

## Van Nuys Neighborhood Council



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## Van Nuys Neighborhood Council Executive Committee Meeting AGENDA

Tuesday, June 4, 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. Revisions to introductory agenda statements and other suggestions from a consultation with Terrence Gomes regarding maintaining order at Board meetings. (See page 4)
3. Discussion and possible action regarding potential Items for the Agenda of the GBM (General Board Meeting) on June 12 – see separate list of items starting on page 5.
  - a. New language added to Item 3 of agenda to note this item is provided for **information only and no action will be taken.**
  - b. Selection of new PLUM Chair.
  - c. Announcement of intention to elect new Secretary for the VNNC.
4. Report from Treasurer on status of complying with City Clerk guidelines for final expenditures of FY 2023-2024. The last date to submit a check request was 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.
5. Discussion and possible action regarding obtaining certificates to honor the work of Neighborhood Council Board members (including criteria for awarding a certificate and options regarding what office/organization will provide the certificate).
6. Discussion and possible action regarding strategies to recruit additional Board members.
7. Discussion and possible action to follow-up with members who need to complete required trainings.
8. Logistics for June 12 General Board meeting
  - a. Food
  - b. Room setup.
9. Potential committee meeting schedule for the next month..
10. Telephone number and Vonage account are operational. Messages are being checked.
11. General Public Comment on Non-Agenda Items (2 min per stakeholder)  
(Note that topics discussed must be within the jurisdiction of the VNNC.)
12. Identification of topics Board Officers would like to discuss at a future meeting.
13. Adjournment,

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Revised Introductory Statements for VNNC Agendas

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A reminder to those attending: during Public Comment you may hear colorful language that some might find offensive. The Van Nuys Neighborhood Council has no ability to control or regulate the content of speech that is protected under the 1st Amendment.

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Stakeholders are asked to respect the timekeeper when you are alerted that your time has expired.

Van Nuys Neighborhood Council Boardmembers are reminded not to cut off, interrupt, or otherwise engage with Stakeholders during their allotted time for Public Comment.

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Stakeholders are welcome to offer comments during General Public Comment and Public Comment, but the Van Nuys Neighborhood Council requests that Stakeholders do not disrupt the meeting for other Stakeholders in attendance. We ask that Stakeholders refrain from calling out or participating in behavior that would disrupt the Board Meeting of the Van Nuys Neighborhood Council.

Stakeholders will be given an initial warning; there may be two additional warnings before the stakeholder is asked to leave the meeting due to disruptions of the meeting.

Items to be Considered for the Agenda of the VNNC June 12, 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 comments and questions. Will pause after LAFD report for comments and questions. Then will only ask for Board and public comments on remaining items after all reports have been provided.)
3. **Information Item Only. No Action will be taken. In accord with LAMC Section 104.06, Annual Licenses**

Presentation by Cannabis Retail Businesses that recently received approval of an Annual Business license by the City Department of Cannabis Regulation (DCR).

(NOTE: Comments only after all presentations have been made.)

- Valley Verde, 14903 Sherman Way, Van Nuys, CA
- 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 (from meeting 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.

NOTE: The Planning Dept. was informed by the President at a public hearing on this project on May 14 that the PLUM Committee of the VNNC was recommending that the VNNC Board send a letter of support and that the PLUM recommendation would be voted on at the next General Board Meeting when a quorum was achieved.

- 10.** Action Items from the Budget and Finance Committee (meeting on June 4 at 5:30 pm)
  - a. Discussion and possible action to approve the February, March, and April MERs.
  - b. Discussion and possible action to approve a Neighborhood Purpose 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 to approve and submit to the City Clerk an initial Administrative Packet for Fiscal Year 2024-25.
  - e. 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>.
  - f. 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.** Discussion and possible action to appoint a new Chair for the PLUM Committee.
- 12.** Discussion of need to elect a new Secretary for the VNNC and responsibilities of the position. Plan to schedule election for July 10 Board Meeting.
- 13.** Discussion and possible action to approve a CIS to support Council File 24-0490. to enact an Interim Control Ordinance (ICO) to protect Historic Preservation Zones (HPOZ) from ED 1 projects. (See Motion on page 6.)
- 14.** Updates on unresolved topics
  - a. DONE cited Attorney-Client Privilege and declined to share a communication related to Studio City NC and resignation of a registered sex offender from the NC. Email from Gibson Nyambura: "Please be advised that the advice provided to the Studio City Neighborhood Council is privileged as an attorney client communication. As such, we are not the holders of this information and are unable to provide any details or disclosures related to the matter."
  - b. Need to delay vote on SB 411 meeting option until can get 14 Board Members available to attend a meeting.
- 15.** Identification of topics that Board members would like to be discussed at a future meeting.
- 16.** Adjournment.

MOTION (CF 24-04900)

As the Council continues to deliberate any proposed ordinance to streamline affordable housing projects by codifying Executive Directive 1 , it is of utmost importance and in the interest of the public that the City ensure that any streamlined affordable housing development project located in a Historic Preservation Overlay Zone (HPOZ) neighborhood preserve the City's HPOZ Preservation Plans and complement its historic character, inasmuch as all exterior work, including landscaping, alterations, additions, and new construction, is subject to additional Planning Department review.

In a report dated November 28, 2023, the Planning Commission recommended approval of a proposed ordinance (Council File No. 23-0623-SI) to amend the Municipal Code, to establish procedures and performance standards for administrative approval of one hundred percent affordable housing projects.

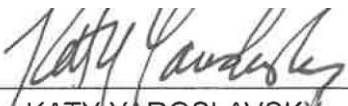
The proposed ordinance is anticipated to reduce the need for affordable housing projects to request discretionary planning entitlements, and thereby streamline their approval to address the City's housing crisis. The impact of this proposed ordinance as it relates to affordable housing development projects located in the City's 35 adopted local historic districts, also known as HPOZs, is still being debated. Similar to other zoning overlays, HPOZs provide an additional layer of land use regulatory control.

To preserve the character of HPOZ neighborhoods, the Planning Department must ensure that any streamlined one hundred percent affordable housing project is not out of scale, and foremost that it is in compliance with HPOZ Preservation Plans.

I THEREFORE MOVE that the Council instruct the Planning Department, in consultation with the City Attorney, to prepare and present a citywide Interim Control Ordinance (ICO) within 30 days to impose temporary regulations restoring the existing HPOZ discretionary review process on the issuance of permits associated with any demolition, building, use of land, grading, and other applicable permits for the new construction of one-hundred percent affordable housing projects that are currently subject to a ministerial approval process located in a Historic Preservation Overlay Zone (HPOZ) neighborhood, and thereby ensure compliance with HPOZ Preservation Plans.

I FURTHER MOVE that the ICO include an Urgency Clause, making it effective upon publication, and consistent with California Government Code S65858, the ICO shall run for 45 days, with a IQ-month and 15 day extension by Council Resolution, and can be further extended for an additional 1 year, or until the adoption of the appropriate land use regulatory controls have been prepared by the Planning Department, adopted by the Council and become effective, whichever occurs first.

PRESENTED BY:

  
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