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Van Nuys Neighborhood Council



Van Nuys Neighborhood Council General Board Meeting

Wednesday, February 9, 2022
7:00PM

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1. Roll Call – Pledge of Allegiance

2. Reports from Government officials: (2-3 mins each)

- a. LAPD Van Nuys Division - <https://vnnc.org/resource/>
- b. Mayor's office
- c. LAUSD Board District 3 - Tammy Ramirez tammy.ramirez@lausd.net (213) 241-8333
- d. California Congressional District 29 - Osvaldo Ramirez osvaldo.ramirez@mail.house.gov
- e. Senate District 18 - Edwin Amaya Edwin.Amaya@sen.ca.gov (818) 901-5588
- f. Assembly District 46 - Laura Coronado Laura.Coronado@asm.ca.gov (818) 376-4246
- g. Los Angeles County 3rd District – Brenda Yanez BYanez@bos.lacounty.gov (818) 901-3831
- h. Council District 2 –Cairo Rodríguez cairo.rodriguez@lacity.org 818-213-5640.
- i. Council District 6 – (818) 778 4999
- j. Council District 4 – Alexandria Naseef alexandria.naseef@lacity.org 213-473-7004
- k. LAUSD Board District 6 – Michael Menjivar michael.menjivar@lausd.net 213-241-6388
- l. Department of Neighborhood Empowerment (DONE)

3. Executive and Committee Chair Reports

- a. President – (The Anti-Bias (ABLE) Training, new VNNC agenda templates, Winter VNNC retreat date set for February 12th, 2022 9:00am-12:30pm, Committee meeting assignments and schedules, No update on in-person meetings, Names for VNNC name badges)
- b. Vice President
- c. Secretary (Black History Month - To ask Council President Martinez to work with City, CD 14, El Pueblo, to provide memorial on Plaza for “Biddie” Mason, LA’s first black resident.)
- d. Treasurer (VNNC Budget balance as of January 31, 2022)
- e. Parliamentarian/Human Services Committee
- f. Outreach Committee
- g. Government Relations and Bylaws Committee
- h. Education Committee

- i. PLUM Committee
- j. Parks, Open Space, and Environment Committee
- k. Beautification
- l. Public Safety

4. Discussion and motions regarding VNNC open seats plan and applicants.

- a. Two (2) remaining) At-large seats – recruitment strategies discussion

Former designations:

- b. Vacant, Commercial #3 (2025)
- c. Vacant, At-Large Industrial #1 (2025)
- d. Vacant, Non-Profit #2 (2023)
- e. Vacant, School Representative (2023)
- f. **Nominations/application received:**

David Harari

<https://vnnc.org/wp-content/uploads/2022/01/DavidHarariApplication.jpg>

Damaris Macias

<https://vnnc.org/wp-content/uploads/2022/01/DamarisMaciasApplication.jpg>

<https://vnnc.org/wp-content/uploads/2022/01/Damaris-Macias-VNNC-Boardmember-Application-01-22.pdf>

5. VNNC PLUM Items: Discussion, recommendations, and possible actions on the Metro Sepulveda Boulevard Corridor: On January 27, 2022, the PLUM Committee held a special joint meeting with the Van Nuys Neighborhood Council to consider possible action by the Council at its February 9, 2022 meeting regarding the LA Metro Sepulveda Transit Corridor Project, a fully funded project to build better transit options between the San Fernando Valley and the Westside along the Sepulveda Boulevard Corridor. Six transit alternatives are under consideration by LA Metro, which is presently in the environmental review phase, with prior public outreach and scoping meetings accessible online. Final date to provide comment and recommendation is February 11, 2022.

Presentation by Mr. Cory Zelmer, Deputy Executive Officer, Los Angeles County Metropolitan Transportation Authority (Presentation attached). Pertinent online presentations and supporting materials: https://vnnc.org/wp-content/uploads/2022/01/STC_Presentation_Mini-Deck-1.pdf

Additionally, project website and other supporting materials related to the project are provided below:

Project website: www.metro.net/sepulvedacorridor

Project StoryMap: <https://storymaps.arcgis.com/stories/642fc3ce99c2418bbaeff9bf3bfe3804>

Project Video: <https://youtu.be/-LbU-Wq0j1w>

Scoping Meeting Presentation: <https://youtu.be/KcucT0xMZxA>

Public Comment Form: <https://bit.ly/SepulvedaCommentForm>

The PLUM Committee recommends adoption by the Van Nuys Neighborhood Council of the following motions with regard to the LA Metro Sepulveda Transit Corridor project:

Motion 1: The Van Nuys Neighborhood Council opposes any alternative that places any portion of the project transit system along the corridor above ground.

Motion 2: The Van Nuys Neighborhood Council supports Alternative 6 as presented to PLUM committee - with amendment to add an additional stop either at Burbank Boulevard or at Victory Boulevard.

Action taken by the full Council, if any, pertaining to this project will be transmitted in writing to LA Metro by or before the February 11, 2022 comment deadline.

6. VNNC Human Services Committee Items:

- a) Discussion and possible action authorizing the VNNC and its Human Services Committee to host a virtual Homeless Forum on Wednesday, March 2nd from 6 to 8 p.m.,
- b) Discussion and possible action approving funding not to exceed \$1500 for outreach (including bilingual fliers, boosted posts on social media, and possible paid advertising) and \$1000 to pay for simultaneous interpretation of the meeting into Spanish and translation of meeting materials into Spanish.

Background Information:

The Homeless Forum will provide an opportunity for people who are stakeholders in Van Nuys and neighboring areas to receive information about the needs of the unhoused in Van Nuys, the outreach and services that are being provided by local agencies, and City of LA programs working to help move homeless people into housing and prevent more people from becoming homeless.

Speakers will represent government offices and several of the local non-profits that work directly with homeless individuals.

There will be time for questions and answers.

Outreach methods to publicize the forum will include:

- ☐ Making posts on social media.
- ☐ Asking Council offices and agencies to share information in newsletters and emails.
- ☐ Sharing information and fliers with local businesses.
- ☐ Providing fliers to local agencies who work directly with the homeless.
- ☐ Possibly advertising in one or more local newspapers.

7. Discussion on the agenda for the Winter VNNC retreat. February 12, 2022 9:00am-12:30pm

- a) Welcome/Team building 45 mins (name one thing that needs improvement in Van Nuys. New council members, tell us one VNNC goal that you have for the next 12 months.)
- b) Public comment
- c) **VNNC Training:**
 - o Serial meeting training – Michael Browning & Terrence Gomes 15 mins
<https://empowerla.org/wp-content/uploads/2012/04/Brown-Act-Serial-Communications.pdf>
 - <https://www.bbklaw.com/bbk/media/library/pdf/major-provisions-and-requirements-of-the-brown-act.pdf>

- https://asccc.org/sites/default/files/10-2016-Annual_Carney_Sanchez_Avoiding-the-Perils-and-Pitfalls-of-Serial-Meetings-in-the-Digital-Age%20%281%29.pdf
- Parliamentary Session (Meeting climate expectation, VNNC diversity/inclusion) - Dr. Thela Thatch 30 mins
- Vice President – Ideas for special projects and areas of focus – Kathy Schreiner 15 mins
- Treasurer - Budget update - Jenifer Febre 15 mins
- VNNC Bylaws discussion - Lillian Macias, Chair/Mike Browning 60 mins
 - <https://vnnc.org/wp-content/uploads/2020/11/VNNC-Bylaws-Approved-111220.pdf>
 - <https://vnnc.org/wp-content/uploads/2020/01/VNNC-Standing-Rules0405181.pdf>
- Adjourn

8. General Public Comment on Non-Agenda Items (2 min per stakeholder) 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.

9. Old Business:

- a. Logo Committee
- b. Mural Committee

9. Adjournment

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We pledge to represent my neighborhood with dignity, integrity, and pride.
I will encourage other points of view, even when they differ from my own.
I will respect, value, and consider everyone's opinion.
I will find the good in my neighborhood and praise it and promote it.
To my neighbors, and to neighborhoods throughout the City of Los Angeles, I pledge to do this to the best of my ability.