

Van Nuys Neighborhood Council

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General Board Meeting Agenda
Wednesday, December 12th, 2018
7:00pm – 9:00pm

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1. Call to Order, Pledge of Allegiance to the United States of America and Roll Call
2. Officer’s Reports & Other Reports
 - 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 the VNNC November General Board Meeting Minutes.
 - d. Treasurer’s Report
 - i. Discussion and possible action to approve the VNNC November MERS.
 - ii. Discussion and possible action to inquire the status of the payment of the approved expenditure of \$250 for the Disaster Preparedness Fair. The City Clerk states that the BAC package was not received.
 - e. CANDIDATE NOTICE: The VNNC to consider any and all applications to fill the vacant seats of Stacey Rains & Richard Hopp at the January 2019 General Board Meeting. The VNNC is officially announcing the seats are vacant, and shall solicit applications to fill the seats. For the next 60 days, the seats shall remain their original designation, then be changed to AT-LARGE until the next election on May

19th, 2018. <https://vnnc.org/wp-content/uploads/2017/06/Neighborhood-Council-Candidate-Filing-Form-Van-Nuys-NC.pdf>

3. Committee Reports, Elected Official Reports, LAPD and LAFD Reports, Discussion of Official Correspondence, Liaison Reports, Book Reports, etc.

4. Consent Calendar. Funding motions: \$11,874
 - a. Public Comment

 - b. Discussion and possible action to approve additional administrative services provided to the VNNC from Bridge Gap. The Board will discuss specific tasks Bridge Gap will provide and length of service. NTE \$1,500.

 - c. Discussion and possible action to purchase external hard-drives for storing for VNNC digital media. NTE \$200

 - d. Discussion and possible action to reimburse Maria Skelton for food for retreat held October 27, 2018. Not to exceed \$40.

 - e. Discussion and possible action to fund the Mayor's Youth Council with food and drink at their monthly meetings. The VNNC to continue its 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 for the December meeting. The VNNC will fund refreshments for the next six Mayor's Youth Council meetings. NTE \$500 for the December meeting and NTE \$100 a month thereafter for \$600.00. NTE \$1100 total.

 - f. Discussion and possible action to participate in the event called "Honor our Military" in December 2018. Hosting the event is State Senator Robert Hertzberg's Office (Maria Skelton) NTE \$1500.00

 - g. Discussion and possible action to reimburse Councilmember Jeanette Hopp for office supplies, printing, and copies of agendas and minutes for the different committees and Monthly General Board Meeting. NTE \$200

 - h. Discussion and possible action to reimburse Councilmember Maria Skelton for office supplies, printing, and copies of agendas and minutes for the Outreach Committee Monthly Agendas and Events. NTE \$200.

 - i. Discussion and possible action to provided an office supply card for VNNC Secretary Jeanette Hopp to be used for office supplies, printing and copying NTE \$500.00 for FY 2018-2019.

 - j. 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. NTE \$94

- k. 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. NTE \$140
- l. Discussion and possible action to have a coffee & cake extravaganza with first responders to thank them for their service. 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.
- m. Discussion and possible action to for 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.
- n. Discussion and possible action 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.
- o. Discussion and possible action 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. Additionally, the VNNC to also support those that go into trade schools and join unions. 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. The same position to be taken in regards to trade schools, making them free or at least a tax write off once the individual graduates.
- p. Discussion and possible action 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.
- q. Discussion and possible action 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.
- r. Discussion and possible action 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. The VNNC to also consider Bridge Gap for the same services, at the same cost.
- s. Discussion and possible action to allocate up to \$250 for refreshments for the ribbon cutting and grand re-opening of the Van Nuys Recreation Center in January 2019 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. NTE \$250

- t. Discussion and possible action 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 you're interested as soon as possible. For more information, please contact jason.stinnett@ladwp.com
 - u. Discussion and possible action 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.
 - v. Discussion and possible action to file a Community Impact Statement (CIS) in regards to the following: The Los Angeles Neighborhood Council Coalition (LANCC) & the Van Nuys Neighborhood Council demand that Councilmember Jose Huizar resign immediately. With the current FBI and IRS investigations and several, prior high profile incidents, including his affair with his Chief of Staff that cost the City \$200,000 in legal fees, an after-hours car accident that was settled with \$185,000 of City money, and his role in the \$72 million pay-to-play Sea Breeze development scandal, he is a distraction and the people of Los Angeles and Council District 14 deserve better. Call to ask for his resignation 213-473-7014.
5. The VNNC to continue its future award winning "Distinguished Speaker Series" with a presentation from 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.
 6. Discussion and possible action to consider the recommendations of the PLUM committee on the 14822 Delano Apartment Building Project and to draft a letter in regards to the position of the VNNC. <https://vnnc.org/vn-projects/>
 7. General Public Comment on Non-Agenda Items within the Board's Jurisdiction (up to two minutes per speaker)

8. Adjournment

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