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Van Nuys Neighborhood Council



Executive Committee Meeting Agenda Monday, December 3rd, 2018 6:30pm – 8:00pm

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1. Call to Order, Pledge of Allegiance to the United States of America and Roll Call
2. Officer’s Report
 - a. President’s Report – What does it mean to be #1 in Los Angeles, and how much work actually goes into making this happen.
 - b. Vice President’s Report
 - c. Secretary’s Report
 - i. Discussion and possible action to approve all pending General Board Meeting Minutes.
 - d. Treasurer’s Report
 - i. Discussion and possible action to approve the MER’s for all pending months.
3. Discussion of items for placement at the 12/12/2018 General Board Meeting.
 - a. Move that the VNNC request that the City of Los Angeles Planning Department delay the proceedings for the Restaurant Beverage Program Ordinance (CPC-2018-4660-CA) for no more than three hundred and sixty five days (365) to allow for a more comprehensive community and business-engaged process that ensures alcohol safety and guarantees that the City of Los Angeles is a world-class city with restaurants that allow late dining options.

- b. Move that the VNNC request all other neighborhood councils support the request the City of Los Angeles Planning Department delay of the proceedings for the Restaurant Beverage Program Ordinance (CPC-2018-4660-CA) for no more than three hundred and sixty five days (365) to allow for a more comprehensive community and business-engaged process that ensures alcohol safety and guarantees that the City of Los Angeles is a world-class city with restaurants that allow late dining options.

You can download the following documents which are linked below:

Draft

Ordinance: <https://planning.lacity.org/ordinances/docs/RestaurantBeverageProgram/Ordinance.pdf>

Frequently Asked Questions

(FAQ): <https://planning.lacity.org/ordinances/docs/RestaurantBeverageProgram/FAQ.pdf>

Hearing

Notice: <https://planning.lacity.org/ordinances/docs/RestaurantBeverageProgram/HearingNotice.pdf>

- c. Discussion and possible action of additional administrative services provided to the VNNC from Bridge Gap. The Board will discuss specific tasks Bridge Gap will provide and length of service. Not to exceed \$1,500.
- d. Discussion and possible action to purchase external hard-drives for storing for VNNC digital media. (Get the details from Jason for dollar amount and exact equipment)
- e. Discussion and possible action for reimbursement of Maria Skelton for food for retreat held October 27, 2018. Not to exceed \$40.
- f. Discussion and possible action for reimbursement of Jeanette Hopp for copies of meeting materials. Not to exceed \$100.
- g. The VNNC to fund the Mayor's Youth Council with food and drink at their monthly meeting. The VNNC to continue it's partnership with the Mayor of Los Angeles, and the youth of the community that is interested in government. The VNNC to purchase \$500 in pizza or Subway sandwiches. NTE \$500 in December & NTE \$100 a month thereafter.
- h. The VNNC to continue it's future award winning "Distinguished Speaker Series" with For our distinguished series for December 12th GB meeting Our Budget and Finance Committee elects Rosalyn Khan, her phone number is 818-730-0441. A little bit of her work in Random Acts of Kindness. Random Acts are simple things such as helping a senior carry the groceries to handing money to a homeless. These are things we do without thinking that come from our heart to others without asking anything in return.
- i. The VNNC to partner with Thomas Soong and come up with new and innovate ideas to engage the community and ultimately get more people to vote in the upcoming Council elections. (Background: As 2018 ends, 2019 jumps right into our election season. As part of the outreach support for Neighborhood Councils, we are constantly asked what our Department will be doing in terms of providing hands on support? We were given a budget by City Council and from that budget came up with a proposal to help support all Neighborhood Councils with general outreach but also to identify 30 NCs to give more targeted outreach. Ideally, we wanted to do targeted outreach for all but the budget did not allow for it. As part of the outreach budget, we have hired a few election assistants and organizers to

assist with grassroots outreach which includes door-to-door canvassing and asset mapping. We will be reaching out to your councils shortly especially with the ones in Regions 5, 6, 7, and 8 with the candidate filing coming up in less than 20 days. The assistants and organizers have already done asset mapping in Regions 5,6 and will be sharing with you when we connect.

- j. The VNNC to address the pending funding issues with the Disaster Preparedness Fair. Funding continues to say they have not received the BAC package for the \$250 your board approved for the 2018 Valley Disaster Preparedness Fair so long ago. Please submit so Funding will issue us the check.
- k. To be discussed and move to action about the Honor our Military on December 2018 TBD Co-Hosting the Event is Robert Hertzberg's Office NTE 1500.00 Presenter Maria Skelton
- l. To be discussed and move to action regarding reimbursement for councilmember Jeanette Hopp for office supplies, printing, and copies of agendas and minutes for the different committees and Monthly General Board Meeting. NTE 200.00
- m. To be discussed and move to action regarding reimbursement for councilmember Maria Skelton for office supplies, printing, and copies of agendas and minutes for the Outreach Committee Monthly Agendas and Events. NTE 200.
- n. To be discussed and move to action to provided and office supply card for VNNC Secretary Jeanette Hopp to be used for office supplies, printing and copying NTE \$500.00 for fiscal year
- o. Discussion and possible action to reimburse George Thomas the \$94 dollars spent on popcorn for the Movies-In-The-Park event this past summer with Nury Martinez and Council District 6.
- p. Discussion and possible action to reimburse George Thomas \$140 dollars for the subway sandwiches purchased for the Van Nuys Clean Up with Nury Martinez and Council District 6.
- q. The VNNC to sponsor a "First Responders Appreciation" Coffee & Cake extravaganza. The VNNC to invite all first responders in Van Nuys and invite the chief and captains of their respective departments to speak. Cake & Coffee Funding NTE \$150.
- r. The VNNC to host a Toy Drive at the December meeting. The VNNC to request each Councilmember bring one unwrapped toy for the Holiday Toy Drive. The VNNC to combine the toy drive with a canned food drive. The VNNC to request each Councilmember bring several cans of food for the Canned Food Drive.
- s. The VNNC to write a letter of support and call to action on creating a Marilyn Monroe Forever Stamp. This limited edition forever stamp and funding thereof to be used to replace and/or add Air Conditioning units to all USPS vehicles.
- t. The VNNC to consider any and all applications to fill the vacant seats of Stacey Rains & Richard Hopp. The VNNC to appoint two persons to fill the remainder of the term for the two vacant seats. The VNNC to take official action and appoint two Councilmembers, therefore bringing our board member number back to a full 21 persons.
- u. The VNNC to make sure everyone in Van Nuys that wants a job can find gainful employment. The VNNC to partner with the State Assembly, the State Senate and the Congress on 4 job fairs in 2019. The VNNC to officially call for action on ending unemployment in Van Nuys.
- v. The VNNC to start planning a special summit on education. The VNNC to take the position that everyone in Van Nuys should have access to higher education. Moreover, the VNNC to work with Scott Svonkin to make community college free,

and to make the remained of the tuition for an undergraduate degree an official tax write off after graduation.

- w. The VNNC to partner with Valley Presbyterian Hospital to make sure everyone in Van Nuys has health insurance. The VNNC to work with health care providers to plan an all-encompassing health fair at the beginning of the summer.
 - x. The VNNC to file 5 additional CIS reports supporting the findings of the White Paper. The VNNC to continue being #1 in the City of Los Angeles, and working toward being the CIS King of all neighborhood councils in Los Angeles.
 - y. The VNNC to send a thank you letter and a support letter to Congressman Tony Cardenas in regards to the Marilyn Monroe Post Office Bill. The VNNC to take the lead in planning the event once the bill gets signed by the President of the USA. The VNNC to fund the party and plaque at the post office named after Marilyn Monroe. NTE \$5,000.
 - z. The VNNC to work with Council President Dan Brin and hire a staffer to help with administrative functions. The VNNC to allocate \$500 a month to this future staffer to help with committee work, as well as all of the red tape that is associated with City Hall and running a government. NTE \$6,000 a fiscal year.
 - aa. The VNNC will allocate up to \$250 for refreshments for the ribbon cutting and grand re-opening of the Van Nuys Recreation Center in January 2019 on a date to be determined by Council Woman Nury Martinez. All VNNC members are requested to attend and the President of the VNNC will speak during the ceremony. Council Woman Nury Martinez will handle all of the logistics.
 - bb. To educate and encourage young Angelenos to conserve water, LADWP is inviting Neighborhood Councils to partner with us and Los Angeles Unified School District schools to be part of the "Bucket Brigade." We're asking Neighborhood Councils to reach out to schools in their area to recruit teachers who would like to participate and provide lessons on water conservation. As members of the "Bucket Brigade," students are encouraged to put these lessons into practice by using their buckets to capture water that might otherwise be diverted down a drain in a kitchen or bathroom. By doing, so they'll be able to reuse our most precious natural resource for activities like watering indoor and outdoor plants, or washing the family car. Once you connect with the teacher and confirm interest, simply provide LADWP with the school or teacher's contact information and the number of buckets needed. LADWP will work with you and the school or class to provide buckets and information on the importance of water conservation. Please let us know if your interested as soon as possible. For more information, please contact me at jason.stinnett@ladwp.com or my direct line listed below.
4. The Van Nuys Neighborhood Council to issue a "Call To Action" (CTA) to rename the 101-23 Interchange and/or the 101-Moorpark Road onramps and offramps in both directions the "Sgt. Ron Helus Is A Hero" Memorial Interchange. Born and raised in the San Fernando Valley, Sgt. Helus met his wife at Pierce College in the Valley and will forever have Valley roots. The VNNC to fund, endorse, support, and follow through with introducing legislation in Sacramento with the concurrent assistance of State Senator Henry Stern and State Assemblywoman Jacqui Irwin, who both represent the area in the state legislature. Moreover, the VNNC to allocate \$2499 to the LAPD Van Nuys Division 9 Vanguard's 501c3 to help fund the signs and any additional added needs. Additionally, the VNNC to allocate \$2499 to the Mid Valley Community Police Council 501c3 to help fund the signs and any additional added needs. Finally, the VNNC to plant a memorial tree in the memorial garden at the LAPD Van Nuys Division Station in honor of Sgt. Ron

Helus after the legislation passes in Sacramento and the interchange and ramps are renamed. Two separate funding votes. NTE \$4998.

5. Any additional agenda items sent in by Councilmembers before 5pm Thursday that the Council President may have missed.

6. General Public Comment on Non-Agenda Items within the Board's Jurisdiction (up to two minutes per speaker)

7. Adjournment

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