

Van Nuys Neighborhood Council (VNNC)

General Meeting Agenda For The Van Nuys Neighborhood Council
September 9th, 2015 (Wednesday 7:00pm - 11:59pm)
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 -- Approve August 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 hear a speech and presentation from Jessica Borek about illegal street vending. The VNNC to continue to support its position on illegal street vending, and to work with local community leaders to address this issue.
 - b. The VNNC to approve a Neighborhood Purpose Grant (NPG) for the 8th Annual Valley Preparedness Fair. The VNNC to host a booth and financially support this important event. (NTE \$1500) **FUNDING ACTION ITEM**
 - c. The VNNC to hold a discussion, nomination and vote for the Office of Council President. (One year term)

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 hold a discussion, nomination and vote for the Office of Council Vice President. (One year term)

e. The VNNC to hold a discussion, nomination and vote for Office of Council Treasurer. (One year term)

f. The VNNC to hold a discussion, nomination and vote for Office of Council Secretary. (One year term)

g. The VNNC to hold a discussion, nomination and vote for Chairperson of the VNNC Public Safety Committee. (One year term)

h. The VNNC to hold a discussion, nomination and vote for Chairperson of the VNNC Parks & Recreation Committee. (One year term)

i. The VNNC to hold a discussion, nomination and vote for Chairperson of the VNNC Budget & Finance Committee. (One year term)

j. The VNNC to hold a discussion, nomination and vote for Chairperson of the VNNC Planning & Land Use Management (PLUM) Committee. (One year term)

k. The VNNC to hold a discussion, nomination and vote for Chairperson of the VNNC Government Rules & Bylaws Committee. (One year term)

l. The VNNC to hold a discussion, nomination and vote for Chairperson of the VNNC Outreach Committee. (One year term)

m. The VNNC to hold a discussion, nomination and vote for Chairperson of the VNNC Education Committee. (One year term)

n. The VNNC to hold a discussion, nomination and vote for Chairperson of the VNNC Sustainability Committee. (One year term)

o. The VNNC would like to officially go on record with a Community Impact Statement (CIS) stating that if a vehicle is used by the John in the act of engaging in prostitution, that the car is considered part of the crime and can be impounded.

p. The VNNC to vote on the possible disbanding of the Sustainability Committee.

q. The VNNC to have a discussion and training by the Office of the Los Angeles City Attorney regarding the laws applicable to neighborhood councils, including but not limited to the City Charter of Los Angeles, the Los Angeles Municipal Code, the plan for a citywide system of neighborhood councils, the Ralph M. Brown Act, the California Public Records, conflict of interest laws and the Van Nuys Neighborhood Council By-Laws. (Two hours)

r. The VNNC to consider funding for the Mid Valley Community Police council (MVCPC) to beautify the Van Nuys LAPD station at the Government Center. The funding to include redoing the fallen officer memorial garden. The funding also to include anti-vandalism initiatives and cleaning up and beautifying the station. (NTE \$2500)

s. The VNNC to reimburse Jeanette Hopp for the \$100 she spent at Pica Ricka restaurant when we catered the last General Council Meeting with Thai food.

t. The VNNC to reimburse Jeanette Hopp for \$19.30 for the copies she made for the Treasurers Report.

u. The VNNC to reimburse John Hendry for the copies, tallies and vote sheets he made for the Secretaries Report and other administrative duties.

v. The VNNC Executive Committee can officially accept all funding and agenda items in writing prior to and up to the beginning of the Executive Meeting.

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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w. The VNNC to send a letter to State Senator Bob Hertzberg stating its desire to reserve the Sepulveda Station area from the transit village concept pending the Sepulveda Station's role as a 405 light rail Orange Line junction.

x. The VNNC to support the Olympics being in Los Angeles, and to help alleviate cost overrun by utilizing facilities in the Van Nuys & Lake Balboa area. Events including but not limited to archery, equestrian events, target & skeet shooting and rowing.

f. Additional Items

g. Funding Requests

9. Announcements

10. Adjournment