

General Meeting Agenda (VNNC)

Van Nuys Neighborhood Council

June 11th, 2014 (Wednesday 7:00pm - 10:00pm)

6262 Van Nuys Blvd -- Van Nuys Neighborhood Council Chambers

@ Marvin Braude Building -- 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, 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)

4. Public Comment (On matters within the VNNC Board's Jurisdiction.)
5. Secretary's Report -- (Jon Hendry) Adopt May minutes; adopt minutes from January with additional information on individual VNNC Board Member's Fire Station #39 CIS votes; adopt April minutes with additional information on individual VNNC Board Member's Fire Station #39 CIS votes

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. Swearing in and seating of Kambiz Merabi and Lizette Arzola as Van Nuys Neighborhood Council Members
 - b. Training the entire Board in all new policies and procedures (DONE Staff) 1 1/2 hours
 - c. VNNC light pole banners procedure for replacement. VNNC to address two separate estimates for replacement of banners.
 - d. VAN NUYS NC # 1051: October, November and December, 2013 Monthly Expenditure Report (MER) FY 2013-2014
 - e. Discussion and vote on reimbursement of Jeanette Hopp for \$100.26 for office supplies and copies being made on behalf of the VNNC.
 - f. Establish procedure for reimbursements of Councilmembers and process thereof.
 - g. Reimburse Vice President Howard Benjamin \$21.78, and resubmit the previous paperwork that was rejected by the Department of Neighborhood Empowerment (DONE).
 - h. Councilmember Krekorian is inviting all the Neighborhood Councils in the district to a special movie night at North Hollywood Park, the date is to be determined. Krekorian's office is asking for each Neighborhood Council to contribute \$200.00 towards food for this event. VNNC to assist in funding this event. (NTE \$200)

- i. Update and information from Kelly Tyler on Van Nuys Library happenings. (15 minutes)
- j. Three strikes and you're out update on the procedure for being banned from VNNC meetings.

(Daniel Luna)

- k. Update on Child & Sex Trafficking Summit with LAPD, FBI, and the United Nations
 1. Update and Progress Report on Heath Fair Partnership with Councilwoman Nury Martinez

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

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m. Removal of Board Member (pursuant to VNNC Bylaws, Article V., Section 9) - A recorded vote by the VNNC for the removal of Jeanette Hopp from the VNNC board for said board member's actions Wednesday May 14th 2014 during the Board of Public Works recorded meeting, where said board member deliberately misrepresented the VNNC during public testimony.

n. The VNNC to establish a "Standing Rule" which states as follows ... "A Van Nuys Councilmember may at any time represent their own opinion, their position on an issue, or how they voted on any particular item provided they are only representing themselves as a single individual Van Nuys Councilmember and not as a representative of the Board as a Whole. Additionally, when needed and advised to do so, a Van Nuys Councilmember may represent the Board as a Whole provided they are elected to do so before said particular event, gathering or meeting." BACKGROUND: Organizations sometimes adopt rules of procedure that add to or vary from the rules of parliamentary law as stated in their parliamentary authority. The rules that are intended to stand until revoked are termed standing rules. Organizations have the right to adopt special or standing rules by majority vote without notice and to abolish them in the same manner.

o. The VNNC to create and establish a "Special Committee" with a 90 day sunset clause addressing street vending in Los Angeles. (Howard Benjamin)

p. 14401 Valerio Street: Asking letter of support; Change R1 Zone into an RD 1.5 Zone for a small lot subdivision. Planning committee ask at the previous meeting to outreach to the neighbors for their input, reduce the amount of units to allow for guest parking and open space, and revise the design of exterior elevations - Case no.: APCSV-2013-3648-2C (Regina Minon)

q. The River Project: Presentation of The River Project; asking VNNC to write a motion letter to the Mayor and council representatives in our district area. A citywide program to get communities from different council districts to capture, conserve and reuse water in Los Angeles area by converting usable or contaminated water away from storm drains and the LA River that flows into the ocean. She will explain different ways to conserve water by grey water systems, collecting cisterns and other mean of reusing water. (Jessica Sanchez)

r. 6815 N. Noble Ave.: Conditional Use (Wireless Telecommunications Facility); asking for a letter of support. Requesting conditional use for a roof mounted wireless telecommunication facility. Antennas and associated equipment screen from view behind three new (10 ft. high) concealment enclosures integrated into existing building design. Case no. ZA 2014-339-CUW (Marc Myers)

s. 6833 Van Nuys Blvd.: Conditional Use Permit to extend hours of operation, asking a letter of support. Tenant Improvement for new Starbucks Coffee in an existing Arby's restaurant drive-thru. No increase in area or change of use. Extend the hours of operation for Starbucks Coffee. Commercial Corner hours of op are 7:00am to - 11:00pm. Starbucks is requesting operating hours from 4:30am to 12:00 Midnight. - Case no.: ZA 2014-1559-CU (Elizabeth Valerio)

t. 6908 Vesper Avenue: Request to action for a Community Impact Statement (CIS) on the proposed property. The VNNC PLUM Committee board members to vote on the non-support of Case no.: DIR 2013-3200-DB and to be submitted to the Planning Department, as well as to the attention of Councilwoman Nury Martinez and Chief of Staff Jim Dantona. (Maria Scherzer).

u. Ms. Monica Benivedez dedication at Delano Park as well as establish a No-Vending-Zone around St. Elizabeth Church. (Candido Marez)

v. The Budget Advocates are requesting a Community Impact Statement (CIS) in regards to the Budget Advocate's White Paper and recommend the Budget & Finance Committee and the VNNC adopt the White Paper as is. Also, the CIS should state the VNNC supports the White Paper.

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y. Re-establish agenda posting procedures as advised by City Attorney & DONE

- 9. Announcements
- 10. Adjournment

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

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) -- 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

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 SCHERZER)

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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