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## Van Nuys Neighborhood Council



Van Nuys Neighborhood Council  
Planning and Land Use, Transportation  
Joint Committee Meeting  
Thursday, May 21, 2020  
6:30 p.m. to 9:30 pm  
Virtual Meeting via Zoom  
Teleconference



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1. CALL TO ORDER, PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE — QUORUM CALL.
2. READ AND APPROVE MINUTES OF January 15, 2019 and other meetings.
3. Discussion and Possible action: Planet Fitness Gym, 6633 N. Van Nuys Blvd. Case# **ZA-2019-6944**. Change of use from retail to 20,050 SF 24-hour gym in an existing commercial corner development. Part of the Van Nuys Central Business District 'Community Design Overlay' (CDO) zone area. Applicant/ representative: Kimberly A. Rible, Esq. & Fred Gaines, Esq. Supporting Documents: [Application](#), [Arch Drawings](#), [Photos](#)
4. Discussion and possible action: All Right Storage, 15005-15009 W. Oxnard Street. Case# **CPC-2019-5750**. Proposal for a new 98,458 SF self-storage warehouse with 24-hour access. Requesting a change in height from a zone M3-1 to M3-2-D for a floor area ratio of 2:46:1 vs. 1.5:1 and height of 53 feet for the storage facility. Applicant/ representative: Jerome Buckmelter of Jerome Buckmelter Associates, Inc. Supporting Documents: [Application](#), [Drawings](#).
5. Discussion and Possible Action: 45-unit multi-residential building, 14552-14558 W. Erwin Street. Case# **DIR-2019-6323**. Proposal to build a new 45-unit, 6 stories residential building with basement & ground floor parking. Proposed project is utilizing TOC tier 3 incentives, 3 additional incentives: side-yard reduction, height increase and open space reduction. Part of the Van Nuys Central Business District 'Community Design Overlay' (CDO) Zone area. Applicant/ representative: Armin Gharai of GA Engineering, Inc. Supporting Documents: [Application](#), [Arch Drawings](#), [Justification](#)
6. Discussion and Possible Action: 14400-14412 Vanowen Street/ 6755 N. Sylmar Ave. Case# **DIR-2019-7623-TOC-CDO**. Demolition of existing one-story commercial building and new construction of 45-unit, 6-story residential building with at grade and basement parking. Proposed project is utilizing TOC tier 3 incentives, 3 additional incentives: side-yard reduction, height increase and open space reduction. Part of the Van Nuys Central Business District 'Community Design Overlay' (CDO) Zone area. Applicant/ representative: Armin Gharai of GA Engineering, Inc. Supporting Documents: [Application](#), [Arch Drawings](#), [Justification](#), [Photos](#)
7. **Discussion and Possible Action:** The VNNC to send a letter to the Metro (Los Angeles County Metropolitan Transportation Authority) Board of Directors requesting that they lower Metro's COVID-19 Max Load limit for 60' busses such as those used on lines 233, 733, and 901 (Orange Line) as outlined on page 10 of <https://metro.legistar.com/View.ashx?M=F&ID=8440603&GUID=9EF26710-8673-4084-9E00-857DE87460E5> from 30 to 20 in order to enable safer Social Distancing and increasing frequency of affected routes to make up for the reduced seating capacity. The

VNNC is concerned that the inability to effectively Social Distance on transit effectively further jeopardizes the health of Essential Frontline Workers riding transit.

8. **Discussion and Possible Action:** The VNNC to send a letter to the Metro (Los Angeles County Metropolitan Transit Authority) Board of Directors asking that they postpone the adoption of the LRTP (Long Range Transportation Plan) for at least a year. The LRTP in its current form is based entirely on pre-COVID-19 data, and the VNNC feels that it would make more sense to wait until we have a better understanding of how the COVID-19 crisis reshapes working and commuting behavior before adopting a plan for the next 10+ years of transit Policy.
9. **Discussion and Possible Action:** The VNNC to send a letter to the Metro (Los Angeles County Metropolitan Transit Authority) Board of Directors regarding the NextGen Bus Service Proposal (as of the January 2020 Draft)
  - a. The VNNC Supports the Proposed expansion of service hours and days for route 169, but opposes the eastern connection to Burbank
  - b. The VNNC Strongly Opposes the elimination of route 218. The Valley needs more transit options over the Santa Monica Mountains, not fewer options.
  - c. The VNNC applauds the increase in frequency and span of service proposed for route 233 to add Owl Service hours.
  - d. The VNNC opposes the reimagined 236, 237 and 239 routes. All these routes serve vital north/ south needs and offer speedy alternatives to more congested major lines like 240, 234, and 233 in the middle San Fernando Valley and would be great options in their current alignments with increased spans and frequencies of service.
  - e. The VNNC is excited to see the resurrection of Route 761 but would like to see the 234/734 continue to connect to Westwood and Expo/Sepulveda Station.
  - f. The VNNC is deeply troubled by the eradication of most of the Valley's Rapid network including the 744, 750 and 734. These routes offer considerable time-savings over their local counterparts and the loss of them would be highly detrimental to the SFV's transit landscape.

## 10. PUBLIC COMMENT

## 11. ADJOURNMENT

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