

# General Meeting Agenda (VNNC)

Van Nuys Neighborhood Council

October 8th, 2014 (Wednesday 7:00pm - 10:00pm)

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 September 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. The VNNC will address the possibility of restrictions on street parking at and near Cedros Avenue and Oxnard Street. Our constituent Mariano Mejia has brought this to the attention of the VNNC, and will be speaking on the problems plaguing this neighborhood at the General Meeting.
  - 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. (Lazavoritz) **DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION**
  - c. 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. **DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION ON FUNDING.** (NTE \$1000)
  - d. Discussion and possible funding action for the roller case for the tent and the sand bags to

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keep the VNNC tent secured during gusty winds. (NTE \$1000) **DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION.**

e. 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. The VNNC would like to install a playground and children’s jungle gym. **DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION.**

f. Speech and Presentation by Los Angeles City Controller Ron Galperin. The City Controller will be participating in the VNNC “Speaker Series” and will come before the people of Van Nuys for a 30 minute Q & A session.

g. 7061, 7053 & 7051 N. Firmament Ave.: GPA, Zone Change, VTT- 72867- Small Lot Subdivision. General Plan Amendment / Zone change from R1-1 to RD-3, Low Residential to Low Medium 1 Residential (13 units) , Vesting Tentative Tract map 72867 – Small lot Subdivision with Zoning Administrator Adjustment and Zoning Variance for early start permit prior to map recordation (to allow a reduction in front yard setback to 5’-0” [20’-0” setback] and 5’-0” rear yard setback [15’-0” setback]) Case no.: CPC-2014-1774-GPA-ZC-ZV-ZAA (Sean Nguyen- EZ Permits LLC) **DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION ON A LETTER OF SUPPORT.**

h. 14300 Sherman Way & 7056, 7001 Lennox Ave. Request a reduction of site to permit the removal of property located at 7101 Lennox Ave. and transfer the 50 existing parking spaces to parking lot 7 and parking lot 10 (25 spaces each). Add parking lot 10 to the conditional to the conditional use permit. Case no: CUZ-1978-277-PA3 (Peter Elias – Quality Mapping Service) **DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION ON A LETTER OF SUPPORT.**

i. Neighborhood action. Request a CIS for the Citywide Sidewalk Repair program. 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. The PLUM Committee board voted not to support the motion presented by Councilman Krekorian. **DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION ON A LETTER OF SUPPORT.**

j. 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.**

k. Neighborhood action. Call to action for a CIS to create a design review board (DBR) for the Van Nuys Business DCD area. The VNNC PLUM voted in support to send a CIS to city council to create a design review board (DBR) for the Van Nuys Central Business District Community Design Overlay District. Also, to update and amend changes to reflect the current conditions of the district area and to create a government board to authorized the approval of the design and construction for any proposed development, construction and design. (Quirino de la Cuesta- VNNC PLUM Committee Co-Chair) **DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION ON A LETTER OF SUPPORT.**

l. The Van Nuys Neighborhood Council (VNNC) is co-sponsoring a meeting with the Los Angeles City Council’s Rules, Elections & Intergovernmental Relations Committee and the City Ethics Commission on October 15th, 2014 at Van Nuys City Hall.

m. The VNNC to look into and have a discussion to clarify and review the status of VNNC Board position “Residential Renter At-Large.” **DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION.**

n. Update and possible action on all missing items owned by the VNNC. The VNNC to officially tally the depreciative worth of missing property and propose a plan going forth, including bringing in Jeff Brill and requesting further action by the City Attorney. **DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION.**

o. The VNNC to start the first annual clean up of medians on Van Nuys Blvd north of Vanowen. The scheduled clean up is for October 11th at 12pm and shall include community leaders from the City Council, Neighborhood Councils and other local organizations. The VNNC to also reach out to Starbucks and see if they will maintain cleaned up median, as well as participate in future similar community events.

# 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.

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)

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.

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

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)



**All calls should be after 8:30 A.M. or before 8:00 P.M.  
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p. The VNNC to establish an Ad Hoc Committee to approach Baird Houe to replace existing Van Nuys Historical Society signs and work thereof. The VNNC to ask the “Volunteer League of the San Fernando Valley”, (Hamlin at Vesper), if the City might use the image of the Baird House for the City’s “Van Nuys Historical District” signs. (Jon Hendry)

q. The VNNC to establish an Ad Hoc Committee to promote Don Drysdale field at Van Nuys High School and recognize the contributions made by Mr. Drysdale to the local community.

### 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

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