

VNNC GENERAL MEETING
APRIL 9 , 2014
6262 VAN NUYS BL

MEETING CALLED TO ORDER 7—05 PM. ATTENDANCE -50-. NORTH VALLEY MILITARY ACADEMY PRESENTS COLORS—PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE.

QUORUM CALL—(OLD BOARD--NEW MEMBERS OF BOARD WILL JOIN LATER) PRESENT—(14) PRESIDENT THOMAS, VP BENJAMIN, TREASURER j HOPP, SECRETARY HENDRY, Anand, Camara, de la Cuesta, Guevera, Havard, Lazarovitz, Marez, Martin, Meyer, Waleko. ABSENT—(5) Aghazarian, Ciccarelli, Sandoval Taylor, Thompson. QUORUM—PROCEED TO AGENDA.

FIRST PUBLIC COMMENT—Major John Wells of N.Valley Military Academy to explain his group's purposes. Multiple speakers against Fire Station 39's "moving"—(Secretary wants to give all "credit") Jan Tribeca, Michael Temple, Mario Acosta, Antjhomy Greco, David Cowing, Henry Liu., Michele David, Dick McGarvin, Mike Tribeca, Zarek Daid, Paula Klein, Rowena, Stephanie Sandoval, Beverly Simpson, Mary Beth Swartzemberger. Giavonna Maronga, Shane Fox, Other speakers—Marez (mbr)St Elizabeth's Can Drive Ap 27.murals,Fogler wants people to "Go Downtown" on "videoconferencing, Pearman as well, Dora from Assmblmbr Nazarian.

SWEARING IN OF NEW MEMBERS TO VNNC BOARD—Newly elected members are President George Thomas, Quirino de la Cuesta, Penny Meyer, Maria Skelton, Joseph Lazarovitz, former President Derek Waleko, Jeffrey Lynn, and Jerry Martin. Leaving the board are members Candido Marez, Mr. Aghazarian, Indra Ciccarelli, Richard Taylor, and Herbert Thompson.

OUR WELCOME OFFERED TO NEW MEMBERS—AND THANKS OFFERED TO DEPARTING MEMBERS.

NEW MEMBERS INVITED TO BE SWORN IN BY COUNCILWOMAN NURY MARTINEZ.

COUNCILPERSON MARTINEZ ADDS REMARKS ON "LOCAL ISSUES"—special emphasis on "Sepulveda Bl prostitiution" w/"LAPD sweeps", AND "Mary Magadlene community groups" intervention. Also examine why CITY gives "business permits" to illegal "marijuana stores". Audience insists for a "Fire Station 39 comment"—and Councilperson says "Would talk to mitigate problems—but supports site." One irate person charges podium—but LAPD intervenes.

SECRETARY's REPORT—DEC 2013 SPECIAL MINUTES, MARCH GENERAL MINUTES OFFERED.
DEC 2013 SPECIAL—THOMAS/LAZAROVITZ MOVE TO VOTE. VOTE—14 AYE—1 ABSTAIN—PASSES.
MARCH MINUTES----THOMAS/BENJAMIN MOVE TO VOTE—VOTE—12 AYE—2 ABSTAIN—LYNN RECUSES

TREASURER's REPORT—Treasurer provides "scoreboard sheet"--\$654 out--\$11,000 balance but "pending" will reduce "available" to \$4000 (approx). Amber Meshak of DONE in attendance, works w Treasurer, agrees we are in "good order". Bill for photographer Ritz Calvo open to discussion. TREASURER'S RECONCILLATION APPROVED? MOVED FOR VOTE (THOMAS/BENJAMIN). VOTE—14 AYE—(LYNN RECUSES). PASS.

ELECTION TO SENIOR SEAT—Three candidates-Kathleen Padden, James Piper, Miriam Fogler. Lydia from BONC says "no restrictions on anyone running". MOVE TO VOTE BETWEEN THE THREE (THOMAS/BENJAMIN). VOTE—PADDEN (5), PIPER (4), FOGLER (1), ABSTAIN (5).

SECOND RUNOFF VOTE. SENIOR SEAT—PIPER WITHDRAWS. PADDEN, FOGLER REMAIN. MOTION TO VOTE—THOMAS/BENJAMIN. VOTE—PADDEN (5). FOGLER (4), ABSTAIN (5). PADDEN WINS.

FOURTH OF JULY CELEBRATION, VN PLAZA. THOMAS offers discussion. Valley Councilpersons will offer booths. Valley Cultural Center can provide acts. Suggests a “NTE \$2500” budget item vote to show our interest—w more specific budgeting to come. ANAND/SKELTON TO CO CHAIR AN AD HOC COMMITTEE. Ms. Tyler of Library has permits. Questions?—food?—sales of items?—“Taste of VN”? Treasurer “thinks” \$4642 budget limit. MOTION TO VOTE—THOMAS/WALEKO. VOTE 15 AYE—PASS.

LA ALLIANCE FOR A NEW ECONOMY—(CIS FOR HOTEL WORKER MINIMUM WAGE RAISE). Roy Savan presents for the union. Says a \$10 hour minimum wage can be legislated—enforced—simply for hotel workers—and that will have no effect on business. Member WALEKO is strong sponsor. MOTION TO VOTE (THOMAS/WALEKO) –VOTE 9 AYE—4 NO—2 ABSTAIN. MOTION PASSES. CIS (LETTER OF SUPPORT) TO BE WRITTEN.

CONDITIONAL USE PERMIT FOR ALCOHOL—“PIZZA REV”—5608 VAN NUYS BL. Greg Taylor presents. VNNC PLUM approves. Beer and wine, 11 AM to 10 PM, in support of pizza biz. MOTION TO VOTE—THOMAS/BENJAMIN. VOTE—13 AYE—1 NO (Skelton)—1 ABSTAIN (j Hopp)

AMBER MESHAK—DONE—AND ETHICS TRAINING FOR NEW MEMBERS—This was to be 90 minutes—but late hour postpones. APRIL 26 ETHICS TRAINING—9 am BRAUDE. ETHICS AND FUNDING TRAINING certificates last 2 years.

VIDEOCONFERENCING (LIVE TALK-BACK PUB COMMENT FROM VN CITY HALL). PRESIDENT THOMAS attempted to contact all 34 VALLEY NC’s for support—may have to deputize “ambassadors” to visit every NC to promote. VANC is dark for “mixer”. PRESIDENT DECLARES ITEM PUT OVER.

BANDIT TAXI S AND THEIR BUSINESS CARDS DISTRIBUTED THROUGHOUT VAN NUYS—Discussion. PUT OVER.

LA BIKERY—A nonprofit group promoting biking, bike events, fixing bikes at a 14413 VICTORY BL (VN BL/VICTORY BL) Group in trouble making its \$300 monthly rent—raises concerns—VNNC won’t fund a group that can’t even stay open.. INVITED TO NEXT EXEC COMM MTG—MAY 5—ASKED TO LOOK FOR OTHER SOURCES BUT INVITED BACK. (valleybikery.com)

VNNC TO HELP FUND VANC MIXER AT CBS STUDIOS. NTE--\$500.00. VANC, the “Valley Alliance of Neighborhood Councils” holding “mixer” for “newly elected” and all NC members. MOTION TO VOTE—THOMAS/WALEKO. VOTE—15 AYE—PASS.

VNNC DISASTER PREPAREDNESS MEETING—Event scheduled as “Special Meeting, April 30, BRAUDE”. Staci Gurlich of Homeland Security, LAPD, Mayor’s rep, Cheryl Cashman (a previous VNNC guest from Red Cross).

VNNC CIS (Communiy Impact Statement) ON FIRE STATION 39 NEW CONSTRUCTION AND LOCATION. LYNN PRESENTS. CITY offered new “negative mitigated impact statement” in FEB 2014—so another “objection” is in order—if members wish. TREASURER HOPP asks new member LYNN to recuse. Discussed—so noted. Nbrhd petition has 509 opposed. LYNN MOVES—“VNNC OPPOSED TO FIRE STA 39 AT OXNARD/VESPER, MOVE TO FRIAR/CEDROS, OR SUCH OTHER LOCATION AS CITY WISHES”. MOVE TO VOTE—BENJAMIN/WALEKO. VOTE—8 AYE—5 NO—2 ABSTAIN. MOTION PASSES.

VNNC TO REAPPROVE NTE \$2500 FOR OUTREACH (previous OUTREACH budget) MOTION TO VOTE—(THOMAS/BENJAMIN). Vote—15 AYES—PASS.

VAN NUYS REC CENTER EASTER EVENT—NTE \$2500. ALYSA WHITE PRESENTS. A “Spring Easter Egg Hunt”. Not timely—can’t be done by Easter—but Ms. White discusses her “agenda” as new director—is invited to return with other such projects.

ISSUES WITH RITZ CALVO. Mr. Calvo volunteered to do photography several months ago. Members wanted discussion on his work, expenses—invited him. He did not come. Members open to his returning.

NO VENDING ZONE AROUND ST ELIZABETH’S—Fmr member Marez presents. CD 6 Council staff (Dantona, Martinez) working with him—as yet certain problems w”legal authority”, “language” on a sign, getting signs, etc. Continuing.

DELANO PARK AND HONOR TO MS BENAVIDEZ—CD 6 office would agree to “credit” Monica Benavidez w/plaque for her role as “founder” of DELAND PARK REC CENTER. Marez would do party. MUST PASS PARKS AND REC (?), AND LA CITY COUNCIL.

FINAL PUBLIC COMMENT—Miriam Fogler, Donna Pearman, Maria Skelton (mbr) says she resigns “Second Signatory”. Candido Marez (fmr mbr), Lydia from BONC on CITY’s “Save Our Streets” project book distributed to VNNC>

MEETING ADJOURNED---11-15 pm.

Respectfully submitted—John Hendry, VNNC Secretary, April 20, 2014