

VAN NUYS NBRHD COUNCIL
NOVEMBER 12, 2014 GENERAL MEETING
6262 VAN NUYS BL—7 PM

MEETING CALLED TO ORDER—7 pm—PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE by Lori Wheeler, Supervisor Yaroslavsky'S office. QUORUM CALL—PRESENT (14)—PRESIDENT THOMAS, VP BENJAMIN, SECRETARY HENDRY, TREASURER (J) HOPP, Lazarovitz, Martin, Camera, Waleko, Anand, de la Cuesta, Paden, Lynn, Merabi, Raynes. ABSENT—(4)—Meyer (excused), Havard, Skelton, Arzola. LATE—Luna (add 1 possible vote to all following votes)

QUORUM—PROCEED w/VNNC AGENDA. Ms. Wheeler gives PRESIDENT THOMAS special plaque from Supervisor Yaroslavsky for President's continued service to Van Nuys.

SPECIAL INVITED CITY OFFICIAL—Miguel Santana, CITY CAO. City's top labor negotiator, expert on pending legislation and existing programs. Stresses CITY's recent budget crunch, billion \$ out of balance, fewer employees, revised pension rules, and now perhaps "more funding" as out of the 2008 financial crisis.

NEW BUSINESS—FUNDING VOTES FIRST TO PRESERVE QUORUM—
VNNC CONSTITUENT GUIDE OF CITY SERVICES—NTE \$1500—Spanish also? For the new "have a tent at public events" capability? Potholes, tree trimming, dead animal and bulky item pickups. Consider a run of 20,000? MOTION TO VOTE—THOMAS/BENJAMIN. VOTE—8 AYE—4 NO—2 ABSTAIN. PASS.

PRESENTATIONS-- METRO-AMTRAK STATION at VAN NUYS—Dan Sepulveda of METRO. Will have ability for 2 trains at same time. Start 2016—done Jan 2018.

ALEXA MEYERS—GRANADA HILLS CHARTER SCHOOL—DECA, student program to foster business careers.

CAPTAIN FRANCO, FIRE STATION 39—75TH ANNIVERSARY-- November 22—BBQ etc, Red Cross," how to" smoke detectors (11-2), "first event" of "VNNC outreach tent"

FRACKING DEBATE (chemical enhancements of current oil wells)
FIRST—PUBLIC COMMENT—Lois Davis, Jeffrey Haines, Stanley Fienstein, Jim Dixon, Sara Mitchell from VICA, Dr. Carl Davis, Miriam Fogler, Donna Perlman (most speakers received "royalties" from LA area oil wells and were opposed to any CITY action).

DEBATE—Walker Foley ("Food and Water Watch")in favor of CITY OF LA BAN ON FRACKING v. Blair Knox (California Independent Petroleum Association (CIPA) opposed to CITY OF LA BAN. (10 minutes each side—open questions from audience.)

MOTION FOR VNNC TO DO CIS (Community Impact Statement) FOR LA CITY COUNCIL TO PASS A "FRACKING MORATORIUM"—Discussion—MOTION TO VOTE—THOMAS/BENJAMIN. VOTE—12 AYE—1 NO (Hopp)—2 ABSTAIN . MOTION PASSES—CIS TO BE WRITTEN.

THE PURCHASE OF 14926 KITTRIDGE BY VILLAGE FAMILY SERVICES FOR A HALF-WAY HOUSE. Charles Robbins of Village Family Services speaks—can house 6 "18-to-24 emancipated foster children"—would like "variance" to have IO. Strong opposition from neighbors—Ms. Alexenko (leader), Ryan Allen, Lynn Yello, Lauren Burrell, Felice Richter, Pam Warner, Diane Hilke, Sonia Bonia, Eileen Davis. VP BENJAMIN STATES THERE ARE 29 SUCH HALF-WAY HOUSES IN IMMEDIATE VAN NUYS AREA. Council offices called in to "confirm" that group may start w/ six such residents—no matter the community's displeasure.

THE LEASE ON THE CITY'S GREEK THEATER IS UP FOR CITY COUNCIL APPROVAL. Representatives from Nederlander (current lessee) and AIG (Staples Center) offer their discussion that they should get new lease. They claim they give CITY more money—see “We Are The Greek” website if you want more info.

SANDY LOGAN OF NCAAD—CISIS IN SUPPORT OF HER ACTIONS—Logan does “outreach” and training re alcohol sales control by retailers. VOTE—14 AYE

PARKING PROBLEMS—RESIDENTS ON CEDROS JUST SOUTH OF OXNARD—NEAR CORNERSTONE TREATMENT FACILITY—AND OTHER BUSINESSES--VNNC—in response to neighbors’ complaints has complained to Councilman LaBonge for action. Moved to PLUM Committee for further coordination.

CIS FOR ZONE CHANGES—7337-7347 HAZELTINE AV. From PLUM w/suggestions from Katharine Square Residents Association. However, representatives from property owner (Regina Minor) did not appear. PUT OVER.

SECRETARY’S REPORT—OCTOBER MINUTES—Will be presented in December w/NOVEMBER’S MINUTES.

TREASURER’S REPORT—RECONCILIATION—Approx balance \$27,000—spent \$3405. Balance tally provided. MOTION TO ACCEPT RECONCILIATION—THOMAS/BENJAMIN. VOTE—13 AYE—DO PASS.

VNNC AND MISSING VNNC PROPERTY—VP BENJAMIN PRESENTS—FMR MEMBER MAREZ HAD MADE INQUIRIES AND PRESENTED VNNC w/SEVERAL “MISSING ITEMS”. Continuing attempts to retrace previous inventories—account for missing items—per DONE’S interest.

REMOVAL FROM OFFICE OF MBR LUNA—Discussion of Mr. Luna’s status—item had been sent to DONE--several alternative suggestions as whether he had been “substituted” properly into a “vacant seat”—or whether he could still choose to “substitute” himself into another “vacant seat” for next meeting.

RETURN TO QUESTION OF WHAT BYLAWS VNNC OPERATES UNDER—
MOTION TO REPOST 2012 VNNC BYLAWS TO DONE AS APPROVED—w/DONE’S FEW CHANGES “FIXED”
Discussion—MOTION TO VOTE—THOMAS/BENJAMIN—VOTE 13 AYE—PASS—FWD TO DONE—

MARYILN MONROE METRO STATION (currently VAN NUYS STA)—Continuing—as METRO renames stations for Supervisor Zev Yaroslavsky, “Why not?”.

CANDIDATES FOR VACANT SEATS? YOUTH—NON PROFIT are open.

PUBLIC COMMENT—Mr. Patel, a LA CITY SCHOOL BOARD candidate asks support, petition signatures. Glenn Bailey, our VALLEY ALLIANCE of NC liaison, is COMMUNITY COLLEGE BOARD candidate, asks support, petition signatures.

MEETING ADJOURNED—11-30 PM

Respectfully submitted

John Hendry, VNNC Secretary
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