VAN NUYS NEIGHBORHOOD COUNCIL MEETING
September 14, 2016

MEMBERS PRESENT:

Steve Friedmann
Paul Anand
Marcela Rodriguez
Veronica Marin
Josef Lazarovitz
Jason Ackerman
Maria Skelton (late)
John Camera
Quirino de la Cuesta
John Hendry
Jeffrey Lynn
Jacob Lynn
Jerry Martin
Penny Meyer
Kathleen Padden
Howard Benjamin

ABSENT MEMBERS:

Jeremy Pessoa
Austin Noll
George Thomas
Stacey Rains

The meeting was called to order at 7:00pm. **PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**. **QUORUM CALL:** The roll was taken and a quorum achieved with 17 members present at the time.

PUBLIC COMMENT: Public comment was made by the following individuals: John Camara, Maria Garcia, Francesca Vega, Kathleen Padden, Richard Hopp, Miriam Folger, Dr. Wiseman, Candido Marez, Jason Ackerman, and Juan Enrique. Camara spoke on the upcoming Lymphoma Walk to be held October 8th at the Warner Center. Garcia spoke on Economics for Women and Vega (CSUN) announced the upcoming "Feria de Educacion" to be held on October 15th from 10am-3pm. Hopp informed the Council that he sent a PRA to Miss Quinn (DONE) with regard to the VNNC's p-card limit. Folger commented on the need for videoconferencing and Padden commented on the trash that is building up along Van Nuys Blvd. Dr. Wiseman called for a motion for citywide action that will address street parking concerns and Ackerman informed the Council that both the Public Safety Committee and the Sustainability Committee are not meeting. Lastly, Enrique from the Van Nuys Community School requested 500 VNNC nags for their health fair.

TREASURER'S REPORT: The report was delivered by Second Signatory Howard Benjamin. Benjamin reported that no money was spent the past month and that the balance was $36,833.19

-The Board took a vote to sustain the Treasurer's Report; it passed unanimously with 17 votes in favor.

-The Board took a vote to agendize Dr. Wiseman's petition to put "On-Street parking Concerns" on September's agenda. (Dr. Wiseman claimed a 2/3 vote of the Board could do this, but

skeptics questioned its legality.) A vote was nevertheless taken with 10 in favor, 6 opposed, and 1 abstention. Outcome: the item was not agendized.

-There was a motion from Jay Handal (Budget Advocate) that the VNNC guarantee a "5 Minute Window" for Budget Advocate time. This was a consent item and it passed with no objections.

-Two candidates for the VNNC Nonprofit seat: Wendy Molina and Jeanette Hopp. There was a question as to the qualification of Hopp, but the President moved that there be a call to vote. The vote would be on whether to "qualify" Hopp or not and this vote was to be postponed until the return of the Secretary. Nevertheless, there was a vote to proceed with the election for the Nonprofit seat and the result was 6 in favor and 11 opposed. Outcome: it was determined that the election be postponed until the October General Meeting.

-There was a motion from Howard Benjamin that all committee agendas first pass through the Executive Committee so that content may be reviewed and challenged, if need be. The motion was referred to the Bylaws Committee.

-The Board heard a presentation on a 5-story mixed-use building located at 6600 Van Nuys Blvd. (Northeast of Van Nuys and Kittridge). The presenter was seeking a Community Impact Statement (CIS), which was followed by discussion. There was a motion from President Lynn on whether to do the CIS, which was seconded by Paul Anand. The item passed unanimously with 17 votes in favor.

-There was supposed to be a presentation on a major apartment project at La Tapatulcheca, but there was no one present to speak on the issue. So the Board proceeded to move on to the next agenda item.

-The Board discussed the Thanksgiving Event that was to be organized by the Outreach Committee. There was a motion that general support—without funding—be considered until the item can be revisited later on for further discussion. There was a vote to move the item to the Consent Calendar and it passed unanimously with no opposition or objection.

-There was a funding request for the upcoming Valley Disaster Preparedness Fair, Not to Exceed (NTE) $2,500. However, the required documents had not yet been completed. Nonetheless, there was a motion to fund on the premise that the fair is an ongoing event with history. The Board took a vote to approve the funding request and get the required paperwork completes ASAP. The item passed with 13 votes in favor, 1 opposed, and 6 abstentions.

-The Board discussed the idea of having the VNNC authorize payment hire assistance to aid the Treasurer and Secretary. There was a motion from the President to take the item to vote, which was seconded by Howard Benjamin. A vote was taken with 1 vote in favor, 9 opposed, and 3 abstentions. Outcome: the motion did not carry.

-There was a motion from President Lynn to call for a vote to demand that DONE raise the P-Card daily spending limit to $2,500, which was seconded by Howard Benjamin. It was decided that this be a vote by affirmation. After polling the members of the board, the item passed unanimously with no opposition or objection.

-There was a discussion with Council District 2 Representative Sahag regarding a "Clean Streets Initiative" for the CD2 segments of Van Nuys. Sahag asked if the Board would be willing to help with "clean-ups" and support with funding. It was decided that this be a vote by affirmation. After polling the members of the board, the item passed unanimously with no opposition or objection.

-There was a discussion regarding the Country General Store and a celebration commemorating 50+ years of business in Van Nuys. The party would be held sometime in November or December, on the corner of Van Nuys and Sylvan. There was a motion to move this item to the Consent Calendar and it was decided that this be a vote by affirmation. After polling the members of the board, the item passed unanimously with no opposition or objection.

-There being no further business, there was a final motion to adjourn the meeting.

These minutes were drafted by John Hendry, VNNC Secretary Emeritus and submitted by Jeremy Pessoa, Secretary.