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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.

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- 1. Roll Call – Pledge of Allegiance-** The meeting was called to order by Mr. Browning at 7:05PM. Roll was taken by Mr. Hendry. There was quorum. The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Mr. Browning.

VNNC ITEM 1. Roll Call		
Present –13	Absent-06	Excused-00
Browning, Schreiner, Febre, Hendry, Thatch, Bolla, Edelman, Harari, L. Macias, Makiri, Marks Rouillard, Vijayan	Azatyian, Camera (arrived 7:27PM) D. Macias, Trim, Vaughn (arrived 8:13PM), Wayne	None

- 2. Appointment of a VNNC Parliamentarian** There was one email from Ms. D Macias, but she was not present at the meeting. Mr. Hendry stated that he was interested. Ms. Febre asked if Mr. Marks was interested in the position. Mr. Marks stated that he would think about it. Mr. Browning postponed the item until August.

- There was no public comment.

- 3. Reports from Government officials:**

- LAPD Van Nuys Division - <https://vnnc.org/resource/> SLO Whitey spoke on National Night Out and that it brings together law enforcement with the community. It will be held on August 2, 2022 and you can contact the SLO of the area to find out what is going on in those areas.
- Los Angeles Library, Van Nuys Branch, Christopher Barreiro spoke on the renovation and that the library has been open for the last nine months. They are in the Summer Library Reading Challenge that will end August 8 and there are prizes available. The Friends of the Library has donated a gift basket. The Friends of the Library will be having a store to sell items to help the library. The library has talked with some Boardmembers to see about having more family programming and that the library will be looking for funding. They are not accepting any book donations at this time.
- Department of Neighborhood Empowerment (DONE) Lorenzo Briceno lorenzo.briceno@lacity.org (213) 978-1551 Discussed the NC Elections 2023 and the elections will start November 26, 2022 and the DONE will be helping the NCs with Outreach and the City Clerk will be in charge of the election’s administration. The Election Handbook was sent to all NC Boardmembers to review. If you did not receive the email from Mr. Briceno about the handbook, let him know so that the DONE can check to see what email address they have for you. There will be an election town hall on July 16 from 1:00PM- 2:30PM and will show how to engage stakeholders and candidates. If you did not receive the link, let Mr. Briceno know. The session will also be recorded. If you would like to see other trainings, go to the www.Empowerla.org/workshoptrainings website. The Congress of Neighborhoods is coming via Zoom on September 24, 2022. Highly recommend.
- Council District 2 –Cairo Rodríguez cairo.rodriquez@lacity.org 818-755-7676 Mr. Rodriguez spoke about the quarantine at the homeless shelter on Van Nuys and that the councilmember secured funding for fireworks prevention for LAPD. Coffee with the Cops was at Sherman Way and Whitman. The Council Office has been providing services to the homeless and if you know someone that needs services, contact the council office. EMD is looking for women to prepare for emergency preparedness from August 1 to August 8. If interested, see the councilmember’s social media account. Remember that we are in a drought and that there is no watering between 9:00AM and 4:00PM. There are Summer Concerts in NoHo. More information on the

councilmember's website.

Mr. Camera joined the meeting at 7:27PM.

- e. Los Angeles County Probation Department, Officer Bailey July 27, 2022 Community Resource Fair and Vaccination Clinic from 10:00AM to 2:00PM. Many nonprofits and faith-based organizations and resources will be available. There will be prizes, a DJ, food give-away and a clothing closet. More information 310-365-6338. The flier is on the VNNC website.
- f. California Congressional District 29 - Osvaldo Ramirez osvaldo.ramirez@mail.house.gov Absent
- g. Assembly District 46 - Lilly Sarafian (818) 376-4246 lilly.sarafian@asm.ca.gov Intern Enzo Banal filled in for Ms. Sarafian. The state budget passed and will announce funding available for the area. If you have any issues, contact the office.
- h. Council District 4 – Ryan Ahari ryan.ahari@lacity.org 213-473-7004 We are in the worst drought in 1200 years. There were questions asked last month about water restrictions and he will have an answer soon. Chick-fil-A going in on Van Nuys will not have a drive through. There will be rental assistance to small businesses. There will be Movies in the Park in Sherman Oaks.
- i. Council District 6 – Sophia Soudani (818) 778 4999 sophia.soudani@lacity.org CF 22-0726 was passed and allocates lighting, resurfacing, and funding to stop street trafficking. There will also be a Movie in the Park.
- j. Mayor's office – Michelle Vergara michelle.vergara@lacity.org (213) 400-9816 Absent
- k. Los Angeles County 3rd District – Brenda Yanez BYanez@bos.lacounty.gov (818) 901- 3831 Absent
- l. Senate District 18 - Edwin Amaya Edwin.Amaya@sen.ca.gov (818) 901-5588 See the Senator's website for information on bills passed.
- m. Parks and Recreation Department - Thomas Ortiz (Facility Director, Van Nuys Rec Center) and Oscar Cardenas (Facility Director, Delano Rec Center) Absent
- n. LAUSD Board District 3 - Tammy Ramirez tammy.ramirez@lausd.net (213) 241-8333 Absent
- o. LAUSD Board District 6 – Michael Menjivar michael.menjivar@lausd.net 213-241-6388 Absent
- p. Public comment:
 - i. Mr. Goat
 - ii. Patricia
 - iii. Caller 881

4. Consent agenda:

- a. Approval of March and June 2022 General Board meeting minutes.
 - i. https://vnnc.org/wp-content/uploads/2022/07/VNNC_GBM_Draft_Minutes_04132022_rev.pdf
 - ii. https://vnnc.org/wp-content/uploads/2022/07/VNNC_GBM_Draft_Minutes_06082022_rev.pdf
- b. PLUM recommends sending a letter of support to the Planning Department for the proposed project at **15350 W. Sherman Way. Case No. ZA-2021-10540-CUW.** Proposed installation of a new rooftop wireless telecommunication facility. T- Mobile

is requesting a CUP allowing installation of 9 antennas and 9 RRUs, 1 Microwave dish, 4 equipment cabinets, FRP screening, and 1 utility H-frame. Also seeking CUP to WTP with 12 feet above roof deck in lieu of 10 feet required by LAMC section 12.21 A21. Applicant: T-Mobile West, LLC. Representative: Tony Kassas of Synergy Development Services. *Digital copies of project documents can be found at: <https://planning.lacity.org/pdiscaseinfo/search/encoded/MjUzNjU30> (in box on top right of screen, click on “Initial Submittal Documents” to find links to project documents).*

- c. **Discussion and possible action** of recommendation from Parks, Open Space, and Environment Committee to approve submission of a CIS to support CF 22-0650 (introduced 6/1/22) to prompt a variety of City actions to maintain watering of trees during the drought. https://clkrep.lacity.org/online/docs/2022/22-0650_misc_6-1-22.pdf

**Public Comment: Mr. Goat
Motion Passed**

VNNC ITEM 4. Motion to approve the Consent Calendar Moved: Edelman Second: Schreiner				
Yes-14	No-00	Abstain-00	Ineligible-00	Absent-05
Browning, Schreiner, Febre, Hendry, Thatch, Bolla, Camera Edelman, L. Macias, Harari, Makiri, Marks Rouillard, Vijayan	None	None	None	Azatyany, D. Macias, Trim, Vaughn (arrived 8:13PM), Wayne

5. Executive Reports

- a. President – (Marilyn Monroe Post Office renaming update, beginning of fiscal, Neighborhood Council elections 2023, setting retreat date Elections will be June 16-21 by drop box. Hours for accepting ballots- 9AM to 8PM. Ballots will be translated into Spanish and Armenian. Motion to provide City with information about elections- locations, times, translations. Because the Post Office does not own the building, the congressman is looking at naming the other Post Office in her honor. The election is June 22nd. Mr. Browning asked questions about the elections of the Board. He asked about the hours of the drop box. 9:00AM to 8:00PM. The location of the drop box? The NC has \$150.00 to locate the drop box if there is not in person voting. Jon’s Market, VNNC Meeting location second choice. Mr. Browning is the election chair. Second contact Glen Makiri, Languages: Spanish and Armenian.

**Public Comment: Mr. Goat, Glenn Bailey, Call-In User 1
Motion Passed**

VNNC ITEM 5a. Motion to approve election worksheet Moved: Edelman Second: Marks				
Yes-14	No-00	Abstain-00	Ineligible-00	Absent-05
Browning, Schreiner, Febre, Hendry, Thatch, Bolla, Camera Edelman, L. Macias, Harari, Makiri, Marks Rouillard, Vijayan	None	None	None	Azatyany, D. Macias, Trim, Vaughn (arrived 8:13PM), Wayne

- b. Vice President Healthy Streets LA update- The organization collected 102000 signatures and verified 74000, but only needed 62000. They will hear from the Coty Clerk by the end of the week. City Council has a motion to add the mobility plan to street upgrades.

- c. Secretary (recommendations for committee items) That the VNNC join other Neighborhood Councils in a gun buyback.
- d. Treasurer- no report
- e. Public comment
 - i. Mr. Goat
 - ii. Caller 881
 - iii. Call-in User 1

6. General Public Comment on Non-Agenda Items

- a. Call-in User 1
- b. Gillani
- c. Caller 881
- d. Glenn Bailey
- e. Mel Bailey
- f. Mr. Goat

- 7. Discussion and Possible Actions to nominate a VNNC member to potentially serve on the pool for Regional Grievance Panels. Kathy Schreiner received an email from Thomas Soong of DONE on 6/14 informing her that she had been recommended by the NEA to represent VNNC in the pool of potential people to serve on Regional Grievance Panels. Myra Bolla self-nominated as the second representative from VNNC

Vaughn joined the meeting at 8:13PM.

Public Comment: Call-In User 1, Glenn Bailey

Motion Passed

VNNC ITEM 7. Motion to approve Schreiner and Bolla for Panel Pool Affirmation				
Yes-15	No-00	Abstain-00	Ineligible-00	Absent-04
Browning, Schreiner, Febre, Hendry, Thatch, Bolla, Camera Edelman, L. Macias, Harari, Makiri, Marks Rouillard, Vaughn, Vijayan	None	None	None	Azatyran, D. Macias, Trim, Wayne

8. Budget Update Discussion and Possible Actions

- a. Discussion and possible action to approve May and June 2022 MERs.
<https://vnnnc.org/wp-content/uploads/2022/06/VNNC-May-2022-MER.pdf>
<https://vnnnc.org/wp-content/uploads/2022/07/VNNC-June-2022-MER.pdf>

No Budget and Finance meeting was held this month because there was only the MERs. The May and June MERs were shown on the screen.

Public Comment: no comments

Motion Passed

VNNC ITEM 8a. Motion to approve May and June MERs Moved: Edelman Second: Makiri				
Yes-14	No-00	Abstain-00	Ineligible-01	Absent-04
Browning, Schreiner, Febre, Hendry, Thatch, Bolla, Camera Edelman, Harari, Makiri, Marks Rouillard, Vaughn, Vijayan	None	None	L. Macias	Azatyran, D. Macias, Trim, Wayne

- b. Announce the submission of the VNNC 2022-2023 Administrative packet no discussion.
https://vnnc.org/wp-content/uploads/2022/07/NCFP-AdminPacket-AnnualBudget-Gen-VNNC-2022_2023.pdf
- c. Discussion and possible action to co-sponsor the CD6 Movie night for the evening of Friday, July 29th at Delano Park by providing up to \$500 of refreshments (drinks or granola) as recommended by the Outreach Committee.

Public Comment: no comments
Motion Passed

VNNC ITEM 8c. Motion to approve \$500 for CD 6 Movie Night Moved: Marks Second: Febre				
Yes-14	No-00	Abstain-00	Ineligible-01	Absent-04
Browning, Schreiner, Febre, Hendry, Thatch, Bolla, Camera Edelman, Harari, Makiri, Marks Rouillard, Vaughn, Vijayan	None	None	L. Macias	Azatyany, D. Macias, Trim, Wayne

- d. Discussion and possible action to purchase collateral materials recommended by the Outreach Committee.
 - i. T-shirts - \$1000 for print shirts (up to 100 shirts)
 - ii. Shopping Totes - \$350 (we can reuse the logos designed for t-shirts); this would cover an estimate of 100 shopping bags
 - iii. Water Bottles - \$425 (Would cover 100 basic BPA free clear plastic logo printed bottles)

Public Comment: Mr. Goat
Motion Passed

VNNC ITEM 8d. Motion to approve \$1775.00 for Outreach materials Moved: Vijayan Second: Edelman				
Yes-12	No-01	Abstain-01	Ineligible-01	Absent-04
Browning, Schreiner, Hendry, Bolla, Camera Edelman, Harari, Makiri, Marks Rouillard, Vaughn, Vijayan	Febre	Thatch	L. Macias	Azatyany, D. Macias, Trim, Wayne

- 9. **Discussion and Possible Action to approve the PLUM recommendation to send a letter of support to the Planning Department for the proposed project at 14606-14612 W. Sylvan St. Case No. DIR-2022-2620-TOC-HCA.** Propose to remove asphalt commercial parking lot and construct a new multi-residential building with 5 stories, 34 units + ADU, and a parking garage on the first floor with spaces for 28 autos (vs. 17 required under TOC), 4 short-term bike parking, and 31 long-term bike parking. Project is using TOC Program Tier 3. Requesting density bonus to build 34 units (with 4 units designated for extremely low- income households) -- vs. allowable density of 20 units. Requesting three additional incentives: height increase of 11 ft. (from 45 ft. to 56 ft.), two side yard set-back reductions of max. of 30%, and up to 25% decrease of required open space. Applicant: Jonathan Azal, Sylvan Tower LLC. Representative: Armin Gharai, GA Engineering Inc. *Digital copies of project documents can be found at:*
<https://planning.lacity.org/pdiscaseinfo/search/encoded/MjU2NzMy0> (in box on top right of screen, click on "Initial Submittal Documents" to find links to project documents).

**Public Comment: Mr. Goat
Motion Passed**

VNNC ITEM 9. Motion to approve letter of support for DIR 2022-2620-TOC-HCA Moved: Schreiner Secoded: Marks				
Yes-10	No-03	Abstain-02	Ineligible-00	Absent-04
Browning, Schreiner, Febre, Thatch, Bolla, Edelman, Makiri, Marks, Vaughn, Vijayan	Hendry, Camera, L. Macias,	Rouillard, Harari	None	Azatyany, D. Macias, Trim, Wayne

10. VNNC Committee reports:

- a. Beautification-Committee met yesterday and discussed the 311 plan and to propose to send a letter on native plants to the city.
- b. Public Safety- no report
- c. Parks, Open Space, and Environment Committee- no report
- d. Government Relations and Bylaws Committee- Possible motion to have public comment by phone on the next agenda.
- e. Education Committee- no report
- f. Outreach Committee: Zoom Backdrop, Logo – Danielle- Discussed the new background that was accepted by the Outreach Committee. If the Board has recommendation for color or design, send in your suggestions. New versions of the proposed logo were shown on the screen. It was recommended to the Board that the designs be finalized so that the logos can be used on the new merchandise. Boardmembers have a week to get comments in
- g. PLUM Committee- There will be joint meetings so that all can participate. The next meeting will have three projects on the agenda.
- h. Human Services- The Committee had a meeting on July 6 with a report back from Hope of the Valley that 22 individuals were helped by the NPG.
- i. Public comment: Mr. Goat

11. **Discussion and Possible Action to approve the** Recommendation from Parks, Open Space, and Environment Committee – for the VNNC to approve sending the following letter in support of planting native trees in Van Nuys to lead staff at the City of LA Urban Forestry Division Rachel Malarich, Hector Banuelos, and Stephen Duprey, David Miranda, and Councilmembers Martinez, Krekorian, and Raman:

Whereas Los Angeles faces a biodiversity crisis wherein over 90% of local butterflies, songbirds, and other pollinators have disappeared in the last century due to the replacement of local flora with non-native plant and tree species, and

Whereas native landscaping plants and trees can thrive in our urban environment while providing all the benefits non-native trees can offer in terms of canopy shade to offset the heat island effect, beauty, and shade comfort for humans, while providing the only path to sustainability for biodiversity, water and energy savings, and elimination of soil amendment runoff pollution,

Therefore, the Van Nuys Neighborhood Council appeals to the County and City of Los Angeles, all applicable government agencies, public-private partnerships, and private parties planting in public space to discontinue the practice of planting non-native

landscaping plants and trees except in situations where plants and trees are designed to produce food for human consumption or provide a designated recreational playing field, and henceforth these same parties only plant 100% California native landscaping plants and trees within Los Angeles County and City, and specifically within the stakeholder boundaries of the Van Nuys Neighborhood Council.

Public Comment: Mr. Goat, Glenn Bailey
Motion Passed

VNNC ITEM 11. Motion to approve letter for native trees Moved: Edelman Seconded: Harari				
Yes-15	No-00	Abstain-00	Ineligible-00	Absent-04
Browning, Schreiner, Febre, Hendry, Thatch, Bolla, Camera Edelman, L. Macias, Harari, Makiri, Marks Rouillard, Vaughn, Vijayan	None	None	None	Azatyán, D. Macias, Trim, Wayne

12. Adjournment

Public Comment: no comment
Motion Passed

VNNC ITEM 12. Motion to adjourn Moved: Edelman Seconded: L. Macias 9:38PM				
Yes-15	No-00	Abstain-00	Ineligible-00	Absent-04
Browning, Schreiner, Febre, Hendry, Thatch, Bolla, Camera Edelman, L. Macias, Harari, Makiri, Marks Rouillard, Vaughn, Vijayan	None	None	None	Azatyán, D. Macias, Trim, Wayne