

**VAN NUYS NEIGHBORHOOD COUNCIL MEETING
MAY 11, 2016**

MEMBERS PRESENT:

George Thomas
Howard Benjamin
Stacey Rains
Veronica Marin
Josef Lazarovitz
Jason Ackerman
Paul Anand
John Camera
Quirino de la Cuesta
John Hendry
Jeffrey Lynn
Jacob Lynn
Jerry Martin
Penny Meyer
Kathleen Padden
Jeremy Pessoa
Maria Skelton

ABSENT MEMBERS:

Steve Friedmann
Austin Noll

The meeting was called to order at the top of the hour. **PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:** The flag salute followed. **ROLL CALL:** The roll was taken and a quorum achieved with 17 members present.

PUBLIC COMMENT: Public comment was made by the following individuals: Miriam Fogber, Donna Pearman, Richard Hopp, Jose Navarrete, Kathy Schreiner, Robina Suwol & Ankur Patel (CA Safe Schools), Brenda Villanueva (NCADD-SFV), Susana Carmena (SBCC), Herman Cox (Mid Valley Youth Club), and Candido. Richard Hopp spoke on Agenda Items 4 and 5, and Jose Navarrete introduced the idea of having a summer music event at the Civic Center.

NEW BOARD MEMBER: Newly elected board member Veronica Marin was sworn in.

TREASURER'S REPORT: Howard advised the council on the spending that was made in the month of April. Specific amounts spent were included.

8a: A vote was held to officially elect a Council President. Jeffrey Lynn won the seat by 9 votes, with 7 opposed and one recusal.

8b: A vote was held to officially elect a Council Vice President. Jason Ackerman won the seat unanimously, with 17 votes in his favor.

8c: A vote was held to officially elect a Council Secretary. Jeremy Pessoa won the seat with 16 votes.

8d: A vote was held to officially elect a Council Treasurer. Stacey Rains won the seat unanimously, with 16 votes in her favor.

8e: A vote was held to officially elect a Council Parliamentarian. Paul Anand won the seat with 16 votes.

8f: The Council President saw it necessary to appoint a Council Assistant Parliamentarian. John Hendry was appointed to the seat.

8g: The Council President saw it necessary to appoint a Council Sergeant-At-Arms. Jacob Lynn was appointed to the seat.

8h: The Council President saw it necessary to appoint a Chairman of the Public Safety Committee. Josef Lazarovitz was appointed to the seat.

8i: The Council President saw it necessary to appoint a Chairman of the Parks & Recreation Committee. John Camera was appointed to the seat.

8j: The Council President saw it necessary to appoint a Chairman of the Budget & Finance Committee. Veronica Marin was appointed to the seat.

8k: The Council President saw it necessary to appoint a Chairman of the Planning & Land Use Committee. Quirino de la Cuesta and Steve Friedmann were both appointed as Co-Chairmen.

8l: The Council President saw it necessary to appoint a Chairman of the Government Relations/ Rules & Bylaws Committee. Paul Anand was appointed to the seat.

8m: The Council President saw it necessary to appoint a Chairman of the Outreach Committee. Maria Skelton was appointed to the seat.

8n: The Council President saw it necessary to appoint a Chairman of the Education Committee. Stacey Rains was appointed to the seat.

8o: The Council President saw it necessary to appoint a Chairman of the Sustainability Committee. John Hendry and Jerry Martin were both appointed as Co-Chairmen.

8p: The Council President saw it necessary to appoint two Budget Representatives. Howard Benjamin and Jeanette Hopp were both appointed as Budget Representatives.

8q: The Council took a vote to support the June 4th Animation Walk with a donation not to exceed the amount of \$500. The item passed by 14 votes, with one abstention and one recusal.

8r: The Council formally recognized the outgoing officers of the VNNC with a standing ovation and round of applause.

8s: The Council discussed the topic of making the trashcans on Van Nuys Boulevard a priority.

8t: The Council took a vote to support the Mid Valley Youth Club with a donation not to exceed the amount of \$2,500. The funding would help replace the MVYC's uniforms and equipment. The item passed unanimously with 15 votes.

8u: The Council took a vote to adopt the language of the Van Nuys Regional Rail Infrastructure Resolution (VNRRIR2016) and support the resolution as a full council. The item passed by 11 votes, with 2 abstentions and 1 recusal.

8v: The Council took a vote to oppose the Repeal of the Second Dwelling Unit Conditional Ordinance by the City and issue a Community Impact Statement (CIS) in opposition to CPC-2016-1245-CA. The item passed by 13 votes, with one abstention. The language of the motion is as follows:

“The Van Nuys Neighborhood Council opposes the fast-tracking of draft ordinance CPC-2016-1245-CA and requests that City Planning study the impacts and consequences. The VNNC authorizes Quirino de la Cuesta to speak on behalf of the board to oppose the fast-tracking of switching to that state's standards.”

8w: The Council took a vote to support the May 14th Van Nuys Community Cleanup with a donation not to exceed the amount of \$250. The item passed by 13 votes, with one abstention.

8x: The Council discussed the topic of scheduling ethics and funding training for current and newly elected Council-members.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at approximately 10:00pm.

Jeremy Pessoa, Secretary