

VNNC GENERAL MEETING
MARCH 11, 2015
6262 VAN NUYS BL

MEETING CALLED TO ORDER—7 PM. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE by mbr Luna. QUORUM CALL—PRESENT (14)—PRESIDENT THOMAS (chair), VP BENJAMIN, SECRETARY HENDRY, TREASURER HOPP, Lazarovitz, Martin, Skelton, Camera, Anand, Padden, Lynn, Luna, Rains, Robbins. LATE—(2) de la Cuesta, Merabi. EXCUSED (2) Havard, Meyer. (New members added—vote totals will vary.)

QUORUM—PROCEED WITH AGENDA.

PUBLIC COMMENT-HENDRY ON VN's 104th birthday, Gwen Lara on "Community Appreciation Day" in courthouse courtyard, Sandy Logan on NCADD funding (vote following), Rick Hernandez (fmr mbr) on return of "Farmers' Market" (maybe Fridays 6am-4pm) and w/letter to Councilperson Martinez, Pearman on "No on 1 and 2", Peter Fogler on \$25 to get "handicapped ticket" cleared, Dan Guss on "Animal Control" irregularities, Lydia Grant (BONC commissioner) on getting NC's to comment on "on line voting"—especially an "opt in—opt out" option, Dora of Assmblmbr Nazarian on upcoming "self defense" seminars, Dirigo on "marijuana smoking in apts" as hazard to others, T. B rown on "New Directions for Youth" cleanup.

ELECTION OF NEW MEMBERS—(Prospectively would fill all 21 positions)

AUSTIN KNOLL SEEKS YOUTH SEAT. Is 16—could serve but not vote on "contracts, money issues". Homeschooled but community conscious. MOVE TO ELECT—(THOMAS/BENJAMIN)—VOTE 15 AYE—1 ABSTAIN. ELECTED—JOINS PANEL.

MATTI ASGARIAN SEEKS RENTER AT LARGE SEAT. Climate advocate,, attended other VNNC meetings. MOVE TO ELECT—(THOMAS/BENJAMIN). VOTE---15 AYE—1 ABSTAIN. ELECTED—JOINS PANEL.

AMANDA MEJIA—MAYOR'S OFFICE—Mayor's "State of the City" April 14 at CSUN. RSVP.

NEW BUSINESS—MONEY ISSUES.

PAINT THE "WOODMAN WALLS" (Woodman undercrossing of Metrolink). NTE--\$1500.00. PREVIOUSLY DISCUSSED. MOTION TO VOTE—THOMAS/BENJAMIN. VOTE 15 AYE—3 ABSTAIN. PASS.

TREASURER'S REPORT—Simply "general report"—approx \$7,000 left. REPORT BUT NO VOTE.

—VNNC TO JOIN WITH CONGRESSMAN CARDENAS FOR MARCH 21 IMMIGRATION SUMMIT--- PANORAMA HIGH SCHOOL—CONGRESSMAN GUTIERREZ, (D-TEX) ALSO.. A sign of support—not a "financial commitment". MOVE TO JOIN—(THOMAS/BENJAMIN). VOTE—16 AYE—2 ABSTAIN. PASS.

BRENDA BARNETTE—DIRECTOR—CITY ANIMAL SERVICES DEPARTMENT—GUEST SPEAKER. Offers info on vouchers, programs to spay and neuter, "save rate" is up to 73% from 57%. Some 74 officers in dept.

VNNC TO FIX VAN NUYS LAPD STATION'S WOMEN'S LOCKER AREA—NTE \$2500. PRESIDENT THOMAS RECUSES—VP BENJAMIN CHAIRS. Also Lazarovitz, Merabi "recuse" as members of MidValley Police Council. No LAPD members here. Indifferent support w/o the recused members, (Delano/Vesper) so "tabled".

SANDY LOGAN OF NCADD (alcohol, drug advocacy and counseling service) (Delano/Vesper) REQUESTS NTE \$1,000 FOR "DRUG AWARENESS TOOLKIT" (booklets, pamphlets, etc). Discussion. MOTION TO APPROVE (THOMAS/BENJAMIN)—VOTE—16 AYE—PASS.

VNNC TO ANNEX AREA N/ SHERMAN WAY, E/ WOODMAN TO TUJUNGA WASH? This is an “orphan area”(not in any neighborhood council area) now concerned over large apt complex on Woodman. Panorama City President Tony Wilkinson also offers “Panorama City’s interest to adopt”. Glenn Bailey offers discussion—i.e.VNNC needs demonstrable “outreach”, two “postings/votes” w/ one for “looking at process to adopt” THEN “willingness to adopt”—all subject to DONE’s supervision. Community members taking part in discussion. In a sense—this is “30 day notice” of “formal action”. POST ON WEBSITE FOR EVERYONE TO SEE.

MOTION TO START PROCESS—(THOMAS/ANAND)—VOTE—18 AYE—PASS.

CHOOSE VNNC MEMBERS FOR CSULA’s PAT BROWN INSTITUTE “CIVIC UNIVERSITY”. THOMAS PASSES—RAINS AND HENDRY VOLUNTEER SUBJECT TO VOTE. NO OTHER CANDIDATES. MOTION TO APPROVE—(THOMAS/BENJAMIN)—VOTE 17 AYE—RAINS. HENDRY APPROVED.

MOTION TO DRAFT SUPPORT LETTER—CALIFORNIA SB 163 (HERTZBERG) . A “ballot sent to all registered voters” before election. Discussion. MOTION TO VOTE—THOMAS/BENJAMIN. VOTE—14 AYE—1 NO—1 ABSTAIN. LETTER TO BE DRAFTED.

LETTER TO DOT (DEPT TRANSPORTATION) ON RESIDENT-REQUESTED PARKING RESTRICTIONS ON 5900 CEDROS. Neighbors have organized—have petitions. “Cornerstone” needs to acknowledge. PLUM CHAIR de la Cuesta will “carry”. MOTION TO VOTE—THOMAS/BENJAMIN. VOTE—17 AYE—PASS.

CITY AND ABC SUPPORT FOR LIQUOR LICENSE—7755 SEPULVEDA BL. PLUM chair de la Cuesta presents. Issue has come back again and again. Concern that liquor may be acceptable—but VNNC wishes this very much “downplayed” in signage, display, et cetera. TABLED.

7354 WOODMAN LARGE 86 UNIT APARTMENT COMPLEX. This complex not in VNNC—but JUST “across Woodman” and is “motivation” for the “orphan area” e/Woodman, n/Sherman Way and w/Tujunga Wash to “join VNNC”. Neighbors present to question Mr. Navarre, rep of owner/builders. Claimed a “by right” project. FURTHER DISCUSSION TO NEXT VNNC PLUM COMMITTEE MTG—(FOR Councilmbr Krekorian) (and perhaps, back to VNNC again).

14918 MARTHA SMALL UNIT SUBDIVISION—(200 ft nw of Burbank and Kester). PUT OVER.

VIDEOTAPE SHOWS START OF A ROLLCALL—RULED OUT-OF-ORDER BY CHAIR.

14305 SHERMAN WAY—VNNC SUPPORT LETTER TO CLEAN UP GENERAL PLAN PROBLEMS—TO TURN CHURCH ON WAY’s EXCESS PARKING INTO DEVELOPABLE PROPERTY FACING SHERMAN WAY. Discussion. MOTION TO VOTE—THOMAS/BENJAMIN. VOTE—12 AYE—2 ABSTAIN. APPROVED.

PUBLIC COMMENT—Lou Bageliato on “paper waste solutions”—a businessman in Long Beach, PANORAMA CITY NC PRESIDENT TONY WILKINSON on pending “on line neighborhood council voting” and suggests that VNNC should bifurcate elections making only one seat “open” for those who simply “affirm” they “wish to vote” in Van Nuys—leaving all other seats open for those who “can prove they can vote in Van Nuys”. Glenn Bailey again on the “self-affirmation issue”—questions that “on line voting” may have a “registration process” that may or may not work and that DONE may simply “mandate” everyone participate—so that lobbying for an “opt in—opt out” option is important.

ADJOURNMENT—11-00 pm

Respectfully submitted—John Hendry, VNNC Secretary, March 30, 2014