

VAN NUYS NEIGHBORHOOD COUNCIL MEETING
February 14, 2018

MEMBERS PRESENT:

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

ABSENT MEMBERS:

Jerry Martin
Stacey Rains
Ashley Neyra

The meeting was called to order by the President, Mr. Thomas at 7:10 p.m. 1) **FLAG SALUTE:** The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Mr. Camera. 2) **ROLL CALL:** The roll was taken by our secretary and a quorum was achieved. 3) **SECRETARY'S REPORT:** I advised I finished the minutes for the Retreat, but did not have an opportunity to have them placed on-line. I brought hard copies. Approval of the minutes from the retreat was tabled. 4) **TREASURER'S REPORT:** Ms. Marin advised our beginning balance was \$32,997.14 and our expenditures for the month totaled \$ 950.34, leaving a balance of \$ 32,046.80. Mr. Thomas moved to adopt the Treasurer's report as presented, 2nd by Mr. Benjamin and carried.

7) NEW BUSINESS: a) This item was tabled, as the proper paperwork was not provided and the library wished to purchase computers for use by the community. We are not permitted to purchase such items, pay overhead; such as rent, salaries, etc. The agenda was moved by the president to committee reports. **6) COMMITTEE CHAIRS' REPORTS:** Mr. Hopp mentioned there are grammar errors. Mr. Thomas said we will come up with three sentences for next month stating we will hire Mr. de la Cuesta. **CD6:** Ms. Cristina Coria is the replacement for Ovanes in Ms. Martinez' office. Her e-mail is Cristina.Coria@lacity.org. Mr. Jose Galdamez is the new representative for our council from DONE. He began with elections and then in 2012 he worked with Outreach Systems and Neighborhood Council elections for the past three cycles.

OUTREACH COMMITTEE: She does have some events coming up. She wanted to make sure how much money was in her account. She has \$ 10,000.00. Mr. Thomas is going to work with Ms. Skelton regarding the matter of the funds in her committee's account. Ms. Skelton advised that Angel Tree thanked us for helping by providing toys, toiletries, etc. and those who were present were given a certificate of appreciation. She thanked me as I was there for hours that day and evening. She also stated she will be looping in CD6 and will do as much as possible with them.

We will make business cards. Mr. Lazarovitz will design the business cards for the ambassadors/liaisons. January through November we will attack each other and then we will take a month off and be nice to each other during the month of December. He wants to loop in Fran.

PLUM COMMITTEE: Mr. Friedmann will be elected as Co-Chair of the Plum Committee, as Mr. de la Cuesta wished no longer to hold that position. Mr. Friedmann wanted to assume this position so as to see things we approved came to fruition. He advised we have approved \$ 23 to \$ 24 million worth of projects up and down the neighborhood. Mr. Hopp and Mr. de la Cuesta are capable of promoting these projects. Mr. Friedmann stated we want him to come back and re-join the Plum Committee. Mr. de la Cuesta advised he is trying to catch up on his own work, but would try to at least attend the meetings, but no longer wanted to be in charge. Mr. Friedmann said whatever works for him.

MR. THOMAS TO SWEAR-IN MS. KATHY SCHREINER: She took the oath of office and completed the on-line training.

7) b The VNNC to consider filing a CIS on Council File ##17-0447. The public health and safety buffer motion. It was moved by Mr. Thomas and 2nd by Mr. Benjamin to write a CIS concerning this subject. The motion carried.

7) c This item was tabled.

7)d The Reverend K. W. Tulloss was unable to attend tonight's meeting, therefore this item is tabled.

7) e The council to vote on designating the boundaries of the Van Nuys Neighborhood Council a Sanctuary City. The council to act in several ways, including sending a Memorandum of Understanding letter to all levels of law enforcement from the local to the federal level. It was moved by Mr. Thomas, 2nd by Mr. Benjamin and carried unanimously.

7) f The council to vote on making Van Nuys a 100% clean energy city. Across the nation, people in both red and blue states are realizing that modernizing our cities with 100% clean and renewable energy will help create jobs and boost local economies. Cities like Aspen, CO, Greenburg, KS and Burlington, VT have already achieved 100% clean energy. It is time for us to step up. A motion to adopt this proposal was made by Mr. Thomas, 2nd by Mr. Ackerman and carried unanimously.

7) g The VNNC to file a CIS stating "We support consumer rights to product safety, financial privacy and regulation of public goods. We support policies that help workers balance work and family lives. We are unflinchingly devoted to the protection of civil rights and liberties, and abhor discrimination in all its forms. We are committed to ensuring that all Californians live healthy, and safe lives that allow them to

spend time with their families and friends and be an active part of their communities.” It was moved by Mr. Thomas, 2nd by Mr. Benjamin and carried.

7) h The VNNC to discuss making Cesar Chavez Day a national holiday. The VNNC to support its immigrant community. The VNNC to submit a CIS with regard to this issue. It was moved by Mr. Thomas, 2nd by Mr. Benjamin and carried unanimously.

7) i was tabled.

7) j The VNNC to undertake the formal process of remodeling the pergola in front of the LAPD station. The VNNC to design office space for the council as well as a replica of the White House Cabinet Room and Oval Office which would be life size and be used as a museum. This item to be discussed at the Plum Committee with official memo and graphics. This is on city property. We would have to get the city to approve the destruction and building of something new on the site.

7) k The VNNC to submit 15 Community Impact Statements to continue dominating the NC scene. The VNNC is to become #1 in every category used to determine which council is best, including the number of CIS that are sent to city hall. The VNNC to reach out and establish a working relationship with boards and commissions. The VNNC to invite the chair of the board or commission to join our Distinguished Speaker series. Mr. Thomas moved to adopt this proposal, 2nd by Mr. Lynn and carried.

k) 1 The VNNC to reach out to the Fire Commission and establish a working relationship. The VNNC to invite the chair to join our Distinguished Speaker series. The Fire Commission meets the 1st and 3rd Tuesday of the month at 9:00 a.m. at City Hall, Room 1820. Ms. Macon, a constituent, volunteered to be our liaison to this commission. It was moved to accept her assistance by Mr. Thomas, 2nd by Ms. Hopp and carried.

k) 2 Tabled

k) 3 Tabled

k) 4 The VNNC to reach out to the Housing Authority for the City of Los Angeles and establish a working relationship. The VNNC to invite the chair to join our Distinguished Speaker series. The Housing Commission meets the 4th Thursday of the month at 9:00 a.m. at 2600 Wilshire Boulevard in the Board Room on the 1st floor. Mr. Thomas moved to make Mr. Friedmann our liaison to this commission, 2nd by Mr. Ackerman and carried unanimously.

k) 5 The VNNC to reach out to the Human Relations Commission and establish a working relationship. The VNNC to invite the chair of the Commission to join our Distinguished Speaker series. The Human Relations Commission meets the 2nd Wednesday of the month from 12:00 until 2:00 p.m. at 200 N. Spring Street, on the 10th Floor, Room 1060. Ms. Macon volunteered to be our liaison. It was moved by Mr. Thomas, 2nd by Mr. Benjamin to appoint Ms. Marin our liaison to this commission. The motion carried unanimously.

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7) n The VNNC to establish Standing Rules. The VNNC to adopt all the same Standing Rules of the Studio City Council. The VNNC to consider referring this item to the Government Rules & Bylaws Committee and the Legislative Information Committee (LIC) for formal consideration. The two committees to have a joint committee meeting to discuss all of the Standing Rules. It was moved by Mr. Thomas, 2nd by Mr. Lazarovitz to refer the matter to the aforementioned committees. The motion carried.

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PUBLIC OFFICIAL'S REPORT: Angie from Assemblyman Nazarian's office advised us more than 300 individuals applied for jobs at the job fair where we participated in signing-in applicants. She also thanked us for volunteering and supplying food for the vendors.

ANNOUNCEMENTS: There will be a kids' movie night at Delano Recreation Center this Friday night.

PUBLIC COMMENT: Candido thanked those of us who attended the training. He stated that same day he went out to collect signatures to remove Mr. Friedmann. He continues to request that Mr. Friedmann step down. He says we are doing all this work and are trying to improve the neighborhood, but we continue to allow him to be on the council.

Donna Pearman is against having the light rail going down Van Nuys Boulevard. You must have a tap card. If you are a senior or are disabled, you have a free or regular tap card.

Additionally, she doesn't want Van Nuys to be a sanctuary city. She also wants to see the Video-conferencing re-open.

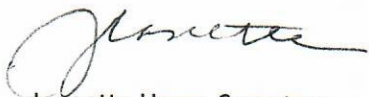
Miriam gave her condolences to the people in Parkland, Florida.

We have our own homeless people here already. Supposedly, we are failing miserably to handle this problem. Further, she feels making us a Sanctuary city is a big problem.

We were advised Councilmember Rodriguez is moving to the United Arab Emirates with her fiancé. We thanked her for her service.

There being no further business at this time, the meeting adjourned at 8:45 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

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

Jeanette Hopp, Secretary

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