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## Van Nuys Neighborhood Council



### General Board Meeting Agenda Wednesday, May 8<sup>th</sup>, 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
2. Officer’s Reports, Elected Officials Reports, Progress Reports, Compliance Reports, **Committee Chair Reports** & Other Reports
  - a. President’s Report – Discussion on having an office at Van Nuys City Hall to handle day to day items that need to be addressed in the course of running a government. (#1 Council in Los Angeles).
  - b. Vice President’s Report – The Vice President will update the council on the status of the committees, and how often they meet. The VP will also address the direction of the committee agendas, and what we are accomplishing.
  - c. Secretary’s Report (Motion to approve April Minutes)
    - i. Discussion and possible action to approve all pending other General Board Meeting Minutes.
  - d. Treasurer’s Report (Motion to approve April’s Monthly Expenditure Report)
    - i. Discussion and possible action to approve the other MER’s for all pending months.
3. Discussion and ACTION on current items for the May VNNC General Board Meeting.
  - a. The VNNC to host and welcome Los Angeles City Controller Ron Galperin to participate and headline our award winning “Distinguished Speaker Series.”

Controller Galperin to speak for 15 minutes then do 15 minutes of Q & A. The Controller will also present awards to the VNNC for being the #1 Council in Los Angeles for Community Impact Statements (CIS). Group picture to follow with certificates.

- b. The VNNC to make all public transportation free in Van Nuys. Additionally, the VNNC to recommend the tax revenue collected from Cannabis sales be used to fund all free public transportation in Van Nuys. The VNNC to be the first neighborhood in Los Angeles to start this pilot program, with the intention of extending it throughout the entire City of Los Angeles. To qualify for free public transportation in Van Nuys, one must live, work or have a significant ongoing stake in Van Nuys. The VNNC to use the basis and example of the language set forth in Council File 18-0991 from when all public transportation was free on Election Day. Additionally, the VNNC to submit a Community Impact Statement on CF # 18-0991 supporting this policy proposal. ([http://clkrep.lacity.org/onlinedocs/2018/18-0991\\_mot\\_10-19-2018.pdf](http://clkrep.lacity.org/onlinedocs/2018/18-0991_mot_10-19-2018.pdf))
- c. The VNNC to adopt a by-laws amendment creating 21 alternate council seats with the same designation as the current 21 council seats. Alternate Representatives - The Alternate Representative shall be a voting member of the Council at any Council meeting from which the Representative is absent and, if a Representative resigns or is removed from office, the Alternate Representative shall become the Representative for the remainder of the Representative's elected term. ACTION ITEM.
- d. The VNNC to request all pending reimbursements be submitted to the clerk's office for payment. (George Thomas for printing in December & February, Jeanette Hopp for printing etc) All reimbursements will be submitted to Terrence Gomes to help out and assist with red tape and in navigating the powers that be at City Hall.
- e. The 4th Annual Independence Day Hiring Spree -- East San Fernando Valley's Largest Community Hiring Event on June 13, 2019 at the Zev Yaroslavsky Family Support Center is seeking Partnership with Van Nuys Neighborhood Council. More than 1000 job seekers and 70 employers are expected, and we want this to be the best Job Fair/Hiring event for any community in Southern California. The VNNC to also partner with Supervisor Sheila Kheul. (The 501c3 is Friends of LACOE) NTE \$750 Item as amended in committee -- ADDITIONAL STIPULATION ON THIS MONEY BEING APPROVED IS THAT ALL OF THE \$750 GOES TO FEEDING THE PARTICIPANTS OF THE JOB FAIR, AND THAT THE VNNC HAS OFFICIALLY EARMARKED THIS MONEY FOR THAT SOLE PURPOSE. NTE \$750
- f. The VNNC to vote and fund a Neighborhood Purposes Grant for LAPD Vanguard for \$5,000. In February 1955, the Los Angeles Police Department, through the pages of the internally produced BEAT magazine, conducted a contest for a motto for the police academy. The conditions of the contest stated that: "The motto should be one that in a few words would express some or all the ideals to which the Los Angeles police service is dedicated. It is possible that the winning motto might someday be adopted as the official motto of the Department." The winning entry was the motto, "To Protect and to Serve" submitted by Officer Joseph S. Dorobek.
- g. The VNNC to vote and fund on a NPG for the Mid Valley Community Police Council for \$5,000. The Mid-Valley Community Police Council comprises local business owners, corporate and community stakeholders plus area residents who

share a commitment to support the LAPD Van Nuys Area Police Station. MVCPC is a 501 (c)(3) non-profit organization founded in 1978 by Sid Miller and a small group of proactive citizens who believed that crime prevention was everyone's responsibility. The MVCPC is proud to have grown substantially over the years and continues its focus to raise funds for the Van Nuys Area Station

- h. The VNNC to vote and fund a NPG for the Los Angeles Fire Department Foundation for \$5,000. The Los Angeles Fire Department Foundation (the Foundation), in partnership with citizens, businesses, and other philanthropic organizations, supports the Los Angeles Fire Department (LAFD) in protecting life, property, and the environment by providing essential equipment, training, and public outreach programs to supplement city resources. The Foundation was established in 2010 as an independent, non-profit organization dedicated to strengthening the Department, promoting public safety, and enhancing the Department's community relations. Our role is to invest in the LAFD by responding to needs the city either does not meet or does not meet in a timely manner. Our directors are committed to supporting first responders and believe that many people in greater Los Angeles share that commitment. We are the major source of private support to the Department.
- i. The VNNC to fund and support a community clean up with Los Angeles City Councilwoman Nury Martinez. The VNNC to help clean up and work alongside the council office to improve Van Nuys and clean up our fine city. NTE \$100.
- j. The VNNC to support a Community Impact Statement from Food & Water Watch. Background: LADWP is currently in the process of conducting a study on how the city might achieve a transition to 100% renewable energy. Unfortunately, we're already seeing evidence that the study's framework remains stuck in the past, leaving the door open to dirty fuels while failing to take into account the exciting research that has come out in the past years showing that a transition to 100% real, clean renewable energy is possible in LA by 2030. We've been speaking with Neighborhood Councils about how LADWP could do better, and why we think the public's voice ought to be a crucial component to any discussion on the city's transition to renewable energy. We're asking for Neighborhood Councils to sign onto a CIS statement asking City Council and LADWP to ensure that a new scenario is added to the study that takes these matters into account. CIS to be attached to CF # 18-0247 ([http://clkrep.lacity.org/onlinedocs/2018/18-0247\\_mot\\_03-23-2018.pdf](http://clkrep.lacity.org/onlinedocs/2018/18-0247_mot_03-23-2018.pdf))
- k. The VNNC to work with all three Los Angeles City Council offices (Martinez, Krekorian, Ryu) to convert the pergola in front of the LAPD Van Nuys Station into a playground and a public pocket park. Additionally, the playground to be built and ready for a ribbon cutting at the exact same time as the re-opening of the Van Nuys Library. (May 2020) The VNNC to find a 501c3 to help fund the playground and park. The VNNC to seek out Proposition K money and report back to the council any funding opportunities for the project.
- l. **THIS ITEM HAS BEEN TABLED -- ITEM #1:** Discussion and Possible Action: Proposed demolition of one Single Family Dwelling (SFD) with a detached garage and two additional buildings with a total of three residential units followed by new construction of a four-story, multi-family dwelling with twenty units and ground level parking located at 14629 & 14631 W. Erwin Street in Van Nuys which is within a Tier 2 TOC Zone (DIR-2019-1323/ENV-2019-1-324-EAF). Applicant: Hildur Atladottir of Minarc. Planning Dept: TBD Rendering Link:

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Elevations Link: <https://vnnc.org/wp-content/uploads/2019/04/Erwin-St.-Elevations.pdf>

- m. **THIS ITEM HAS BEEN TABLED -- ITEM #2:** Discussion and Possible Action: Proposed demolition of a one-story building followed by new construction of a four-story, multi-family dwelling with eleven units and below ground-level parking located at 14748 W. Victory Blvd in Van Nuys, which is within a Tier 3 TOC Zone (DIR-2019-1675-TOC/ENV-2019-1676-EAF). Applicant: Jonathan Azal or Amigo Casa, LLC and represented by Armin Gharai of GA Engineering, Inc. Planning Dept: TBD Rendering Link: <https://vnnc.org/wp-content/uploads/2019/04/Victory-Blvd-3.jpg> Elevations Link: <https://vnnc.org/wp-content/uploads/2019/04/Victory-Blvd-3.1-COLOR-ELEVATIONS.pdf>
- n. The VNNC to consider and discuss both sides of the Green New Deal pLAn set forth by Mayor Eric Garcetti on April 29<sup>th</sup>, 2019. The VNNC to also file a “Call To Action” (CTA) and “Community Impact Statement” (CIS) on Council File # 19-0156 introduced on 4/17/2019. The VNNC to formally invite the President of Valley Industry & Commerce Association Stuart Waldman to speak on this and give us the business perspective. VNNC to also invite Fred Pickle, rate payer advocate for the DWP. (<http://plan.lamayor.org/>)
- o. The VNNC to establish four new standing committees to start meeting after the election and the new board has been sworn in. The four new standing committees shall be the EMERGENCY PREPAREDNESS & Resiliency Plan COMMITTEE, the HOMELESSNESS COMMITTEE, the Community Cultural ENGAGEMENT & EMPOWERMENT COMMITTEE, and the VAN NUYS BUSINESS IMPROVEMENT DISTRICT COMMITTEE. The Chairpersons of these committees shall be appointed and/or elected at the June 2019 General Board Meeting of the VNNC.
- p. The VNNC to request a full report on vacant city office space at the government center. The VNNC to contact GSD for follow up. The VNNC to file a CIS requesting office space and referencing CF # 16-0298. ([http://clkrep.lacity.org/onlinedocs/2016/16-0298\\_mot\\_03-15-2016.pdf](http://clkrep.lacity.org/onlinedocs/2016/16-0298_mot_03-15-2016.pdf))
- q. The VNNC to support the Northridge Beautification Foundation Clean Streets Initiative in Van Nuys. NTE \$5,000 in order to buy cleaning supplies, cleaning equipment and to provide lunch for the volunteers.
- r. Discussion and possible action for a 3 month trial phase for the VNNC to nominate and commission Richard Hopp as an “Amicus Deputy” for the Executive Committee.
- s. The VNNC to continue to retain the services of Terrence Gomes until December 2019. NTE \$3000 a FY Quarter.
- t. Discussion and possible action on the update of expanding the boundaries of the VNNC. (The boundaries being the Sepulveda Dam Crest and the center of the 405 freeway).
- u. The VNNC to receive a report on the latest Public Records Act request from Mr. Richard Hopp. This gentleman is requesting an answer or update.
- v. Why can't we have free parking on Saturdays. Ask the City? How much revenue is done between 6 to 8pm. Trying to build business in DTVN. Seeking answers. Invite Dan Skolnick.

4. General Public Comment on Non-Agenda Items within the Board's Jurisdiction (up to two minutes per speaker)
5. General Comment for Van Nuys Neighborhood Councilmembers. (Up to 15 minutes per Councilmember)
6. Adjournment

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