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1. Pledge of Allegiance.
2. MEETING CALLED TO ORDER—7:05 pm. Quorum call. PRESENT— (15)—President Browning Schreiner, Treasurer Marin, Secretary Hendry, Parliamentarian Macias (D), Marks, Febre, Thatch, Edelman, Martinez, Camara, Mercado, Macias (L), Azatyan, Woolf. ABSENT— (3) Correa, Padden, Hunt. QUORUM— Proceed to AGENDA

3. GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENT

Robinette on GALS school (to be heard by VNNC PLUM), Principal Wagner for GALS, R Hopp on Former Pres Woolf's return and draft website "flaws", Nikki Eskarri (Krekorian) introduced herself to the VNNC, 3 callers, (Burgin, Peter, Gayane) ask Febre and Schreiner to recuse at upcoming PLUM meeting re GALS), "Goat Puppet"; Aarivik

4. EXECUTIVE REPORT—

Treasurer Marin absent, President introduction and speaker" ground rules", Secretary and PLUM Chair Hendry on GALS, Thatch, Chair of Human Services Committee, announced that the next meeting will be on "the first Wednesday" of February". COMMENT—Marez against GALS.

5. REPORTS FROM ELECTED OFFICIALS AND OTHERS—

CD 6(Perez)—continued rent moratorium, work on food drives

Menjivar of Mayor's office on COVID 19 vaccine distribution priorities (front line medical), Cal Relief Fund expired, try FOUND LA w/ \$5 to 25K grant funding, apply for AI fresco dining permits— COMMENT— "Goat Puppet", Marez

6. Update on VNNC Election Process.

a. DONE and City Clerk presentation.

City Clerk rep. Nathan Singh. (Election Administrator for Van Nuys)

Candidate Info presentations on January 16 and 30; register at "empower la" website

<https://empowerla.org/elections/> Election portal— "clerk.lacity.org/elections:

<https://clerk.lacity.org/elections/neighborhood-council-election>

b. Three phases to election.

i. Candidate qualification January 8–February 23.

Process may require "documentation"—drivers. License, rent receipt, property tax form. Commercial, industrial seats defined more specifically now.

ii. Public must apply for ballot to "vote by mail", March 12–May 4.

iii. Submit ballot by mail—April 12 -May 11) must be postmarked by May 11 and received by mail no later than May 14). Every NC will have a" drop box" where completed ballots can be dropped off on the NC's Election Day, which for VNNC is May 11

c. Review of VNNC "open seats". Eleven seats (one half), per Agenda. Business

Owner/Employee seats: At-Large Commercial Seats 1 and 3; At-Large Industrial Seat 1

Resident seats: Resident Rep. Zone 1; Resident Rep. Zone 3; At-Large Resident Rep, Seat 1;

At-Large Resident Renter Rep Seat 1 Representative of Specific Groups: Non-Profit Seat 1;

Religious Institution Rep.; Senior Rep.; Youth Rep. All candidates must be 18 or older, with

two exceptions: —Senior Rep must be "55+" and Youth Rep must be "14-17" at start of term

d. Strategy for outreach. Schreiner asked members to email her their suggestions regarding outreach and let her know if they want to serve on the d Hoc Elections Committee.

7. Presentation of new VNNC website and discussion of timeline of launch. (Member Febre). Febre apologies—not ready for discussion. Says it uses "Squarespace". PUBLIC COMMENT—Hopp says "won't work", wasn't done correctly.

8. Discussion; possible action to purchase new laptop and software for use of VNNC Secretary; ro create minutes; other documents NTE \$800.00. Discussion. PUBLIC COMMENT—Marez asks about status of former computers owned by VNNC. Gomes suggests "VNNC provide inventory" re past laptops. BOARD COMMENT— Discussion—Is \$800 too high? VP Schreiner said she did the research

and this is her “estimate”. Motion to vote—(Schreiner/Marks). Roll call. Vote 12 yes, 1 no, 1 abstain (Hendry)

9. Discussion and possible action on Budget and Finance items. Items c and e “postponed.” Schreiner reported that documents under a and b have been submitted.
  - a. Discussion; possible action on status of current cardholders—approve new cardholders if needed. Current Cardholder—Sam Woolf. To be replaced by—President Browning; VP Schreiner. Motion to vote—(Hendry/Mercado). VOTE—roll call, 14-0, Browning, Schreiner added.
10. Discussion, possible action to create items for VNNC Retreat, scheduled for Feb. 13.
11. Discussion, possible action on Board administrative items for VNNC.
  - a. VNNC members will be asked to submit information for a “contact list”
  - b. In February, every member must state his/her Committee membership.
  - c. Postponed: Identify the CIS “signers”. (those who submit Board “opinions” to City Council) (Woolf, Hendry, Schreiner)
  - d. Review of training. VNNC PLUM must complete “DONE’s Planning 101”
12. Discussion, possible action to review, approve 9/9/20,9/24/20,12/16/20.  
One correction—apologies to Mr Azatyan for misspelling his name, mistakes will be corrected.  
Motion by Schreiner/Edelman. Vote by acclamation.
13. Adjournment.

Meeting adjourned.

Respectfully submitted, John Hendry, VNNC Secretary,  
January 18, 2020

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