

Special Meeting Agenda (VNNC)

Van Nuys Neighborhood Council

August 19th, 2015 (Wednesday 6:30 - 11:00pm)

6262 Van Nuys Blvd. (Marvin Braude Constituent Service Center)

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 (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 July Minutes, Approve Special Public Safety Summit 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 & Any Special Reports from Councilmembers
8. New Business
 - a. The VNNC to undergo a full training in Ethics to get all Councilmembers compliant with local and state laws. The VNNC to fully document the Ethics training, and send results to Sacramento and Los Angeles City Hall as to be compliant with local and state laws. (Jay Handel & The LA City Attorney's Office)
 - b. The VNNC to undergo a full training in Funding to get all Councilmembers compliant with local and state laws. The VNNC to fully document the Funding training, and send results to Sacramento and Los Angeles City Hall as to be compliant with local and state laws. (Jay Handel & The LA City Attorney's Office)
 - c. The VNNC to undergo a full training in Code of Civility to get all Councilmembers compliant with local and state laws. The VNNC to fully document the Code of Civility training, and send results to Sacramento and Los Angeles City Hall as to be compliant with local and state laws. (Jay Handel & The LA City Attorney's Office)

In compliance with Government Code section 54957.5, non-exempt writings that are distributed to a majority or all of the board in advance of a meeting, may be requested by emailing info@vnnc.org. Members of the public are invited to address the council on any items on the agenda prior to any action by the Council on that specific item. Member of the public may also address the board on any matter within the subject matter jurisdiction of the Council. The council will entertain such comments during the public comment period(s). Public comment will be limited to 10 minutes with 2 minutes per individual for each item addressed. The aforementioned limitation may be waived by the chairperson of the meeting. (Pursuant to Government Code Section 54954.3(b)) Members of the public who wish to address the council are urged to complete a speaker card and submit it to the President or Secretary prior to commencement of an agenda item. Cards are available at the back of the room. However, should a member of the public feel the need to address a matter while discussion of the item is in progress, a card may be presented to the President or Secretary prior to final consideration of the matter. In the interest of time, All Board & Public Comments will be limited to no more than 2-minutes unless otherwise adjusted at the discretion of the President. It is requested that individuals who require the services of a translator contact the Department of Neighborhood Empowerment 24 hours prior to the meeting. Whenever possible, a translator will be provided. SI REQUIERE SERVICOS DE TRADUCCION, FAVOR DE NOTIFICAR LA OFICINA CON 24 HORAS POR ANTICIPADO. As a covered entity under Title II of the Americans with Disabilities Act, the City of Los Angeles does not discriminate on the basis of disability and upon request, will provide reasonable accommodation to ensure equal access to its programs, services, and activities. Sign language interpreters, assistive listen device, or other auxiliary aids and/or services may be provided upon request. To ensure availability of services, please make you request at least 3 business days (72 hours) prior to the meeting you wish to attend by contacting Amber Meshack, Neighborhood Council Advocate at (213) 978-1551.

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d. The VNNC to undergo a full training in Code of Conduct to get all Councilmembers compliant with local and state laws. The VNNC to fully document the Code of Conduct training, and send results to Sacramento and Los Angeles City Hall as to be compliant with local and state laws. (Jay Handel)

e. The VNNC to undergo a full training in the Ralph M. Brown Act to get all Councilmembers compliant with local and state laws. The VNNC to fully document the Ralph M. Brown Act training, and send results to Sacramento and Los Angeles City Hall as to be compliant with local and state laws. (Jay Handel)

f. The VNNC to re-adopt all actions taken at the August General Meeting on 8-12-2015. The VNNC needed to be in full compliance of Ethics & Funding before being able to pass funding requests, or to have certain Councilmember's votes count in the official record.

g. Connect the Dots –The winning Great Streets Challenge Grant is seeking for funds. The Arid Lands Institute (ALI), Los Angeles County Bicycle Coalition (LACBC) and Pacoima Beautiful is seeking funding from the VNNC in regards to the Great Streets Challenge Grant on Van Nuys Blvd in Van Nuys. Presentation and discussion on the amount to fund. (Aja Bulla-Richards/ Arid Lands Institute) The VNNC is going to formally enter into the parliamentary procedure called “Committee Of The Whole.” A committee of the whole is a device in which a legislative body or other deliberative assembly is considered one large committee. All members of the legislative body are members of such a committee. This is usually done for the purposes of discussion and debate of the details of bills and other main motions. Robert’s Rules of Order states that the committee of the whole is suitable to large assemblies. The procedure is invoked by a motion to commit to the committee of the whole, or simply to go into a committee of the whole. The only motions in order in a committee of the whole are those to adopt a proposal for inclusion in the committee’s report; to amend; to “rise and report”; as well as certain incidental motions and requests. Variants of the committee of the whole are the quasi committee of the whole and to consider informally. The difference between a committee of the whole and a quasi committee of the whole is that in the latter, the presiding officer of the assembly remains in the chair and presides. Informal consideration simply removes the normal limitations on the number of times members can speak in debate. After the VNNC finishes debating the agenda item, the VNNC will formally go back into the general meeting procedure and vote on funding \$2500 for the Great Streets Challenge Grant. (NTE \$2500) ACTION ITEM

h. 6075 Van Nuys Blvd. Conditional use to expand the existing conditional use of selling alcohol. A request for a Conditional Use to allow for an expansion of an existing deemed to be approved general off-sale alcohol license for an existing 24-hour convenience market. Motion and action. Case no: ZA 2014-4636 (Michael Pauls/Michael Pauls Associate)

i. The VNNC to address the concerns of Albert Hernandez. (Hello, I’d like to know if attending the neighborhood council meeting would give me a chance to see if something can be done about the parking in my neighborhood?)

j. The VNNC to implement and fulfill the vision of the “Education Reform Summit” we are hosting this August. The VNNC to invite every principal from the Van Nuys schools, and conduct a symposium addressing the current issues facing our schools. The VNNC to come up with a plan to fund after-school programs and anti-gang initiatives. The VNNC to also host a session for Councilmembers to address Ethics and Funding training required by the Fair Political Practices Commission (FPPC) and the City of LA. The VNNC to have Commissioner Jay Handel host the training session from 5:30pm - 6:30pm.

k. The VNNC to hear a speech and presentation from Jessica Borek about illegal street vending. The VNNC to continue to support it’s position on illegal street vending, and to work with local community leaders to address this issue.

l. The Village Family Services is requesting sponsorship and funding for the October 31st Fun Walk and 5K run. The 5K will begin at the Sepulveda Park and Ride and continue along the Orange Line all the way to Valley College. The VNNC will have the logo on the t-shirts, as well as other opportunities to promote the council as the event nears. (NTE \$5,000) ACTION ITEM

m. The VNNC to ask the Department of Neighborhood Empowerment (DONE) to do a community Saturday calendar of events for all Neighborhood Councilmembers to learn more about the City of Los Angeles. VNNC Secretary to reach out and establish a list of places to visit.

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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n. The VNNC to entertain or address any concerns from stakeholders or other Councilmembers, including but not limited to procedure of committees, actions of the full council or anything else thereof.

o. The VNNC to hear testimony in regards to a lot line adjustment. The VNNC to possibly enter into a "Committee On The Whole" to address this issue and see what kind of recommendations we can offer. (Hello George, I understand that the VNNC Planning and Land Use chair is currently on leave so I am emailing you directly on behalf of our client, John Webster, regarding the filing on 8/7/15 of a lot line adjustment on his property located at 14700 W. Oxnard Street. This lot line adjustment is not related to any project or construction, but is being done so the owner will end up having two more or less equally sized lots rather than one big lot and one small lot, and also to clean up having a building that is on top of the lot line's current position (see attached map). As the lot line adjustment is a parcel map exemption and not technically a discretionary action, it would not be an action item for a neighborhood council, but we wanted to let you know that we are happy to answer any questions regarding the lot line adjustment. Please feel free to contact me by email or my direct line 818-716-2797. Thank you, Joe) Joseph Bernstein

- p. Additional Funding Requests
- q. Additional Comments Or Questions

- 9. Announcements
- 10. Adjournment