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Van Nuys Neighborhood Council Public Safety, Human Services, and Animal Welfare Committee

AGENDA

Monday, April 22, 2024
6:00 p.m.

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

On the Civic Center Plaza

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Chair of Public Safety, Human Services, and Animal Welfare Committee: David Kopelev

Members of Committee: Myrra Bolla, Josue Chavez, and Brian Edelman.

1. **Roll Call and Pledge of Allegiance.**
2. **Chair's Remarks.**
3. **Report from CD 6 staff regarding efforts in Van Nuys to help move homeless individuals into housing.**
4. **Discussion and possible action** to recommend that the Board file a **Community Impact Statement (CIS)** in favor of **Council File 24-0036** regarding the introduction of **solar powered street lighting** where feasible, and the current pilot program in Van Nuys with an installation of 100 solar street lights, in order to reduce copper wire theft and street light vandalism. A copy of the City file can be found here and a copy of the motion is attached at the end of the agenda:
<https://cityclerk.lacity.org/lacityclerkconnect/index.cfm?fa=ccfi.viewrecord&cfnumber=24-0036>
 - CIS's have already been submitted by the Westside, Sherman Oaks, and Studio City neighborhood councils.
5. **Discussion and possible action** regarding **nominating** a member or stakeholder of the Van Nuys Neighborhood Council as a **Homeless Liaison (HL)**. Up to three individuals can be selected and will participate in a variety of ways to **serve as the bridge** between the VNNC and broader community **efforts to serve the homeless**. More information can be found here:
https://docs.google.com/document/d/18B6Lx96rnRdDVFWJellm8F_4Q_nfAlct0TrojGmbAB0/edit
6. **Discussion and possible action** to recommend that the Board file a **Community Impact Statement (CIS)** in favor of **Council File 23-1008** regarding the **moratorium on dog breeding permits** until shelter capacity becomes more manageable. This was passed by the City Council on April 15th, though a CIS from the VNNC is still valid. A copy of the City file can be found here and a copy of the draft letter from the City Attorney is attached at the end of the agenda:
<https://cityclerk.lacity.org/lacityclerkconnect/index.cfm?fa=ccfi.viewrecord&cfnumber=23-1008>
 - CIS's have already been submitted by the Tarzana, Sunland-Tujunga, and Reseda neighborhood councils.
7. **General Public Comment on Non-Agenda Items** - (no more than 2 min per stakeholder)
(Note that topics discussed must be within the jurisdiction of the VNNC.)
8. **Identification of topics Committee members would like to discuss at a future meeting.**

- Potential ideas for discussion: Organizing graffiti and litter cleanups, purchasing or supporting the creation of “welcome kits” for homeless people moving indoors, supporting, via NPG or other means, organizations that provide free veterinary services for the homeless.

9. Adjournment

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MOTION

Street lighting is both a quality of life and public safety measure, reducing crimes by enhancing night time visibility and making our City safer to navigate after sundown. Over the past ten years, the City has seen increasing incidents of vandalism against its streetlight network which have resulted in widespread outages and extended the average repair time to restore lighting. The Bureau of Street Lighting is responsible for managing the City's network of 223,000 streetlights and has been exploring innovative ways to harden and safeguard the City's street lighting infrastructure in response to the rise in vandalism against streetlights.

In previous reports to the Council, the Bureau of Street Lighting has stated that it is piloting the use of solar-powered streetlights that would reduce the Bureau's need for copper wire and included the use of solar-powered lighting in its ten-year plan to address the increase in streetlight vandalism (C.F. 22-0600-S56). The use of solar-powered lights could reduce the costs to power the City's expansive streetlight network and minimize the impacts of vandalism due to copper wire and power theft, providing more reliability to the network.

Aside from the safety and reliability benefits that solar-powered lighting can provide, they also reduce electricity consumption and would represent significant investments in clean and green technology. As the Bureau of Street Lighting is responding to a backlog of lighting outages, it should explore the possibility of replacing existing lighting with solar-powered lighting when required to conduct repairs to lighting infrastructure in order to maximize opportunities to deploy green technology and eliminate possible inefficiencies.

The Department of Recreation and Parks currently uses solar lighting in various parks and facilities and has been very successful in operations. The Bureau of Street Lighting should consider utilizing similar technology as a long-term replacement to move street lights to all solar, adding to our climate change goals and ensuring reliability not subject to the whims and activities of copper thieves.

I THEREFORE MOVE that the Bureau of Street Lighting be instructed to report on the feasibility of installing solar-powered lighting in streetlights when responding to lighting outages due to copper wire and power theft incidents or other maintenance issues

I FURTHER MOVE that the Bureau of Street Lighting be instructed to report on the feasibility of moving to mandatory solar-powered lighting in streetlights where feasible throughout the City.

PRESENTED BY: Heather Hutt
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Councilmember, 10th District

SECONDED BY: Katy Yaworsky
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REPORT RE:

**DRAFT ORDINANCE ADDING SUBSECTION (f) TO SECTION 53.15.2 OF
ARTICLE 3, CHAPTER V OF THE LOS ANGELES MUNICIPAL CODE TO PROVIDE
A TEMPORARY MORATORIUM ON THE ISSUANCE OF NEW DOG BREEDING
PERMITS UNTIL THE DOG POPULATION IN THE CITY'S
ANIMAL SHELTERS IS REDUCED**

The Honorable City Council
of the City of Los Angeles
Room 395, City Hall
200 North Spring Street
Los Angeles, California 90012

Honorable Members:

Pursuant to your request, this Office has prepared and now transmits for your consideration the enclosed draft ordinance, approved as to form and legality. The draft ordinance adds Subsection (f) to Section 53.15.2 of Article 3, Chapter V of the Los Angeles Municipal Code to place an immediate temporary moratorium on the issuance of new dog breeding permits, which will lift when the three-month moving average of the daily inventory count of all dogs at the Department of Animal Services' (Department) animal shelters is equal to or less than 75 percent of the Department's total dog kennel capacity. As requested, the moratorium will not apply to the renewal of existing dog breeding permits.

The draft ordinance also specifies that the moratorium will thereafter be automatically reinstated whenever the three-month moving average of the daily inventory count of all dogs at the Department's shelters is more than 75 percent of the Department's total dog kennel capacity, and will lift when the three-month moving

average of the daily inventory count of all dogs at the Department's shelters is equal to or less than 75 percent of the Department's total dog kennel capacity.

Council Rule 38 Referral

A copy of the draft ordinance was sent, pursuant to Council Rule 38, to the Department of Animal Services with a request that all comments, if any, be presented directly to the City Council when this matter is considered.

If you have any questions regarding this matter, please contact Deputy City Attorney Steve Houchin at (213) 978-8130. A member of this Office will be available when you consider this matter to answer questions you may have.

Sincerely,

HYDEE FELDSTEIN SOTO, City Attorney

By 

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Transmittal