

VAN NUYS NEIGHBORHOOD COUNCIL EXECUTIVE MEETING
July 7, 2016

MEMBERS PRESENT:

Maria Skelton
Howard Benjamin
John Camera
Veronica Marin
Jason Ackerman
Quirino de la Cuesta
John Hendry
Jeffrey Lynn
Jacob Lynn
Jerry Martin
Jeremy Pessoa
Marcela Rodriguez

ABSENT MEMBERS:

George Thomas
Stacey Rains
Paul Anand
Austin Noll
Kathleen Padden
Steve Friedmann

The meeting was called to order at the top of the hour. **PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:** The pledge of allegiance was suspended.

PUBLIC COMMENT: Public comment was made by Richard Hopp, Donna Pearman, Jason Ackerman, Jeffrey Lynn, and Candido. Candido thanked Quarino and the Board for helping out with the transition. He also said that John Hendry always comes up with good ideas. Donna voiced her concern about local establishments going out of business. She stated that she would like to see the Council bring businesses back to Van Nuys. Jason moved that the Executive Board agendize a list of favorite Van Nuys restaurants/businesses and Jeffrey seconded it. Richard stated that he sent the public records act request to DONE. DONE told Richard that they need more time. Jason said he's been working with the Controllers Office to increase the Council's spending limit. Jeffrey stated that it is only fair that the Council have some kind of professional space for its office, like other neighborhood councils. He concluded that the Council should agendize the discussion of office space. Jeffrey then moved to agendize an election to fill the empty nonprofit seat.

6a: The President moved that the Executive Board move Item A to the Consent Calendar; it passed unanimously.

6b: The President moved that the Board move Item B to the Consent Calendar; it passed unanimously.

6c: The President moved that the Board move Item C to the Consent Calendar; it passed unanimously.

6d: The President moved that the Board move Item D to the Consent Calendar; it passed unanimously.

6e: The President moved that the Board move Item E to the agenda for the General Meeting on July 13, 2016; it passed unanimously.

6f: The President moved that the Board remove Item F from the agenda and send it back to the LIC Committee; it passed unanimously.

6g: The President moved that the Board move Item G to the agenda for the General Meeting on July 13, 2016; it passed unanimously.

6h: The Vice-President explained that the consent items have to go through the committee first. If even one member is opposed, it gets pulled from the Consent Calendar. And if someone submits a commend card on the item, it will get pulled, as well. The committee process can also pull an item for discussion. Candido asked that the Executive Board push Item H back a month, in the interest of the public. The President suggested that the Board push Item H back to the Bylaw Committee. The item went to vote and was hung—Jeffrey Lynn and John Camera in favor, Jeremy Pessoa and Jason Ackerman opposed. Jeffrey then suggested Item H be brought to the Council as an informational item; it passed unanimously.

7(I): Committee Definitions. The Vice-President briefly spoke on and explained the new definitions.

7(II): Quarino asked the Vice-President to explain the difference between the two measures. Jason explained that one measure is for City Council, and that the other measure is for all the other commissions within the jurisdiction of City Hall. The President moved that the Board move Item II to the agenda for the General Meeting on July 13, 2016; it passed unanimously.

Public Comment: Public comment was made by Maria Skelton and Candido. Maria wished to clarify that the mixup with her committee meeting was due to the fact that she was sending emails to the wrong individual. Candido took a moment to thank Marcela Rodriguez for attending the meeting.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at approximately 7:40pm.

Jeremy Pessoa, Secretary

