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Van Nuys Neighborhood Council



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General Board Meeting
Wednesday, February 8, 2023
7:00PM

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1. Roll Call – Pledge of Allegiance

2. Reports from Government officials: (2 min each, except for guest speaker)

- a. LAPD Van Nuys Division - <https://vnnc.org/resource/>
- b. Council District 4 – Ryan Ahari ryan.ahari@lacity.org 213-473-7004
- c. Council District 6 – Sophia Soudani (818) 778 4999 sophia.soudani@lacity.org
- d. Council District 2 –Cairo Rodríguez cairo.rodriguez@lacity.org 818-755-7676
- e. California Congressional District 29 - Osvaldo Ramirez osvaldo.ramirez@mail.house.gov
- f. LA County Probation Department – Mel Bailey mel.bailey@probation.lacounty.gov
- g. Department of Neighborhood Empowerment (DONE) - Lorenzo Briceno
lorenzo.briceno@lacity.org (213) 978-1551
- h. Mayor’s office (Karen Bass) – Michelle Vergara michelle.vergara@lacity.org (213) 400-9816
- i. Los Angeles County 3rd District (Lindsay Horvath) –
- j. Assembly District 46 (Jesse Gabriel) – Alberto Vargas alberto.vargas@asm.ca.gov
818-346-4521
- k. Senate District 20 (Caroline Menjivar) -- Brandon Gonzalez
- l. Budget Advocate – Myrra Bolla

3. Executive Reports

- a. President
- b. Vice President
- c. Secretary
- d. Treasurer
- e. Parliamentarian

4. Consent agenda

- a. Approve January 11th General Board Meeting minutes.
https://vnnc.org/wp-content/uploads/2023/02/VNNC_GBM_Draft_Minutes_01.11.2023.pdf

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.

6. Item from PLUM Committee

- a. Discussion and possible action to approve recommendation from the PLUM Committee that the VNNC write a letter of support for the project at 6634 and 6650 N. Kester Ave. 91405. **Case No. DIR-2022-6507-TOC-HCA.** Demolition of one single family home (built 1921). Proposing construction of a 12 unit, 4 story apartment building, consisting of three floors of units over one floor of an on-grade parking garage, lobby, and recreation room. Ten (10) units will be market rate and two (2) units will be reserved for very low income renters.

Qualifies for TOC 3. Requesting on-menu incentives of additional height of 14.5 ft. over the 30 ft. allowed (with the first 15 ft. from the street limited at 41 ft.), reduced side yard setbacks of 5 ft. in lieu of required 7 ft., and reduced common open space area of 1463 sq. ft. in lieu of required 1950 sq. ft.

Applicant: Anoush Sarkisyan, 6640 Kester LLC

Agent/Representative: Armen Kazanchyan, Kazanchyan Design

Digital copies of project documents can be found at:

<https://planning.lacity.org/pdiscaseinfo/caseid/MjYwNzQz0>

(in box on top right of screen, click on “Initial Submittal Documents” to find links to project documents).

7. Items from Budget & Finance Committee

- a. Discussion and possible action to approve recommendation from the Budget and Finance Committee to approve a Neighborhood Purpose Grant of \$5000 for The Orange Cooler Project. The purpose of the grant is to help cover the cost of orange coolers, ice water/lemonade, warm blankets and emergency survival items for unhoused people in Van Nuys awaiting housing.

<https://vnnc.org/wp-content/uploads/2023/02/Orange-Cooler-NPG-Request.pdf>

- b. Discussion and possible action to approve recommendation from the Budget and Finance Committee that the VNNC vote to acknowledge a fraudulent charge of \$75.70 made to a VNNC credit card and subsequently reversed by the vendor to eliminate the charge, and no payment was made. Neither the bank nor the City Clerk can remove these two transactions from the records. The City Clerk needs a BAC from the VNNC that acknowledges these two transactions, so that the December MER can be generated and formally reviewed by the VNNC.

<https://vnnc.org/wp-content/uploads/2023/01/City-Clerk-email-regarding-two-transactions-missing-receipts.pdf>

8. Item from Outreach Committee

- a. Discussion and possible action to approve recommendation from the Outreach Committee that the VNNC approve up to \$300 in Outreach funds to be allocated to supplies and refreshments for community activities sponsored by community agencies and City departments during the months of February March, April, May,

and June to reach out to Van Nuys residents. Decisions about specific events can be made at the monthly VNNC meetings.

9. Proposed CIS Recommended by Education Committee and Parks, Open Space, and Environment Committee

- a. Discussion and possible action to approve submission of a Community Impact Statement (CIS) to the Board of Recreation and Parks Commissioners to recommend that priority be given to SFV LAUSD Middle Schools for implementation of the next phase of the Department of Recreation and Parks “Community School Park” program – a program that will make school grounds available on weekends, holidays, and summer for community use for structured recreational activities. Also submit a CIS to LAUSD Board of Education to make the same recommendation – i.e., to advocate for priority to be given to SFV middle schools in the next phase of the “Community School Park” program.

Background on this recommendation is provided in the draft CIS that is linked here:

<https://vnnc.org/wp-content/uploads/2023/02/Draft-CIS-regarding-developing-SFV-middle-schools-as-Community-School-Park...-Feb-2.pdf>

Since Van Nuys has little open space to develop new parks, having LAUSD schools in our area designated as Community School Parks would mean that the Department of Recreation and Parks would staff the school grounds during non-school hours (i.e. on weekends, holidays, and summer) so that the fields and play areas could be used by the community for recreational activities. The Community School Parks had a pilot implementation at four schools in April 2018. A new phase of the program was planned to start in fall of 2022, and five middle schools were selected for implementation of Community School Parks. All five schools are located in Council Districts 8, 9, and 10 -- even though schools in the SFV had a higher potential number of people who could be impacted than four of the chosen schools. It is proposed that the VNNC advocate that when Recreation and Parks chooses schools for the next phase of the program, they give priority to middle schools in the San Fernando Valley in areas that are ranked as having a high need for parks.

10. Report on plans for NC Election Outreach for VNNC Open Positions

a. Critical Dates for VNNC Election Process

Candidate filing starts on February 22, 2023 and ends April 8, 2023. Candidates can submit an application on the City Clerk’s Portal or by submitting a paper application.

Vote by Mail (VBM) applications can be submitted through the online portal or by paper application from April 23, 2023 to June 3, 2023.

(NOTE: Both application deadlines are moving from 5:00PM to 11:59PM. Staff will only be available to provide assistance during business hours.

The VNNC **in-person voting** will take place on June 22, 2023 from 11:00AM to 5:00PM.

VBM ballots will be mailed out on May 18, 2023 and must be returned and postmarked by election day and received no later than July 2, 2023 in order to be counted

b. Election Outreach materials

Attached at the end of the agenda are copies of the current recruitment flyer in English and Spanish.

c. Outreach methods.

- (i) Discussion and possible action to approve up to \$600 from the Election budget to advertise/boost posts on Facebook.
- (ii) Discussion and possible action to approve up to \$200 from the Election budget to print and pass out English/Spanish flyers.
- (iii) Table at CD 6 Candidate Forum on Feb. 18th.

11. Update regarding VNNC participation with other Neighborhood Councils in a joint candidate forum for the CD6 City Council Special Election and to utilize the event to promote recruitment of candidates for the VNNC Board Member election in June 2023.

- a. The CD 6 Candidate Forum will be hosted by VANC (Valley Alliance of Neighborhood Councils). Each participating NC will be responsible for an individual table where NC representatives can share information about the upcoming election for seats on their NC (e.g., information regarding schedule of dates, seats candidates can run for, and other related information).
- b. The event will be hybrid – both in-person and via live stream. The date will be Saturday, February 18th. Tentative time is 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. (depending on the number of candidates who participate). Space is being provided at no charge by the Osborne Neighborhood Church, 13051 Osborne St. in Arleta in their community room. The church will provide streaming services.
- c. Invitations have been extended by VANC to all potential candidates. So far 6 have accepted the invitation.
- d. A common digital format for a “flyer” to announce the event was provided to the VNNC. See Attachment at the end of the agenda. The information has been posted on the vnnc.org website and on social media.
- e. A neutral moderator will be chosen by VANC. NCs can submit written questions for candidates through February 16th.
- f. What Van Nuys-oriented questions do we want to submit? For example, we want to know what each candidate’s vision/plan is to improve and revitalize Van Nuys Blvd.

12. Plans for Board Retreat

- a. Tentative date is Saturday morning, March 11th.
- b. Tentative topics:
 - Identify committees with high priority tasks that need to be accomplished by June 2023 and ensure that those committees have adequate membership. Will also discuss how frequently committees need to meet. (By-Laws require meeting at least quarterly.)
 - Discuss policy priorities (e.g., City government reform, addressing homelessness, animal welfare, more parks and green space, etc.)

- Review key Brown Act rules (including not having serial communication)
- Discuss with Ad Hoc Committee on VNNC 20th Anniversary Celebration options under consideration.
- Any other suggestions?

13. Committees

- a. Discussion and possible action to approve appointment of David Harari as the permanent Chair of the Education Committee (replacing Kathy Schreiner, who has served as Interim Chair and will continue to serve as a member of the committee).
- b. Calendar for February committee meetings.

	Mon	Tues	Wed	Thurs	Fri	Sat
2/6-2/11			Feb 8, 7 pm General Bd. Meeting			
2/13-2/18	Feb 13, 7 pm Education			Feb 16, 7 pm Parks, Open Space & Environment		Feb 18, 10 am CD 6 Candidate Forum
2/20-2/25		Feb. 21, 6:30 Outreach (tentative)		Feb 23, 7 pm PLUM		
2/27-3/4		Feb 28, 6pm Budget & <u>Finance</u> 7 pm Exec	Mar. 1, 6 pm Human Services			

- c. Reports from Committees.

12. Adjournment

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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.



**VAN NUYS NEIGHBORHOOD COUNCIL
INVITES YOU TO
MEET THE CANDIDATES
for L.A. City Council District 6 (CD-6)**

Saturday, February 18, 2023 at 10 am

**OSBORNE NEIGHBORHOOD CHURCH, 13501 OSBORNE ST., ARLETA, CA 91331
or LIVE-STREAM from VANC34.ORG**

HOSTED BY VALLEY ALLIANCE OF NEIGHBORHOOD COUNCILS (VANC)

Join VAN NUYS NEIGHBORHOOD COUNCIL

Go to VNNC.org for community updates, to find out more about the VNNC and how you can become a member

Who Can Join?

- Residents
- Workers
- Business Owners
- Immigrant Status is not an issue

More Information: VNNC.org

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that works to improve
the quality of life in
Van Nuys



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