



VNNC Government Relations/Rules & Bylaws: Committee Meeting Agenda

May 29, 2016 (Sunday 2- 4:00 pm)

MacLeod Ale Brewing Company

14741 Calvert Street -- Van Nuys, CA 91411

1. Call To Order & Pledge Of Allegiance To the United States of America.
2. Roll Call (Quorum Call) (Members: Paul Anand (chair), Jason Ackerman, Jacob Lynn, Howard Benjamin, Richard Hopp (Stakeholder)
3. Comments from the Chair (Parliamentarian) of the Van Nuys Neighborhood Council
*Speaker Cards: 2, minutes, 2 Public Comment Times. (This includes speaker cards on agenda items -- a limit of 10 minutes for the entire meeting per stakeholder.)
4. Public Comment (On matters within the VNNC Board's Jurisdiction.)
5. Old Business:
 - A. None
6. New Business:
 - A) The Van Nuys Neighborhood Council Bylaws Committee to review the Standing Rules of the Van Nuys Neighborhood Council and reconstruct them as needed
 - B) The Van Nuys Neighborhood Council Bylaws Committee to review and propose revisions to "Article VI – OFFICERS" of July 2012 Version (<http://vnnc.org/wp-content/uploads/2013/11/VNNC-Bylaws-2012.pdf>) and Article V – OFFICERS of the 2015 Version
 - I) Section 1: Officers of the Board
 - II) Section 2: Duties and Powers
 - III) Section 3: Selection of Officers
 - IV) Section 4: Officer Terms
 - C) The Van Nuys Neighborhood Council Bylaws Committee to review and propose revisions to Article V Section 6: Vacancies: Subsection Two (2)
"If the vacancy occurs within sixty- (60) days of a regularly scheduled election, the Board will take no action to fill the vacancy and the vacancy will be filled at the next regularly scheduled election"

Proposed change: To replace words 'of a' to 'prior to a' so that the sentence reads:

"If the vacancy occurs within sixty- (60) days *prior to* a regularly scheduled election, the Board will take no action to fill the vacancy and the vacancy will be filled at the next regularly scheduled election"

MOTION: VNNC to amend the VNNC Bylaws Article V Section 6:

Vacancies: Subsection Two (2) replacing words 'of a' with 'prior to a' so that the sentence reads: "If the vacancy occurs within sixty- (60) days *prior to* a regularly scheduled election, the Board will take no action to fill the vacancy and the vacancy will be filled at the next regularly scheduled election"

D) The VNNC to Submit Community Impact Statements (CIS) in support of the following Council Files:

- I. [CF 15-0524](#) “(Wesson-O’Farrell) Plan for a Citywide System of Neighborhood Councils”
 - a. Motion to allow Neighborhood Council Board Members at least five (5) minutes of public comment when speaking to Los Angeles City Council on an item for which the neighborhood council has filed a CIS.
- II. [CF 15-0389](#) “(Wesson-Krekorian) Neighborhood Councils Representatives / Addressing City Council, Commissions or Boards / Sufficient Presenting Time”
 - a. The City Attorney, with the assistance of the Department of Neighborhood Empowerment, and in consultation with interested Neighborhood Councils, be requested to report with options, including possible amendment to the Council Rules, allowing for official representatives of Neighborhood Councils or Neighborhood Council Alliances to address the City Council, its committees, City commissions, and boards with sufficient time to present the official view of their Neighborhood Council Boards or Alliances.

III. CF 15-0276 / 15-1138-S1

(<https://cityclerk.lacity.org/lacityclerkconnect/index.cfm?fa=ccfi.viewrecord&cfnumber=15-0276>) “(Bonin/Wesson-O’Farrell/Price) “Refurbished Decommissioned Buses / Mobile/Portable Shower Facilities / Homeless”

- a. “the Los Angeles Homeless Services Authority (LAHSA) with the assistance of the Housing Department be requested to report on the feasibility of establishing a program of refurbished decommissioned buses to serve as mobile/ portable shower facilities for the homeless”
- b. **MOTION:** The Van Nuys Neighborhood Council supports efforts to provide the homeless with resources for maintaining their personal hygiene by establishing a program of refurbished decommissioned buses to serve as mobile / portable shower facilities for the homeless

7. Public Comments
8. Announcements
9. Adjourn

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 listening device, or other auxiliary aids and/or services may be provided upon request. To ensure availability of services, please make your request at least 3 days (72 hours) prior to the meeting you wish to attend by contacting Thomas Soong, Neighborhood Council Advocate at (866) LA HELPS.

Committees

Executive: 1st Monday of every month (or 9 days prior to the meeting at 6:30 P.M.) Δ Sets the agenda for board meetings, receives requests, and assigns tasks.

JEFFRY LYNN, PRESIDENT
JASON ACKERMAN, VICE PRESIDENT
JEREMY PESSOA, SECRETARY
STACEY RAINS, TREASURER
JOSEF LAZAROVITZ, PARLIMENTARIAN

Location: 6240 Sylmar Street, 2nd floor Community Room

Safety: 2nd Wednesday of every month prior to VNNC general meeting at 6:00 P.M. Δ Deals with community safety issues within the Van Nuys Neighborhood Council area.

JOSEF LAZAROVITZ - CHAIR

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 Δ Deals with issues concerning children and youth, park programs, facilities and playgrounds in the VNNC area. JOHN CAMERA, CHAIR

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) Δ Deals with Van Nuys Neighborhood Council (VNNC) budgetary issues.

VERONICA MARIN - CHAIR

Location: TBD

Planning & Land Use: 2nd Wednesday of every month prior to VNNC general board meeting at 6:00 P.M. or TBA Δ 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 & STEVE FRIEDMANN, CO-CHAIRS **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 Δ Deals with citywide issues, council files, actions of city officials and departments, bylaws, rules and regulations, policies and procedures.

CHAIRMAN PAUL ANAND

Outreach: Meetings held last Thursday of every month. (Or possibly the 2nd Tuesday of the month) or TBA Δ Deals with outreach to inform the VNNC community about board meetings, elections, committee meetings, projects and special events, e.t.c.

MARIA SKELTON - CHAIR

Education: Meetings held 3rd Thursday of every month or TBA Δ Deals with citywide issues, board meetings, LAUSD and charter schools, bylaws, rules and regulations, policies and procedures.

CHAIRMAN STACEY RAINS – CHAIR

Sustainability: Meetings held last Thursday of every month. (Or possibly the 2nd Tuesday of the month) or TBA Δ Deals with outreach to inform the VNNC community about board meetings, elections, committee meetings, projects and special events, e.t.c.

JOHN HENDRY & JERRY MARTIN – CO-CHAIR

For Non-Emergency City Issues Dial ~ 3 1 1

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

