

General Meeting Agenda (VNNC)

Van Nuys Neighborhood Council

May 13th, 2015 (Wednesday 7:00pm - 10:00pm)

6262 Van Nuys Blvd. @ The 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 March Minutes, April Minutes & Special Summit 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 to participate and help fund the 8th Annual Valley Disaster Preparedness Fair. Would you like to send a ham radio Radiogram to your emergency out-of-state contact? Want to get a free Child ID (photo and fingerprint) for your young children? Want to learn how to harness the sun for cooking? Learn how to use a fire extinguisher? Find out what CERT is? The next Valley Disaster Preparedness Fair will be held: Saturday, October 3, 2015 • 10:00 am - 2:00 pm -- Fire Station 87 • 10124 Balboa Blvd. (between Devonshire & Lassen) -- Granada Hills, California 91344 (NTE \$1500)

b. The LAPD is requesting funding to assist with the Special Olympics. The VNNC to support the LAPD & the Special Olympics torch run through the streets of Los Angeles. The LAPD is teaming up with the Cadets, the Jeopardy Program, Van Nuys CPAB (Community Police Advisory Board) and the officers of Van Nuys Division 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 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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run 3.1 miles with the Special Olympics torch. The route for LAPD Van Nuys Division starts at Coldwater Canyon Blvd and goes through Van Nuys to the 405 Freeway. The LAPD is requesting the money to help support the Special Olympics and purchase T-Shirts for the participants. (NTE \$2500)

c. The Van Nuys Neighborhood Council to submit a Community Impact Statement (CIS) to the LA City Council and LA City Hall calling for online police reports for non-violent or minor crimes (Harassing Phone Calls, Identity Theft, Lost Property, Stolen Bicycle, Theft, Theft From Vehicle, Vandalism) that take place in Los Angeles. This would free up needed resources so the department can focus on fighting crime and the more pressing issues facing our community.

d. Motion for Van Nuys Neighborhood Council to approve application for membership and allocate \$250 to join Smart Growth America Coalition, and to appoint Matti Asgarian as board representative, for board access to best in class Complete Streets resources as Van Nuys Blvd neighborhood improvement projects go online. Smart Growth America Coalition member organizations work together to build community, improve economies and make neighborhoods great. (NTE \$250)

e. The VNNC officially requests that the Department of Neighborhood Empowerment (DONE) certify the trainings that took place at the VNNC Special Meeting on the 22nd of April. The VNNC to ask Amber Meshack & Glenn Bailey to act on our behalf and follow up with DONE on certification of board members of the VNNC that took the funding and code of conduct training.

f. The VNNC to begin the process of starting a “Community Garden.” The VNNC to use the blueprints from the White House and the Corporation for National & Community Service. (Background: As President Obama and Congress work together to enact health reform that reduces health care costs for families, businesses, and government; guarantees choice of doctors, hospitals, and insurance plans; and assures quality affordable health care for all Americans, we hope that you will participate by promoting healthy lifestyles in your community – a key to avoiding costly disease and improving the nation’s health. In 2007, only 21.4% of high school students reported eating fruits and vegetables five or more times daily during the past 7 days. Community gardens provide access to traditional produce or nutritionally rich foods that may otherwise be unavailable to low-income families and individuals. Community gardens allow families and individuals, without land of their own, the opportunity to produce food. Oftentimes gardeners take advantage of the experiential knowledge of elders to produce a significant amount of food for the household. In 1999, fifteen New York gardens that organized as the City Farms program of the group “Just Food” grew close to 11,000 pounds of fresh vegetables and fruits. Nearly 50 percent was donated to nearby soup kitchens and food pantries. Commit yourself and a team of your friends, family, and neighbors to help increase healthy eating choices for Americans and be part of United We Serve This tool kit will give you the basics to plan a community garden activity, recruit a team, organize your group, and make an impact.)

9. Old Business

a. Final passage and vote on 7556 Sepulveda Blvd. Regina Minor to speak on project. (Previously tabled several times, and that is the reason this appears in “Old Business”)

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)



**All calls should be after 8:30 A.M. or before 8:00 P.M.
Monday through Saturday.**

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