

Council Meeting Agenda (VNNC)

Van Nuys Neighborhood Council
April 13th, 2016 (Wednesday 7:00pm - 11:59pm)
6262 Van Nuys Blvd. -- Van Nuys, CA 91401
Marvin Braude Constituent Service Center



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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 -- Jeanette Hopp
6. Treasurer's Report -- Stacey Rains 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 swear in and seat the newly elected Councilmembers to the Van Nuys Neighborhood Council assuming the fact that the election is certified and not contested.
 - b. The VNNC to honor outgoing Vice President Howard Benjamin by bestowing on him the title of Council Vice President Emeritus, and thank him for his four years of service.
 - c. The VNNC to honor outgoing Secretary John Hendry by bestowing on him the title of Secretary Emeritus, and thank him for his eight years of service.
 - d. The VNNC to honor outgoing Council President George Christopher Thomas by bestowing on him the title of Council President Emeritus, and thank him for his four years of service.

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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e. The VNNC to schedule ethics and funding training for current and newly elected Councilmembers as required by the Fair Political Practices Commission.

f. The VNNC to co-sponsor the Senior Symposium with a manned booth and by participating in the symposium. The money will be going to OneGeneration and supporting senior issues. (NTE \$999)

g. LADWP Agenda request. The LADWP to brief the VNNC, with them briefing us on solar energy, rate increases and low water use lawns and gardens.

h. The VNNC to sponsor the Earth Day LA at Hansen Damn. The VNNC to man a booth and participate in this event.

i. The VNNC to send letter to the Governor Of California Jerry Brown in regards to shutting down the Aliso Canyon Storage Facility. The VNNC to stand with "Save Porter Ranch" and urge the Governor to shut down all oil and natural gas activities at the Aliso Canyon Storage Facility in Los Angeles County.

j. The VNNC to send a letter to State Senator Pavley in regards to the gas leak at the Aliso Canyon Storage Facility. The VNNC to support Senate Bill 380 calling for a moratorium on injections at Aliso Canyon. A moratorium on gas injections would be critical to preventing another blowout at Aliso Canyon's facility.

k. Heaven on Earth, founded in 2000, envisions the day when there are no more homeless pets in the Los Angeles area. Our programs and events are aimed to rescue cats most at risk for euthanasia and to raise awareness in LOs Angeles and beyond. The VNNC to support Heaven on Earth and the Spayship. (NTE \$2500)

l. Ask Done why they can't show City of Gold and or do a sponsor showing. Demand that DONE provide an explanation as to why they can't show City of Gold. Request that DONE pay for screening to resolve copyright issues.

m. METRO to present the VNNC a briefing on improvements to the Van Nuys and Sepulveda Orange line stations. METRO to answer any questions and discuss how we can work together in a partnership to improve the transit needs of the mid valley. (10 minutes)

n. The VNNC proposes a five minute promotional video in conjunction with the Business Improved District. Produced by Bob Franco and Endorphin Productions. This video will promote business and tourism within the city of Van Nuys. (NTE \$5000)

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.

MARIASKELTON, 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, MARIASKELTON, 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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