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VAN NUYS NC
February 10, 2021 MINUTES
7 pm per ZOOM

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1. Call to order (ZOOM was open before 7 pm—call to order 7-14 pm.). Pledge of Allegiance. (Meeting is recorded—available to public.)
 - a. QUORUM CALL—PRESENT (13)—President Browning, VP Schreiner, Secretary Hendry, Parliamentarian D Macias, Azatyan, Camara, Edelman, Febre, Macias L, Marks, Martinez, Mercado,. ABSENT (3). Treasurer Marin, Hunt, Padden. RESIGNED (1) Woolf. NOT ELIGIBLE: Correa. QUORUM present—Proceed to Agenda.

NOTE: Ms. Thatch was late, so was not included in initial Roll Call.

2. Executive Committee report.
 - a. President—former President Woolf resigns from Council—moment of silence for lost LAPD officers
 - b. Vice President—Regarding the NC election, “candidate portal” will be open till 5 p.m. on Feb 23—Read statement from Nathan Singh, of City Clerk regarding how persons who are blind can participate in the election:

“Blind stakeholders can request for a ballot by calling our [City Clerk’s] office, which our staff will be able to register them over the phone. They can also receive assistance from someone they know if filling out their request on the Voter Registration Portal. When their ballot is mailed to them, they can receive assistance from someone with filling out their vote. And if there are any questions regarding their ballot such as clarifications on instructions, they can always call our office for assistance.”

Welcomed Lorenzo Briceno, who is now the NEA from DONE for the VNNC (Lorenzo.briceno@lacity.org)

- c. Treasurer—not present
 - d. Secretary—announces “pending PLUM”.
 - e. Outreach Chair – plan to call a meeting of Outreach Committee soon.
 - f. Public Comment—Items # 1-2.
 - i. Candido Marez
 - ii. “Goat Puppet”
 - iii. R. Hopp
3. Reports from Public Officials.
 - a. LAPD—Van Nuys Chief Hearn reported that “gun violence” is up, and VN LAPD could use “volunteers” for field, office work—they’ve lost 1/3 of civilian force. Email him at 27212@lapd.online.
 - b. Yvonne Perez from Council district 6. More popup COVID testing is planned. “Toiletry drive” for trafficking victims, at risk women. City bought North Hills motels to house “homeless”.
 - c. Other “reps” absent (ITEMS 3C through 3-I).
 - d. Michael Menjivar from office of Kelley Gomez —School Board—Schools may open soon.

- e. Officer Whitey, LAPD senior lead.
4. GALS School. 14203 Valerio. (CDC 2020-4418-CUP). This item removed from PLUM Committee per City Attorney’s recommendation, due to inquiry regarding potential Brown Act violations or other conflicts. Item referred to GBM.
- a. Members announce their recusal. Members Schreiner, Febre, Marks, and Edelman all recused and left meeting. When members left, QUORUM appeared to fail. Eight members is less than quorum of 11 required by VNNC By-Laws
 - b. President “calls for quorum” vote before proceeding. Vote—8 present (President Browning, Secretary Hendry, Parliamentarian D Macias, Azatyan, Camera, Macias L, Mercado, Thatch) —4 absent (Ms. Martinez left before item was called)—4 recused. No quorum. With no quorum, meeting is now “town hall discussion”, and continues. Objection by Rubens, attorney for school, on defining the “recusals”.
 - c. GALS presents. Dominguez and Gonzales for school siting and construction issues, Rubens on applicant’s “take” on City zoning practice, Wagner on the “girls school approach”. GALS on revised plans for car, pedestrian traffic on Valerio, Runnymede
 - d. Board comment—Browning on did they do “outreach”. Were “alternative sites” considered?
 - e. Public comment— (Spanish translation available). Per previous public meetings, significant public comment—this time approximately 40 neighbors, school’s prospective teachers and students. Most neighbors “opposed”, claim petition with 200 signatures. Public speakers included Gevorg Por, Holly Burgin, Peter Robinette, and Gayanne from neighborhood.
 - f. GALS’ Rubens closes.
 - g. Browning posts on ZOOM screen an e-mail sent to him by DONE’s representative Briceno: that when “quorum” disappeared, “VNNC meeting was over”
 - h. VNNC (Mercado/Hendry) move to adjourn— to see if “quorum” might be secured to vote on a day following. Briceno of DONE opines that “Motion may be considered—only if end of meeting public comment is heard”. So; general “public comment” heard— “Goat Puppet”. R. Hopp, Marez, other neighborhood spokespersons (Robinette, Burgin, Stalin.)
 - i. Then to Mercado’ motion to adjourn.
 - j. Confusion—Parliamentarian confused—Secretary confused, meeting out of order, crosstalk, members bullied to continue.
5. NO QUORUM—MEETING SUSPENDED SUBJECT TO DISPOSITION OF CHAIR (Remaining February Agenda Items 5-14 subject to be addressed at a subsequent meeting.)

Respectfully submitted by John Hendry, Secretary, Van Nuys NC, February 16, 2021.

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