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General Board Meeting

Minutes
November 10, 2021

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IN CONFORMITY WITH THE GOVERNOR'S EXECUTIVE ORDER N-29-20 (MARCH 17, 2020)
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1. Roll Call – Meeting was called to order by Browning at 7:06PM. Pledge of Allegiance. Quorum call. Quorum was reached.

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VNNC ITEM 1. Roll Call		
Present –15	Absent-01	Excused-00
Browning, Schreiner, Febre, Hendry, Azatyan, Bolla, Camera, Dunn, Edelman, Macias, Marks, Thatch, Trim, Trimboli, Wayne	Martinez	None

QUORUM—Proceed to Agenda.

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

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- a. LAPD Van Nuys Division - <https://vnnc.org/resource/> Officer Whitey, Joe Gutierrez/ See SLO for The Club to prevent break-ins
- b. Council District 6 – Marcos Sanchez marcos.sanchez@lacity.org (818) 778 4999. Thanks for help in keeping Martinez' 6th district mostly together in redistricting. Mid Valley Y still [offering](#) Covid [vaccines and testingplace](#), Tu-Sat 9-9.
- c. Department of Neighborhood Empowerment (DONE) Lorenzo Briceno, Planning 101 is available for all.
- d. Council District 4 – Alexandria Naseef alexandria.naseef@lacity.org 213-473-7004 Absent
- e. Los Angeles County 3rd District – Brenda Yanez BYanez@bos.lacounty.gov (818) 901-3831 Absent
- f. Council District 2 –Cairo Rodríguez cairo.rodriguez@lacity.org 818-213-5640. Absent
- g. Senate District 18 - Edwin Amaya Edwin.Amaya@sen.ca.gov (818) 901-5588 Absent
- h. Assembly District 46 - Laura Coronado Laura.Coronado@asm.ca.gov (818) 376-4246 Absent
- i. LAUSD Board District 6 – Michael Menjivar michael.menjivar@lausd.net 213-241-6388 Absent
- j. California Congressional District 29 - Osvaldo Ramirez osvaldo.ramirez@mail.house.gov Absent
- k. Mayor's office Absent

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3. Executive and Committee Chair Reports

- a. President – (VNNC phoneline, Correspondences, Brown Act) - VNNC Councilmembers are not allowed to speak during committee meeting if they are not members, new VNNC agenda templates, public comment warnings and forfeiture of comment time)
- b. Vice President (Metro tree survey, Update on Redistricting)
- c. Secretary Hendry is qualified to vote on all items.
- d. Treasurer
- e. Parliamentarian/Human Services Committee
- f. Outreach Committee
- g. Government Relations and Bylaws Committee
- h. Education Committee
- i. PLUM Committee Items on agenda. The new training is available for all..
- j. Parks and Open Space Committee

Before ~~the~~ voting items are considered, new member Matt Wayne is sworn in.

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4. **Consent Calendar:**

- a. Approval of VNNC 10/13/2021 General Board Meeting minutes https://vnnc.org/wp-content/uploads/2021/11/VNNC_GBM_Draft_Minutes_10132021_revised.pdf
- b. Go to the VNNC Website to hear/view the PLUMdiscussions starting at 38:25 https://us02web.zoom.us/rec/play/-pANo4XhJRBNEPylBnrFphO1FB2jT3swlzZP9K69gX3ZmRNpom3kZTb4C5J47DyAJmS5dPMNuSQOTCBz.X7gk_uAxVayhrjBq?continueMode=true
Possible action to approve: 33-Unit Apartment Building w/ ADU-14805-14817 Erwin Street. Case# **DIR-2021-6728-TOC**. Request to allow the demolition of residential buildings and to build a 33-unit apartment building and (1) accessory dwelling unit (ADU), 5-stories in total. Utilizing TOC to increase units and to request 2 additional incentives – increase in height & side-yard setback reduction – VNNC PLUM Committee Approved. <https://vnnc.org/wp-content/uploads/2021/10/14809-14817-Erwin-DCP-Application.pdf> <https://vnnc.org/wp-content/uploads/2021/10/14809-14817-Erwin-TOC-Project-Justification.pdf> <https://vnnc.org/wp-content/uploads/2021/10/14817-Erwin-Plans.pdf>
- c. **Possible action to approve:** 54-unit mixed use apartment. 7541 Sepulveda Blvd. Case# (none yet). 4-story, 54-unit mix used apartment building. 3 units to set aside for affordable (3 VL, 17% bonus density @ 5% VL). 3 on menu density bonus incentives requested - VNNC PLUM Committee Approved. https://vnnc.org/wp-content/uploads/2021/10/7541-Sepulveda-Blvd_Plans.pdf <https://vnnc.org/wp-content/uploads/2021/10/7541-Sepulveda-Photographs.pdf> <https://vnnc.org/wp-content/uploads/2021/10/7541-Sepulveda-DCP-Application-1.pdf>
- d. **Possible action to approve:** Mixed use development of 332-residential units and +/- 4,105 SF of commercial. 7050 – 7068 Van Nuys Blvd. & 14431 Vose Street. Case# **DIR-2021-6087**. Request to allow to demolish existing structures and build a new 6-story 332-unit mixed use apartment with 4,105 SF of commercial space. 37-units (11%) is reserved for extremely low-income units built to a maximum height of 63 feet - VNNC PLUM Committee Approved. <https://vnnc.org/wp-content/uploads/2021/10/7050-7062-Van-Nuys-DCP-Application-Final-6-28-2021-1.pdf> <https://vnnc.org/wp-content/uploads/2021/10/7050-7068-Van-Nuys-Attach-A-Background-Information-2021Jun28-Final.pdf> <https://vnnc.org/wp-content/uploads/2021/10/7050-7062-Plans-and-Entitlement-Submittal.pdf>

With respect to On the "consent calendar", items a- and b were retained for "consent vote." items "c and -d" were removed for separate discussion and separate votes.

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Public comment: [#No comments](#)
Motion Passed

VNNC ITEM 4. Motion to approve Item 4 a and b. Moved: Schreiner Seconded: Dunn			
Yes –14	No-00	Ineligible-01	Absent-01

Browning, Schreiner, Feabre, Hendry, Azatyan, Bolla, Camera, Dunn, Edelman, Macias, Marks, Thatch, Trim, Trimboli	None	Wayne	Martinez
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C and D. Following items separated from "consent calendar"-now heard separately, and voted on separately.

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Motion to "pull from consent" comes from Marks. Marks comments that size of apartments is too small-will become slum. [Cites health issues related to small units. Discussion among PLUM members and other Board members follows.](#) ~~for anyone requesting the actual tally, the Vote tally is odd a "yes" vote "kills" project a "no" vote supports it.~~

Motion to [disapprove the project vote](#)-(Marks/Hendry). [President Browning clarified that a vote of "Yes" would be to deny the project, and a vote of "No" would be to approve the project to move forward.](#) VOTE-YES 6 (TO KILL)-8 (To approve). VNNC to support the project. [Letter will be sent to support the project.](#)

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Public comment: Spindler, Marez, Hopp

Motion ~~Passed~~defeated

VNNC ITEM 4. Motion to <u>disapprove</u> Item 4 c. Moved: Marks Seconded: Hendry			
Yes - 6 4	No- 8 0	Ineligible- 0 1	Absent- 0 1
Browning, Schreiner, Fabre, Hendry, Azatyan, Bolla, Camera, Dunn, Edelman, Macias, Marks, Thatch, Trim, Trimboli	Browning, Schreiner, Febre, Azatyan, Bolla, Dunn, Trim, WayneNone	Wayne	Martinez

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Motion made to "pull from consent". Discussion based on size (perhaps largest single project in Van Nuys) and "by rights" to offer 175 parking spots for 338 units - because METRO VN BI transit line runs by [the site](#). Pres. Browning, PLUM Chair Dunn say "[Project meets City approved per its rules](#)".

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MOTION TO [Approve Project VOTE](#)-(Browning/Dunn). VOTE-7 AYE-7 NO [TIE VOTE](#) MEANS VNNC TAKES NO POSITION.

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Public comment: Hopp, Marez, Spindler, [Quirino de la Cuesta](#)
[Motion Passed Tie vote](#)

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VNNC ITEM 4. Motion to approve Item 4 d. Moved: Browning Seconded: Dunn			
Yes -147	No-799	Ineligible-01	Absent-01
Browning, Schreiner, Faebre , Hendry , Azatyan, Bolla, Camera , Dunn , Edelman , Macias , Marks , Thatch , Trim, Trimboli	None Hendry , Camera , Edelman , Macias , Marks , Thatch , Wayne	Wayne	Martinez

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[Mr. Browning said that PLUM item posted as 8 on the agenda would be referred back to the PLUM Committee. \(Item 8: Discussion and Possible Actions requesting a special VNNC PLUM committee/Joint Board meeting early 2022 for the sole purpose of discussing potential requirements for the building of new apartments for VNNC recommended PLUM projects.\) After research, a meeting will be held at a later date. Purpose of that research and discussion will be to understand all the City requirements for new projects and determine standards for what VNNC wants to see.](#)

5. **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. Marez, Hopp, Glenn Bailey

6. **Budget Update Discussion and Possible Actions**

- a. Discussion and possible action to approve the September MER (Monthly Expenditure Report). <https://vnn.org/wp-content/uploads/2021/11/VNNC-MER-September-2021.pdf>

Public comment: no comment

Motion Passed

VNNC ITEM 6a. Motion to approve September MER. Moved: Schreiner Seconded: Marks			
Yes -123	No-00	Ineligible-02	Absent-01
Browning, Schreiner, Fabre, Hendry, Azatyan, Bolla, Camera, Dunn, Edelman, Marks, Thatch, Trim, Trimboli	None	Wayne, Macias	Martinez

- b. Discussion and possible action to approve NPG in the amount of \$5,000 for Central Lutheran Church in Van Nuys to help repair certain portions of the community garden, and to sponsor container gardening classes for the immediate Van Nuys neighborhood. <https://vnn.org/wp-content/uploads/2021/10/Central-Lutheran-10.26-NPG-Application-MERGED.pdf> **Google Photos Shareable Link:**

<https://photos.app.goo.gl/uZQqHdUqPLq7T5n1A>

Garden plots have been offered for 25 years-35 family sized plots-helps with "food insecurity" for a low-income neighborhood. ~~In addition to~~With VNNC support, ~~agency hopes to utilize even add~~-an Eagle Scout, Girl Scout group for experience.

MOTION TO VOTE- (Schreiner/Thatch)

Public comment: Marez, Spindler, Hopp

Motion Passed

VNNC ITEM 6b. Motion to approve September MER. Moved: Schreiner Seconded: Thatch			
Yes -12	No-00	Ineligible-02	Absent-02
Browning, Schreiner, Fabre, Hendry, Azatyan, Bolla, Camera, Edelman, Marks, Thatch, Trim, Trimboli	None	Wayne, Macias	Martinez, Dunn

7. **Discussion and motions regarding VNNC open seats plan and applicants.** Volunteers must meet "open" seats requirements-and must apply 10 days before meeting. Seats remaining "open" for 60 days may be redefined as "at large seats".

- a. Vacant, Commercial #3 (2025)
- b. Vacant, At-Large Industrial #1 (2025)
- c. Vacant, Non-Profit #2 (2023)
- d. Vacant, Resident Zone 2 (2023)
 - i. **Raymond McNelly** <https://vnn.org/wp-content/uploads/2021/10/Raymond-McNelly-Application.pdf> <https://vnn.org/wp-content/uploads/2021/10/Raymond-McNelly-Statement-to-VNCC.pdf>
 - ii. **Francois "Beau" Verin** <https://vnn.org/wp-content/uploads/2021/11/FrancoisVerinApplication.pdf>
- e. Vacant, School Representative (2023)

For this meeting, no candidates ~~were present to appear before the Council.-~~ discussed need for more outreach- and postponed item to the ~~for~~ next month.

~~8. (Agenda Item 9) Discussion and Possible Actions requesting a special VNNC PLUM committee/Joint Board meeting early 2022 for the sole purpose of discussing potential requirements for the building of new apartments for VNNC recommended PLUM projects. This would include, but not limited to, unit size, number of parking spaces, mixed use, and whatever else the VNNC deems necessary. The Discussion would include not just the committee, but members of the community, builders, and anyone else who would have an interest~~

~~9.8. Old Business:~~

- a. **2021-23 VNNC select remaining Committee Chairs and liaisons Budget Representatives (2)**
- Represent the VNNC at the independent Budget Advocate 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. Mira Bolla volunteers.

(At 9-45 pm, Items 9b- 9c- 9d postponed due to VNNC's suggested 10 pm curfew.)

- b. Logo Committee
- c. Mural Committee

d. Website Committee

e. [Public comment: Bailey, Marez](#)

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40.9. **Adjournment 10:00PM**

Respectfully submitted

John Hendry Secretary,
Van Nuys NC
November 29, 2021