



# General Meeting Agenda (VNNC)

Van Nuys Neighborhood Council (VNNC Council Chambers)  
June 10th, 2015 (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 -- April Minutes, May 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 & Any Special Reports from Councilmembers
8. New Business
  - a. 14700 Sherman Way. Small Lot Subdivision. Proposal for a gated residential small lot subdivision community consisting of 58 detached single-family homes with large rear backyards and a private park with a tot lot. The developer is pursuing community feedback and support. Case no.: project not submitted to Planning. (Jon Spelke & Angie Yee / Storm Properties, Inc.)
  - b. The VNNC to address committee assignments, and possibly setting up a committee chairperson training so the VNNC committees can run smoothly and in accordance to the Ralph M. Brown Act. the VNNC to reach out to Commission President Jay Handel to run the special training session.
  - c. The VNNC to address the following complaint from local constituent Kevin Sherbrooke. "Dear Sir/Madam, I am writing to complain about my neighbor who has 7 renting tenants living in a single family house in an R-1 district. The house in question is at 15063 Gilmore. The owner does not live there and there

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are over 12 cars emanating from this house. The cars are constantly blocking my driveway, they do not park in the garage, there is large commercial vehicle with advertising, they are parking in front of our house while their driveway is empty. I have lived here for over 35 years and most of the renters are so disrespectful of the neighbors. The owner is not helping and the problem is getting worst and worse. Is there anything that I can do? Is this legal? Please help me contact a representative or advise on how I can file a complaint.” Respectfully, Kevin Sherbrooke, 15057 Gilmore Street Van Nuys, CA The recommendation shall be this constituent reach out to staff in Council District 6 (CD6) and the VNNC to introduce and facilitate the meeting with CD6 staff.

d. The VNNC to discuss and take possible action on renaming the “Erwin Street Mall” after former County Supervisor Zev Yaroslavsky. The mall is the center of government for the Van Nuys and Valley area, and former Supervisor Yaroslavsky represented the area for over a decade.

e. The VNNC to possibly host Councilmember-elect David Ryu for our “Distinguished Speakers Series” and come up with certain projects the VNNC and the new LA City Councilman can work on together.

f. The VNNC to look into possible legislative or punitive options for individuals that maim or murder dogs and cats in the neighborhood. The VNNC to work with animal rights organizations to address this terrible issue of people poisoning their neighbor’s cats and dogs, or any other family pets.

g. The VNNC to consider a funding request to beautify the Van Nuys Police Station. The VNNC will be voting for funds that will be matched dollar for dollar from Los Angeles City Councilmember Paul Krekorian’s office, with additional participation sought from Los Angeles City Councilmember Nury Martinez. Based on the current drought situation, the request is taking into consideration the current water problems, including ways to save money and using drought resistant materials. ACTION ITEM (NTE \$5,000)

h. The VNNC to consider funding two separate purchases of Robert’s Rules of Order, one full edition and another brief edition to be used at meetings and throughout our service as Van Nuys Councilmembers. The VNNC to purchase 21 editions of Robert’s Rules of Order and 21 in brief editions, with each edition being for that respective elected seat. The VNNC to officially act in accordance with all legislative and parliamentary procedures and by Robert’s Rules of Order. ACTION ITEM (NTE \$400)

i. The VNNC to purchase new microphones for the council chambers. The VNNC to purchase in the coming fiscal year if there is not enough money in the budget this year. The microphones will be used in all council meetings and special summits. (Background: the VNNC had the old microphones stolen out of the council chambers.) ACTION TIEM -- (NTE \$2,500)

j. The VNNC to use any left over money from the budget this year to fund the Congress of Neighborhood Councils. The VNNC to also share equally the left over money with the Budget Advocates. This motion is to insure the VNNC funds from FY 2014-2015 to be used on issues within Van Nuys and representing the stakeholders of Van Nuys.

k. The VNNC to submit a Community Impact Statement and direct a letter to the Community College Board about the preservation of Pierce College farm. The VNNC to use the language from Glenn Bailey and to officially go on record about the Pierce College farm.

l. The VNNC to discuss possible software purchases for flyers, agendas and other miscellaneous marketing material. The VNNC to get prices on Adobe Professional, Adobe In-Design, Microsoft Word Perfect and Photoshop. The VNNC to take possible action on funding and purchasing software, with licenses for 5 users.

m. The VNNC to submit a Community Impact Statement from VANC and Glenn Bailey to allow extra time for Neighborhood Councilmembers to speak longer during public comment periods. This would allow additional time before the city council for members of the NC system, and would be an amendment to the two minute rule now set in place.

9. Announcements

10. 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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