

VAN NUYS NBRHD COUNCIL

MARCH , 2014 MEETING

6262 VAN NUYS BL

MEETING CALLED TO ORDER—7-05 PM.

(BEFORE THE MEETING—A “VNNC CANDIDATES’ FORUM FOR UPCOMING MARCH 22, 2014 ELECTION was held—chaired by former VNNC President James Cordaro. All candidates running for office did attend—were offered opportunity to speak and respond.)

QUORUM CALL—THEN TO LA COUNTY SHERIFF CANDIDATES DEBATE—PRESENT (13)—PRESIDENT THOMAS, VP BENJAMIN, TREASURER HOPP, SECRETARY HENDRY, Camara, de la Cuesta, Guevera, Havard, Lazarovitz, Marez, Martin, Meyer, Skelton. ABSENT (6)---Aghazarian, Anand, Ciccarelli, Taylor, Thompson, Waleko. QUORUM PRESENT—MOVE TO SHERIFF’S DEBATE.

LA COUNTY SHERIFF’S DEBATE UNDER STIPULATED VNNC RULES—6 candidates here out of 7 possible-(Gomez, Tanaka, McDonald, Vince, Helmell, Olmstead—Rodgers absent)--2 min open—2 min closing for every candidate, 5 questions from VNNC members asked to all candidates on alternating L to R, R to L, 5 questions from public asked to all in alternating order—2 min close

Asking questions—Pres Thomas, VP Benjamin, mbrs Marez, Skelton, Havard—Jim of “Highway Robbery.net” on red light cameras, for public Maria Alexander and Donna Pearman.

THIS DEBATE VIUDEORECORDED BY VNNC VP BENJAMIN, also by LA TV stations, members of the press, candidates’ aides and others.

15 MINUTE RECESS AFTER DEBATE—SO CANDIDATES, FRIENDS, TV CREWS CAN CLEAR THE ROOM.

VNNC RETURNS TO AGENDA—SECOND QUORUM CALL—PRESENT (12)—PRESIDENT THOMAS, VP BNEJAMIN, TREASURER HOPP, SECRETARY HENDRY, Camara, de la Cuesta, Havard, Lazarovitz, Marez, Martin, Meyer, Skelton. ABSENT—(7) Aghazarian, Anand, Ciccarelli, Guevera, Taylor, Thompson, Waleko.

PUBLIC COMMENT—Dora Esparza of Assmblmbr Nazarian on “small businessman of yr”?, Guillermo of CD 2 office on “aviation career day” May 2, DWP billing, Raymer St bridge, et cetera, Marco Santana for Cong Cardernas on March 29 “workshops” at last day of “Affordable Health Care Act qualifying”. Lydiia Grant of BONC on “getting out vote” and “volunteers” for NC elections, Glenn Bailey as Citywide Election Coordinator, Kelly Tyler of VN Library on “Law Week” (Ap 28-May 2), prospective 50th anniversary of VN Library (Ju) as big event. Jorge Castaneda of “Nextdoor” nbrhd organizing site, Camara, Juan Gonzales of SoCalGas on “smart meter installation”, Fogler and Pearman.

SECRETARY’S REPORT—FEB 2014 MINUTES distributed, for vote. DEC 30 SPECIAL MINUTES pending. MOTION TO APPROVE FEB MINUTES—THOMAS/MAREZ MOVE—VOTE 12 AYE—APPROVED.

TREASURER’S REPORT—Balance \$12,297.17 (approx.). Still waiting DAILY NEWS “VNNC

election ad” bill for pymt. A photographer who offered to “shoot” VNNC submitted “invoice”—many questions to amount, product, value.

TREASURER’S RECONCILLATION VOTE—MOTION —THOMAS./BENJAMIN. VOTE 12 AYE—PASS.

CIS TO SUPPORT COUNCILPERSON BLUMENTHAL ON CITY’S WORK ON FEDERAL “NO CONTRACTING WITH IRAN, DIVESTMENT OF CITY PORTFOLIO OF IRANIAN-CENTERED HOLDINGS”. Discussion. Is this “beyond VNNC’s range”? MOTION TO VOTE—THOMAS/BENJAMIN. VOTE—5 AYE—2 NO—5 ABSTAIN. MOTION FAILS.

CIS—(COMMUNITY IMPACT STATEMENT)—5746-5750 SEPULVEDA BL—SUPPORT ACTION TO REPLACE MOTEL W/LA QUINTA MOTEL. Discussion—community involved? Yes—Perea, O’Connor from POSO (Part of Sherman Oaks). Concerns over demolition, construction traffic. May 22 in CITY PLANNING. MOTION TO VOTE—THOMAS/MAREZ. VOTE 11 AYE—PASS.

CIS—SUPPORT OF 5700-5720 SEPULVEDA PROJECT. ERIC LIBERMAN PRESENTS FOR THE PROJECT. PLUM SUPPORTS—NEIGHBORS SUPPORT w/NO HALBRENT ACCESS. UP TO 131 UNITS. DISCUSSION OFFERED BY DEVELOPER BUT NOT REQUIRED. MOVE TO VOTE—THOMAS/MAREZ. VOTE 11 AYE—1 ABSTAIN (SKELTON). PASS.

STIPULATE WHO DOES “CIS” (COMMUNITY IMPACT STATEMENTS) FOR VNNC. DONE REQUESTS—SUGGESTS MORE SHOULD BE DONE. PRESIDENT THOMAS BY RIGHT, HENDRY AND BENJAMIN VOLUNTEER. MOVE TO VOTE—THOMAS/HENDRY. VOTE—10 AYE—2 ABSTAIN (Marez, Camara).

FRIDAY, FOURTH OF JULY 2014 CELEBRATION IN VN CIVIC PLAZA—PRESIDENT THOMAS discusses—COUNCILPERSON MARTINEZ wants event and will help. VALLEY CULTURAL CENTER can help provide bands, special community groups. THOMAS TO LEAD—ASKS SKELTON, MEYERS HELP.

VN PARKING COMMITTEE—COUNCILPERSON MARTINEZ wants “community input” to fix “overmetering” at VN CIVIC CENTER and adjacent commercial. “Parking long enough to attend to IRS, courthouse, CITY permits but not to ruin any nascent VN nightlife.” Guillermo Martinez, CD 2, as “contact”. HENDRY TO CHAIR—others to join? THOMAS/BENJAMIN MOVE TO VOTE. VOTE—12 AYE—PASS.

CANDIDATES’ FORUM—“For the record”—event for 2014 VNNC ELECTION held before this meeting—

VIDEOCONFERENCING—BRING BACK REMOTE ‘PUBLIC COMMENT’ FOR CITY COUNCIL FROM VN CITY HALL. NTE--\$999.00 AND AS PRORATA BETWEEN THE VALLEY’S 34 NEIGHBORHOOD COUNCILS. Glen Bailey, Encino NC and VP of VANC would help “carry” valleywide. Fogler and Pearman speak. MOVE TO VOTE—THOMAS/BENJAMIN. VOTE 11 AYE. TREASURER ASKED FOR OFFICIAL DONE TALLY SHEET. DO PASS.

TO MOVE VNNC FROM “GoDaddy” to “WORDPRESS”—NTE \$600.00—(estimates at \$518.50) VP BENJAMIN, mbr de la CUESTA ARE CHAIR. MOVE TO VOTE—THOMAS/BENJAMIN. VOTE 12 AYE.

LAST PUBLIC COMMENT—Fogler, Pearman on “videoconferencing, accountability of City Council{“. Mbr MAREZ on a heated discussion behind members w/MAREZX, BENJAMIMN, LAZAROVITZ re another mbr
MEETING ADJOURNED— 11 PM.

Respectfully submitted—JOHN Hendry, VNNC Secretary, April 4, 2014.