

General Meeting Agenda VNNC

Van Nuys Neighborhood Council

January 8th, 2013 (Wednesday 7:00pm - Midnight)

6262 Van Nuys Blvd., Council Chambers/Multipurpose Room

Van Nuys, CA 91401



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1. Call to Order & Pledge of Allegiance to the United States of America
2. Roll Call (Quorum Call)
3. Comments from the Chair -- *Speaker Cards: 2 minutes, 2 Public Comment Times. (This includes speaker cards on any and all agenda items -- a limit of 10 minutes for the entire meeting per Stakeholders and Councilmembers alike)
4. Public Comment (On matters within the VNNC Board's Jurisdiction.)
5. Secretary's Report -- (Jon Hendry) -- Re-Approve November Special Meeting Minutes & November Meeting Minutes & December General Meeting Minutes
6. Treasurer's Report -- Jeanette Hopp and/or Maria Skelton (Second Signatory) -- Approve Treasurer's Report
7. Committee Chairperson's Reports, ***Budget Advocate's Report***, Elected Officials' Reports & Election Chair's Report
8. New Business
 - a. Speech and Presentation by Los Angeles City Councilman Paul Koretz. -- (20 minutes) including the "Question & Answer" session. The VNNC is continuously reaching out and working with the local elected officials in the San Fernando Valley. By inviting the Councilman to speak and working with his office, the VNNC is forming a relationship with Mr. Koretz so as to improve the quality of life in the mid-valley.
 - b. UCLA Urban Planning Presentation (Quirino De La Questa & UCLA Students)
 - c. Speech and Presentation by Mayor of Gardena Paul Tanaka, Candidate for LA County Sheriff. -- (20 minutes) including the "Question & Answer" session.
 - d. Fire Station 39 ad-hoc committee is now asking for the full board to support a community impact statement stating Fire Station 39's relocation be to the NW corner of Friar and Cedros or any other feasible site considered by the City for such purpose or otherwise.
 - e. Funding for the Valley Family Justice Center. (Not To Exceed \$1000) The \$1000 requested is to help complete the toddler area of the main facility that is being built on Oxnard & Vesper. The VNNC is counter-requesting the Valley Family Justice Center seek funds from the neighboring Neighborhood Councils as well. NTE \$1000 -- ACTION ITEM.
 - f. The VNNC Secretary has requested reimbursement for miscellaneous office work. The VNNC Secretary has promised to produce documents to the Budget & Finance Committee, as well as the full council. The VNNC Secretary has requested a reimbursement not to exceed \$50. (NTE \$50) ACTION ITEM
 - g. Resubmit invoices for reimbursement for VNNC Vice President Howard Benjamin. Mr. Benjamin submitted 4 invoices for reimbursement, 3 of which were rejected. Mr. Benjamin has requested the 3 invoices be resubmitted and is seeking an update on the status from DONE/Empower Los Angeles. ACTION ITEM

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h. The VNNC is seeking to switch from the GoDaddy website service provider to WordPress which will include previous credit rolled over into the new VNNC account. The VNNC website switch over will not cost more than \$500. The requested allocation of funds for the switch over does not exceed \$500. (NTE \$500) -- ACTION ITEM

i. The VNNC will be voting on filling the vacancy of the Senior Seat. Mr. James Pieper has fulfilled the requirements to be voted on to the Neighborhood Council, and his stakeholder status is still pending with DONE. The VNNC shall have the vote on the Senior Seat, with a pending double check with DONE on Mr. Pieper's stakeholder status.

j. The VNNC shall vote on the official appointment of Councilman Quirino De La Questa to become the Chairman of the Planning & Land Use Committee (PLUM). The VNNC will also vote on the official removal of Councilman Indra Ciccarelli as the Chairman of the PLUM Committee.

k. Holiday Party Update -- Councilman Candido Marez

9. Old Business

a. Sister City Update (Amsterdam, The Netherlands) -- George Christopher Thomas

10. Public Comment

11. Adjournment

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COMMITTEES

Executive: 1st Monday of every month (or 9 days prior to the meeting at 6:30 P.M.)

Δ Sets the agenda for board meetings, receives requests, and assigns tasks.

GEORGE CHRISTOPHER THOMAS, CHAIRMAN

HOWARD BENJAMIN, VICE PRESIDENT

JOHN HENDRY, SECRETARY

JEANETTE HOPP, TREASURER

JOSEF LAZAVORITZ, PARLIAMENTARIAN

HERBERT THOMPSON, CHAIRPERSON OF THE OUTREACH COMMITTEE

Location: 6240 Sylmar Street, 2nd floor Community Room

Safety: 2nd Wednesday of every month prior to VNNC general board meeting at 6:00 P.M.

Δ Deals with community safety issues within the Van Nuys Neighborhood Council area.

JOSEF LAZAROVITZ, CHAIRMAN -- ADDITIONAL MEMBERS OF THE COMMITTEE -- (MARILYN HAVARD, PENELOPE MEYER,

JOHN HENDRY, DONALD & PRUDENCE SCHULTZ)

Location: Braude Center, 6262 Van Nuys Blvd, Room 1-A

Parks & Recreation: 2nd Wednesday of every month prior to VNNC general board meeting at 6:00 P.M. or TBA

Δ Deals with issues concerning children and youth, park programs, facilities and playgrounds in the VNNC area.

CANDIDO MAREZ, CHAIRMAN -- ADDITIONAL MEMBERS OF THE COMMITTEE -- (JOHN CAMERA, ROLAND GUEVERA, MIRIAM

FOGLER (STAKEHOLDER), MR. JAMES PIEPER)

Location: Delano Recreation Center, 14100 Erwin Street, Van Nuys, CA.

Budget & Finance: 2nd Wednesday of the month at 6:00pm (Right before the VNNC General Meeting)

Δ Deals with Van Nuys Neighborhood Council (VNNC) budgetary issues.

JEANETTE HOPP, CHAIRWOMAN

ADDITIONAL MEMBERS OF THE COMMITTEE -- (CANDIDO MAREZ, HERBERT THOMPSON, MARIA SKELTON, JENNIFER

HUGHES (STAKEHOLDER))

Location: TBD

Planning & Land Use: 2nd Wednesday of every month prior to VNNC general board meeting at 6:00 P.M. or TBA

Δ Deals with planning, zoning and land use issues that affect the VNNC community, including proposals for new projects, zoning changes and variances, proposals for tenant improvement (T.I.) construction, building improvements and special uses, development, development of new business e.t.c.

JERRY MARTIN, CO-CHAIR -- ADDITIONAL MEMBERS OF THE COMMITTEE -- (JOHN HENDRY, HOWARD BENJAMIN, PENNY

MEYER, PAUL ANAND, MARIA SHERTZER)

Location: Braude Center, 6262 Van Nuys Blvd, Room 2B, Van Nuys, CA.

Government Relations/Rules & Bylaws: Meetings held 2nd Wednesday of every month or TBA

Δ Deals with citywide issues, council files, actions of city officials and departments, bylaws, rules and regulations, policies and procedures.

CHAIRMAN PAUL ANAND -- ADDITIONAL MEMBERS OF THE COMMITTEE -- (JEANETTE HOPP, JOHN HENDRY, JENNIFER

HUGHES (STAKEHOLDER), JOSEF LAZAROVITZ, PENNY MEYER, DEREK WALEKO)

Outreach: Meetings held last Thursday of every month. (Or possibly the 2nd Tuesday of the month) or TBA

Δ Deals with outreach to inform the VNNC community about board meetings, elections, committee meetings, projects and special events, e.t.c.

MARIA SKELTON, CHAIRWOMAN, HERBERTTHOMPSON69@YAHOO.COM, 818-385-5665

ADDITIONAL MEMBERS OF THE COMMITTEE -- (HERBERT THOMPSON, CANDIDO MAREZ, HOWARD BENJAMIN, RICHARD

HOPP)



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Monday through Saturday.**

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