VAN NUYS NBRHD COUNCIL

JANUARY 8, 2014

BRAUDE CENTER

6262 VAN NUYS BL

MEETING CALLED TO ORDER—7-05 PM. Dora of Assemblyman Nazarian's office led PLEDGE. QUORUM CALL—(13) PRESENT—PRESIDENT THOMAS, TREASURER (J) HOPP, SECRETARY HENDRY, Anand, Camara, de la Cuesta, Guevera, Lazarovitz, Marez, Martin, Meyer, Skelton, Waleko.

ABSENT (6) Aghazarian, Ciccarelli,

Havard, Sandoval, Taylor, Thompson. (Ms. Havard, it is reported, husband, and our condolences are offered.)

QUORUM-PROCEED TO AGENDA.

FIRST PUBLIC COMMENT—Israel Cruz on "parks in undeveloped areas"—seeks to "inventory" vacant lots for "pocket parks" per a Jan 9 forum, Ms. Padden on mannekins along VN Bl and their removal, (Richard) Hopp re DAILY NEWS ad sponsored by VNNC for election and its ADA compliance issues and only "web" access, Pearman on current issues, Marez, Guevera, Camara (mbrs) and Piper on cooperation between St Elizabeth's and Rock of the Valley's food banks. serving up to 2000.

SECRETARY'S REPORT—DECEMBER 2013 MINUTES—concern that "public copies (I0) be offered at meeting"—MOVE TO APPROVE—THOMAS/MAREZ. VOTE—13 AYE. PASS. (Hendry also adds—VANC is Thu following—)

TREASURER's REPORT--\$14,053.45 on hand. Issue-- "VNNC photographer files \$3100 bill for services" w/o any previous vote. After discussion, move to put the "photo bill" to Feb 5 EXEC COMM. MOTION TO APPROVE TREASURER'S REPORT-VOTE 9 AYE—1 NO—3 ABSTAIN. APPROVED.

PRESIDENT CALLS ON COMMITTEES TO REPORT--

PUB SAFETY, RECS AND PARKS (pass)

BUDGET AND FINANCE—Valley Fam Justice (tabled), SECRETARY's petty cash (put over), VP's purchases approved --GOV RELATIONS—get VNNC the office—OUTREACH BUDGET ADVOCATES—Dr. Wiseman promotes Brandon Pender 818 881 8340 as BUDGET ADVOCATE for SE VALLEY.

CITY COUNCILPERSON PAUL KORETZ-scheduled but pass. MAYOR PAUL TANAKA, GARDENA (candidate for LA County Sheriff) absent.. CITY ATTY SAYS—No "time" for candidates, unless a "debate format".

BONC COMMISSIONER LYDIA GRANT—reps the N Valley but wanted to "wave the flag" everywhere (818-470 6629) (Lydia.grant@lacity.org) –wants all NC's to post liaison to Dept Public Works

ASSMBYLMAN NAZARIAN—Dora Esparza on "child car seat safety" Jan 25 9am-1 pm 13300 Burbank Bl

FIRE STATION 39—Fmr Pres Waleko allowed to co-chair. Waleko states a site at Friar/Cedros (now a church) was better and not considered, and that neighbors want fire station there (petition of 26-4), while neighbors at Oxnard?Vesper site oppose. AUDIENCE POLLED AS PUBLIC COMMENT—15 POLLED—12 TO TAKE FRIAR/CEDROS, 3 FOR OXNARD/VESPER. Among those polled, Jim Dantona, CD 6 rep stated CITY's case—site is right, studies are within limits. Jeffrey Linn for "homeowners"—350 signatures against, poor CITY prep work, bad sound reporting. Meyer suggests "How can we just give the FS to some other neighborhood?" MOTION BY THOMAS/MAREZ THAT THAT VNNC'S TASK FORCE SUGGEST A CIS (Community Impact Statement) THAT. FIRE STATION 39's NEW SITE BE MOVED FROM

OXNARD/VESPER TO FRIAR/CEDROS OR SUITABLE ALTERNATIVES. Vote—8 AYE —3 NO—2 ABSTAIN. MOTION PASSES—CIS TO BE WRITTEN.

ALIZA SMITH, INDEPENDENT ELECTION ADMINISTRATOR AND GLEN BAILEY, CITYWIDE ELECTION ADMIN ON UPCOMING VNNC ELECTIONS. Filing for candidates through Feb 4. Smith@213-910-3491. VNNC's "vote by mail", which VNNC wants to rescind, must be discussed by FEB 2014 AGENDA. (SECRETARY finds no "revocation" in DEC 30 SPECIAL.)

FUNDING FOR VALLEY FAMILY JUSTICE CENTER—Tabled.

SECRETARY'S SUPPLEMENTAL FOR OFFICE WORK—Tabled by City Atty for lack of "specificity".

VNNC VICE PRES' AUTHORIZED PURCHASES—sent for "revote" by CITY HALL.

PURCHASE \$217.99 (videocamera) MOTION (THOMAS/MAREZ). VOTE II AYE —PASS PURCHASE \$71.37 (cords, etc)

MOTION (THOMAS/BENJAMIN) VOTE 11 AYE—PASS

PURCHASE \$41.42 (cassettes, dvd) MOTION (THOMAS/LAZAROVITZ) VOTE 11 AYE—PASS

VNNC TO SHIFT WEBHOSTING FROM GO-DADDY TO WORDPRESS. TABLED.

VNNC ELECTION OF JAMES PIPER TO SENIOR SEAT. Discussion as to "too close to election to choose" (election in MARCH). With IEA Smith and Bailey offering aid, vote held. MOTION (THOMAS/MAREZ) VOTE 5 AYE—6 ABSTAIN. CANDIDATE NOT ELECTED—SEAT REMAINS OPEN.

PLUM CHAIR—de la CUESTA TO REPLACE CICCARELLI? Discussion on Ciccarelli's absences—need for continuing work. MOTION would remove Ciccarelli as "chair" but not from "VNNC board". MOTION TO VOTE—(THOMAS/LAZAROVITZ)—VOTE 8 AYE—1 NO—2 ABSTAIN. De la CUESTA NEW PLUM CHAIR.

HOLIDAY EVENT—Marez presents. Some 2500 toys given away—Naval Cadets thanked—but "criticism" of the "VN Bl holiday displays". After DONE's insistence for 2 checks, vendor paid all in one check, then delayed 20 days to put up displays. Many disappointed—and suggest different vendor, different approach at Xmas 2014.

FINAL PUBLIC COMMENT—Jack Lindblad, Panorama City NC member—candidate for State Senate. Aliza Smith on DAILY NEWS ad—the "group effort" to raise turnout, and a "Valley town hall" on crime at the Braude forthcoming.

ADJOURNMENT

Respectufly submitted—John Hendry, VNNC Secretary, 1/26/14