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Van Nuys Neighborhood Council Executive Committee Meeting AGENDA

Wednesday, November 1, 2023
6:00PM

Van Nuys Branch Library
Community Room
6250 Sylmar
Van Nuys, CA 91401

On the Civic Center Plaza

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1. Roll Call and Pledge of Allegiance
2. Discussion and possible action regarding potential Items for the Agenda of the GBM (General Board Meeting) on November 8 – see separate list of items starting on page 4.
3. Logistics for November 8 General Board meeting
 - a. Food
 - b. Room setup.
4. Discuss follow-up items from October 28th Board retreat and determine what needs to be discussed at the November 8th GBM.
5. Discuss which public officials to invite as featured speakers for future meetings.
6. General Public Comment on Non-Agenda Items (2 min per stakeholder)
(Note that topics discussed must be within the jurisdiction of the VNNC.)
7. Identification of topics Board Officers would like to discuss at a future meeting.
8. 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.

Items to be Considered for Agenda of the VNNC November 8, 2023 GBM (General Board Meeting)

1. Roll Call and Pledge of Allegiance
2. Government Official Reports.
3. Presentation from Metro regarding the Orange Line Improvements Construction Plan (15 min. plus Q&A)
Background: The G Line Improvements Project will upgrade the existing line with grade separations on major streets, better signal priority technology, electronic bus connectivity and a four-quadrant gating system, for a faster trip. As part of this project, the Sepulveda Station will be rebuilt as an elevated station.
4. Board Officer Reports
5. Consider candidates who filed applications for vacant Board seats by October 30 (10 days before November 8th meeting)
 - a. Two Van Nuys Residents are candidates for At Large Representative seat: Cassandra Morris and Sohrob Tahmasebi.
 - b. Take action to change other vacant seats posted over 60 days ago to at-large seats.
6. Consent Agenda: Review/approve minutes from October 11 meeting.
7. Action items from the Budget and Finance Committee requiring roll call votes.
 - a. Approve September MER
 - b. Approve reimbursement to David Harari for \$120.45 for purchasing food for the October 11, 2023 General Board Meeting.
 - c. Approve Neighborhood Purpose Grant of \$500 for the Valley Presbyterian Annual Toy Drive, which will take place on December 17th, 2023
8. Action items from the PLUM Committee requiring roll call votes.
 - a. Discussion and possible action to approve sending a letter of support to City Planning for:

Case No. ZA-2010-2957-CU-CUB-PA2

5601 N. Van Nuys Blvd. (NW Corner of Van Nuys & Burbank)

The **Applicant, Garfield Beach CVS, LLC dba: CVS Pharmacy**, was approved for the sale and dispensing of a full line of alcoholic beverages for off-site consumption in conjunction with the operation of an approximate 14,710 square foot pharmacy, along with a drive-through pick up window for pharmacy products, in the C2-1VL under Case No. ZA-2010-2957(CUB)(CU) on **March 8, 2011**. Subsequently, the Applicant filed a Plan Approval Application, which was approved in 2016 under Case No. ZA-2010-2957(CUB)(PA1). The Applicant **now submits this current Plan Approval Application to renew its existing CUP** (Conditional Use Permit) for the continued sale and dispensing of a full line of alcoholic beverages for off-site consumption at an existing CVS Pharmacy located at 5601 N. Van

Nuys Blvd. in Sherman Oaks, CA.

Applicant has received a letter stating that the Van Nuys Vice Unit of the LA Police Department is not opposed to this application.

https://vnnc.org/wp-content/uploads/2023/10/PD-ltr-of-Support_CVS-5483-Sherman-Oaks_9.25.23.pdf

Digital copies of project documents can be found at:

<https://planning.lacity.org/pdiscaseinfo/caseid/MjY4MDUy0>

(In box on top right of screen, review approved documents related to past applications. Click on “Initial Submittal Documents” to find links to documents related to current application.)

- b. Discussion and possible action to approve submission of a CIS to Council File 21-1230 regarding rezoning proposed under the City’s Housing Element, with language similar to the following motion suggested by VANC, Valley Alliance of Neighborhood Councils:

The Housing Element and Community Plan Updates have plenty of zoning opportunities in commercial corridors, public lands and through Adaptive Reuse to meet state mandates. There is no need to rezone, through overlays or other zoning devices, R1 zones or sensitive, rent stabilized multi-family housing. The Van Nuys Neighborhood Council opposes the Housing Element’s proposed rezoning and densification of R1 and multi-family neighborhoods beyond what SB9 and ADU laws allow.

Brief background:

<https://vnnc.org/wp-content/uploads/2023/10/Issues-related-to-Housing-Element-Lake-Balboa-Handout-.pdf>

Key Facts: The State Regional Housing Needs Assessment (RHNA) target for the periods 2021-2029 mandates that **LA must zone for 486,379 housing units**. Current zoning provides for 230,964 housing units. **Rezoning must allow for an additional 255,000 housing units by 2029**. The current Housing Element has provided for rezoning for **1,400,000 housing units – OVER 5 TIMES THE MANDATE**.

For more about the City of LA Housing Element Rezoning Program, use the following link:

<https://planning.lacity.org/plans-policies/housing-element-rezoning-program#strategies>

9. Report from Outreach Committee
10. Report, discussion and possible action on items discussed at the Board Retreat on 10/28
 - a. Establish committees
 - b. Formalize priority issues and target projects
11. Updates on unresolved topics
 - a. Waiting for response from DONE and City Attorney regarding issue that led to the resignation of Studio City NC members.
 - b. If SB 411 is signed by the Governor, it will still require City Council action to allow individual neighborhood councils to choose how meetings will be conducted.