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Meeting called to order—7:05 pm. Pledge of Allegiance. Quorum call— (14) PRESENT—Vice President Browning, Treasurer Marin, Secretary Hendry, Parliamentarian Macias (D), Marks, Febre, Thatch, Edelman (late), Schreiner, Martinez, Camera, Mercado, Macias (L), Azatyan, Hunt. (2)—ABSENT—Correa, Padden.

Quorum—On to Agenda.

Executive reports. VP Browning on replacing President Woolf. Treasurer on Finance mtg Jan 4. Secretary on GALs school hearing. Parliamentarian Macias on “VNNC backpack giveaway.”

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General Public Comment. Hopp, Brian Robinette with Peter Cominsky and Holly opposing GALs School with petition with 120 signatures.

Hopp on disqualifying Richard Marks from seat, on resigned Pres Woolf’s appearance at a NH neighborhood council. Marielena Moreno on potholes on Vanowen from VN Bl to Vesper.

4. Presentation by Council District 6 on disposition of old Fire Station 39 (Sylvan St between Van Nuys Bl and Sylmar) by Yvonne Perez. Old VN 39 Fire Station building needs renovation, LAFD to keep top floor for bunking—bottom floor to be divided into segments for community purposes (200 square feet) by 4 years from now. Marez, Lynn asked about naming FS 39 after Former Councilmember Ernani Bernardi.

Febre asked question about City’s help with related small business funding, etc. No other “elected officer representatives” present.

6. Discussion, possible approval of Budget and Finance recommendations.

6a. September MER. Motion to approve (Marin/Edelman). Roll call vote—15 aye—unanimous.

6b. October MER. (Marin/Edelman). Roll call vote—15 aye—unanimous.

6c. (To approve) Wendy Moore invoice. August 2020. (\$448.63) Motion to approve (Marin/Schreiner). Vote—15 aye—unanimous.

6d. Wendy Moore invoices.

I. (To approve Wendy Moore) September 2020 invoice. (\$468.86)

Vote—15 aye—unanimous.

ii. (To approve Wendy Moore) October 2020 invoice. Motion to approve (Schreiner/Edelman). Vote—15 aye—unanimous.

7. ITEM—PUT OVER AS NO PRESENTER

Motion to table (Schreiner/Mercado). Tabled by acclamation.

8. Discussion, possible action to set off an “election minute” to promote upcoming VNNC office holder’s election.

Motion to vote (Schreiner/Martinez). Vote—unanimous—by acclamation.

9. Discussion or possible action to hire Bridgegap to provide administrative assistance to the VNNC Board. Board to discuss terms, scope of work and duration of the contract. Contract C-142948. Cost NTE \$1,500 per quarter.

Public comment—Hopp, that he required Bridgegao’s hiring to settle lawsuit, former Pres Lynn that \$6K a year is too much, “Goat Puppet”, Marez.

Motion to approve —(Mercado/Schreiner). Vote 14 aye—1 no (Camera). Item passes.

10. Discussion, possible action to move VNNC website “go live” to February 2021. Pending approval by Board, Jan 2021.

Comment—Hopp—not well done. “Goat Puppet”.

Motion to approve — (Febre/Macias (D)). Vote by acclamation.

11. Discussion, possible action to approve VNNC Minutes.

11a. November 18, 2020 VNNC Special Minutes.

Motion to approve —(Marks/Hendry). Vote—by acclamation.

11b., 11c., 11d., (VNNC “Minutes PUT OVER TILL JANUARY 2021).

12. Discussion, possible action to review, adopt committee membership lists, and define a quorum. Postponed to January.

13. Discussion, action to elect new President of VNNC per Article VI, section 3, “in the event of an Officer vacancy, the remainder of the term shall be filled by simple majority of Directors present.”

Open floor to candidate nomination.

Nominated—Mike Browning, current Vice President, by (Thatch/Schreiner) and Macias, Parliamentarian.
Open discussion between members, candidates.

Motion to vote—Semee Park, DONE chaired vote.

Comment—Marez, “Goat Puppet”.

For Browning— (12). Browning, Marin, Marks, Febre, Thatch, Schreiner, Edelman, Martinez, Camera, Mercado Azatyan, Hunt.

For Macias, (D). (2). Macias (D), Macias (L).

Vice President Browning elected new President.

14. Discussion, possible appointment of VNNC Vice President.

Open floor to nominations. Nominated were Kathy Schreiner by herself, Demaris Macias by Edelman.

Comment— “Goat Puppet”, Hopp, Marez.

Vote—For Schreiner (10), Browning, Hendry, Marks, Febre, Thatch, Schreiner, Martinez, Mercado, Azatyan, Hunt.

For Demaris Macias. (4) Edelman, Camera, Macias (D) and Macias (L).

Schreiner elected Vice President.

ITEMS 15-16-17 PUT OVER FOR FUTURE MEETING.

18. Adjournment. 10-15 pm.

Submitted December 28, 2020 by
John Hendry, VNNC Secretary.

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