

Michael Browning
mike.browning@vnnc.org
President

Kathy Schreiner
kathy.schreiner@vnnc.org
Vice President

John Hendry
john.hendry@vnnc.org
Secretary

Jennifer Febre
jennifer.febre@vnnc.org
Treasurer

Dr. Thelá Thatch,
thela.thatch@vnnc.org
Parliamentarian

Board
Hakop 'Jack' Azatyan
Bolla
John Camera
Dunn
Brian Edelman
Lillian Macias
Richard Marks
Ashley Nicole Martinez
Trim
Trimboli



Van Nuys Neighborhood Council

Van Nuys Neighborhood Council
General Board Meeting

Minutes
December 8, 2021

Zoom meeting online or by telephone
Dial **(669) 900-6833** to join the meeting
Enter Meeting ID: 858 5759 9476
Press#

For additional toll-free numbers:
Find your local number:
<https://zoom.us/j/adzNSCxghi>



**Van Nuys
Neighborhood Council**
P.O. Box 3118
Van Nuys, CA 91407-3118

Email: info@vnnc.org
www.vnnc.org

IN CONFORMITY WITH THE GOVERNOR'S EXECUTIVE ORDER N-29-20 (MARCH 17, 2020) AND DUE TO CONCERNS OVER COVID-19, THE GENERAL BOARD OF VAN NUYS NEIGHBORHOOD COUNCIL MEETING WILL BE CONDUCTED ENTIRELY TELEPHONICALLY.

Members of the public who wish to listen to the meeting or participate in public comment to the Committee via telephone should call (669) 900-6833 or one of the following Toll-Free Telephone Numbers: (833) 548 0282, (888) 475 4499, (877) 853 5257, (833) 548 0276 use Meeting ID No. 858 5759 9476 and then press #. Press # again when prompted for participant ID. When you have a question for the Host, you can Raise Hand by pressing *9, when called on to talk, you can mute/unmute by pressing *6.

PUBLIC INPUT AT NEIGHBORHOOD COUNCIL MEETINGS The public is requested dial *9, when prompted by the presiding officer, to address the Board on any agenda item before the Board takes an action on an item. Comments from the public on agenda items will be heard only when the respective item is being considered. Comments from the public on other matters not appearing on the agenda that are within the Board's jurisdiction will be heard during the General Public Comment period. Please note that under the Brown Act, the Board is prevented from acting on a matter that you bring to its attention during the General Public Comment period; however, the issue raised by a member of the public may become the subject of a future Board meeting. Public comment is limited to a maximum of 2 minutes per speaker per item with a maximum of 10 minutes total per meeting, unless adjusted by the presiding officer of the Board.

VAN NUYS NEIGHBORHOOD COUNCIL
GENERAL BOARD MEETING
12/08/2021
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-02	Excused-00
Browning, Schreiner, Febre, Hendry, Azatyan, Bolla, Camera, Edelman, Macias, Marks, Thatch, Trim, Trimboli, Wayne	Dunn, Martinez,	None

QUORUM—Proceed to Agenda.

2. Reports from Government officials:

- a. LAPD Van Nuys Division - <https://vnnc.org/resource/> Crime down—focus on Christmas shoppers at malls. A Van Nuys clean up at Van Nuys/Kittridge
- b. Council District 2 –Cairo Rodríguez cairo.rodriguez@lacity.org 818-213-5640. Gave away pallets of hand sanitizers—ask him for some if you have a good place to distribute them. Additional Christmas giveaway events.
- c. Council District 6 – Marcos Sanchez <mailto:marcos.sanchez@lacity.org> (818) 778 4999 Absent
- d. Council District 4 – Alexandria Naseef alexandria.naseef@lacity.org 213-473-7004 City moving toward “Safe Pass LA
- e. Department of Neighborhood Empowerment (DONE) Lorenzo Briceno No report
- f. Los Angeles County 3rd District – Brenda Yanez BYanez@bos.lacounty.gov (818) 901-3831 Absent
- g. California Congressional District 29 - Osvaldo Ramirez osvaldo.ramirez@mail.house.gov Absent
- h. Senate District 18 - Edwin Amaya Edwin.Amaya@sen.ca.gov (818) 901-5588 Absent
- i. Assembly District 46 - Laura Coronado Laura.Coronado@asm.ca.gov (818) 376-4246 Absent
- j. LAUSD Board District 6 – Michael Menjivar michael.menjivar@lausd.net 213-241-6388 Absent
- k. Mayor’s office Absent

3. Executive and Committee Chair Reports

- a. President – (VNNC leadership, VNNC Council member morale, The Anti-Bias (ABLE) Training, new VNNC agenda templates, Winter VNNC retreat date setting and discussion, Committee meeting schedules, public comment ideas. Announces plans to leave Council 6 months early (December 2022) —to allow for transition. Discussion that Marks did not qualify per required training—in dispute—Briceno says Marks can vote on non-financial matters only.
- b. Vice President- Encourage people to see renovated Van Nuys library.
- c. Secretary- no report
- d. Treasurer- no report
- e. Parliamentarian/Human Services Committee- holding Homeless Forum on March 2, 2022.
- f. Outreach Committee- no report
- g. Government Relations and Bylaws Committee- Meeting third Monday of January

- h. Education Committee- Second Monday of January. Working on a Van Nuys Library Reading Challenge.
- i. PLUM Committee- Chair not present. Unexcused absence. President trying to communicate with him.
- j. Parks and Open Space Committee- CIS to METRO if this meeting approves. Note—shortage in City’s Rec and Parks staff; had 140 early retirements; of 430 openings, only filled 150 so far. Special note—residents can participate in “PLAY LA”—a \$10 Rec and Parks access fee to programs. Discounts available—even total waivers of fees.

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

- a. President Browning announced that the five (5) vacant seats have now been reclassified to “At-large Representative” seats – recruitment strategies discussion- These until the next election where they will be again posted as seats in their designated categories.

Former designations:

- b. Vacant, Commercial #3 (2025)
- c. Vacant, At-Large Industrial #1 (2025)
- d. Vacant, Non-Profit #2 (2023)
- e. Vacant, Resident Zone 2 (2023)
- f. Vacant, School Representative (2023)

Nominations/application received:

- g. Vote to appoint Danielle Rouillard to At Large Seat formally Non-Profit #2.
<https://vnnc.org/wp-content/uploads/2021/11/Danielle-Rouillard.pdf>

Motion Passed

VNNC ITEM 4g. Motion to appoint Danielle Rouillard to At Large Seat Moved: Schreiner Seconded: Browning			
Yes –14	No-00	Ineligible-00	Absent-02
Browning, Schreiner, Hendry, Febre, Azatyan, Bolla, Camera, Edelman, Macias, Marks, Thatch, Trim, Trimboli, Wayne	None	None	Dunn, Martinez

Rouillard elected—took oath of office—may vote tonight for all “non-financial”, “non-PLUM items”.

5. Discussion and possible action to establish a VNNC phone line:

<https://www.vonage.com/unified-communications/pricing/>
<https://www.vonage.com/promo/buy/cart/?sku=SSUBDL000006&couponcode=30PERCENT OFF&isTestCart=true&quantity=1>

Public comment: Hopp

Motion Passed

VNNC ITEM 5 Motion to have a VNNC phone line NTE \$25.00. Moved: Schreiner Seconded: Hendry				
Yes –11	No-00	Abstain-01	Ineligible-03	Absent-02
Browning, Schreiner, Hendry, Febre, Azatyan, Bolla, Camera, Thatch, Trim, Trimboli, Wayne	None	Edelman	Rouillard Macias, Marks	Dunn, Martinez

6. 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 publiccomment whether they wish to provide one minute or two minutes of public comment.

- a. Hopp
- b. Skelton

7. Budget Update Discussion and Possible Actions

- a. Review and approval of October 2021 MER <https://vnnc.org/wp-content/uploads/2021/11/VNNC-MER-October-2021.pdf> Item to be reposted? No vote. Members confused—moved on to 7b. without action. No motion—no vote called for—no vote taken—discussion simply flowed into item 7b. Leadership agreed “item had been passed over” after the meeting—and most likely will be reposted.
- b. NPG Applications: a. Review NPG Application from North Valley Caring Services for \$2,500 <https://vnnc.org/wp-content/uploads/2021/11/North-Valley-Caring-ServicesVNNC-NPG.pdf> <https://vnnc.org/wp-content/uploads/2021/11/North-ValleyCaring-Services-IRS-501-c3-Determination-Letter-Front-1.pdf> No representative from group. A Christmas holiday event—NPG requested for food containers, wrapping paper, items for hygiene. Mission Hills, North Hills, Sylmar NCs are participating. Funds will go for supplies and printing.

Public comment: Hopp, Spindler

Motion Passed.

VNNC ITEM 7b Motion to approve NPG for NVCS for \$2500 for supplies and printing. Moved: Febre Seconded: Schreiner				
Yes –10	No-2	Abstain-00	Ineligible-03	Absent-02
Browning, Schreiner, Hendry, Febre, Azatyan, Bolla, Edelman, Thatch, Trim, Trimboli	Camera, Wayne	None	Macias, Marks, Rouillard	Dunn, Martinez

- c. Review City determination on funding for NPG for Central Lutheran Church request of \$5,000 Neighborhood Purpose Grants. Item was rejected because the applicant is affiliated with a religious institution.
- d. Discussion and possible action to create a VNNC Standing Rule to have all Neighborhood Purpose Grants (NPGs) applications referred to the appropriate committee for review and recommendation to the Budget & Finance Committee 2021-23. Discuss any other NPG matters. Possible action to create a VNNC Standing Rule to have all NPGs) applications referred to the appropriate committee for review and recommendation to the Budget & Finance Committee. Current practice—VNNC Bylaws say must go through our Budget and Finance Committee. Motion to vote—(Schreiner/Wayne). Discussion. Browning opposes two committees, will take forever. Says “Budget and Finance” should review application for completeness, and then Board will decide on the merits of the project.

Public comment: Spindler, Hopp

Motion Failed Vote—6 for the 2-committee rule—9 opposed. Motion failed.

VNNC ITEM 7d Motion to create standing rule to have NPGs go to a subject committee for review and
--

reommendation to the Budget and Finance Committee. Moved: Schreiner Seconded: Wayne				
Yes –6	No-09	Abstain-00	Ineligible-00	Absent-02
Schreiner, Hendry, Febre, Azatyan, Bolla, Camera,	Browning, Thatch, Edelman, Macias, Marks, Rouillard, Trim, Trimboli, Wayne	None		Dunn, Martinez

8. **Discussion and Possible Actions requesting a special VNNC PLUM committee/Joint Boardmeeting 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 VNNCdeems necessary. The Discussion would include not just the committee, but members of the community, builders, and anyone else who would have an interest

Motion (Marks/Hendry) to hold a special VNNC Board/PLUM Committee joint meeting to include unit size, number of parking spaces, mixed use, and whatever else the VNNCdeems necessary.

Motion to amend (Schreiner/Marks. Call a Special full Board meeting dedicated to this purpose and invite the Department of Plannning to present City's requirements on each topic.

Public comment: Hopp, Spindler
Amendment Passed

VNNC ITEM 8a Motion to amend. Moved: Schreiner Seconded: Marks				
Yes –14, Abstain 1	No-00	Abstain-01	Ineligible-00	Absent-02
Browning, Schreiner, Hendry, Febre, Azatyan, , Camera, Edelman, Macias, Marks, Thatch, Trim, Trimboli, Wayne, Rouillard	None	Bolla		Dunn, Martinez

Amended Motion Passed Vote—15 AYE

VNNC ITEM 8 as amended				
Yes –15	No-00	Abstain-00	Ineligible-00	Absent-02
Browning, Schreiner, Hendry, Febre, Azatyan, Bolla, Camera, Edelman, Macias, Marks, Thatch, Trim, Trimboli, Wayne, Rouillard	None	None		Dunn, Martinez

9. **Discussion and possible action to approve sending a CIS to Metro (with copies to Council Members Martinez and Krekorian) that asks Metro to reconsider the tree options offeredin the survey of possible types of trees to be planted to supplement existing trees on designated segments of Van Nuys Blvd in preparation for installation of the East SFV Light Rail Transit Project.** We strongly advocate that Metro create a landscaping plan for theEast SFV Light Rail Transit Project that only uses California native trees and plants. <https://vnnc.org/wp-content/uploads/2021/12/Draft-CIS-to-Metro-advocating-for-planning-of-native-trees-and-plants.pdf>

Public comment: Spindler

Motion Passed

VNNC ITEM 9 Motion to approve a CIS to Metro Moved: Schreiner Seconded: Febre				
Yes –15	No-00	Abstain-00	Ineligible-00	Absent-02
Browning, Schreiner, Hendry, Febre, Azatyan, Bolla, Camera, Edelman, Macias, Marks, Rouillard, Thatch, Trim, Trimboli, Wayne	None	None	None	Dunn, Martinez

10. Old Business:

- a. Logo Committee. Will be folded into the Outreach Committee
- b. Mural Committee- Hendry suggests “still waiting for METRO to pitch a superior mural idea that CHASE BANK might back.” (Council President Martinez forwarded concept to Metro to be considered as public art.) President Browning said time has elapsed for the Ad Hoc Committee. Requested final word from Chase Bank. Refer topic to Beautification Committee.
- c. Website Committee. Will be folded into the Outreach Committee.

Public Comment: Spindler.

11. Adjournment

Respectfully submitted
Jon Hendry
Secretary
Van Nuys Neighborhood Council
December 15, 2021