

VAN NUYS NEIGHBORHOOD COUNCIL MEETING  
April 8, 2015

MEMBERS PRESENT:

George Thomas  
Howard Benjamin  
Jeanette Hopp  
Matti Asgarian  
Quirino de la Cuesta  
Marilyn Havard  
Daniel Luna  
Jeffrey Lynn  
Jerry Martin  
Penny Meyer  
Austin Noll  
Kathleen Padden  
Charles Robbins  
Maria Skelton  
Derek Waleko

ABSENT MEMBERS:

Paul Anand, exc  
John Camera, exc  
John Hendry, exc  
Josef Lazarovitz, exc  
Kambiz Merabi, exc  
Stacey Rains, exc

The meeting was called to order by the chair, at 7:03 p.m. The Pledge of Allegiance followed.

**ROLL CALL:** The roll was taken by the acting secretary, Jeanette Hopp, and a quorum of 15 members was established.

**PUBLIC COMMENT:** Sandy Logan spoke to us about her group who speak to and train merchants in the sale of alcohol in an effort to prevent sales to underage individuals. **LIBRARY:** Mr. Hazley spoke to us about workshops provided by the library; such as AARP tax preparation assistance free-of-charge. They have a teen movie series every Saturday. They are gearing up for their summer reading program,

Van Nuys High School students spoke to us about fund raising. They want to attend LA Trade Tech. Then they qualify to attend a state university. They dropped off a packet at my home pertaining to a funding request. We would like to have it reviewed for next year's budget.

Daniel Luna spoke about a piece of legislation that was passed by the city council to set-up a Grievance panel, which can decertify a neighborhood council, remove an individual, etc.

Brenda invited us to her office for an upcoming event.

**CITY ATTORNEY:** Tamar Galatzen, Deputy City Attorney spoke to us about a variety of problems she encounters in our neighborhood. She is assigned to work with Van Nuys P. D. Many of these are quality of life issues. She is working on removing the homeless people surrounding the Civic Center. Many of these people are shelter resistant. Illegal vending, especially in front of St. Elizabeth's is a major issue, but she has not gotten much cooperation from the pastor. There is a lot of prostitution and narcotics dealing going on in our neighborhood. Some businesses are not following their CUP's. A