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**Van Nuys Neighborhood Council**



**Van Nuys Neighborhood Council  
Special General Board Meeting  
Draft Minutes**

Thursday, July 27, 2023

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1. **Roll Call and Pledge of Allegiance** The meeting was called to order at 7:05 PM by President Schreiner. The Pledge of Allegiance was led by John Camera. Roll was called by John Hendry. There were twelve (12) Boardmembers present. Three (3) Boardmembers were absent. Quorum was met.

VNNC ITEM 1. Roll Call	
Present –12	Absent-03
Apikyan, Bolla, Camera, Chavez, Harari, Hendry, Kim, Kopelev, Nkuku, Patton, Schreiner, Zezotarski	Azatyan, Kalb, Vaughan

2. Overview of agenda and update on status of CA State Senate Bill 411 (Portantino) regarding allowing Neighborhood Councils to have a choice to hold virtual meetings. The Assembly is currently in recess so additional information will be provided at the next meeting.
  - a. Public comment: Mike Greenspan, Goat Puppet, Mr. Hopp, Mr. Marez

President Schreiner introduced Field Deputy Mark Lomeli from newly elected Councilwoman Imelda Padilla, Council District 6. Mark reported that he is a resident of CD6 and the Councilwoman is currently hiring staff and will have a full report next month. Hours of operation is from 9:00AM to 6:00PM.

President Schreiner introduced NEA Alfonso Manzo from the Department of Neighborhood Empowerment. Alfonso reported that he just started and is excited to be working with the VNNC.

3. Discussion and possible action to approve the May MER and the June MER.

<https://vnnc.org/wp-content/uploads/2023/06/VNNC-May-MER.pdf>

<https://vnnc.org/wp-content/uploads/2023/07/VNNC-June-2023-MER.pdf>

NOTE: pages 11-24 of June MER are details associated with payments for Facebook ads for VNNC elections that are summarized on page 10.

**Public Comment: Mr. Hopp, Goat Puppet**

**Motion: Passed**

<b>VNNC Agenda Item 3a. Motion to approve the May 2023 MER. Moved: Patton Seconded: Zezotarski</b>				
<b>Yes –08</b>	<b>No-01</b>	<b>Abstain-03</b>	<b>Ineligible-00</b>	<b>Absent-03</b>
Apikyan, Camera, Harari, Kim, Kopelev, Nkuku, Schreiner, Zezotarski	Hendry	Patton, Bolla Chavez	None	Azatyan, Kalb, Vaughan

**Public Comment: Mr. Hopp, Goat Puppet**

**Motion: Passed**

<b>VNNC Agenda Item 3b. Motion to approve the June 2023 MER. Moved: Zezotarski Seconded: Kopelev</b>				
<b>Yes –09</b>	<b>No-00</b>	<b>Abstain-03</b>	<b>Ineligible-00</b>	<b>Absent-03</b>
Apikyan, Camera, Harari, Hendry, Kim, Kopelev, Nkuku, Schreiner, Zezotarski	None	Bolla, Chavez, Patton	None	Azatyan, Kalb, Vaughan

4. Discussion and possible action to complete and approve the draft Fiscal Year 2023/24 Administrative Package for the VNNC.

<https://vnnc.org/wp-content/uploads/2023/07/VNNC-NCFP-AdminPacket-AnnualBudget-Gen-fillable-FY-2023-2024.pdf>

- a. Review Draft Budget recommended by the Budget & Finance Committee at its meeting on June 28<sup>th</sup>. See pages 8 (of 12) through 10 (of 12) of linked Administrative Packet.

**Samuel Apikyan left the meeting at 8:07PM**

**Samuel Apikyan rejoined the meeting at 8:11PM**

There was much discussion about the cost of the web services. There were also concerns about the email services. There will be further discussions about the web services and review of the bills as 30% of the budget is spent on the web services.

Kim made a motion to have an Ad hoc committee to review the web services expenditures. There was no second. President Schreiner invited Kim to join the Budget and Finance Committee.

**Public Comment: Mr. Hopp, Mr. Marez, Goat Puppet**

**Motion: Passed**

<b>VNNC Agenda Item 4a. Motion to approve the VNNC 2023-2024 FY Budget Moved: Kim Seconded: Nkuku</b>				
<b>Yes –12</b>	<b>No-00</b>	<b>Abstain-00</b>	<b>Ineligible-00</b>	<b>Absent-03</b>
Apikyan, Bolla, Camera, Chavez, Harari, Hendry, Kim, Kopelev, Nkuku, Patton, Schreiner, Zezotarski	None	None	None	Azatyan, Kalb, Vaughan

**John Camera left the meeting at 8:18PM.**

- b. Fiscal Officer Roles to be appointed – must have completed Fiscal Officer Training. See pages 2 (of 12) through 5 (of 12) of linked Administrative Packet.

**Public Comment: Mr. Hopp, Goat Puppet**

**Motion: Passed**

<b>VNNC Agenda Item 4b. Motion to amendment to have appointments of the fiscal officers on the next GBM agenda and to approve the below appointments. Moved: Kim Seconded: Apikyan</b>				
<b>Yes –11</b>	No-00	Abstain-00	Ineligible-00	<b>Absent-04</b>
Apikyan, Bolla, Chavez, Harari, Hendry, Kim, Kopelev, Nkuku, Patton, Schreiner, Zezotarski	None	None	None	Azatyan, Camera Kalb, Vaughan

- i. Second Signer (currently held by Kathy Schreiner)

**Public Comment: Mr. Hopp, Goat Puppet**

**Motion: Passed**

<b>VNNC Agenda Item 4.b.i. Motion to appoint Schreiner as second signer. Moved: Kim Seconded: Apikyan</b>				
<b>Yes –11</b>	No-00	Abstain-00	Ineligible-00	<b>Absent-04</b>
Apikyan, Bolla, Chavez, Harari, Hendry, Kim, Kopelev, Nkuku, Patton, Schreiner, Zezotarski	None	None	None	Azatyan, Camera, Kalb, Vaughan

- ii. Alternate Signer

**Motion: Passed**

<b>VNNC Agenda Item 4bii. Motion to appoint Nkuku as alternate signer. Moved: Kim Seconded: Apikyan</b>				
<b>Yes –08</b>	No-00	<b>Abstain-03</b>	Ineligible-00	<b>Absent-04</b>
Apikyan, Harari, Hendry, Kim, Kopelev, Nkuku, Schreiner, Zezotarski	None	Bolla, Chavez, Patton	None	Azatyan, Camera, Kalb, Vaughan

- iii. First Bank Cardholder

**Motion: Passed**

<b>VNNC Agenda Item 4biii. Motion to appoint Patton as first bank cardholder. Moved: Kim Seconded: Apikyan</b>				
<b>Yes –08</b>	No-00	<b>Abstain-03</b>	Ineligible-00	<b>Absent-03</b>
Apikyan, Harari, Hendry, Kim, Kopelev, Nkuku, Schreiner, Zezotarski	None	Bolla, Chavez, Patton	None	Azatyan, Camera, Kalb, Vaughan

- iv. Second Bank Cardholder

**Motion: Passed**

<b>VNNC Agenda Item 4biv. Motion to appoint Schreiner as second bank cardholder. Moved: Kim Seconded: Apikyan</b>				
<b>Yes –08</b>	No-00	<b>Abstain-03</b>	Ineligible-00	<b>Absent-04</b>
Apikyan, Harari, Hendry, Kim, Kopelev, Nkuku, Schreiner, Zezotarski	None	Bolla, Chavez, Patton	None	Azatyan, Camera, Kalb, Vaughan

5. Discussion and possible action about whether to post vacant Board positions and invite application by individuals who meet the qualifications for each position. (See Appendix A for section from By-Laws regarding how vacancies will be filled. Note that applications for positions that are to be considered for appointment at the August 9<sup>th</sup> General Board Meeting must be received by July 30<sup>th</sup> to meet the requirement of being submitted at least 10 days before a scheduled Board meeting.)
  - a. At-Large vacant positions:
    - i. At-Large Resident Representative Seat 1 (expires 2025)
    - ii. At-Large Representative Seat 2 (expires 2025)
  - b. Zone Resident vacancy for Zone 1 (expires 2025) -- bounded by the railroad tracks north of Saticoy Street, Van Nuys Boulevard, Vanowen Street and the 405 freeway.
  - c. Youth Representative (expires 2025) -- must be between 14 and 17 years of age at the time of election (or appointment)
  - d. Seats requiring special qualifications that had no candidates in the recent election:
    - i. At-Large Industrial Business Owner or Employee Seat 2 (expires 2027)
    - ii. School Representative (expires 2027) – stakeholder who is an employee or a parent volunteer at a school located within the VNNC boundaries

**The Board agreed to provide info on our website and in an eblast that all of the vacant positions were open for applications to be submitted.**

**Public comment: Goat Puppet, Mr. Hopp, Mike Greenspan**

6. Discussion and possible action to appoint one or more Board members to be Budget Representatives. (Info about Budget Representatives and Budget Advocates can be found at <https://www.budgetadvocates.org/>)

**Public Comment: Mike Greenspan, Mr. Hopp, Goat Puppet**

**Motion: Passed**

<b>VNNC Agenda Item 6 Motion to appoint Zezotarski and Kopelev as Budget Representatives for the Van Nuys Neighborhood Council. Moved: Patton Seconded: Nkuku</b>				
<b>Yes –11</b>	<b>No-00</b>	<b>Abstain-00</b>	<b>Ineligible-00</b>	<b>Absent-04</b>
Apikyan, Bolla, Chavez, Harari, Hendry, Kim, Kopelev, Nkuku, Patton, Schreiner, Zezotarski	None	None	None	Azatyan, Camera, Kalb, Vaughan

7. Discussion and possible action to approve a CIS to support Council File (CF) 23-1200-S130, regarding nomination by Controller Kenneth Mejia of Reseda NC member Jamie York to the Ethics Commission.

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[https://vnnc.org/wp-content/uploads/2023/07/Mejia-nomination-of-Jamie-York-CF-23-1200-s130\\_rpt\\_ctllr\\_07-05-23.pdf](https://vnnc.org/wp-content/uploads/2023/07/Mejia-nomination-of-Jamie-York-CF-23-1200-s130_rpt_ctllr_07-05-23.pdf)

[https://vnnc.org/wp-content/uploads/2023/07/Jamie-York-resume-CF-23-1200-s130\\_misc\\_06-30-23.pdf](https://vnnc.org/wp-content/uploads/2023/07/Jamie-York-resume-CF-23-1200-s130_misc_06-30-23.pdf)

**Public Comment: Mr. Hopp, Mike Greenspan, Goat Puppet**

**Motion: Passed**

<b>VNNC Agenda Item 7. Motion to approve a CIS to support Council File (CF) 23-1200-S130, regarding nomination by Controller Kenneth Mejia of Reseda NC member Jamie York to the Ethics Commission. Moved: Bolla Seconded: Kopelev</b>				
<b>Yes –11</b>	<b>No-00</b>	<b>Abstain-00</b>	<b>Ineligible-00</b>	<b>Absent-04</b>

Apikyan, Bolla, Chavez, Harari, Hendry, Kim, Kopelev, Nkuku, Patton, Schreiner, Zezotarski	None	None	None	Azatyany, Camera, Kalb, Vaughan
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8. General Public Comment on Non-Agenda Items:

- a. Mike Greenspan
- b. Mr. Hopp
- c. Goat Puppet

9. Setting Focus for the VNNC in 2023-2024

- a. Brainstorm list of City and local issues for priority focus.
  - i. John Hendry was concerned that ADUs corrupts the community and we are not building new parks. There are many buildings that could be repurposed.
  - ii. Yena Kim Cats, homelessness neighbors and animals.
  - iii. David Harari Metro projects and serving the monolingual community.
  - iv. Cyle Zezotarski environment and future planning projects, larger NC groups, and the Sustainability Alliance.
  - v. Samuel Apikyan Business and changes in IT.
  - vi. Maduka Nkuku planning in our city and outreaching to our communities to get involved.
  - vii. Kathy Schreiner passion about more green space and sustainability and homelessness.
  - viii. Brian Patton better relationship with other elected officials and the VNNC being more proactive.
  - ix. David Kopelev public safety
    - x. Josue Chavez many safety issues especially at night and issues important to the community.
  - xi. Myrra Bolla hopeful about improving homelessness and the Van Nuys area.
- b. Match issues with potential list of committees. The list of committees was handed out to the Board and stakeholders in attendance. The By-laws list the required committees. President Schreiner went over the requirements of the Boardmembers for committees
- c. Discussion and possible action to select chairs of key committees. No action taken.
- d. Brainstorm topics for Board training. No action taken.
- e. Brainstorm potential outreach events. No action taken.

**Public comment: Mike Greenspan, Mr. Hopp, Jerrod, Goat Puppet**

10. Identification of topics Board members would like to discuss at a future meeting. No action taken.

11. Adjournment 9:38PM.