

VAN NUYS NEIGHBORHOOD COUNCIL MEETING
March 8, 2017

MEMBERS PRESENT:

Jeffrey Lynn
Jason Ackerman
Howard Benjamin
John Camera
Quirino de la Cuesta
Steve Friedmann
John Hendry
Jeanette Hopp
Josef Lazarovitz
Veronica Marin (arrived 7:14)
Jerry Martin
Penny Meyer
Austin Noll
Kathleen Padden
Marcela Rodriguez (left 8:40)
Maria Skelton
George C. Thomas

ABSENT MEMBERS:

Stacey Rains

The meeting was called to order by Semee Park and Jeff Lynn at 7:05. **PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:** The pledge followed. **ROLL CALL:** The roll was taken with the aforementioned members present. We have a quorum.

REPORTS FROM PUBLIC OFFICIALS: Mr. Hernandez from the Senior Center invited anyone 50+ to attend. All services are free. Battalion 10 Chief Katy Kepner introduced herself.

Officers Kate Paschal, Cabunoc advised us about property crimes and grand theft auto crime increasing in our area. Popular brands being stolen are Fords, Toyotas and Chevys. Burglary in a vehicle is the same as breaking and entering your private, secured vehicle. They window shop between midnight and 4:00 a.m. Officer John Bailey is our SLO. Officer Kirk covers central Van Nuys. Open house on Emergency Preparedness on June 10th. 37525@lacity.org for her email.

PUBLIC COMMENT: Wayne made his feelings known about our having recited the Pledge of Allegiance.

Ms. Susan Wong who was on House Hunters for ten years spoke about a trailer that has been parked in an alley near Victory and Kester.

Richard Hopp in his capacity as Chairman of the LIT Committee spoke about the Neighborhood Council City-wide plan states Ms. Park must advise what complaints were filed against our council that warranted our being placed on Exhaustive Efforts.

SPECIAL AWARD: Ms. Park announced that Austin Noll was nominated for and received the Congressional Medal of Honor for youth.

Mrs. Roy was commended for having given away hundreds of books in the neighborhood.

She discussed the fact that until we are retrained, we will not be able to conduct sub-committee meetings other than Outreach and Budget and Finance. Our funds are frozen and will only be used for DONE's investigation of complaints that have not been shared with the board.

She outlined her plan. February and March conduct Outreach and Budget and Finance meetings. March, appoint a secretary. Both John and I were appointed. March through May draft and approve minutes from past meetings. March to May review self-assessments. March to July review and submit missing MER's (monthly expenditure reports). Outreach training in March through April. Review Outreach strategy during that timeframe. April attend Workplace Violence training. April through May conduct regular board meetings. April through May Executive Board to establish and review roles and responsibilities. April through July **review** and amend Bylaws. The aforementioned was postponed.

NOTE: There was agreement that John Camera and John Hendry would attend the VANC meeting in place of George, Howard and Josef, as they would be attending the CPAP meeting on the same night.

Nothing could be discussed concerning Budget and Finance, as it was not properly agendized.

There was a vote taken where there were 15 ayes and one abstention. Marcela left prior to vote.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 9:45 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Jeanette Hopp, Acting Co-Secretary

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