VAN NUYS NEIGHBORHOOD COUNCIL

MINUTES FOR NOVEMBER 13, 2013

BRAUDE CENTER, 6262 VAN NUYS BL

MEETING CALLED TO ORDER 7-05. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE. QUORUM CALL-PRESENT (16)—PRESIDENT THOMAS, VP BENJAMIN, TREASURER (j) HOPP, SECRETARY HENDRY, Aghaarian, Anand, Camara, Guevera, Havard, Lazarovitz, Marez, Martin, Meyer, Skelton, Taylor, Waleko. ABSENT—(1)—Thompson . LATE—de la Cuesta (after rollcall)

PRESIDENT's NOTES—Special meeting next Wed, November 20, 2013, re VNNC Election. HONORED GUESTS AND REPS OF ELECTED OFFICIALS—Linda Levitan (CD 6) announces special interest in "clean ups"—Marez asks for Monica Benavidez's Delano Pk plaque? Don Schultz (fmr VNNC Pres) pitches a group (GASP) (Groups Against Street Prostitituion) for Councilwoman Martinez' support. David Hernandez on "citiizens' inistiative on City's parking ticket policies", limits, rules, "streetsweeper madness" etc, Nadie Ramirez on where homeless can go after Central Lutheran closes, Maria Belke on Mayor's making "street vending legal"?, Pearman and Fogler on videoconferencing, Will Hernandez of Valley Food Bank on feeding at Thnxgiving.

SECRETARY'S REPORT—OCTOBER SPECIAL and OCTOBER GENERAL MINUTES CIRCULATED—VOTE? OCT SPECIAL MINUTES-- MOVED MAREZ/ BENJAMIN—VOTE 16 AYE—1 ABSTAIN—PASSES

OCT GENERAL MINUTES—MOVED THOMAS/BENJAMIN—VOTE 17 AYE—PASSES TREASURER's REPORT—START w/\$21.213.10—END OCT w/\$15,382.79—SPENT \$798.69 beyond "voted items". Items for vote vetted—YMCA out of area, LAPD (Family Justice Center) not ready.

PRESIDENT CALLS ON COMMITTEES TO REPORT—BUDGET ADVOCATE REPORT— Dr. Wiseman SE Valley Regional Advocate. PARKS & REC—Marez w/ Xmas events at Delano, VN Rec. GOV AFFAIRS—Anand looking for members, times. OUTREACH—Skelton, doing a children's ID program?

WEBSITE REPORT—BENJAMIN, DE LA CUESTA. Links up, blog, twitter, links etc. We could take it from Go-Daddy to WordPress. Need an action subsequent—"Transfer web design from Go-Daddy to WordPress and make it primary web design software proposal." Cost NTE \$500 for 3 years.

NEW BUSINESS—PRESIDENT STATES WE DO FUNDING VOTES FIRST—WILL DO A 3 SENTENCE DESCRIPTION OF ALL FUTURE FUNDING ITEMS.

NEW ECONOMICS FOR WOMEN—Lizzette Arzola presents—NTE \$500 for XMAS items for support of women in the workplace. Paperwork complete. MOVED FOR VOTE BY THOMAS/ MAREZ. (VP BENJAMIN AWAY TO FILE LAPD REPORT ON THEFT—

Skelton away for remainder.) VOTE-15 AYES-PASS

FUND NTE \$1,000 THNXGIVING TURKEYS THROUGH VALLEY FOOD BANK. Will Hernandez, Valley Food Bank presents. A Valley wide effort. Packet for Treasurer. MOVE TO VOTE—THOMAS/MAREZ. VOTE—12 AYE—2 ABSTAIN. DO PASS.

FUND NTE \$1,000 THNXGIVING TURKEYS THROUGH N VALLEY YMCA. Discussion —how many for Van Nuys? Numbers in question. MOVE TO AMEND FUNDING DOWN TO \$500—MAREZ/GUEVERRA. VOTE—11 AYE—2 ABSTAIN—1 NO.

(with substitute motion passed—"revised funding down to \$500"—new debate) FUND NTE \$500 THANXGIVING TURKEYS THROUGH N VALLEY YMCA. Revised motion—MOVE TO VOTE THOMAS/MAREZ. VOTE 12 AYE—2 NO—1 ABSTAIN. MOTION PASSED.

RETRACTABLE VNNC BANNER FOR TABLE AT PUBLIC EVENTS—BENJAMIN PRESENTS. Per bid process—"best item" costs \$309.68--36" by 80". MOTION TO VOTE— THOMAS/MAREZ. VOTE 15 AYE. PASS.

REIMBURSEMENT OF TREASURER—NTE \$100 FOR PRESENTED BILLS—Discussion that VNNC Exec Officers may claim "reimbursement". MOTION TO VOTE—THOMAS/ MAREZ. VOTE—16 AYE—DO PASS.

AD HOC FIRE STATION 39's MOVING TO VESPER/OXNARD. Waleko, chair, announces 6-30 pm Wed, Nov 21, before VNNC SPECIAL MTG. Concern that "better site" (vacant First Presby Church, Cedros & Victory) not vetted. Also STATION 39 vital for Civic Center. AGENDIZED FOR FUTURE DISCUSSION.

C icLAvia—DE LA CUESTA PRESENTS—"Special bicycling days", programs across LA why not Van Nuys? Discussed—but "CicLAvia" support staff "no show".

CHURCH ON THE WAY SUPPORT LETTER. Peter Elias of Church (Sherman Wy/Sylmar) presenting. Church required to aggregate 500 parking spaces. Having sufficient spaces south of Sherman Way, it can sell lot n of Sherman Wy. Needs letter "confirming" for ll/22 Zoning hearing. MOTION TO VOTE—THOMAS/BENJAMIN. VOTE 15 AYE—DO PASS. 15123 SHERMAN WAY APARTMENT CONVERSION SUPORT LETTER. Dana Sayles presents. Apartment building where rec room, workout rm converted into rentable units. Members reported on "tour" of building, canvass of tenants. MOTION TO VOTE—THOMAS/ BENJAMIN. VOTE –14 AYE—1 ABSTAIN. DO PASS. (letter by Dec 6 to City Planning) DONE AND BONC's REQUEST FOR SUPPORT OF REFORM AND HOUSEKEEPING MOTIONS TO CITY COUNCIL. Motion tabled—to be included in November 21 "Special Meeting".

CALL FOR VOLUNTEERS FOR OPEN SEATS? Piper, Fogler wish to apply. Piper has submitted paperwork.

HONORARY MAYOR OF VAN NUYS—Fmr VNNC President James Cordaro nominated. MOTION TO VOTE—THOMAS/MAREZ. VOTE—14 AYE—L NO—DO PASS. Cordaro elected "Honorary Mayor".

VNNC RETREAT—Why not Ronald Reagan Library? Still being pitched—though DONE opposes.

FINAL PUBLIC COMMENT—Fogler, Pearman on why Fogler can't be considered for VNNC seat, Marez.

MOTION TO ADJOURN-9-00 PM.

Respectfully submitted—John Hendry, VNNC Secretary, November 18, 2013.