

# General Meeting Agenda (VNNC)

Van Nuys Neighborhood Council

July 8th, 2015 (Wednesday 7:00pm - 9:00pm)

6262 Van Nuys Blvd. (Marvin Braude Constituent Services Building)

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 June Minutes, Approve Special Public Safety 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. The VNNC to possibly host Councilmember 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.
  - b. Connect the Dots – Great Streets Grant seeking a letter of support. The Arid Lands Institute (ALI), Los Angeles County Bicycle Coalition (LACBC) and Pacoima Beautiful is seeking a letter of support from the VNNC in regards to the proposed grant offered by the Great Streets Initiative being develop on Van Nuys Blvd. There will be a short presentation on the concept of the proposal. (Aja Bulla-Richards/ Arid Lands Institute)
  - c. Los Angeles County Bicycle Coalition. Request a CIS to support the Mobility Plan 2035 EIR draft and ask the city council to approve it. LACBC is asking the board to submit a community impact statement to the city in support of the city-wide initiative Mobility Plan 2035, the first comprehensive update to the city's transportation policies since 1999. Council File Number: 15-0719 (Hyeran Lee or Eric Bruins/ LACBC)

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](mailto: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 Van Nuys Neighborhood Council to consider developing and launching a “Community Ambassadors Program” to form strong bonds with volunteers and local leaders in our neighborhoods. The “Community Ambassadors Program” will seek enthusiastic, dedicated, and dependable volunteers to support us in our mission: promoting the economic and social well-being of individuals, families, neighborhoods, and communities in the San Fernando Valley.

e. The VNNC to participate in the ongoing program sponsored by the Museum of the San Fernando Valley. The Horses Across the Valley public art program is under the direction of The Museum of the San Fernando Valley’s Public Art Initiative. This program is being executed to raise awareness of the historical, cultural and artistic heritage of the San Fernando Valley.

f. The VNNC to elect an official “Poet Laureate” for the Van Nuys and mid-valley community. The poet laureate to open special meetings and summits, and to assist the council in getting more people interested in poetry and literature.

g. The VNNC to officially designate a “Van Nuys Drought Tolerant Plant” to bring more awareness to environmentalism and sustainability. The VNNC to use this opportunity to educate the community about conserving water and drought tolerant shrubs and bushes.

h. The VNNC to hear a speech and presentation from the Office of the City Attorney’s Dispute Resolution Program. The DRP is known for mediating all types of disputes including those of a government or public agency. The Office of the City Attorney to speak and explain this important program.

i. The VNNC to consider issuing a letter of support for Maura McCarthy of “Off The Wall Graffiti” and her ongoing participation with the Great Streets Initiative. Mrs. McCarthy will also give a speech and general overview of what her nonprofit does in Van Nuys.

## 9. Announcements

## 10. Adjournment

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# 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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