



Van Nuys Neighborhood Council General Board Meeting Agenda

October 11, 2017 (Wednesday 7:00pm)

Marvin Braude Constituent Services Center,
6262 Van Nuys Blvd. Conference Room 1A
Van Nuys, CA 91401

- 1) Call to Order, Pledge of Allegiance, Roll Call, and Code of Conduct** (5 Minutes)
Speaker's Times, Cell Phones, Conversations, Correspondence Received and approval of minutes. Introductions of first time attending stakeholders.
*Speaker Cards: up to 2 minutes of Public Comment Times per item. This includes speaker cards on agenda items and General Public Comment-- a limit of 6 minutes for the entire meeting per stakeholder or 6 public comment cards submitted.)

- 2) Reports from Public Officials/Departments/Community Agencies** (15 minutes)

- 3) Officer Reports**
 - A. President's Report – Jeff Lynn (2 minutes)

 - B. Vice-President's Report - Jason Ackerman (2 minutes)

 - C. Secretary's Report – Jeanette Hopp (5 minutes)
 - I. Approval of the minutes from September 13, 2017 VNNC Board Meeting

 - D. Treasurer's Report -Veronica Marin (5 minutes)
 - I. Discussion and Possible Action: Approval of June 2017 MER (Monthly Expenditure Report)
 - II. Discussion and Possible Action: Approval of September 2017 MER (Monthly Expenditure Report)

 - E. Committee Chairperson's Reports for Items not on the Agenda (2 Minutes Each)
 - I. PLUM (Planning and Land Use Management) Committee
 - Optional Introduction by new PLUM Committee Member Heather Lee
 - II. Outreach Committee
 - III. Budget & Finance Committee

- 4) General Public Comment On Non-Agenda Items:** (15 minutes)
Comments from the public on non-agenda items within the Board's jurisdiction (Up to two minutes per speaker)

5) **Old Business**

- A. *Discussion and Possible Action. SSL Certificate (credit card purchase) from GODADDY.com. SSL Certificate (Secure Sockets Layer) creates a secure, encrypted communications between www.VNNC.org and an internet browser. Budget \$300.00. (5 Minutes)*

6) **Consent Calendar** (all items in this section are non-funding items and were approved unanimously by the members of the committee they originated in. Items on the consent calendar may be pulled for discussion by board member comment or public comment card; all items not pulled from the consent calendar may be voted on at the same time by the General Board.) (5 Minutes)

A. **Budget and Finance Committee**

- I. I. Discussion and Possible Action: Council will send a letter of request to the office of Nury Martinez of Council District 6 to change the fees collected from parking, such as meter parking, public parking structure near the government buildings, to be used towards expenditures in making streetscape improvements, such as tree planting, adding benches, sidewalk repairs and clean ups Van Nuys.

B. **Outreach Committee**

- I. Discussion and Possible Action to Participate in Van Nuys Neighborhood School Health Fair on November 4th.

7) **New Business:**

A. **Executive Committee**

I. Discussion And Possible Assignment of Plan and Duties for Outreach Efforts to Attract Candidates to Fill The Vacant Youth Representative Seat At The November, 2017 Meeting (5 Minutes)

II. The VNNC to discuss and take possible action on the East Valley Rapid Transit Corridor so as to meet the comment period closing October 30, 2017 (<https://www.metro.net/projects/east-sfv/>) (30 Minutes)

Motion: The VNNC to submit the following as a formal letter to Metro

Regarding the East Valley Rapid Transit Project:

1. The VNNC Strongly Supports "Alternative 4" (High Floor Light Rail Train with 14 Stops), as it will be of maximum long-term benefit to Van Nuys and its neighboring communities along Van Nuys Blvd. The VNNC has been carefully studying other Light Rail Projects both completed, and in the process of completion in Los Angeles County and in Southern California and strongly recommends the following be studied.
 - a. That the route be Grade-Separated (above and/or below the surface of the street) for no less than 50% of its length (like the Crenshaw Line) and that above-grade sections be built with the smallest structural footprint possible, to preserve the maximum amount of space for ground-based mobility and minimize the negative impacts of having trains and cars sharing the same space.

- b. The Platforms should be built to accommodate Six (6)-Car Trains. The Expo Line has shown the perils of thinking too small and we see the eventual SFV to LAX Line Carrying Red-Line Levels of riders once phases 2 and 3 are completed.
 - c. Make sure that the "Sepulveda Pass" project is of the same Technology as the East Valley Rapid Transit Corridor to allow single seat rides between the SFV and the Westside and eventually LAX.
2. The VNNC Understands that if Rail is chosen a Maintenance and Storage Facility (MSF) will need to be built and :
- a. The VNNC strongly Opposes MSF Option A (straddling the Orange Line between Kester Avenue and Vesper Avenue). This is a thriving Industrial and artisanal area that if chosen would displace dozens of small businesses and hundreds of workers that add tremendous value to the area and the community.
 - b. The VNNC strongly suggests Metro pursue MSF Option B (south of the Metrolink tracks on the west side of Van Nuys Boulevard) or Option C (north of the Metrolink tracks on the west side of Van Nuys Boulevard) either site would benefit Metro as it would be roughly in the center of the route for Phase 1 which minimizes the distance cars would have to travel to the southern or northern terminus.
 - c. The VNNC further recommends that Metro consider acquiring 7600 Tyrone Ave from LADWP, which is and has for years been vacant and would be a far more suitable third option than 'MSF Option A.'

III. Discussion and possible action of updating the VNNC By-Laws (30 Minutes)

B. Budget and Finance Committee

- I. Discussion and possible approval: to amend the current VNNC budget, to increase the NPG's budget amount to an additional \$5,000.00 in order to honor our future NPG's during our budget cycle 2017-2018. The additional budget amount will be taken out of our community projects budget amount of \$15,000.00 currently. (5 Minutes)
- II. Discussion and Possible Approval: 10th Annual Valley Disaster Fair NPG: The Southern California Preparedness foundation is requesting discretionary funds for their annual disaster fair. NTE \$2,500.00 (Speaker Dave Brown.) (5 Minutes)
- III. Discussion and Possible approval to reimburse Maria Skelton \$11.83 for cost of printing copies of 10-2-2017 VNNC Executive Committee Meeting Agenda (3 Minutes)

C. Outreach Committee

(20 Minutes)

- I. Discussion and Possible Action : October Anti-Bullying Month Event NTE \$2,500.00
- II. Discussion and Possible Action: Halloween Event. Proposal for a Halloween event co-hosted by the VNNC in coordination with the Department of Parks & Recreation at Van Nuys Recreational Center (NTE: \$300.00)
- III. Discussion and Possible Action: Thanksgiving Event. Proposal for a Thanksgiving event hosted by the VNNC in coordination with the Department of Parks & Recreation at Van Nuys Recreational Center. (NTE \$2,000.00)
- IV. Discussion and Possible Action: Proposal for a Holiday event hosted by the VNNC in coordination with the Department of Parks & Recreation at Van Nuys Recreational Center. NTE: \$2,500.00
- V. Discussion and Possible Action: Proposal for Mayor’s Youth Council Monthly Class NTE: \$70.00 (Monthly Recurring)
- VI. Discussion and Possible Action: Replenish VNNC ‘s Promotional Items (swag) to give in future events NTE: \$1,000.00

8) Items Pulled from The Consent Calendar

9) Report from Department on The Status of Exhaustive Efforts

- A. Update on the Process of Revising the By-Laws
- B. Update on timing of Board Officer Elections
- C. Update on Proposed Board Retreat

10) Board Member Announcements

11) Adjournment

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