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Van Nuys Neighborhood Council
Parks, Open Space, and Environment
Committee Meeting
Thursday, May 19, 2022
at 7:00 p.m.

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Chair of Parks, Open Space, and Environment Committee: Kathy Schreiner

Members of Parks, Open Space, and Environment Committee: Hakop Azatyan, John Camera, John Hendry, and Danielle Rouillard.

Stakeholder Members: Michele Gregory, Quirino de la Cuesta

1. Welcome, Pledge of Allegiance, and Roll Call.
2. General Public Comment on Non-Agenda Items (2 min per stakeholder).
3. Review of Minutes – defer review of past minutes to June meeting
4. Discuss Mission of the Parks, Open Space, and Environment Committee, regular meeting date of 3rd Thursday, appointment of minute taker, additional stakeholder members, and related operational issues.
5. Report and discussion regarding activities and staffing at Recreation Centers in Van Nuys. Welcome new directors: **Thomas Ortiz** at Van Nuys Recreation Center and **Oscar Cardenas** at Delano Recreation Center.
6. Discussion and possible action regarding enhancing the tree canopy in Van Nuys. Relevant statistics. Learning more about how to work with the City to fill vacant tree wells and replace dead street trees.
7. Discussion of VNNC participation in the NC Sustainability Alliance and issues under consideration by the alliance.
8. Discussion and possible action to recommend VNNC CIS (Community Impact Statements) on relevant issues:
 - a. Potential CIS to support CF 22-0002-S55, resolution for City's State Legislative Agenda to support SB 1404, which would officially recognize oak woodlands as

essential habitat areas and propose steps for better oak tree and oak woodland conservation and stewardship.

b. Potential CIS to encourage City to prioritize planting of native trees and plants.

9. Member comments and suggestions for future agenda items.

10. Adjournment.

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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.