Executive Meeting Agenda (VNNC)
Van Nuys Neighborhood Council
January 5th, 2015 (Monday 6:30 - 8:00pm)
Van Nuys Public Library
6250 Sylmar Ave, Van Nuys, CA 91401 -- (818) 756-8453

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 December 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. Speech and Presentation by Red Cross Representative Cheryl Cashman and Emergency
   Preparedness Expert Nathan Wolfson. Mrs. Cashman & Mr. Wolfson are going to help the VNNC prepare for the
   Spring 2015 Emergency Preparedness Summit & Symposium, as well as speak on how each and every one of us
   can become better prepared for an emergency. (30 minutes)
   b. The VNNC to consider submitting a Community Impact Statement (CIS) on the proposed use
   of the property at 14926 Kittridge Ave. in Van Nuys, CA. The VNNC is aware of the concerns that the neighbors
   have, and would like to work with all parties involved to come to a mutual understanding to mitigate this issue.
   c. The VNNC to consider submitting a Community Impact Statement (CIS) in regards to making
   Election Day in November a National Holiday. (George Thomas)
   d. Update and request for action on the parking situation on Cedros Street. The VNNC has
   been addressing an ongoing problem with the residents and the businesses in the area, and has reached out to
   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 a 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 SERVICIOS DE TRADUCCION, FAVOR DE NOTIFICAR LA OFFICINA 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
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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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Councilman Tom LaBonge and his field staff to assist the council in resolving the situation.

e. The VNNC to start the process of re-naming the Van Nuys Orange Line Station after Amelia Earhart. The VNNC will specifically address the government process of re-naming the station, and will assign tasks to Councilmembers to make this happen.

f. Additional items
   g. Funding requests

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
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, PENELlope 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 (VNVC) 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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