

VAN NUYS NEIGHBORHOOD COUNCIL
MINUTES, MAY 14, 2014
6262 VAN NUYS BL

MEETING CALLED TO ORDER—7 PM—PRESIDENT THOMAS gives Pledge. QUORUM CALL-- PRESENT (13)—PRESIDENT THOMAS (CHAIR), VP BENJAMIN, TREASURER HOPP, SECRETARY HENDRY, Camara, de la Cuesta, Guevera, Havard, Lazarovitz, Martin, Meyer, Skelton, Walenko. ABSENT (2)—Anand, Lynn
QUORUM 13—PROCEED TO AGENDA.

(VOTE TOTALS CHANGED—4 NEW MEMBERS—PADDEN, LUNA ADDED , SWORN, AND VOTED—MERABI, ARZOLA ELECTED-- NOT SWORN—DID NOT VOTE.)

PRESIDENT'S COMMENT—Sex trafficking summit—July 30, 2014—here—Councilperson Martinez' sponsorship

PUBLIC COMMENT—Rubina on Fire Station 39's CITY COUNCIL PUB WORKS COMM meeting—"no warning" for opposition—complaints on Ms. Hopp's representing VNNC's vote to Council (?). Several others on this—Beverly Simpson, April Simpson, Jan Tribeca, Darlene Maronga. Fogler and Pearman on "VN City Hall videoconferencing, Marez on St Elizabeth's food drive (2 months worth of food gathered)

SECRETARY'S REPORT—APRIL 2014 MINUTES (less further research of FS 39 vote)—MOVED TO APPROVE/THOMAS-BENJAMIN. VOTE—12 AYE—1 NO (SKELTON)-- APPROVE

TREASURER'S PRESENTATION—Hopp offers "dashboard sheet" as EXEC—VNNC BALANCE was \$11,443—LESS \$3643 expenses—now \$7988 BALANCE. MOTION TO ADOPT—THOMAS/BENJAMIN. VOTE TO ACCEPT—12 AYE—1 ABSTAIN (Waleko). APPROVED.

CITY COUNCIL OFFICE PRESENTATION—Linda Levitan, Guillermo Martinez from CD 2. May 31 cleanup—interest in Civic Center area—powerwash—new sod—DWP's help w/drought resistant planting. "New Directions" will double "graffiti patrol"—changing parking meters in VN—Marez asks on "Benavides plaque as godmother of Sylvan Park Rec Center.

FILL VNNC COMMERCIAL SEAT—KAMBIZ MERABI volunteers. Owns business, and apartments. MOTION TO ELECT (BENJAMIN/LAZAROVITZ (?). VOTE—11 AYE—1 RECUSE (THOMAS)—1 ABSENT. ELECTED.

FILL VNNC RENTER AT LARGE SEAT—DANIEL LUNA volunteers. Qualifies—did run in last VNNC election. MOTION TO ELECT—THOMAS/BENJAMIN. VOTE TO ELECT—13 AYE—ELECTED.

FILL VNNC NON PROFIT SEAT—LIZETTE ARZOLA from " New Economics for Women"—(not present). MOTION TO ELECT—THOMAS/BENJAMIN. VOTE—9 AYE—2 NO—2 ABSTAIN —ELECTED.

SWEAR IN NEW MEMBERS—Padden, Luna—and did vote. Merabi and Arzola not sworn—didn't vote.

FUND "VALLEY BIKERY" (Victory @VN BL) NTE \$999. A "collective" that encourages bike ridership, self-help to repair bikes. Funding for continuation, and as co-sponsor of "People Street" (City's adaptive reuse of City streets, medians) and "Ciclavia" (closing streets for special "bicycle Sundays"). MOTION TO APPROVE—THOMAS/.BENJAMIN. VOTE—15 AYE.

STREET VENDING AD HOC COMMITTEE FOR ST ELIZABETH'S (and possible CITY STREET VENDING ORDINANCE). Tabled for improved language—an d Council office support.

FUND "SPECIAL OLYMPICS T-SHIRTS"—NTE \$2500--FOR VN LAPD OFFICERS "TORCH RUN" THRU "MIDVALLEY POLICE COUNCIL" --- Discussion. Various VNNC members also serve on "MidValley Police Council"—and will "recuse" themselves.

PRESIDENT THOMAS "recuses"—VP BENJAMIN CHAIRS. Members Lazarovitz and Meyer also "recuse". MOTION TO VOTE—BENJAMIN/LUNA. VOTE—12 AYE—3 RECUSE. (THOMAS, LAZAROVITZ, MEYER) PASSES.

FUND NTE \$250 TO MIDVALLEY POLICE COUNCIL TO CLEAN-UP LAPD STATION AREA FOR JOINT LAPD—LA LIBRARY "50TH ANNIVERSARY" EVENT—AND BUY FOOD, CUPS ETC.. FUND THRU "OUTREACH"? Marez suggests "donations". PRESIDENT suggests "funding" as "just in case", "just as needed". MOTION TO VOTE—THOMAS/BENJAMIN. VOTE—10 aye—3 NO—2 ABSTAIN—PASSES.

SPECIAL GUEST SPEAKER—Former CAL ASSEMBLY SPEAKER BOB HERTZBERG, now candidate CAL STATE SENATE for 10 minutes on "current issues".

SKELTON AS PARKS AND REC COMMITTEE CHAIR—MOTION TO VOTE/THOMAS-BENJAMIN. VOTE—14 AYE—1 ABSTAIN.

ELECT A VNNC SECOND SIGNATORY FOR SPENDING—VP BENJAMIN VOLUNTEERS—IS TAKING DONE'S TRAINING. MOTION TO VOTE—THOMAS/WALEKO. VOTE—15 AYE—BENJAMIN ELECTED.

CREATE A NATIONAL CHILDREN'S DAY—Waleko suggests this is a "Korean holiday" worthy of inclusion. Suggests first Sunday in August. MOTION TO VOTE—THOMAS;BENJAMIN. VOTE 15 AYE—UNANIMOUS.

'GO DADDY' FOR VNNC WEBSITE SUPPORT—NTE \$220. Discussion—Benjamin, de la Cuesta per continuing discussion.. MOTION TO VOTE—THOMAS/BENJAMIN. VOTE—15 AYE—PASS.

FIX VNNC BANNERS ON VN BL LIGHTPOLES—NTE \$2500. Discussion on VNNC's banners—they're old—some shredded. What to do? Replace some, (how many?). CITY requires permit fee--\$900—is it legal. Suggest that authorize—then shape the proposal for specifics. MOTION TO VOTE—THOMAS/BENJAMIN. VOTE—9 AYE--2 NO—4 ABSTAIN

CODE OF CIVILITY—AND BEYOND. Discussion of a "three strikes and you're out" policy as CITY COUNCIL does. PRESIDENT, PARLIMENTARIAN, and SEARGENT AT ARMS may remove those in violation. Member LUNA will contact CITY ATTY w/his concerns. MOTION TO VOTE THOMAS/LUNA. VOTE 13 AYE—2 ABSTAIN (Skelton, Waleko). PASS.

AN APOLOGY BETWEEN MEMBERS—VP Benjamin apologizes to member Camara for remarks re a previous meeting. Camara accepts.

CIS—FOR ELDER CARE FACILITY—7036 VAN NUYS BL—Jay Blarter, architect, Dana Sayles present. A 132 unit "elder care facility" several floors high. Concerns over parking. Public hearing June 19. Approved thru City, but requests a CIS from VNNC> MOTION TO VOTE—THOMAS/BENJAMIN. VOTE--15 AYE

BUDGET ADVOCATES PRESENTATION—Will meet Mayor Jun 26. Suggests pension reform—and combination of 2 agencies overseeing pensions.

BRINGING "CICLAVIA" AND "PEOPLE ST" TO VAN NUYS—NTE \$100/ de la CUESTA PRESENTS. Money to do flyers to run a "poster contest". "Ciclavia" promotes closing CITY streets for an "all bicycle Sunday"—"People Street" will take unneeded City street space for "parklets"—like taking parking spaces near Tommy's and using them for bikeracks, parks, benches. PRESIDENT RULES IS "OUTREACH-fundable"—AND DIRECTS OUTREACH TO PAY.

REAFFIRMING VNNC'S SUPPORT OF VIDEOCONFERENCING BETWEEN VAN NUYS AND CITY HALL.
MOTION TO VOTE-- VOTE—12 AYE—PASS.

GLENN BAILEY—VANC MEMBER—"SOUTH VALLEY ELECTION CHAIR"—GENERAL LIASION. In June, new Budget Reps (so be ready). CONGRESS OF NEIGHBORHOODS at CITY HALL September 20—NC's might fund \$500 per NC for this event as CITY may not. June 28 a "post election wrap up" for Valley NC's. VANC holding famous "Planning 101" at CBS in November.

LYDIA GRANT FROM BONC—BONC has changed "meeting posting" to one site—and the specific NC's website. Two trainings coming to BRAUDE>

VAN NUYS FOURTH OF JULY EVENT—Cost of "Valley Cultural Center's" entertainment seems too high. COUNCIL OFFICES still eager to try.--

FINAL PUBLIC COMMENT-Fogler, Pearman on videoconferencing. Marez on support of Valley Rescue Mission—Saticoy e/Woodman—destroyed by fire.

ADJOURNMENT—11-15 PM

Respectfully submitted—

John Hendry, VNNC Secretary, June 3, 2014