

VAN NUYS NEIGHBORHOOD COUNCIL MEETING
September 13, 2017

MEMBERS PRESENT:

Jeff Lynn, President
Jason Ackerman, V.P.
Veronica Marin, Treasurer
Jeanette Hopp, Secretary
John Camera
Quirino de la Cuesta
Steve Friedmann
John Hendry
Richard Hopp
Josef Lazarovitz
Marlin Medrano
Jerry Martin
Penny Meyer
Kathleen Padden
Maria Skelton
George Thomas

MEMBERS ABSENT:

Marcella Rodriguez
Michael Browning

The meeting was called to order by the president after his having read the disclaimer at 7:05 p.m.

FLAG SALUTE: The Pledge of Allegiance followed. **ROLL CALL:** The roll was taken and a quorum of 17 members was noted at the beginning of the meeting.

2) **REPORTS FROM PUBLIC OFFICIALS:** Ovanes advised that there is an Art Festival from 6 p.m. to 10 p.m. next Saturday. **Light Rail:** There will be a meeting Monday, September 18th from 8:30 a.m. until 11:00 a.m. at the new Zev Yaroslavsky Family Support Center at 7555 Van Nuys Boulevard and on the same date from 5:00 p.m. until 8:00 p.m. at the Valley Municipal Building Council Chambers, 14410 Sylvan Street, Van Nuys. There will also be another meeting in the Pacoima area on the 20th of September. His office is trying to get more speed bumps in the area.

LAPD: Officer Cabunick spoke on behalf of himself and Officer John Bailey the two Senior Lead Officers for the Van Nuys area present at the meeting. The Mid-Valley Police Council was raising funds in the Calabasas area recently. Officer Bailey's area is north of Vanowen. He advised there are still a significant number of break-ins of vehicles in our area. Please keep items in the trunk or take them into your home. Do not leave things inside the vehicle. Businesses are being broken into, as well. There has been an arrest, but this type of crime is continuing. The hit and run crimes are up. The officers spoke about crime in the neighborhood.

The city council has pushed back neighborhood council elections until 2019. It will permit us time to increase our database and include more stakeholders.

4) b: VICE PRESIDENT: Mr. Ackerman spoke about the election of officers for the upcoming Executive Committee meeting.

4) c: Secretary's Report: Jason moved that the minutes be approved, 2nd by George and carried with 1 opposed, 0 abstentions and 18 ayes.

4) d: Treasurer's Report: Veronica presented the MER for the month of July and the month of August. We were advised out of the \$ 42,000.00 we spent \$ 510.00, in addition to the reimbursement of \$ 100.00 to Richard Hopp, leaving \$ 41,390.00. The motion to adopt her report was made by Veronica, 2nd by Jason Ackerman and passed with a vote of 20 ayes, 0 abstentions and 0 nays. The MER for the month of August was reviewed. The question concerning Allright Storage was answered. They have been paid. Veronica moved to adopt her report, 2nd by Jason Ackerman and carried with a vote of 14 ayes, 0 nays, and 3 ineligible.

5) Neighborhood Council Conduct and liability training presented by the city attorney's office (Workplace Violence and Code of Conduct). We need to understand issues of liability and diversity. We need to go by the Golden Rule and treat others in the way we want to be treated. We need to be familiar with the Code of Conduct. There is retaliation, harassment, sexual harassment, etc. There must be no discrimination. The City Attorney, Vivienne Swanigan gave us a presentation concerning workplace violence and the manner in which we must conduct ourselves and proper treatment of others. We cannot engage in discrimination something that results in unequal treatment of an individual or group in a protected class that is not job related. We must avoid harassment based upon sex, which is unwelcome and severe enough to alter the terms and conditions of employment (volunteer work). Retaliation taking negative action against someone because they have complained.

6) i Planning and Land Use Committee regarding 7002-7004 Van Nuys Blvd., the individual representing this project was not present. This item was tabled.

6) ii 6001 Van Nuys Blvd. includes two properties and it is about 2 acres. CUP to demolish the current old building and rebuild a new building with a showroom, service bays, and a parking structure. They will have solar panels on the parking structure. They want less transparency on the Aetna side. They are waiving widening of the street. Motion to approve made by Howard, 2nd by Josef and carried to follow through with their plans, as presented with a vote of 16 ayes, 2 nays and 1 abstention.

6) iii tabled.

6) b NPG from Blankets of Love for books to be purchased that they wrote and illustrated to teach K-3 children about kindness to animals and proper care and feeding. Amount NTE \$ 600.00. Eileen and her dog came to speak to us. The motion to approve was made by Jeff Lynn, 2nd by Jason and carried with a vote of 13 ayes, 0 nays and 3 ineligible.

7) Self-Assessment portion of our Budget Packet for 2017-1018: We discussed the report and voted with a motion made by Jason Ackerman, 2nd by Jeff Lynn and carried with 11 ayes, 0 nays, 1 abstention and 3 ineligible.

8) Discussion and possible action to file a CIS for CF-17-0002-S98 in support of SB349. Following discussion, we decided to support this bill and CIS with a vote of 12 ayes, 0 nays, and none ineligible. Several persons have taken the appropriate training.

Item 9 is moot, as the bill has been paid to Go Daddy,

Big Goals: We reviewed our previous goals and refined them. We plan to have summits on public safety, homelessness, mental illness, child sex trafficking, and emergency planning. We need to increase the number of CIS's we submit. We updated our database list.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 10:40 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Jeanette", written in a cursive style.

Jeanette Hopp, Secretary

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