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**Van Nuys Neighborhood Council**



Van Nuys Neighborhood Council  
Special Joint Meeting  
Van Nuys Neighborhood Council  
and the VNNC PLUM Committee  
Thursday, October 27, 2022  
at 7:00 p.m.

Zoom meeting online or by telephone  
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In Conformity With The September 16, 2021 Enactment Of California Assembly Bill 361 (Rivas) And Due To Concerns Over Covid-19, PLUM Committee Meeting Of Van Nuys Neighborhood Council Will Be Conducted Telephonically And Internet Based Via Zoom.

This meeting is noticed as a Special Joint Meeting of the Van Nuys Neighborhood Council and the PLUM Committee, called by the President, because there may be a majority of neighborhood council board members present in a number sufficient to take board action. Any action taken at this meeting will only be an action of the PLUM Committee present and not an action of the Van Nuys Neighborhood Council as a body.

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**Speakers shall limit their comments to matters relevant to the item on the agenda. The Chair may rule that the speaker is out of order if the comments are not germane to the item under consideration.**

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Interim Chair of PLUM Committee: Kathy Schreiner

Board Members of PLUM Committee: Brian Edelman, Jennifer Febré, John Hendry, Richard Marks.

Stakeholder Members: Jeffrey Lynn, Quirino de la Cuesta

1. Welcome, Pledge of Allegiance, and Roll Call.
2. Chair's Remarks
  - a. Reminder that next meeting will be a combined November/December PLUS Committee meeting on December 1<sup>st</sup> at 7 p.m.
3. **Discussion and possible action:** 14519-14539 W. Sylvan St. **Case No. DIR-2-22-6088-TOC-CDO-SPR-HCA.** Proposing demolition of existing commercial building. Construction of new mixed-use residential commercial building with 120 residential units (including 14 affordable units for Extremely Low Income) in a 6-story building. 4800 sq. ft. of commercial and garage parking on first floor; over one level of basement parking. TOC Tier 4. Specific actions requested from the City include: (1) seeking additional TOC incentives of 5 ft side yard setback (in lieu of 9 ft) and 25% relief for the required open space; and (2) site plan review for a multi-family residential project of over 50 units.  
Applicant: Jonathan Azal, Sylvan Towers, LLC. Agent/Representative: Athena Novak, AHN & Associates. Architect: Armin Gharai, GA Engineering, Inc.  
*Digital copies of project documents can be found at:*  
<https://planning.lacity.org/pdiscaseinfo/caseid/MjYwMzAz0>  
*(in box on top right of screen, click on "Initial Submittal Documents" to find links to project documents).*

4. **Possible Reconsideration of Project at Dec. 1<sup>st</sup> meeting:** 7222 Tyrone Avenue 91405. **Case No. APCSV-2022-6052-ZC-HCA.** Proposing to replace Single Family house with a 3-story, 8 unit multifamily building (including 1 unit of affordable housing) with on-grade parking. Asking the City for a zone change from R1-1 to R3-1. Applicant: Tyrone Development LLC (Amirhosin Ebrahimi & Gagik Patrick Nazaryan). Agent/Representative: Sevana Mailian-Medzoyan, Mailian & Associates.  
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<https://planning.lacity.org/pdiscaseinfo/caseid/MjYwMjY30>
5. General Public Comment on Non-Agenda Items (2 min per stakeholder).
6. Discussion and set priorities for mini-briefings by Planning Department Staff.
  - a. Follow-up to email from and discussion with City Planning representative Denzel Henderson regarding request from VNNC to receive a briefing and have dialogue with representatives of the City of Los Angeles Planning Department regarding City requirements for the types of development projects that the PLUM Committee reviews.
7. Discussion and Possible Action regarding recommendation from Scenic America to oppose digital billboards that Metro plans to place in two locations in Van Nuys. (See Appendix A for information)
8. Discussion and Possible Action regarding John Hendry advocacy for some action related to recreational use of the Pacoima Wash.
  - a. See Attachment B for updated information on Pacoima Wash.
9. Discussion and Possible Action on recent Metro briefings regarding mobility plans and Sepulveda Bus Lanes Project.
10. Monitor for Future update: Sherman Way Greenbelt.  
Parks, Open Space, and Environment Committee will work with John Hendry to research the status of trees and explore options regarding what the VNNC can do to honor and improve the Sherman Way Greenbelt.  
*Background: Sherman Way was intended as a 1911 cross-Valley Greenbelt of palms and pines, designed by H.J. Whitley, stretching from Van Nuys to Canoga Park. Over the years, the "palms and pines" planting runs from Van Nuys Bl west to Shoup Av. A Pacific Electric inter urban line (which ran from Downtown to Canoga Park) centered the wide roadway lined with palms and pines.*
11. Future Topic: Marks request to get update from City on general plans to revitalize and refurbish Van Nuys Blvd
12. Adjournment.

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**Neighborhood Council Board Member Oath**

I 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.

## APPENDIX A

Communication from Scenic America (10/11) regarding proposed digital signs

I wonder if you are aware that Metro is planning to place 4 digital billboards in, or immediately adjacent to, the boundaries of Van Nuys NC. The locations are: NE corner Van Nuys Blvd and Orange line Buslane, and SE corner of Sepulveda at Erwin St. There will be 4 billboards because each location will have two faces. This is part of a plan to install 56 such signs on property that Metro owns across the city of LA. There are many reasons to oppose this proposal, and now is the time to act.

- The ads will change every 8 seconds, creating constant visual blight and distracting drivers.
- The proposal is exceedingly generous to sign companies. They would have to take down only 2 static displays in order to install one digital display. A more equitable ratio is 10:1.
- There is no stated allotment for public service announcements on the signs.
- The signs will come with cameras to monitor traffic and collect data. The provisions of the Program Description describing this point are vague as to devices and usage of the data.
- Instead of installing billboards on its property, Metro should be planting trees.

Scenic LA recommends that every Neighborhood Council where these signs will be located should file a Community Impact Statement opposing the plan (Council File 22-0932). I am available to consult with NC committees and boards to help devise such statements.

Patrick Frank, Board Member  
Coalition for a Scenic Los Angeles  
A Chapter of Scenic America

## APPENDIX B

Information from John Hendry regarding the Pacoima Wash

### **VNNC—LAST MEETING—This Email from “Pacoima Beautiful” Shows the History of Pacoima Wash We Needed to Know—**

Tue 10/18/2022 1:55 PM

This “Headworks Park” shows what Van Nuys residents don’t know.

So much water came down the Pacoima Wash from the San Gabriels, that Van Nuys flooded in 1938.

So, in the 1950’s the northern part of the Wash was diverted eastward into the Tujunga Wash, shielding Van Nuys. The large spreading grounds at Devonshire and Woodman were created—as part of turning the Pacoima Wash into the Tujunga Wash.

And the rest of Pacoima Wash was left—from Devonshire to Sherman Way—

That “rest of Pacoima Wash” remains a horrible flood control mess. County Flood, Corps of Engineers left it to flood, if it rained enough. The 1938 flood was the “50 year flood”—74 years ago.

The Wash dead ends at Sherman. Way. Why doesn’t it go to the LA River?

One hundred eleven years ago, The 1911 Van Nuys developers had bulldozed the Wash from Vanowen to the LA River—nobody cared.

Los Angeles County Flood Control didn’t even “save” the Pacoima Wash channel behind the proposed 7030 Van Nuys’ 500 apartments.

Somebody should have asked—I did.

John Hendry

# Pacoima Headworks Natural Park

## Pacoima Headworks Natural Park Community Survey

Pacoima Headworks Natural Park is a proposed new project in partnership with the County of Los Angeles, the City of Los Angeles, and the Mountains Recreation and Conservation Authority (MRCA).

The project consists of converting an underutilized, publicly owned, restricted access parcel into a natural open space public park. This project, identified in the Upper Los Angeles River and Tributaries Revitalization Plan, will create public access and new recreational opportunities in an underserved community where little naturalization exists. The future natural park can be a showcase urban oasis in the North San Fernando Valley that will include trails, community gathering areas, native ecosystems. It could also have elements such as an ephemeral wetland or stormwater best management practices (BMPs) that provide multiple benefits.

Please make sure to fill out the questionnaire. Your input will help guide the design of this project. To learn more about the project please visit [pacoimaheadworkspark.com](http://pacoimaheadworkspark.com).