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Final Minutes April 13, 2022

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IN CONFORMITY WITH THE GOVERNOR'S EXECUTIVE ORDER N-29-20 (MARCH 17, 2020) AND DUE TO CONCERNS OVER COVID-19, THE GENERAL BOARD OF VAN NUYS NEIGHBORHOOD COUNCIL MEETING WILL BE CONDUCTED ENTIRELY TELEPHONICALLY.

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1. Meeting called to order—7-00 pm. Pledge of Allegiance, Rollcall.

VNNC ITEM 1. Roll Call		
Present –15 (17 when Febre and Thatch arrived)	Absent-00	Excused-01
Browning, Schreiner, Hendry, Bolla, Camera, Edelman, Harari, D. Macias, L. Macias, Makiri, Marks, Rouillard, Trim, Vijayan, Wayne + Febre and Thatch (15 minutes late)		Azatyan

2. Reports from Elected Officials.

- a. Officer Perez, SLO. New phone number for Postal Inspector; people can call if they receive items they did not order: 877.876.2455. Event on May 13th when LAPD will help to engrave your ID on your catalytic converter to help track if it gets stolen.
- b. DONE's Briceno on "deadlines" for VNNC's fiscal year.
- c. Elisa Schwartz, Assemblyman Nazarian's office. Call if need help on tracking applications for rent or utility relief.
- d. CD 4–Ryan Ahari. City launching \$12 million rental assistance for small businesses. On Sat., April 23rd at Griffith Park "Earth Day" celebration.
- e. CD 6–Jonah Glickman. Ap 25 drive thru food giveaway distribution. RBG (Justice Ginsburg) statue – City has approved funding to install the statue and a timeline is being developed. Question was asked about signage announcing removal of encampments near homeless shelters – 15 total sites approved by City Council in CD 6. In process of offering shelter to people near the Bridge Home Shelter on Aetna.
- f. Jesse Leon. Community Relations for Metro East SFV light rail line. Introduced himself and will ask to be placed on a future agenda.
- g. Public comment.
 - i. Goat Puppet
 - ii. Hopp

3. Financial motions.

- a. Discussion, motion to approve February 2022 MER. Motion to approve -- Febre/Vijayan.
Vote—15 yes—1 ineligible (Macias, L).

Yes – 15	No – 0	Abstain – 0	Ineligible 1	Absent -2
Browning, Schreiner, Hendry, Febre, Bolla, Camera, Edelman, Harari, D. Macias, Makiri, Marks, Rouillard, Trim, Vijayan, Wayne.			L. Macias	Azatyan, Thatch

- b. Discussion and possible action to provide NPG funding of \$1500.00 for "One Generation's" 2022 Senior Symposium. Application is for \$2500. Budget and Finance Committee recommended to grant \$1500 (which is \$500 more than the VNNC provided in 2021 to help cover higher costs). Motion to approve —Schreiner/Thatch.
Public Comment: Goat Puppet.

Vote—16 yes—1 ineligible (Macias, L). Motion passes.

Yes – 16	No – 0	Abstain – 0	Ineligible 1	Absent -1
Browning, Schreiner, Hendry, Febre, Thatch, Bolla, Camera, Edelman, Harari, D. Macias, Makiri, Marks, Rouillard, Trim, Vijayan, Wayne.			L. Macias	Azatyan

- c. Discussion and possible action to fund NPG for \$5,000 for PESA. For mental and academic support for at least 30 Van Nuys students. Motion to approve — Schreiner/D. Macias.

Discussion.

Public comment—Hopp. Goat Puppet. Sharon Brewer, Glen Bailey (re previous experience with applicant with another NC).

Vote—9 yes, 3 no, 4 abstain, 1 ineligible (Macias, L). Item passes.

Yes – 9	No – 3	Abstain - 4	Ineligible 1	Absent -1
Browning, Schreiner, Hendry, Febre, Camera, Harari, Makiri, Trim, Wayne.	Edelman, D. Macias, Marks	Thatch, Bolla, Rouillard, Vijayan	L. Macias	Azatyan

4. (A.—b.—c.—d.). Consent calendar to approve four sets of past VNNC Minutes. Secretary Hendry asked to remove all from items from “consent” for ‘discussion. President Browning said that the item would be moved to later in the agenda.

5. General Public Comment on items not on the agenda.

- Hopp
- Goat Puppet
- Candido Marez
- Glenn Bailey
- Albert Melina, San Fernando Valley Partnership – would like to present to the VNNC on a current program to prevent underage drinking.

6. Discussion and motions regarding VNNC open seats plan and applicants. Candidate applications from Brittany Vaughn, Alexis Roth, and Debra Soukup were attached to the agenda.

There are two vacant seats:

- At-Large Resident Renter Representative Seat 1 (until 2025)
- At-Large Resident Representative Seat 2 (until 2023)

All candidates are homeowners, so they will be considered for the At-Large Resident Seat.

Ms. Vaughn had two minutes to present her qualifications. Then members asked her questions.

Next Ms. Roth started her presentation. When she made a statement that she lived near Birmingham High School, it was determined that she lives west of I-405, which is not in the VNNC geographic boundaries.

President to apologize to Ms. Roth for this error. Ms. Soukup was not present.

Motion to appoint Ms. Vaughn as an At-Large Resident (Schreiner/Thatch).

Public Comment: Marez. Hopp. Goat Puppet

Vote to appoint—15 yes—2 no. Ms. Vaughn elected.

Yes – 15	No – 2	Abstain – 0	Ineligible 0	Absent -1
Browning, Schreiner, Hendry, Febre, Thatch, Bolla, Camera, Edelman, Harari, Makiri, Marks, Rouillard, Trim, Vijayan, Wayne.	L. Macias, D. Macias			Azatyan

Ms. Vaughn took oath—took seat as member

Item 4 (approval of minutes). Taken up again. Minutes for:

- a. 2/10/21 General Board Meeting
- b. 5/27/21 General Board Meeting
- c. 11/10/21 General Board Meeting
- d. 12/08/21 General Board Meeting

Hendry made a statement: Shortfall of 8 months “Minutes”. Hendry did Minutes—forwarded—Minutes received—but confusion in “final draft”, “posting”. Hendry has some other Minutes to be completed—due to group’s failure to respond. Mr. Gomes provided support—in how Minutes were—in a sense—hidden in plain sight—then found.

Terrence Gomes commented that when Mr. Hendry submitted minutes to him in a text format, Mr. Gomes put them into a word processing template. Then he reviewed and highlighted areas where he had questions about vote counts and other details. He sent these annotated minutes to Mr. Hendry for response. He never received a response from Mr. Hendry. Mr. Hendry said he did not receive any of Mr. Gomes’ emails.

Hendry withdrew his “motion for individual vote.”

Public Comment: Marez. Hopp.

Motion to approve minutes items “a” through “d”—Febre/Schreiner. Vote—13 yes—5 abstain. (Newer members abstained if they had not participated in the meetings covered.) Motion passes.

Yes – 13	No – 0	Abstain - 0	Ineligible 0	Absent -1
Browning, Schreiner, Hendry, Febre, Thatch, Bolla, Camera, Edelman, Harari, D. Macias, L. Macias, Makiri, Marks, Rouillard, Trim, Vijayan, Wayne.		Harari, Vijayan, Makiri, D. Macias, Vaughn		Azatyan

Mr. Browning said that the approved minutes would be posted on the vnnc.org website.

7. Discussion of VNNC Committee rosters. All board members must be a member of at least one committee. New members need to volunteer for committees with open spaces. President Browning reviewed and updated master list of committee members and list of monthly committee meeting dates. He said he would send out the list of committee members and committee meeting dates to members. Also the committee times should be put into the public calendar on the website.
Public Comment: Marez. Hopp. Goat Puppet. Quirino de la Cuesta.
8. Motion to consider how many ZOOM licenses to purchase. DONE has decided to transfer funding for ZOOM licenses to individual NCs (at a discount annual price of \$200 per license). Currently, DONE only allows one person (President) to start Zoom meetings for the NC and its committees. If VNNC purchases multiple licenses, it will be possible to have more people able to start meetings. Mike recommended three licenses. R. Marks moved to purchase “two” licenses and there was a second. After more discussion, J. Febre proposed to amend the motion to purchase “up to five” licenses/seconded by Kathy. It was

determined that DONE needs a specific number of licenses to be purchased. J. Febre proposed to amend the motion to state that the VNNC would purchase five licenses for \$1000/seconded by Marks

Public Comment: Glenn Bailey. Marez.

Motion to vote—Febre/Marks. Vote—16 yes—2 ineligible (Macias, L and Vaughn, new member)

Yes – 16	No – 0	Abstain – 0	Ineligible 2	Absent -1
Browning, Schreiner, Hendry, Febre, Thatch, Bolla, Camera, Edelman, Harari, D. Macias, Makiri, Marks, Rouillard, Trim, Vijayan, Wayne.			L. Macias Vaughn	Azatyan

Items 9 to 11 Postponed

9. Discussion, action to plan for VNNC's 2023 election.

10. Executive and Committee Reports.

11. Discussion, action to have VNNC submit more CIS (Community Impact Statements).

12. Adjournment. Approx. 10:15 pm.

Respectfully submitted.

John Hendry

Secretary

Van Nuys NC

April 27; 2022.