

General Meeting Agenda (VNNC)

Van Nuys Neighborhood Council

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

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

Van Nuys, CA 91401 -- Council Chambers



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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 August Minutes, Approve VNNC Retreat 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. A request has been made by LA City Councilman Paul Krekorian for the VNNC to submit a Community Impact Statement (CIS) in regards to the Citywide Sidewalk Repair Program.
 - b. The VNNC to submit a Community Impact Statement (CIS) in regards to the Child & Sex Trafficking Summit. The VNNC will come up with legislative language for the LA City Council and our State Representatives to address this very important issue. (Councilman Josef Lazavoritz)
 - c. The VNNC is participating in the Libraries Transforming Communities Initiative. The Van Nuys Branch of the Los Angeles Public Library is hosting a series of community conversations to discuss our shared hopes for Van Nuys' future. (Kelly Tyler, Van Nuys Head Librarian)
 - d. "Valley on Track" -- Request a letter of Support for rail on East Valley Transit Line. Valley on Track supports the expansion of the Metro Rail system along the Orange Line and planned transit corridors in the San Fernando Valley in order to get the Valley on track to a 21st century transit system. (D. Arseneault from VICA)

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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e. Funding request from Strength United. Operating through California State University Northridge's (CSUN) Michael D. Eisner College of Education, Strength United provides a unique interdisciplinary approach to ending abuse and violence through the collaboration of mental health professionals, educators, researchers, students and volunteers. (NTE \$1000)

f. Election of Van Nuys Neighborhood Council President

g. Election of Van Nuys Neighborhood Council Vice President

h. Election of Van Nuys Neighborhood Council Treasurer

i. Election of Van Nuys Neighborhood Council Secretary

j. Election of Van Nuys Neighborhood Council Sergeant At Arms

k. Election of Van Nuys Neighborhood Council Parliamentarian

l. Election of VNNC Public Safety Committee Chairperson

m. Election of VNNC Parks and Recreation Committee Chairperson

n. Election of VNNC Budget & Finance Committee Chairperson

o. Election of VNNC PLUM Committee Chairperson

p. Election of VNNC Government Relations Committee Chairperson

q. Election of VNNC Outreach Committee Chairperson

r. Speech and Presentation by President of the Board of Public Works Mr. Kevin James. (20 minutes for the speech, 10 minutes for Questions & Answers)

s. Purchase of new VNNC shirts for outreach. The VNNC will use the collared and crew-neck t-shirts to promote outreach and get the community more involved. The t-shirts bring representation of the Council and recognition throughout Los Angeles. (NTE \$1000)

t. Presentation and puppet show by L. Williams. The puppet show will teach life lessons and how to deal with bullies. The puppet show will also teach how to fit in at school and other life coping skills. (Maria Skelton)

u. Speech and Presentation by Sandy Logan of the National Council of Drug and Alcohol Dependence (NCAD). Ms. Logan will discuss how to check IDs, how to decrease underage drinking, coping skills, and how being a teenager is just part of growing up. (15 minutes)

v. VNNC to submit a "Request For Action" to City of LA, County of LA, and the Parks & Recreation Department regarding the pergola in front of the LAPD Van Nuys Station.

w. Establish a budget for outreach trinkets and doodads. The VNNC will vote on purchasing USB adapters, USB wall chargers, frisbees with VNNC logos and VNNC letter-opener keychains. (NTE \$2500)

x. The VNNC to discuss and purchase a table banner to use at outreach events in the community. The VNNC shall seek out three bids for a table banner, and make final recommendations to the Council. (NTE \$500)

y. The VNNC to discuss and purchase a "Pop-Up-Tent" to use at community events for outreach. The VNNC shall seek out three bids for a tent. (NTE \$500)

z. Establish an Ad-Hoc Committee to celebrate the 100 year anniversary and centennial of Van Nuys High School in 2015. (John Hendry)

9. Old Business

a. Vote to reimburse Secretary John Hendry for Fed-Ex and copying expenses. (\$13.18)

b. Update on honoring community leader Monica Benevidez (Jim Dantona)

c. Van Nuys Neighborhood Council Budget Package for fiscal year 2014-2015. The Budget Package is due by September 1, 2014. The VNNC to discuss and debate our use of government funds allocated from the City of Los Angeles. The VNNC to formally go over the required paperwork, and authorize and vote on the budget.

d. 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)

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))

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)

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, 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.**

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