

VAN NUYS NEIGHBORHOOD COUNCIL  
GENERAL BOARD MEETING  
6363 VAN NUYS BL  
DECEMBER 10, 2014

Meeting called to order—7-05 PM. Presentation of colors by Troop 114, Boy Scouts. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE by Michael Armando. QUORUM CALL—PRESENT (17)-- PRESIDENT THOMAS (chair), VP BENJAMIN, SECRETARY HENDRY, TREASURER HOPP, Havard, Meyer, Lazarovitz, Martin, Skelton, Camera, Waleko, Anand, de la Cuesta, Padden, Luna, Merabi, Raynes. ABSENT (1)—Lynn.

QUORUM—PROCEED TO AGENDA. Ms Arzola has resigned. Vote totals vary—new members added.

PUBLIC COMMENT—Alexenko on what VNNC should be doing—Pearman on busses—Marez—K Ortega (fmr mbr) on Jumbo Tacos (VN Bl/Victory)—Fogler—reps from domestic violence program along Oxnard (wanted funding, will present papers).

SECRETARY's REP—OCTOBER, NOVEMBER 2014 MINUTES presented. MOTION TO APPROVE (2 VOTES) OCTOBER MINUTES – MOVED THOMAS/LAZAROVITZ—VOTE 14 AYE—1 ABSTAIN--APPROVED NOVEMBER MINUTES—MOVED THOMAS/LAZAROVITZ—VOTE 14 AYE—1 ABSTAIN—APPROVED.

TREASURER's RECONCILIATION—PRESENTED SCOREBOARD—was \$27,000—now dwn to \$20,000—VNNC shirts, jackets bought, distributed. VOTE TO ACCEPT TREASURER's RECONCILIATION—MOVED THOMAS/BENJAMIN. VOTE—16 AYE—UNANIMOUS—PASS

LOS ANGELES ZOO DIRECTOR—John Lewis gave a 15 minute presentation—took questions.

CINDY MONTANEZ—(extended public comment)—candidate for CD 2 against Councilmbr Martinez. Spoke—did Q and A—will return to debate Martinez for the election

PRESIDENT CALLS ON VNNC CHAIRS TO REPORT—PUBLIC SAFETY—gun buyback Masonic Temple, LAPD toy drive driven by SLO's choosing. OUTREACH—Skelton brings Ms. Price--VN High, Mr. Melesian—Reseda High. Also brought Rev Thomas, Community Based Algebra Group, a focused math camp.

CIS IN OPPOSITION TO 14926 KITTRIDGE—GROUP HOME FOR TRANSITIONING TEENS—FOR A CIS?—Monica Alexenko presents “motion to oppose” group home in total—and no variances. Adds a “vote of no confidence” in VNNC's concern. Mr. Robbins says “small project” and would not ask for “variances”. PRESIDENT THOMAS counters that she insults those she asks for help. Discussion—Mr. Robbins of Village Family Services defends his project. MOTION FOR CIS PUT OVER—PENDING MS ALEXENKO's ACCEPTANCE OF Milder LANGUAGE.

CIS FOR DEVELOPMENT AT 7337=7347 HAZELTINE—TO RD 1.5 ZONE. VNNC's PLUM approves—Kathy Novak opposed—says “no final plan” circulated to neighbors. PRES THOMAS suggests “move the issue”, hold the developers for the discussed modifications before giving them a letter. MOTION TO VOTE—THOMAS/BENJAMIN. VOTE—13 AYE—PASS.

DONE REQUESTS VNNC TO SELECT 5 MEMBERS ELIGIBLE TO WRITE COMMUNITY IMPACT STATEMENTS. Discussion—volunteers are Thomas, Luna, Benjamin, Merabi, Hendry, de la Cuesta (as PLUM). All accepted. MOTION TO VOTE—THOMAS/LUNA. VOTE—13 AYE—PASS.

MOTION TO ASK GOVT CENTER TO HELP CREATE NATALIE WOOD BOTANICAL GARDENS—  
To do this adjacent to VN Gov't Center w/ cooperation of the various parties. MOTION TO VOTE—  
THOMAS/BENJAMIN. VOTE—12 AYE—1 NO—PASS

CEDROS @ OXNARD “ON STREEET PARKING” CONCERNS—Neighboring residents want all option (2 hr parking, parking zone, etc) in opposition to SFVCMHC office and business. PUT OVER—NEIGHBORS DISCUSSING—DISCUSSIONS WITH COUNCILMAN LA BONGE.

MARILYN MONROE ORANGE LINE STATION—Suggestion to name VN's station for “native daughter”, METRO, while naming NH sta for Yaroslavsky, says Monroe not a “transit figure”. So—name station for Amelia Earhart? PUT OVER FOR MORE WORK.

CIS FOR 15600 VANOWEN—CONVERSION OF REC ROOM TO LIVING UNIT. PUT OVER.

“COMMUNITY CONVERSATIONS WITH COFFEE”—VNNC to work with Kelly Tyler, VN Librarian, on doing 3 “coffees” in January 2015 on assessing community goals and moving toward action.

VNNC PROPERTY INVENTORY—DONE requests VNNC action on an “inventory”—action to recover “lost items”. “Lost items” identified. discussed. Former mbr Marez presents items, asks for a “Hopp inventory” for reference. Dispute as to his authority to act for VNNC. MOTION THAT VNNC INVOLVE CITY ATTY AND LAPD IN RECOVERY. MOTION TO VOTE—LUNA/BENJAMIN—VOTE—11 AYE—PASS.

MOTION TO REIMBURSE TREASURER HOPP (NTE \$575) FOR PROJECTOR. Bill presented. MOTION TO VOTE—THOMAS/BENJAMIN—(TWO VOTES—FIRST—10 AYE—w/QUESTION OF QUORUM A SECOND VOTE—SECOND VOTE 11 AYE). SECOND VOTE SUFFICIENT TO PASS—PASS.

CALL TO FILL VACANT VNNC SEATS? TWO SEATS—MS ARZOLA's NON PROFIT—ANOTHER NON PROFIT. Charles Robbins of Village Group Home volunteers. Hendry raises concern that Robbins' 14926 Kittridge group home project and public opposition ought require him not to run—and board not tRo vote on him. MOTION TO VOTE—ROBBINS ELECTED. JOINS PANEL—JOINS SUBSEQUENT VOTES.

SECOND NON PROFIT SEAT—Member Mr. Luna, challenged for his current seat, resigned, joined “Friends of VN Library”, qualifies now for second NON PROFIT seat. MOTION TO VOTE—VOTE—LUNA ELECTED--REJOINS PANEL.-

MOTION TO ADJOURN—10—00

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Resectfully submitted—by John Hendry, VNNC Secretary, JANUARY 4, 2015