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Final Minutes

May 11, 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 at 7 pm. ZOOM option available to all. Pledge of Allegiance.

VNNC ITEM 1. Roll Call		
Present – 16	Absent-03	Excused-01
Browning, Schreiner, Febre, Hendry, Thatch, Bolla, Edelman, D. Macias, L. Macias, Makiri, Marks, Rouillard, Trim, Vijayan, Vaughn, Wayne	Azatyian, Camera, Harari	

Vaughn states she has taken all training—and can vote.
Quorum was met. Proceeded to Agenda.

2. Reports from Elected Officials, Public Safety Officers.
 - a. Van Nuys SLO Lara reports update that City has lifted moratorium on towing of RVs used as dwelling units. There is an upcoming “Community Police Academy”, 8 week course to expose residents to LAPD process; for info call Officer Lara @ (818)731-2557. Grand Theft Auto is up, street robbery up too.
 - b. Briceno of DONE not here
 - c. Brenda Yanez of Supervisor Kuehl’s office. COVID 19 updates. Community Advisory Committee meeting on May 26 and in-person Town Hall meeting on closing Whiteman Air Park (San Fernando Road in Pacoima) on May 24.
 - d. Ryan Ahari with Councilmember Rahman, CD 4. Raising awareness on composting. Partnering with Cal Trans to clean up 101 Sepulveda southbound onramp on May 18. Rahman is advocating for funds for the Valley in the City budget. Let him know if you see any problems in CD 4. Shout out to Suju for calling our attention to trash on Oxnard; Sanitation Dept. provided trash cans.
 - e. Cairo Rodriguez of Krekorian of CD 2. VN Bernardino Senior Center has reopened. City Dept of Aging offering free meals to seniors.
 - f. Elisa with Assemblyman Nazarian is turning over responsibilities to new Field Rep Lilly Sarafian, who will attend next GBM.
 - g. Mel Bailey, Probation Dept. Invite public to attend community advisory committee meeting. Meet the second Thursday of every other month. Next meeting is June 9th at 10 a.m. via Zoom. For more information about the meeting, contact Mel at 310.365.6338 and email: mel.bailey@probation.lacounty.gov If anyone has questions about Probation matters, they can call the following number Monday through Friday from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m.: 866-931-2222.
 - h. Public Comment.
 - i. Unidentified. Complaint on missing trash pickups from Republic. ii.
 - R. Hopp
 - iii. Puppet
3. Guest Speaker—Albert Melena, Executive Director, San Fernando Valley Partnership regarding the Alcohol Delivery Project. New emerging issue—during COVID pandemic, learned that underage drinkers were getting liquor through orders for delivery. Found that 80% of 3rd party app drivers were leaving alcohol

without getting proof of identification. Want to raise awareness of community and liquor stores that this is illegal. Working with retail liquor stores on procedures to help ensure that drivers check identification. Bart Trevino is working with 4 retail stores in Van Nuys who are implementing these procedures. Working on this issue with ABC (Department of Alcoholic Beverage Control). Due to technical problems with sharing the PowerPoint during the meeting, Mr. Melena will send a copy of the presentation to President Browning to share with other council members.

Public Comment

- i. Unidentified.
- ii. Puppet
- iii. R. Hopp

4. General public comment.

- a. Eric Strong, candidate for Sheriff
- b. Carolyn Menjivar, candidate for State Senator
- c. R. Hopp
- d. Puppet
- e. Unidentified

5. Discussion, possible action on a PLUM committee recommendation to support by letter to Mayor, City Council, the proposed “Healthy Streets LA” initiative.

Background: The ballot measure will require the City of Los Angeles to implement its Mobility Plan 2035 whenever the City repaves or otherwise works on a street. The Mobility Plan 2035 calls for the construction of a connected network of pedestrian and bicycle routes, transit routes, and vehicle routes with the goal of creating a complete street network to support streets as public places for the safe utilization for all modes of transportation. Implementation of the ballot measure is expected to save money, reduce traffic, make the streets safer, and give people more options to get around town, while helping to clean the air.

Adriane Hoff from Streets for All gave a brief presentation. Board members discussed the issues. A Motion was made (Schreiner/Febre). to send a letter of support to the Mayor and City Council

Public comment—

- a. Hopp
- b. Puppet

VNNC ITEM 5. Roll Call			
Yes – 10	Abstain - 3	No - 3	Absent-03
Browning, Schreiner, Febre, Hendry, Edelman, Makiri, Rouillard, Vijayan, Vaughn, Wayne	Bolla Thatch Trim	D Macias L Macias Marks	Azatian Camera Harari

6. Budget discussion, expenditures, adjustments.

- a. Discussion and possible action to approve March MER

- i. Treasurer reviewed the March MER.
- ii. Motion to vote to approve March MER. (Febre/Schreiner).

VNNC ITEM 6a. Roll Call				
Yes – 15	Abstain - 0	No - 0	Ineligible - 1	Absent-03
Browning, Schreiner, Febre, Hendry, Thatch, Bolla, Edelman, D. Macias, Makiri, Marks, Rouillard, Trim, Vijayan, Vaughn, Wayne			L. Macias	Azatyana Camera Harari

b. Discussion, possible action to approve budget adjustments.

- i. Treasurer presented an overview of spending vs. budget for the current budget.
- ii. Next she provided an overview of recommended revisions that had been approved by the Budget and Finance Committee and the Executive Committee. She explained that administrative line items that would not be utilized (such as funds for printing materials for meetings, providing food at meetings, ordering office supplies, and funding council retreats) were reduced to zero. In addition, funds budgeted under Community Improvement Projects were reduced to zero because there is not enough time to develop these projects this fiscal year. These funds were proposed to be transferred to add \$2000 to the line item for Web Hosting and Maintenance, budget \$1000 for the Zoom licenses approved by the council, budget \$400 for interpretation, and add \$3100 to the line item for NPGs.
- iii. The President and members of the Outreach Committee presented their ideas for expenditures that would help the VNNC be prepared for outreach activities this summer. They provided explanations of the line items listed on the agenda under item 6d. The committee indicated they would appreciate an increase in the Outreach budget to make sure that they are able to carry out their plans.
- iv. There was discussion that it would not be possible to consider any new NPG requests after this meeting because they could not be reviewed and voted on by the council before the City Clerk’s deadline of June 1st as the last date to submit a check request. (NPGs are issued as checks.)
- v. The Treasurer suggested that \$1000 be moved from the revised NPG line item and added to the Outreach line item. The result would be a total Outreach budget of \$5,342 and a total NPG budget of \$16,100.
- vi. Motion to approve the revised budget (Febre/Schreiner)
- vii. Public comment —Hopp, Puppet

VNNC ITEM 6b. Roll Call				
Yes – 15	Abstain - 0	No – 0	Ineligible - 1	Absent-03
Browning, Schreiner, Febre, Hendry, Thatch, Bolla, Edelman, D. Macias, Makiri, Marks, Rouillard, Trim, Vijayan, Vaughn, Wayne			L. Macias	Azatyana Camera Harari

- c. The Treasurer reviewed the NPG application from The Orange Cooler Project. The agency is new and has recently received designation as a 501 (c)(3) organization. At present the founder is the only

person implementing the project. She provides ice, water, and lemonade mix to homeless individuals who are located on Aetna St East of Van Nuys Bl. She also cleans up the street and is assisted in this work by homeless individuals. (Applicant was not present.). Although the applicant initially requested \$5000, the Budget and Finance Committee recommends that the project be funded initially for \$1000. The results of this initial phase will be reviewed. Applicant will have an opportunity to apply for additional funds in the new fiscal year.

- i. Motion was made to approve an NPG for The Orange Cooler Project for \$1000 (Febre/Schreiner).
- ii. Public comment: Puppet

VNNC ITEM 6c. Roll Call				
Yes – 13	Abstain - 0	No – 2	Ineligible - 1	Absent-03
Browning, Schreiner, Febre, Thatch, Bolla, Edelman, Makiri, Marks, Rouillard, Trim, Vijayan, Vaughn, Wayne		Hendry D. Macias	L. Macias	Azatyian Camera Harari

d. Discussion, possible action to approve VNNC OUTREACH budget of \$3800 for the items listed on the agenda for VNNC outreach activities to include website updates, logo update, VNNC collateral items (T-shirts, tote bags, water bottles, pens)

- i. Logo Update - \$500
- ii. T-shirts - \$500 for print design + \$1000 for print (would complete 60-100 shirts as an estimate depending on printing process and location selected)
- iii. Shopping Totes - \$350 (we can reuse the logos designed for t-shirts); this would cover an estimate of 100 shopping bags
- iv. Water Bottles - \$425 (Would cover 100 basic BPA free clear plastic logo printed bottles)
- v. Pens - \$160 (would cover approximately 100 basic pens)
- vi. 20-My-LA-311 signs = \$820.92 Total: \$3,755.92.

Motion to approve the proposed purchases (Thatch/Edelman). No

Public comment

VNNC ITEM 6d. Roll Call				
Yes – 15	Abstain - 0	No – 0	Ineligible - 1	Absent-03
Browning, Schreiner, Febre, Hendry, Thatch, Bolla, Edelman, D. Macias, Makiri, Marks, Rouillard, Trim, Vijayan, Vaughn, Wayne			L. Macias	Azatyian Camera Harari

7. The remaining items on the agenda were postponed to the next meeting, with the exception of a brief discussion of the proposal by John Hendry that the VNNC consider developing a new way to welcome people to Van Nuys. The current stone marker says “Welcome to Van Nuys.” It is located at the intersection of Van Nuys Bl and Chandler Bl.

- a. CITY and Van Nuys Chamber contracted to do the marker in 1970’s. Any bright suggestions to take out marker—and provide a “fresh take”? Reseda, North Hollywood, Chinatown have “Disneyland”-inspired arches.
- b. There was interest among council members in taking on this project. It will be assigned to the Beautification Committee.

c. The President suggested looking at signs posted by the Reseda Neighborhood Council for ideas.

8. Final Public Comment

- a. Puppet
- b. Rudy Melendez
- c. Mel Bailey

9. Adjournment.

Respectfully submitted.

John Hendry

Secretary

May 17: 2022