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VAN NUYS NEIGHBORHOOD COUNCIL
 GENERAL BOARD MEETING
 10/13/2021
 7:00PM via ZOOM

1. Roll Call – Meeting was called to order by Browning at 7:05PM. Pledge of Allegiance. Quorum call. Quorum was reached.

VNNC ITEM 1. Roll Call		
Present –14	Absent-01	Excused-00
Browning, Schreiner, Fabre, Hendry, Azatyan, Bolla, Dunn, Edelman, Macias, Marks, Martinez, Thatch, Trim, Trimboli	Camera,	None

For voting purposes, Hendry is not eligible due to training requirements.
 QUORUM—Proceed to Agenda.

2. Reports from Government officials:
 - a. Featured Presentation (10 min.): Melinda Gejer, Public Policy Coordinator, StreetsLA, Department of Public Works, City of Los Angeles. She will be making a presentation on the Van Nuys tree inventory report and identify areas where more trees could be added [https://vnnc.org/wp-content/uploads/2021/10/Van-Nuys tree-inventory-report-summary.pdf](https://vnnc.org/wp-content/uploads/2021/10/Van-Nuys-tree-inventory-report-summary.pdf) In addition, Steven Dupre, Urban Forestry, City of LA. City has aerial photo study of trees—especially for “right of way” plantings. There are 26% vacancies in possible City tree wells in City ROW. An analysis of City trees finds 52% broadleaf, 26% conifer. Most popular others—Mexican fan palm, liquid amber, crepe myrtle, magnolia, queen palms. CityPlants.org helps provide trees to the public as a public service. Renters would need to get property owner approval before tree(s) could be planted.
 - b. LAPD Van Nuys Division-Officer. Perez. Trunk or Treat: on Oct 23 at 3-5 pm. New SLO. Officer Gutierrez, s of Victory down to Magnolia, and between Hazeltine/Cedros and Sepulvea.
 - c. Department of Neighborhood Empowerment (DONE) Lorenzo Briceno. “Planning 101” is now ready for PLUM members to take. Additions to proposed Code of Conduct—4 planned sessions were on line—last is Sat, Nov 6, 1-3 pm. “Meetings” remain “virtual” on a month-to-month consideration.
 - d. Board of Supervisors—Los Angeles County 3rd District – Sheila Kuehl by Brenda Yanez. (818) 901-3831 County will help give “Covid 3rd shot”, Check at “my turn.ca.gov. Invite people to discussions on disposition of Whiteman Airpark (San Fernando Rd., Pacoima) by the Whitemen Airport Community Advisory Panel Thurs, Oct 28 virtually.
 - e. Council District 2 – Karo Torosian for Krekorian— (818) 213-5640. Spoke about identifying sites under City Ordinance re M.C. 41-18 where homeless may not camp. CD 2 has designated two areas in Van Nuys: 1000 feet from “A Bridge Home” site at Amtrak station on Van Nuys Blvd. and 500 ft. around Van Nuys Elementary School.
 - f. Senate District 18 - Edwin Amaya—(edwin.amaya@sen.ca.gov) Sen. Hertzberg had 100% of his offered legislation signed into law. Highlighted two bills: SB 267 re clean up legislation on solar tax breaks and SB 539 re senior property tax issues in Proposition 19. Time for LAUSD parents to exercise their choice option with regard to enrollment in special programs, such as magnet schools, dual-language programs, etc.

- g. Council District 6 – Marcos Sanchez— (marcos.sanchez@lacity.org) VN Public Library reopened after 2 years. Councilwoman Martinez announced that a monument for former Supreme Court Justice Ruth Bader Ginsburg has been conceived (with funds donated by Hulu) to be installed where pergola previously stood next to library and in front of Van Nuys Superior Courthouse. Food drive Oct 15 for 500-750 families. Covid 19 shots remain available at Mid Valley YMCA.
 - h. Cal Congressional District 29 (Cardenas). Osvaldo Ramirez. New budget under negotiation in Congress includes \$12.5 million specifically targeted for the Valley. If people have issues with receiving new “Child care funding credits,” they can contact office for help.
 - i. PUBLIC COMMENT
 - i. Goat Puppet
 - ii. Maria Shelton
 - iii. Richard Hopp
 - iv. Candido Marez
3. Executive Committee and Committee Chairs report. Per President Browning, will be considering shortening the length of reports from representatives of public officials. Have experimented with 5 minutes, but will probably shorten to 2-3 minutes in order to help move the meeting along. Will let elected officials know what is decided.
- a. President – (Retreat follow-up and thanks, assessing committees and their needs, considering name tags, resuming guest speakers or other townhall ideas, thanks to community members for informing VNNC about website and agenda issues – we are better as a Neighborhood Council when we work together.) Special acknowledgement goes to Lillian Macias, appointed by Mayor Garcetti to Mayor’s Youth Council.
 - b. Vice President (Re-opening of the Van Nuys Library Branch)
 - c. Secretary—Secretary ineligible to vote for this meeting per DONE—will qualify by next meeting.
 - d. Treasurer
 - e. Parliamentarian/Human Services Committee. Gave report about October 6th Committee meeting. Mentioned that Turning Point Church is preparing “hygiene kits” for the homeless to give to Hope of Valley and invited any who are interested in contributing to find information on the VNNC website.
 - f. Outreach Committee—Reported on September 27th meeting of the Outreach Committee. First event will be to attend Grand Opening at “7—11” on Friday morning, October 16th.
 - g. Government Relations and Bylaws Committee. Meeting October 19, 6 pm.
 - h. Education Committee. Held first meeting on October 11th.
 - i. PLUM Committee—Meeting tentatively scheduled for October 28th.
 - j. Public comment
 - i. Goat Puppet
 - ii. Hopp
 - iii. Marez.
4. Discussion and possible action to adopt a CIS that expresses our concerns about the draft redistricting map from the LA City Council Redistricting Commission https://vnnc.org/wp-content/uploads/2021/10/CD-MAP-index_8.5_11.pdf <https://vnnc.org/wp-content/uploads/2021/10/City-of-LA-Draft-Map-K-2.5-with-numbers.pdf> <https://vnnc.org/wp-content/uploads/2021/10/VNNC-Community-Impact-Statement-on-City-Council-redistricting-final->

[for-consideration-.pdf](#) Every 10 years, after the Census, an appointed City committee works to create boundaries for equal and similar Councilmanic districts meets. One goal was to have five full districts in the Valley—and only 1 district (vs. current 2 districts) to span the Santa Monica Mountains. Are paying attention to trying to keep the boundaries of individual neighborhood council within one Council district. Very concerned that on the latest proposed map, the Van Nuys NC area is arbitrarily split into east and west areas along a street roughly two blocks west Van Nuys Bl. A large chunk of Van Nuys from Van Nuys BL westward is awarded to a Lake Balboa—Reseda centered seat. Community concern over “splitting Van Nuys”. Marcos Sanchez from Martinez’s office suggested that VNNC ought to claim the Sepulveda Basin Recreation Area and Van Nuys Airport. Need a CIS to present to Saturday’s LA City Council Redistricting Commission hearing— expressing our concern about splitting Van Nuys down Van Nuys BL (approx.) and to guarantee “speaking time” at hearing. VP Schreiner will speak. City Council is “final arbiter” on where the lines will be drawn.

- a. Public comment
 - i. Goat Puppet
 - ii. Marez
 - iii. Hopp
 - iv. Jeffrey Lynn
 - v. Eric Previn

Motion Passed

VNNC ITEM 4. Motion to adopt a CIS that expresses our concerns about the draft redistricting map from the LA City Council Redistricting Commission Moved: Schreiner Seconded: Hendry			
Yes –13	No-00	Ineligible-01	Absent-01
Browning, Schreiner, Fabre, Azatyan, Bolla, Dunn, Edelman, Macias, Marks, Martinez, Thatch, Trim, Trimboli	None	Hendry	Camera

5. Budget Update Discussion and Possible Actions

- a. Discussion and possible action to approve the August MER (Monthly Expenditure Report). <https://vnncc.org/wp-content/uploads/2021/10/VNNC-August-2021-MER.pdf> Treasurer Febre explained that monthly payments for Wendy Moore (website) and Bridgegap (Terrence Gomes) need not be voted upon individually because they are itemized in the budget. She noted that members will see monthly invoice amounts in the MER listing.
 - i. Public comment
 - 1. Goat Puppet
 - 2. Previn
 - 3. Hopp

Motion Passed

VNNC ITEM 5a. Motion to approve August MER Moved: Schreiner Seconded: Thatch			
Yes –11	No-00	Ineligible-03	Absent-01
Browning, Schreiner, Fabre, Azatyan, Bolla, Dunn, Edelman, Martinez, Thatch, Trim, Trimboli	None	Hendry, Macias, Marks	Camera

- b. Neighborhood Purpose Grant/NPG Process Update Potential VNNC-sponsored events (e.g., cleanups) <https://vnncc.org/wp-content/uploads/2021/09/NCFP-106-Event-Approval-Form.pdf> <https://vnncc.org/wp-content/uploads/2021/09/NCFP-114-NC-Community-Event->

[Risk-PlanningChecklist.pdf https://clerk.lacity.org/sites/g/files/wph1491/files/2021-03/NCFP%20Policies_07.19.18_Final.pdf](https://clerk.lacity.org/sites/g/files/wph1491/files/2021-03/NCFP%20Policies_07.19.18_Final.pdf) <https://clerk.lacity.org/ clerk-services/nc-funding/documents-forms/nog-documents> This item was tabled until next month. President Browning said that he wants to have a discussion to clarify the standard process that the VNNC will use for processing NPG applications.

6. Discussion and motions regarding filling VNNC open seats plan and applicants.
 - a. Vacant, Commercial #3 (2025)
 - b. Vacant, At-Large Industrial #1 (2025)
 - c. Vacant, Non-Profit #2 (2023)
 - d. Vacant, Resident Zone 2 (2023)
 - e. Resident Zone 4 (2023)
 - f. Vacant, School Representative (2023)

Openings have been posted, discussed—applications from candidates were tendered for consideration. Openings posted for qualification-specific seats remain open for 60 days. After that time a seat may be classified as at-large and filled until the next election. Two applications, one for Residential Seat 2 and one for Residential Seat 4 were tendered 10 days before the Board meeting as required. One additional application for Residential Seat 2 was tendered late, so it was not posted with the agenda.

Resident Zone 2: Applicant Mc Nelly was present, but left before this item came up for discussion. One additional late application was received for Seat 2. Dunn motioned to include and hear the late application. However, then Dunn rescinded his motion. With no Seat 2 candidates present, President stated that he will table the item on Zone 2 candidates until the next meeting.

Resident Zone 4: Candidate Matthew Wayne was present. He was invited to speak for 2 minutes about his candidacy.

- i. Public comment
 1. Goat Puppet
 2. Marez

Motion Passed

VNNC ITEM 6. Motion to appoint Matthew Wayne to Residential Seat 4 Moved: Bolla Seconded: Edelman			
Yes –13	No-00	Ineligible-01	Absent-01
Browning, Schreiner, Fabre, Azatyan, Bolla, Dunn, Edelman, Macias, Marks, Martinez, Thatch, Trim, Trimboli	None	Hendry	Camera

Supporting documents

- a. Raymond McNelly
 - i. <https://vnnc.org/wp-content/uploads/2021/10/Raymond-McNelly-Application.pdf>
 - ii. <https://vnnc.org/wp-content/uploads/2021/10/Raymond-McNelly-Statement-to-VNCC.pdf>
- b. Matt Wayne
 - i. <https://vnnc.org/wp-content/uploads/2021/10/Matthew-Wayne-Application.pdf>
 - ii. <https://vnnc.org/wp-content/uploads/2021/10/Matt-Wayne-Candidate-statement-.pdf>

7. Unfinished Business. (ITEM 7. Postponed due to lateness of the hour. 10:00PM time limit per Agenda.)

- a. 2021-23 select remaining Committee Chairs and liaisons: Budget representatives (2)—Represent the VNNC at Independent City budget advisory body charged with making constructive recommendations on the City's budget to the Mayor and City Council inspiring City departments to improve their operations.
- b. Logo Committee: Progress?
- c. Mural Committee: Report, call for members.

8. General Public comment on Non-Agenda Items. A stakeholder who wishes to provide public comment may indicate to the Chair before providing public comment whether they wish to provide one minute or two minutes of public comment.

1. Marez
2. Goat Puppet
3. Hopp

9. Adjournment. 10:10PM

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Respectfully submitted

John Hendry, Secretary

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