

# Executive Meeting Agenda VNNC

Van Nuys Neighborhood Council

December 30th, 2013 (Monday 6:30pm - Midnight)

6262 Van Nuys Blvd., Council Chambers/Multipurpose Room Adjacent 1a  
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. -- (30 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. Additional Items
  - d. Funding Requests
  - e. Speech and Presentation by Mayor of Gardena Paul Tanaka, Candidate for LA County Sheriff.
  - f. Discussion & Possible Action on Fire Station #39 Re-location -- ACTION ITEM
9. Old Business
  - a. The VNNC to discuss the concerns of affected residents of the proposed relocation of Fire Station 39 at the northwest corner of Vesper & Oxnard. In addition, to discuss the VNNC voting on a letter of support to be sent to the Board of Public Works and City Council, recommending that they find an alternate location for Fire Station 39. Lastly, pending approval of the previous letter, to have the VNNC vote on a second letter of support directed to the Sherman Oaks NC, asking their board to join the VNNC in supporting the residents impacted by Fire Station 39's proposed relocation. -- ACTION ITEM
  - b. Sister City Update (Amsterdam, The Netherlands) -- George Christopher Thomas
10. Public Comment
11. Adjournment

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@vnn.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 Thomas Soong, Neighborhood Council Advocate at (866) LA HELPS.

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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)

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

**Parks & Recreation:** 3rd Tuesday of every month at 6:30 P.M.

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, MARIAM FOGLER (STAKEHOLDER))

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 Monday of every month at 6:30 P.M.

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 -- INDRA CICCARELLI, CO-CHAIR, CREATURETEACHER1@GMAIL.COM, 818-373-4887

ADDITIONAL MEMBERS OF THE COMMITTEE -- (JOHN HENDRY, HOWARD BENJAMIN)

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

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

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))

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

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)



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

***For Non-Emergency City Issues Dial ~ 3 1 1***

