

# Executive Committee Agenda (VNNC)

Van Nuys Neighborhood Council

November 3rd, 2014 (Monday 6:30 - 8:00pm)

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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 (President) of the Van Nuys Neighborhood Council
4. Public Comment (On matters within the VNNC Board's Jurisdiction.) \*Speaker Cards: 2 minutes, 1 Public Comment Time. (This includes speaker cards on any and all agenda items -- a limit of 10 minutes for the entire meeting per Stakeholders and Councilmembers alike)
5. Secretary's Report -- Approve October Minutes
6. Treasurer's Report -- Jeanette Hopp and/or Howard Benjamin (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. Neighborhood action. The Ban of fracking in Los Angeles. Volunteers from Food and Water Watch (FWW) are presenting on the hazards of urban drilling. They are asking (us) to prepare a community impact statement in support of a fracking moratorium that will be voted on by the City Council either in October or November. FWW hopes the council will support their cause and ban hydraulic fracking in Los Angeles, especially in Van Nuys. (Daryl Gale & Amy Turnbull – Food and Water Watch) **DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION ON A LETTER OF SUPPORT.**
  - b. Speech and Presentation by Alexa Meyers, student ambassador from Granada Hills Charter High School. Ms. Meyers will be discussing DECA, which is a truly worthy program that develops emerging leaders and entrepreneurs in the fields of marketing, finance, business administration and hospitality. DECA prepares emerging leaders and entrepreneurs for careers in marketing, finance, hospitality and management in high schools and colleges around the globe. (15 minutes)

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c. Speech and Presentation by Charles Robbins of The Village Family Services. The Village Family Services is Southern California’s leading bilingual family wellness agency providing a comprehensive range of services to achieve permanency and safety for neglected and abused children and youth. Our approach centers on family wellness amid client-centered, strength-focused, trauma-informed, evidence-based and culturally competent care delivered by a compassionate, bilingual staff. The Village Family Services envisions a day where all children and youth are free of social, emotional, verbal and physical harm.

d. The VNNC to design and print a “Constituent Services Guide” for use in outreach and mailing activities. The CSG will be a beneficial addition to the VNNC’s image to the general public and will help the council bring local services to our constituents. **DISCUSSION & POSSIBLE FUNDING ACTION (NTE \$1500)**

e. Additional Items and Requests

f. Possible Funding Requests

g. Speech and Presentation by Sandy Logan. Mrs. Logan will be gathering support from the Council regarding the Merchant Committed project. The Merchant Committed project reminds stores owners/managers of the “Best Practice” they should already be implementing as part of their CUP (city) and ABC licensing. We want to recognize retailers on their efforts to prevent underage drinking. (15 minutes)

h. Update and request for action on the parking situation on Cedros Street. The VNNC has been addressing an ongoing problem with the residents and the businesses in the area, and has reached out to Councilman Tom LaBonge and his field staff to assist the council in resolving the situation.

## 9. Old Business

a. Consideration and possible vote on filling vacant seats on the Van Nuys Neighborhood Council. The VNNC will entertain any and all membership applications submitted for vacant seats. -- **ACTION ITEM**

## 10. Announcements

## 11. Adjournment

# COMMITTEES

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

△ 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

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.

△ 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) -- MARIA SCHERZER

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

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

MARIA SKELTON, CHAIRMAN -- ADDITIONAL MEMBERS OF THE COMMITTEE -- (JOHN CAMERA, ROLAND GUEVERA, MIRIAM FOGLER (STAKEHOLDER), MR. JAMES PIEPER) JOSEF LAZAROVITZ

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)

△ 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)) JOSEF LAZAROVITZ

Location: TBD

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

△ 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.

QUIRINO DE LA CUESTA & JERRY MARTIN, CO-CHAIRS -- ADDITIONAL MEMBERS OF THE COMMITTEE -- (JOHN HENDRY, HOWARD BENJAMIN, PENNY MEYER, PAUL ANAND, MARIA SCHERZER ) JOSEF LAZAROVITZ

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

△ 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

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

MARIA SKELTON, CHAIRWOMAN, 818-385-5665

ADDITIONAL MEMBERS OF THE COMMITTEE -- (CANDIDO MAREZ, HOWARD BENJAMIN, RICHARD HOPP, JOSEF LAZAROVITZ)



**All calls should be after 8:30 A.M. or before 8:00 P.M.  
Monday through Saturday.**

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