

General Meeting Agenda (VNNC)

Van Nuys Neighborhood Council

December 13th, 2017 (Wednesday 7:00pm - 9:00pm)

6262 Van Nuys Blvd. -- Van Nuys, CA 91401

Marvin Braude Constituent Service Center -- Van Nuys Council Chambers



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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. Secretary's Report -- Jeanette Hopp -- Approval of October Minutes & Approval of November Minutes (2 separate votes)
5. Treasurer's Report -- Veronica Marin and/or Second Signatory -- Approve Treasurer's Report & Monthly Expenditure Reports (MER) from October & Possible Vote on November MER
6. Committee Chairperson's Reports, Budget Advocate's Report, Elected Officials' Reports & Election Chair's Report
7. New Business

a. The VNNC to feature State Senator Bob Hertzberg in its ongoing "Distinguished Speaker Series." The Senator will address the Council for 15 minutes, with a question and answer session to follow the speech. The VNNC will also take 5 minutes to brainstorm with the Senator and come up with four new ways to collaborate with his office in 2018.

b. The VNNC to look into hiring Apple One or one of the other approved vendors to take over webmaster administration duties. The VNNC to thoroughly vet the possibility of using an outside vendor to update the website, comply with the Brown Act in regards to electronic posting, and any other items that may arise over the course of normal government business. This item to be referred to the Budget Committee, with possible funding action to be taken at the next General Meeting. (Civic Resource Group Contact: Gregory Curtin, CEO gregc@civicsresource.com -- Apple One: Apple One Employment Services, Contact: Jenn Rounds, (213)-892-0234, jrounds@appleone.com -- The Mailroom Contact: Kristina Smith (310)-514-1797 ksmith@klet.com -- The Web Corner Contact: Robert Adams, Owner (818)-345-7443 rob@thewebcorner.com) -- (NTE \$2500)

c. The VNNC to formally elect Committee Chairs at the December General Meeting. The VNNC to

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publicly discuss the roles of the committees, and potentially setting a list of 3-5 goals for the committee to accomplish in 2018. The VNNC also to consider giving each committee a budget of \$1000 for operating expenses and miscellaneous needs. (NTE \$6000)

d. The Van Nuys Neighborhood Council to partner with the Office of Assemblymember Adrin Nazarian for the annual job fair expo. The VNNC to assist greeting and signing in applicants, as well as offer support and staffing for the event and the Assemblymember. The VNNC to feed approximately 60 individuals with \$1000 from the VNNC general fund. Funding and Action Item. NTE \$1000.

e. The VNNC to host a "Taste Of Van Nuys" at its December General Meeting. The VNNC to pick one ethnically diverse restaurant per month in order to sample the delicious dishes from the businesses that make up the community of Van Nuys. The VNNC to continue to reach out to different restaurants and businesses in Van Nuys to continue the "Taste Of Van Nuys" at least once a quarter year. This item to also be referred to the Budget Committee. (NTE \$150 a month)

f. The VNNC to partner with the Los Angeles Public Library and the Children's and Teen Librarians for possible proposals to use government funds for the benefit of our community. The VNNC to formally discuss what is required to seek approval of these funds for the Van Nuys Library so the Librarians can begin to write proposals. (NTE \$2500)

g. The VNNC to vote on and take action on filling the two vacant council seats currently on the roster. The VNNC to consider all candidates willing to undergo the arduous process of becoming a Councilmember. The VNNC to also consider making the seats an "At-Large" designation until the end of the term of the seat, as to make it easier to fill for those that seek to represent their community.

h. The VNNC to discuss funding for office space off of Van Nuys Blvd and Gilmore Avenue. The VNNC to consider entering into a lease agreement with "Executive Office Suites" to have an ongoing government office Councilmembers and constituents can access to address the concerns of the community. The VNNC to hear full proposal from VP Howard Benjamin. This item to be referred to the Budget Committee. (NTE \$1000 a month)

i. Sandy Logan and Sarah Blanch to ask the VNNC to support a Conditional Use Motion in regards to beer, wine and alcohol sales. The VNNC to support the authority of City Zoning Administrators to impose conditions of approval to mitigate potential land use impacts arising from the sale or service of alcoholic beverages that are adverse to public health, safety and welfare.

j. The VNNC Executive Committee to adopt all actions taken by the PLUM Committee at its informational meeting in November. The VNNC Executive Committee to formally discuss possible Brown Act violations and how to address grievances that may or may not arise depending on certain circumstances.

k. The VNNC to look into parking spots for the staff of Van Nuys Elementary School. The VNNC to submit a proposal whereas 15 spots are allocated from the Ernardi Bernardi Senior Center and 15 spots from the city parking lot on Gilmore. (Speaking on the topic is Van Nuys Elementary Principal Fran Goldstein.)

l. The VNNC to discuss the Litigation Of Proposed Discipline, Dismissal, or Release Of A Boardmember. California Government Code, Section 54956.9. (Possible action to discuss in a Special and/or Emergency meeting of the VNNC. The VNNC to also consider going into a "Committee On The Whole" session. Also possible consideration of a closed session meeting to discuss possible options and actions.)

8. 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.)

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)



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Monday through Saturday.**

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