

**VAN NUYS NEIGHBORHOOD COUNCIL**

**November 18, 2020 Meeting – 7 pm**

**per ZOOM, electronic meeting platform**

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PER COVID 19.**

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- 1. CALL TO ORDER. Pledge of Allegiance. QUORUM CALL – -PRESENT (14) – President Woolf, VP Browning (late), Secretary Hendry, Marks, Febre, Thatch, Edelman, Martinez, Camara, Mercado, Correa, Macias (D), Macias (L), Atalayan, Hunt. ABSENT (1) Padden, EXCUSED (1) Schreiner.**

**QUORUM – PROCEED TO AGENDA.**

- 2. Reports from EXEC COMM.**
  - a. President on “incomplete hire for facilitator Terrence Gomes”**
  - c. Secretary on “delays to hear GALS, girls school”**

**Reports from committee chairs.**

- a. Thatch, Human Services working with “Hope of the Valley” on a food and toy drive for Christmas**

- b. VP Browning to have VNNC meeting translated into**

**Spanish.**

- c. Mercado on Public Safety re “safety”, “porch pirates”, etc.**

**3, General Public Comment.**

**Richard Hopp on general procedure. Marez on inviting Councilman Ryu’s replacement, “Goat Puppet” spoke (a creation of Wayne Schindler).**

**4. Representatives from elected officials.**

- a. Morgan Sutton—per Councilman Krekorian. Krekorian does “Veteran of the Year”, discusses LADWP grant program for energy.**
- b. Yvonne Perez per Councilperson Martinez. Popup COVID 19 test sites in the district—call the office. Flu shots at Midvalley Y.**
- c. Semee Park—DONE. On mandatory PLUM participation in “Planning 101” training, Chair Hendry agrees.**

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**5. Discussion, possible action to write CIS supporting Republic of Artsakh, Azerbaijan Military Forces, Cease Fire. Council file 20-004-51 VNNC CIS letter for 20-004-51**

**City Councilman Paul Krekorian special speaker “for” the motion. Board Member Hakop Aztlayan sponsor. Discussion. Mercado, Aztlayan, Browning to look for more ways to respond.**

**Comment—Hopp, “Goat Puppet”**

**Motion to vote—(Mercado/Edelman). Vote to support by acclamation.**

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**6. Discussion, possible action to fill vacant VNNC School Rep. seat till elections in Spring 2021. Vetted candidate Justiana McMurray did not appear—-seat remains open.**

**7. Swearing in of new members.**

**8. Discussion, possible action to approve “Election Worksheet” naming Braude Center, 6262 Van Nuys, as election site from 1-9 pm, We choose “Spanish” as an extra language the polling staff need acknowledge.**

**Public comment—Hopp—“How do visually impaired get assistance?”**

**Motion to vote—(Edelman/Hunt). Vote by acclamation by Chair’s count. Browning abstains. Approved.**

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**9. Discussion, possible action to appoint a new Parliamentarian.**

**Park says a webinar is available. Demaris Macias volunteers. Discussion. Public comment—Hopp, “Goat Puppet”. Motion to vote—(Thatch/Edelman). Vote by acclamation. Macias appointed.**

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**10. Discussion, possible action to send CIS in support Council File 20-2002 in opposition to SB 1120 to expand ADU (additional dwelling units) rights—on individual lots. Discussion. Public comment—Marez, Hopp, “Goat Puppet”.**

**Motion to vote—Thach/Edelman.  
Vote by acclamation.**

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**11. Discussion, possible action to send CITY a CIS to create an online public data base requiring all multi-unit vacancies to be posted. Member Marks submits suggested guidelines per “Suggestions for LA Apartment BBS”.**

**Discussion. Suggestion that this parallels existing databases—but Browning opines that many units are “off the market”—to manipulate “rent control”—and need to be listed.**

**Public comment—Hopp, “Goat Puppet”, Marez.**

**Motion to vote—(Marks/Thatch). Vote by acclamation.  
Febre, Mercado “No” votes. Item passes,**

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**12. Vote to approve outstanding Monthly Expense Reports (MER) . August and September 2020, Treasurer not present.**

**a August 2020—Paid Moore, Squarespace (website), Allright (storage). On screen but not attached to Agenda.**

**Public comment—Nassif, Marez. Motion to vote—(Hunt/Mercado). Rollcall vote—unanimous, 15 aye. Passes.**

**b. September 2020—on screen but not attached to Agenda. Discussion. No public comment. Motion to vote—(Edelman/Febre). Rollcall vote—unanimous—14 aye.**

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**13. Discussion, possible action to support Public Safety Committee’s “Project Winter Holiday Donation Drive” for “Hope of the Valley’s” bridge home at 7700 Van Nuys Bl (adjacent to Amtrak station).**

**Agenda cites an Amazon wish list, collection dates November 19 through December 19 at 4 pm.**

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**14. Discussion and possible action to repair the VNNC laptop. Discussion—repair, replace with more current equipment. (Febre/Marks) motion to amend to “repair or get better one”.**

**Motion to vote—(Edelman/Mercado). No public comment. Vote—by acclamation.**

**15. Discussion, possible action to pay “Moore Business”, (Cindy Cleghorn objects, bills not specific to cost)**

**a. August, 2020. Discussion. Motion to pass (Thatch/Edelman). No public comment, Rollcall vote—14 aye—unanimous—approved**

**b. September 2020. \$468.86. Discussion. Motion to pass (Mercado/Edelman). No public comment. Rollcall vote—14 aye—unanimous—approved.**

**c. October 2020. 4447.44. Discussion, Motion to vote (Edelman/Febre). No public comment. Rollcall vote—14 aye—unanimous—approved.**

**16. Discussion, possible approval of revised explanation of qualifications for Commercial and Industrial Board Members—to be included in Appendix B of “Bylaws”. (This explained as a “second reading” of previously passed items.),**

**Discussion. No public comment. Motion to vote (Browning/Hendry). Vote by acclamation— 14 ayes— unanimous.**

**17, Discussion, possible action by VNNC to review and adopt “Bylaws” changes mandated by DONE, Nov. 12, 2020. These rules describe “age qualifications” \*Uniform Age Ordinance) and “Community Interest Stakeholder Ordinance” (that stakeholder must participate in a locally based charity organization).**

**CITY mandates this—but asks we discuss—and ratify it ourselves.**

**Voters can be 16—be 14 to vote for or be seated in Youth seat—but any Youth member must be 18 to vote on NC funding.**

**Motion to vote—(Browning/Febre). Vote by acclamation —unanimous.**

**18, Discussion, possible action to agree to DONE’s request that all Planning Committee members attend the “Planning 101 seminar” series. PLUM Chair Hendry agrees —he will submit names of members.**

**Motion to vote—vote by acclamation—unanimous.**

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**President Woolf announces he will step down as President, after this meeting, because of the time demands of the position.**

**A transition is still pending. Mr. Woolf will remain a Council member. Kind comments were offered for his service as President.**

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**19. Discussion, possible action on previous VNNC Minutes.**

- a. August 2020**
- b. September 2020**
- c. October 2020**

**Febre moves to postpone discussion of Minutes due to lateness of the hour.**

**Vote by acclamation. Minutes to be carried over.**

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**Motion to adjourn. No objections. Adjourned.**

**Respectfully submitted.**

**John Hendry  
Secretary  
Van Nuys Neighborhood Council  
November 30, 2020**