

General Meeting Agenda (VNNC)

Van Nuys Neighborhood Council

January 14th, 2015 (Wednesday 7:00 - 10:00pm)

Marvin Braude Constituent Service Center (Multi Purpose Room)

6262 Van Nuys Blvd., 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 December Minutes
6. Treasurer's Report -- Jeanette Hopp and/or Howard Benjamin (Second Signatory) -- Approve Treasurer's Report & Submit Monthly Expenditure Report (MER) downtown for months of September & October
7. Committee Chairperson's Reports, Budget Advocate's Report, Elected Officials' Reports & Election Chair's Report (LAPD Crime Briefing, City Attorney/ Neighborhood Prosecutor Report, Elected's Staff 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. VNNC also to inquire about having the entire council certified in CPR and go through full CERT training. (20 minutes)
 - b. The VNNC to consider submitting a Community Impact Statement (CIS) in regards to making Election Day in November a National Holiday. The VNNC to use the exact language from the bill submitted to Congress by U.S. Senator Bernie Sanders of Vermont. (George Thomas)
 - c. 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 Councilman Tom LaBonge and his field staff to assist the council in resolving the situation.

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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d. 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.

e. The VNNC to change the Youth Seat to Stakeholder-At-Large. This is due to individuals wanting to possibly serve on the VNNC, and this should be an option given this person is qualified as per the VNNC By-Laws. The VNNC to make an amendment to the current By-Laws, and will seek to change the Youth Seat to Stakeholder-At-Large. (George Thomas)

f. Presentation by CSUN students who would like to work with the VNNC planning a Valley-wide "Health Fair." The CSUN students will present their outline and ideas for planning the "Health Fair" for the coming year and how they will work alongside the VNNC.

g. The VNNC to have the LAPD Van Nuys Division or representatives do a presentation on the Jeopardy Program. The LAPD to update the VNNC on current status of the Jeopardy Program and any pending events. (10 minutes)

h. The VNNC to start and begin planning the 2015 VNNC Holiday events and decorations. The VNNC will be planning on bringing the Holidays back to Van Nuys Boulevard. (Candido Marez)

i. The VNNC to look into the duties and Office of Honorary Mayor of Van Nuys and the length of the term. The VNNC to set forth length of term (possibly 2 years), for the person selected to be the Honorary Mayor of Van Nuys.

j. Update on Planning Summit from PLUM Committee Chairman Quirino de la Cuesta. PLUM Chair to brief VNNC on speakers and presenters for the Summit, and the progress bringing everything together for the event in March. (Quirino de la Cuesta)

k. 15600 Vanowen Street. Zone Variance. Legalization of an existing Recreation room converted to a new dwelling unit. Case no: ZA-2014-2762-ZV (Joseph Pazcoguin- Plan and Permit Inc.) Update on site visit from board member Howard Benjamin and Quirino de la Cuesta, and course of action.

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, 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) 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 (VNNC) 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)



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Monday through Saturday.**

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