—Skelton presents. THOMAS/BENJAMIN MOVE TO VOTE—VOTE—11 AYE—APPROVED.

BUSINESS COMMITTEE—Skelton on VNNC member plaques for desks, business cards for members.

WEBSITE UPDATE—R. Hopp, VP Benjamin. President states “Benjamin and Hopp complete authority over VNNC website”.

CALL FOR NEW BOARD MEMBERS. No volunteers.

BEAUTIFICATION COMMITTEE—General discussion.

LAST PUBLIC COMMENT—Fogler, Marez.

ADJOURNMENT. Respectfully submitted.

John Hendry, VNNC Secretary

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