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Van Nuys Neighborhood Council Executive Committee Meeting AGENDA

Tuesday, February 20, 2024
6:30 PM

Van Nuys Branch Library
Community Room
6250 Sylmar
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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 February 28 – see separate list of items starting on page 4.
3. Logistics for February 28 General Board meeting
 - a. Food – Pizza again? Also have some chips, granola bars, and water from Homeless Count event.
 - b. Room setup.
4. Discussion and possible action to have 4 members of the Executive Committee form an Ad Hoc ByLaws Committee or schedule a Special meeting of the Executive Committee to determine whether any changes to the Bylaws should be introduced in March and formally voted on in April.
5. Potential committee meeting schedule for the next month.
6. Update on Telephone number and Vonage account. (It was decided at the last Executive Committee meeting that the President and the Treasurer would share the responsibility to respond to voicemail messages.)
7. General Public Comment on Non-Agenda Items (2 min per stakeholder)
(Note that topics discussed must be within the jurisdiction of the VNNC.)
8. Identification of topics Board Officers would like to discuss at a future meeting.
9. Adjournment,

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Items to be Considered for the Agenda of the VNNC February 28, 2024 GBM (General Board Meeting)

1. Roll Call and Pledge of Allegiance
2. Government Official Reports (Will try organizing in 3 groups again. Group A will include LAPD and LAFD. Group B will include CD 2, 4, and 6 representatives. Group C will include all other representatives of government officials.)
3. No Special Speaker
4. Board Officer Reports
5. **Discussion and possible action to vote to fill vacant Board seats.**
 - a. Discussion and possible action to appoint Quirino de la Cuesta to fill vacancy for At Large Representative #2 seat.
 - b. Discussion and possible action to appoint Preshia Larae McNair to fill an At Large seat.
6. General Public Comment on non-agenda items
7. Consent Agenda: Review/approve minutes from December 13 and January 10 GBM meetings.
8. Action items from the Budget and Finance Committee requiring roll call votes.
 - a. Recommendation to Board to approve December and January MERs.
 - b. Recommendation to Board to approve application for an NPG of \$4,365.28 to support their Family Cooking Night Events at Valley Presbyterian Hospital
 - c. Recommendation to Board to approve up payment of up to \$679.50 to purchase business cards from City of LA Business Services. (Include payment of \$40.50 March 2020 invoice for business cards purchased for Richard Marks.)
 - d. Approve up to \$400 to renew two Zoom licenses.
9. Action Items from the PLUM Committee requiring roll call votes.
 - a. Discussion and possible action to recommend a letter of support for a project at 15477 Victory Blvd. to demolish a single family home and replace it with a child care center.
 - b. Discussion and possible action to recommend a letter of support for a beer and wine license for Otto Sushi located on 7205 Van Nuys Blvd.
 - c. Discussion and possible action on a small expansion of McDonalds restaurant on Victory to add a second drive-through lane. [pending response from applicant]
 - d. Discussion and possible action on request to renew and modify beer and wine license for restaurant at Van Nuys and Valerio. [pending response from applicant]
 - e. Support request from CD 6 to write letter of support for grant applications for funds for transportation/mobility projects in the Sepulveda Basin.

10. Discussion and possible action to implement two new VNNC Committees by appointing chair and identifying possible issues for earlier deliberation.

a. Public Safety, Human Services, and Animal Welfare Committee.

This committee will consider issues and action items that can enhance personal safety of residents, safety of neighborhoods, support for local police, support for City initiatives to help people move from living on the streets into interim housing (including Inside Safe, Circle, and Council Office activities), and support activities to improve the welfare of feral animals.

Example of potential issues/activities to consider:

- Coordinate with Council offices and Circle staff to support cleanups and special help for unhoused individuals.
- Explore a possible NPG to aid pets of unhoused individuals.

b. Parks, Public Spaces, and Sustainability Committee

This committee will consider issues and action items that can improve the cleanliness and visual environment in Van Nuys, encourage greater use of reporting through 311, increase open space, enhance the tree canopy, and support initiatives to preserve and increase natural resources (such as native plants, groundwater storage, etc.) and address climate change.

Example of potential issues/activities to consider:

- Research cost and feasibility of funding a more visible sign regarding location of the Van Nuys Branch Library and its parking lot.
- Research cost and feasibility of posting a display box outside the Braude Center for posting of agendas and other community information.

11. Potential discussion about Attendance at Board and Committee meetings required to maintain eligibility as a Board member.

12. 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. Need to delay vote on SB 411 meeting option until can get 14 Board Members available to attend a meeting.

13. Identification of topics that Board members would like to be discussed at a future meeting.

14. Adjournment.