

## Van Nuys Neighborhood Council



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## Van Nuys Neighborhood Council Executive Committee Meeting AGENDA

Tuesday, April 30, 2024  
6:30 PM

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 May 8 – see separate list of items starting on page 4.
3. Complying with City Clerk guidelines for final expenditures of FY 2023-2024. The last date to submit a check request is June 1. The last date to make a credit card purchase is June 20. A total of \$10,000 can be rolled over to the next fiscal year.
4. Logistics for May 8 General Board meeting
  - a. Food
  - b. Room setup.
5. Potential committee meeting schedule for the next month.
6. Code of civility for VNNC with respect to receiving presentations from retail cannabis businesses that are in the process of applying to be licensed by the City of Los Angeles.
7. Should we add item to agenda to consider removal of Samuel Apikyan from the Board.

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8. Telephone number and Vonage account are operational. Messages are being checked.
9. General Public Comment on Non-Agenda Items (2 min per stakeholder)  
(Note that topics discussed must be within the jurisdiction of the VNNC.)
10. Identification of topics Board Officers would like to discuss at a future meeting.
11. Adjournment,

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Items to be Considered for the Agenda of the VNNC May 8, 2024 GBM (General Board Meeting)

1. Roll Call and Pledge of Allegiance
2. Government Official Reports (Suggested new policy. Will pause after LAPD report for **questions**. Will pause after LAFD report for **questions**. Then will not allow any Board or public comments until all reports have been provided.)
3. Information sharing by two Cannabis Retail Businesses that received approval of a Business license from the City Department of Cannabis Regulation (DCR) in April and could not attend the April 10<sup>th</sup> meeting of the VNNC.  
  
(NOTE: Comments only after all presentations have been made.)
  - The Green Earth Farmacie, Inc., 7756 N. Burnet Ave., Van Nuys 91405
  - Valley Herbal Center, Inc., 14542 W. Victory Blvd, Van Nuys, CA 91411
4. Board Officer Reports
5. General Public Comment on non-agenda items
6. Consent Agenda: Review/approve minutes from Feb. 28 and April 10 GBM meetings.
7. Action items from the Public Safety, Human Services, and Animal Welfare Committee (met on April 22<sup>nd</sup>)
  - a. Recommend that the VNNC submit 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.
  - b. Recommend that the VNNC submit a 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 15<sup>th</sup>, though a CIS from the VNNC is still valid.
8. Action item from the Outreach Committee (met on April 24<sup>th</sup>)
  - a. Recommend that the Board allocate up to \$150 per event for potential Outreach participation in the following 3 events: SFV PRIDE 2024 (June 29 on Civic Center Plaza), CD2-sponsored concert at North Hollywood Park, CD4-sponsored concert at Van Nuys-Sherman Oaks Park.
9. Action Items from the PLUM Committee (met on April 25<sup>th</sup>).
  - a. Discussion and possible action to recommend a letter of support for **Case No. ZA-2001-2956-CU-PA1** regarding 850 sq. ft. expansion and interior modernization of a Macdonald's restaurant at 14850 Victory (SE corner of Victory and Kester). The current facility is 4,250 sq. ft. The Planning Dept. will hold a public hearing on this project on May 14.

**10. Action Items from the Budget and Finance Committee (met on April 30<sup>th</sup>)**

- a. Discussion and possible action to approve the February and March MERs.
- b. Discussion and possible action to approve a Neighborhood Purposes Grant of \$4000 for Van Nuys Community Elementary School to update two murals on the school's campus.
- c. Discussion and possible action to approve a revision to the VNNC Budget for Fiscal Year 2023-24.
- d. Discussion and possible action for the VNNC to contribute up to \$1000 in support of Neighborhood Council Budget Day, which will be held on June 15<sup>th</sup>.
- e. Discussion and possible action to the VNNC to contribute up to \$1000 in support of the L.A. Congress of Neighborhoods, which will be held in September.

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

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

**13. Adjournment.**