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## Van Nuys Neighborhood Council

Van Nuys Neighborhood Council  
Special General Board Meeting

### Minutes

May 27, 2021

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MINUTES FOR  
Van Nuys Neighborhood Council Special Board Meeting  
May 27, 2021 7:00PM

1. Pledge of Allegiance—Roll Call  
( 13 )—PRESENT—President Browning, VP Schreiner, Secretary Hendry, Treasurer Febre, Parliamentarian D. Macias, Azatyan Camera, Edelman, Macias (L), Marks, Martinez, Mercado, Thatch.  
(2)— ABSENT—Padden, Correa  
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—SPECIAL MEETING—NO REPORTS by ELECTED OFFICIALS—

President explains “Why a Special Meeting?” DONE, City Clerk required clarification of “end of fiscal year issues”.

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2. General Public Comment on Non-Agenda Items (2 min per stakeholder).

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3. Discussion and motion to approve updated NPG application from Hope of the Valley for \$5000.00 to help formerly homeless residents of A Bridge Home Van Nuys to overcome barriers and improve their readiness for transition to permanent housing. <https://vnnc.org/wp-content/uploads/2021/05/Van-Nuys-NPG.pdf>

- a. Background: Agency has updated previous application for NPG of \$5000.00, The detailed list of specific expenditures to be made on behalf of residents has been revised and titled “Budget.” Details of this budget have been revised to reallocate \$1000 previously designated to cover a rent deposit to be spent on other types of support to help formerly homeless residents overcome barriers and improve their readiness for transition to permanent housing. Signatures and starting date have also been updated.

MOTION TO VOTE—(Schreiner/Macias (D)).

Public comment  
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VOTE—10 YES (Browning, Schreiner, Febre, Hendry, Azatyan, Camera, Edelman, Marks, Martinez, Thatch) —  
1 NO (Mercado) —1 ABSTAIN (Macias (D)). Ineligible (L. Macias)  
MOTION PASSES.

4. Discussion and motion to amend the VNNC FY 2020-2021 budget to reallocate \$2000 from Election Expenditures and \$1000 from Community Improvement Project line items in order to increase the Outreach line item by \$3000. <https://vnnc.org/wp-content/uploads/2021/05/VNNC-Estimate-for-2021-as-of-May-24.xlsx>

a. Background: If Item 5 is approved as an expenditure from Outreach funds, the current outreach budget would be exceeded by \$2,120.92, Therefore it is necessary to modify the budget to increase funds in the Outreach line item.

b. Linked budget analysis estimates that at the end of June, VNNC will have \$16,352 in unspent funds. Of this amount, \$10,000 will likely be “rolled over” into the VNNC FY 2021-22 budget by the City after August 1st.

MOTION TO VOTE—(Schreiner/Febre)

Public comment

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Board comment—VNNC outreach poor—but this is one of the basic issues of “outreach” to post banners, so it is \$5,000 needed to spend.

VOTE—8 yes (Schreiner, Febre, Hendry, Azatyan, Edelman, Marks, Martinez, Thatch) —3 no (Browning, D. Macias, Camera, —1 ABSTAIN (Mercado), . Ineligible (L. Macias) ITEM PASSES,

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A MOTION PROPOSED BY CHAIR—PRESIDENT BROWNING/seconded by Marks to consider ways to reduce the VNNC “unallocated budget” by movin \$3,000 taken from “Community Improvement grants” to “General Office/ Operations”.

Treasurer Febre made a point of order.that the motion was not on the agenda. Terrence Gomes was consulted and agreed that President Browning’s motion could not be considered because it was not on the agenda and the public did not have notice that it was going to be discussed.

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5. Discussion and motion to approve an expenditure not to exceed \$5000 for replacement of 25 VNNC light pole banners by The Amgraph Group. [https://vnnc.org/wp-content/uploads/2021/05/ Updated- Fact-sheet-on-replacement-costs-of-25-VNNC-light-pole- banners.pdf](https://vnnc.org/wp-content/uploads/2021/05/Updated-Fact-sheet-on-replacement-costs-of-25-VNNC-light-pole-banners.pdf)

d. Background: At the 5/12 GBM, the Board approved an expenditure not to exceed \$10,500 to replace 61 worn VNNC light pole banners (with work to be completed by June 30th). Subsequently, it was determined that an expenditure greater than \$5000 would require development of a contract by the City that would likely take several months to complete. Therefore, the vendor was asked to provide an estimate

of the number of banners that could be replaced for an amount not to exceed \$5000. As reflected in the linked fact sheet, the estimate covers 25 banners.

Public comment

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Jeff Lynn.

MOTION TO VOTE—(Browning, Febre).

Board comment—Schreiner says cutting back to 25 will meet City requirements, be finished on time, Febre adds banners in decline, must be fixed, money can't be spent elsewhere.

VOTE—7 YES (Browning, Schreiner, Febre, Hendry, Azatyan, Martinez, Thatch), 4 NO (D. Macias, Camera, Edelman, Marks), 1 ABSTAIN (Mercado). Ineligible (L. Macias) MOTION PASSED.

#### 4. Adjournment