

VAN NUYS NBRHD COUNCIL
JULY 9, 2014 MEETING
6262 VAN NUYS BL

Meeting called to order by PRESIDENT THOMAS at 7-05 pm. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE, Brian Kay, Boy Scout Troop 49. QUORUM CALL—(18) PRESENT—PRESIDENT THOMAS, VP BENJAMIN, TREASURER HOPP, SECRETARY HENDRY, Havard, meyer, Lazarovitz, Martin, Guevera, Skelton, Anand, de la Cuesta, Padden, Lynn, Luna, Merabi, Arzola. ABSENT (2) Waleko, Camera.

QUORUM PRESENT—ON TO AGENDA—

SECRETARY'S REPORT—June Minutes by E-Mail, copies on table. Discussion? MOTION TO APPROVE—THOMAS/BENJAMIN. VOTE—17 AYE—PASS.

TREASURER'S REPORT—No funding as "between fiscal yrs"—need "new budget". Dept Pub Works to meet at Braude on "Children's Museum". "Budget Advocates" and "Budget Day" moved up into Aug. Spent \$672.46—clean up of past budget issues while other monies frozen.

FINANCIAL REPORT—AND BUDGET RECONCILIATION—MOTION TO VOTE—THOMAS/BENJAMIN. VOTE—17 AYE—0 NO—DO PASS.

PUBLIC COMMENT—Norma Rosen (Sylmar/Burbank) on City's destroying her yard to do "handicapped curb"—Lilliam de laLoza-Guitterez is METRO Valley Transit Coordinator @213-922-7479, Roland Guevera (mbr) is "resigning", Julio Anlev of LAUSD, Javier Hernandez and Jamie Garcia on "Stop LAPD Spying Coalition" would return to present and ask "letter of support". Fogler on videoconferencing, Anand (mbr) on his "new 7—11 ownership" @Sherman Wy/Hazeltine, Marez says Father Rudolfo at St Elizabeth died—food bank to be named for him.

COMMITTEES CALLED TO REPORT—OUTREACH—Skelton on VN Pk druggies, work on "missing", asking for cleanup targets. PLUM—GOV'T AFFAIRS joint mtg on Jul 15. Mayor adds VN BI (Victory to Oxnard) as "Great Streets" project. VNNC Bylaws—DONE claims we did at 2014 revision—no—we stand on our 2012 bylaws. De la Cuesta (chair, PLUM) invites to go to NC's citywide planning forum, and invites those to contribute thru "Kickstarter" to fund his "Broad Minded City documentary" as needs 50 K—deadline Aug 10. (Shertzer asks about her "negative CIS" on 6908 Cedros project). PUB SAFETY—organizing "Sex Trafficking Summit".

REPORTS FROM ELECTED OFFICIALS—Guillermo from CD 2—movies in district thru Aug—big effort to clean up Civic Center (thanks us—promises more). Dora from Assmblmbr Nazarian on "Cal Driver's License Forum" for undocumented at Church on Way, blood drive at Rock of The Valley Sept 5.

NEW BUSINESS—COHOST NAZARIAN "DRIVERS' LICENSE FORUM" FOR UNDOCUMENTED—AUGUST 15—CHURCH ON THE WAY.

CHILDREN'S DAY—AN EVENT AT VN GOVT CENTER—(considered 3rd Sunday in Aug)—MOTION TO PUT OVER FOR BETTER SCHEDULING.

REPLACE VN BLVD "VAN NUYS NC BANNERS"—DISCUSSION WITH SCOTT GREENWALD, AMGRAPH BANNERS (potential supplier). THERE ARE 183 BANNERS CURRENTLY—50% IN GOOD CONDITION—SO HOW MANY? AMGRAPH kept VNNC's permits current for all locations. Discussion. PRESIDENT THOMAS OFFERS COMPROMISE—61 BANNERS AT \$8254.71—LOCATIONS TBA. MOTION TO VOTE—THOMAS/BENJAMIN. VOTE 10 AYE—1 NO—4 ABSTAIN. ITEM PASSES.

RETREAT DISCUSSION--FOLLOWING ITEMS ARE TO USED AS AGENDA FOR RETREAT—THEN REPORTED BACK TO VNNC BOARD FOR ACTION—AS REQUIRED BY DONE

APPROVE NEIGHBORHOOD COUNCIL SELF ASSESSMENT FOR FISCAL YEAR 2013-2014
APPROVE NEIGHBORHOOD COUNCIL STRATEGIC PLAN FOR FISCAL YEAR 2014-2015
APPROVE NEIGHBORHOOD COUNCIL OUTREACH SURVEY FOR FISCAL YEAR 2014-2015
APPROVE NEIGHBORHOOD COUNCIL BUDGET FOR 2014-2015
APPROVE NEIGHBORHOOD COUNCIL BOARD VOTE FORM (re—passing the budget)

IN ADDITION—ETHICS, FUNDING TRAINING OFFERED BY DONE REP--

WHEN FOR RETREAT? VOTE TO SET RETREAT FOR AUGUST 23, VN PUBLIC LIBRARY, GOV'T CENTER.
Discussion. MOTION TO VOTE—THOMAS/BENJAMIN. VOTE—15 AYE—RETREAT APPROVED.

VNNC TO DO CIS (COMMUNITY IMPACT STATEMENT SENT TO CITY COUNCIL FILE) ON CITY'S "MEDICAL MARIJUANA POLICY". TO EQUALLY APPORTION 9 LICENSES TO EACH OF THE 15 COUNCIL DISTRICTS.
Discussion of City's failure—hundreds of illegal pot shops. Discussion as whether the "9 per district" fits the "voter mandate" to limit "licenses" but "grandfather" certain pre-existing shops no matter what CD they might be in. MOTION TO VOTE—THOMAS/BENJAMIN. VOTE—11 AYE—1 NO—3 ABSTAIN.

CIS ON "LIVING WAGE FOR HOTEL WORKERS" FOR CITY POLICY CONSIDERATION. Would make wage \$15.00 hour for most workers. Discussion. MOTION TO VOTE—THOMAS/BENJAMIN. VOTE—3 AYE—10 NO—2 ABSTAIN. MOTION FAILS.

TO MAKE KAMBI MERABI VICE CHAIR OF VNNC PUB SAFETY COMM. Discussion. MOTION TO VOTE—THOMAS/LAZAROVITZ. VOTE 13 AYE—2 ABSTAIN (THOMAS, MERABI). MERABI ELECTED.

TO TRY TO OBTAIN MARILYN MONROE STATUE—AND PLACE AT ORANGE LINE PLAZA—VN BL AT ORANGE LINE. Discussion w/ METRO rep mentioned previously—mbr Martin working w/ METRO. DISCUSSED--PUT OVER PENDING FUTURE PROGRESS ON ISSUE.

AD HOC COMMITTEE TO HELP MUSEUM OF SF VALLEY GET SITE (possibly FIRE STATION 39 in VAN NUYS) MEHRABI TO CHAIR—members to be called later. MOTION TO VOTE—THOMAS/BENJAMIN. VOTE 13 AYE—2 ABSTAIN. PASSES.

THE VAN NUYS BL NORTH OF VANOWEN CLEANUP COMMITTEE—Marez to chair. Perhaps new merchants (Starbucks) may help. PUT OVER AS CONTINUING.

ADJOURNMENT—9-30 pm.

Respectfully submitted—John Hendry, VNNC Secretary, August 4, 2014.