

VAN NUYS NEIGHBORHOOD COUNCIL MEETING
July 16, 2018

MEMBERS PRESENT:

George Thomas, President
Marlin Medrano, Vice-President
Jeanette Hopp, Secretary
Veronica Marin, Treasurer
Josef Lazarovitz, Parliamentarian
Jason Ackerman
Michael Browning
John Camera
Glenn Epstein
Steve Friedmann
John Hendry
Richard Hopp
Jeffrey Lynn
Penny Meyer
Kathy Schreiner
Maria Skelton

ABSENT MEMBERS:

Jaklen Keshishyan
Kathleen Padden
Jerry Martin
Ashley Neyra
Stacey Rains

The meeting was called to order at 7:15 p.m. Mr. Thomas spoke about our being first in the response and compilation of CIS statements. We are on our way to being first in other areas, as well. **PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:** The pledge was recited. **ROLL CALL:** Our secretary called the roll and we have a quorum.

OFFICERS' REPORTS: a) board members are to state which committees they will attend. **BUDGET AND FINANCE COMMITTEE:** Veronica Marin, Jeanette Hopp, Richard Hopp and Jeffrey Lynn. **b Vice-President's Report:** None. **c) Secretary's Report:** Ms. Hopp advised that the minutes were posted for the month of June. A motion to adopt was made by Mr. Thomas, 2nd by Mr. Lynn and carried. **d) Treasurer's Report:** The VNNC to pay councilmember Maria Skelton in the amount of \$ 18.62 for copies she made. Discussion and possible action to approve the MER's for April, May and June, 2018. Beginning balance \$30,932.91. Outstanding Expenditures \$ 1,359.04. The ending balance in April was \$ 29,573.87. The May MER beginning balance was \$ 30,932.91. Total spent was \$ 470.02, \$ 1,039.02 outstanding and an ending balance of \$ 29,423.87. The June MER began with a balance of \$ 30,462.87, total spent \$ 1,612.62 leaving a balance of \$ 28,850.27. **E) MER approval was postponed.** A motion was made by Mr. Thomas, 2nd by Ms. Medrano to reimburse Ms. Skelton in the amount of \$ 18.62. The motion passed unanimously. **OUTREACH COMMITTEE:** Maria advised her committee will consist of Ashley Neyra, Mr. Browning, Ms. Padden and herself. **PLUM COMMITTEE:** Mr. Hendry and Jerry Martin are assigned to the committee. **PUBLIC HEALTH AND SAFETY COMMITTEE:** Ms. Medrano and Mr. Epstein joined the committee. **GOVERNMENT RELATIONS AND BYLAWS COMMITTEE:** Jason Ackerman, Richard Hopp and Mr. Jeffrey Lynn joined the committee. **PARKS AND REC COMMITTEE:**

Ms. Rains and Ms. Keshishyan were placed on this committee. Ms. Skelton, Ms. Meyer, and Mr. Camera were also placed on the committee.

Question: A question was raised as to what is a proxy payment? Mr. Galdamez advised it is a form that is utilized to approve funding expenditures on behalf of the neighborhood council and it is used when the council is in EE or if they haven't paid their bills. The controller's office had no information. Ms. Marin said they are arbitrarily paying bills; such as Ms. Moore's and Mr. Gomes. We have no qualms about fixed expenses, but the payments to Ms. Moore and Mr. Gomes were not vetted in the Budget and Finance Committee nor the board. Ms. Moore's bill does not account for seven hours of her time. Mr. Thomas said we need to e-mail our questions to Mr. Galdamez and a request to have someone from the city clerk's office call to explain this issue.

Jose said the election paperwork is to be sent to the city clerk's office in a timely manner or they will revert to the 2016 worksheet. The city clerk has already set the dates for the elections. (Our election is not until late in May, 2019).

PUBLIC COMMENT: Mr. Marez said he must speak before the city individual who is speaking. Mr. Browning wants to know where are we with reference to EE? Ms. Skelton asked about putting on an event for the holidays. We do not have funds as of now.

3)a **MARCO SANCHEZ FROM NURY'S OFFICE:** He thanked us for our help on an event last week. They are doing community clean-ups. **Movies in the Park** begin August 10th with the movie Coco. September 29th they are holding the 2nd Annual Arts Festival. Mr. Browning asked about the responsibility on the part of the property owners. The answer was that the property owners have no responsibility in cleaning up their property. Ms. Skelton asked about the area where the body shop is being built there is a problem. There is over parking. People are partying and not cleaning up after themselves. The inspectors are looking into cases where cars are on the street.

4) CONSENT CALENDAR: Mr. Thomas moved to approve the Consent Calendar. Mr. Hopp wants Item A and C removed. Item E is being removed. Items D and F were left on the calendar. Mr. Thomas moved to approve Item F, seconded by Mr. Ackerman. This motion carried. **A)** Discussion and possible motion to approve a letter of support for CUP of an existing restaurant (Chipotle). The supporting documents were to have been uploaded to our media library, but according to Mr. Hopp they are all links. One is on a Google drive and the other is on a link. Mr. Thomas will take this under advisement and speak to the city attorney. Valerie Sacks forwarded the documents to the Plum Committee in May. They serve less than 5% of their gross receipts at Chipotle with regard to liquor. It is located on Burbank Boulevard and Van Nuys Boulevard. These two properties were owned by one owner for a long time and have been purchased by a corporation. There are ten separate properties and 4 different zoning types involved. They are trying to make it one zoning issue and one property owner. It would be easier to finance and would make the legal description simpler. The owner is the same. Why have ten different lots? Mr. Hopp asked about the paperwork that is linked, but not attached. The owner's agenda is just to clean-up the lot. Then they can secure the financing. They want to make it C1 or commercial only. A five-minute recess was decreed. Mr. Thomas moved to adopt their proposal, 2nd by Ms. Hopp and carried. The vote was 10 in favor and five against. Motion failed.

4)c Discussion and possible action to approve a letter of support for proposed demolition of the EL Cortez Motel. Mr. Marez stated this project should not be punished for anything Mr. Friedmann has or has not done. Motion to approve made by Mr. Thomas, 2nd by Mr. Lazarovitz and carried.

NEIGHBORHOOD COUNCIL FUNDING PROGRAM FISCAL YEAR ADMINISTRATIVE PACKET: We worked on the funding packet. A motion to adopt was made by Mr. Thomas, 2nd by Mr. Ackerman and carried.

We worked on the Administrative packet which was adopted with a motion made by Mr. Thomas, 2nd by Mr. Browning and carried.

- 1) **Big goal:** to have a complete board of 21 councilmembers.
- 2) **Complete requirements to exit EE**
- 3) **Become #1 in CIS's submitted**
- 4) **#1 in the ENS. Kyle Stone tracks everything.**
- 5) **Planned 4 Summits**

We met Big Goal #1. We currently have 21 board members. We have completed 16 out of 17 requirements to exit EE. Big Goal #3, we are #1 in the submission of CIS statements. According to Kyle, we are doing much better and we have most of our committees up and running regularly. Still have a little of work to do. We were unable to meet Big Goal # 5 because we did not have any funding to support the events we had planned. We still worked with other entities; such as Mr. Krekorian, Mr. Nazarian, Mr. Hertzberg and Ms. Martinez. We attended events and generally had a booth. We completed three out of five of the Big Goals. We were only unable to meet all of the goals because our funds were frozen.

5) How many CIS statements did we submit? We submitted 47 CIS statements. We are #1. The Self-Assessment was adopted with a motion made by Mr. Thomas, 2nd by Mr. Browning and carried with 1 abstention.

We agreed to move the deadline for submission of items to the **Executive Committee** to Wednesday by 5:00 p.m.

Outreach Committee: is sponsoring a Back-to-School event, a softball game with the Van Nuys Police Department, etc.

Planning and Land Use Committee: This coming Wednesday they are hearing from Metro. Thank you for your support.

Public Health and Safety Committee: They will meet next Monday at 6:30 p.m.

Government Relations and Bylaws Committee: They have not met.

Parks and Rec: Mr. Browning said plenty of work has been done for the park in Van Nuys on Lennox near the Animal Shelter. They meet the last Thursday of the month, July 26th at the Van Nuys Rec Center

at 6:00 p.m. They will be looking at other opportunities and adding more parks. Mr. Browning needs clarification on his prior work with the county with reference to alcohol in our neighborhood.

The Secretary of State approved Mr. Rudy Melendez and certified he qualifies to run in the upcoming Senate race for the 18th district.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 9:19 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Jeanette Hopp, Secretary

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