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## Van Nuys Neighborhood Council



### General Council Meeting Agenda Wednesday, January 9th, 2019 7:00pm – 10:00pm

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1. Call to Order, Pledge of Allegiance to the United States of America and Roll Call (7pm)
2. Officer’s Reports & Other Reports, Committee Chair Reports, Elected Officials Reports (7:05pm – 7:15pm)
  - a. President’s Report – What does it mean to be #1 in Los Angeles, and how much work actually goes into making this happen. How to we improve on our status and empower the neighborhood councils in our area and in Los Angeles.
  - b. Vice President’s Report – Update on the Committees and their meeting schedule
  - c. Secretary’s Report (Motion to approve December Minutes)
    - i. Discussion and possible action to approve all pending other General Board Meeting Minutes.
  - d. Treasurer’s Report (Motion to approve December Monthly Expenditure Reports)
    - i. Discussion and possible action to approve the other MER’s for all pending months.
3. Discussion of current items for action at the January VNNC General Board Meeting. (7:15pm – 9:15pm reserved for items E & F) – (9:15pm – 10:00pm all other items)
  - a. The VNNC to reach out to the Federal Government, the USPS, the Smithsonian Institute and the US Postal Museum to consider turning in the Old Post Office at

6200 Van Nuys Blvd a satellite museum for the Smithsonian. The VNNC to request the vacant postal office also become a lecture hall and a facility able to host traveling exhibits.

- b. The VNNC to support in coordination with Senator Bob Hertzberg & Assemblyman Adrin Nazarian the "Write Your Own Bill with the Van Nuys Council" Campaign. As was discussed at several past General Council Meetings, the Senator and the Assemblyman will support legislation coming from the Van Nuys Council so long as it is a good idea. This is the season for introducing bills, and the VNNC to solicit ideas from the community for legislation.
- c. The VNNC to start beautifying the community. The action committee to start at the government center, and expand in a block by block circular fashion to clean up Van Nuys.
- d. The VNNC to support the following motion, "VNNC asks Corps of Engineers--with SENATOR HERTZBERG and COUNCILPERSON MARTINEZ to allow wildflower planting NOW on east side Sepulveda Dam--along I/405, San Diego Freeway. COST--\$500. LABOR--One VNNC member. APPROVAL REQUIRED? Cardenas, Martinez, Hertzberg, Corps of Engineers. This to promote speedier "use of Sepulveda Dam rim" as part of "Los Angeles River project". Misplaced emphasis on the river flow and ponds means the Sepulveda Dam rim, which could be level wildflower and native plant trail gets ignored. One "Johnny Appleseed" (John Hendry) is all that's required to plant. Theodore Payne Wildflowers in La Tuna Canyon to provide seed. Chances are 1 in 2 we'd get adequate rain after January 1 for a bright, surprising display by March. And it would be "newspaper" or "tv" publicity per the 100,000 riders in the 405. SENATOR HERTZBERG ought offer support. Twice--at VNNC meetings--Hertzberg has reminisced about his childhood "riding horses" on the Sepulveda Dam rim--from the stables at Sepulveda--Hatteras (till 1975). This is easy, cheap attention for a public purpose. Sepulveda Dam needs the attention. Sepulveda Dam is a piece of LA River much ignored. The combination of the 1938 concrete dam works and the underused 1 mile dam rim (as a walkway) with its Valley wide views have been ignored. The attention the "poppy planting" might get for moving recreation projects (like fixing the walkway as a public trail) well exceeds \$300 in seeds--and a Saturday spent seeding." NTE \$500.
- e. The VNNC to host the City Funding Department for a two-hour training session. The VNNC to go over any and all paperwork, and the process of filing and maintaining all the required government paperwork to run the government. The VNNC to participate in an exchange of ideas with the City Funding Department to better foster a normal working relationship. The VNNC to discuss the question of indexing.
- f. The VNNC to host the Office of The City Clerk as part of our "Distinguished Speaker Series" and their election division for a full briefing on what is expected from the council. The VNNC to go over funding of the election, fundraising, and other issues that shall come up between now and election day. (Michael Lektorich -- City of Los Angeles -- Office of the City Clerk - Election Division -- Tel: 213.978.0444)

- g. The VNNC to vote on the 12 restaurants in Van Nuys to participate in the “Taste Of Van Nuys” and reaching out to local businesses. The VNNC to start the tradition of serving the food at 6:30pm so constituents and councilmembers alike can enjoy the food and drink before the start of the General Council Meeting. (Ranch House, Tres Hermanos, Farm Table Café, La Fagota, Armenian Restaurant, Bamboo Chinese, and Pupusa Factory)
  - h. The VNNC to consider any and all applications to fill the vacant seat also known as the “Education Seat” previously held by Stacey Rains. The VNNC to officially announce the seat is vacant, and shall solicit applications to fill the seat. For the next 60 days, the seat shall remain in it’s original designation, then be changed to AT-LARGE until the next election on May 19<sup>th</sup>, 2018. <https://vnnc.org/wp-content/uploads/2017/06/Neighborhood-Council-Candidate-Filing-Form-Van-Nuys-NC.pdf>
  - i. The VNNC to official announce the vacant seat of Jaklen Keshishyan. The VNNC to officially announce the seat is vacant, and shall solicit applications to fill the seat. For the next 60 days, the seat shall remain their original designation, then be changed to AT-LARGE until the next election on May 19<sup>th</sup>, 2018.
  - j. Discussion and possible action on the following motion from Councilman John Hendry. Behind NEW FIRE STATION (Oxnard/Vesper) is a former 1920's DWP bldg (now privately owned) with a paint peeling CITY SEAL. The old building's CITY SEAL is a 1920's handmade "squared seal" with different dimensions. The new FIRE STATION echoes the DWP bldg in its terra cotta cladding. Both buildings "say" CITY designed and built. BUT--There's no CITY SEAL on the new station's design. This "squared CITY SEAL" handmade 90 years ago needs protection and restoration. It's the only "squared CITY seal" I've ever seen, it is across Aetna from FIRE STATION. Yes--it's on privately owned bldg--but discussions need be taken to preserve. NTE \$500.
4. General Public Comment on Non-Agenda Items within the Board’s Jurisdiction (up to two minutes per speaker)
5. Adjournment

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