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Van Nuys Neighborhood Council Executive Committee Meeting AGENDA

Tuesday, July 2, 2024
6:00 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 July 10 – see separate list of items starting on page 4.
3. 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).

Richard Hopp offered the following list of certificate types:

- Recognition – Certificate recognizing occasions of exceptional community contributions.
 - Recognized For Excellence
 - Congratulations – Certificate recognizing occasions of exceptional significance: Grand Opening for Small Businesses, Ribbon Cutting Events.
 - Anniversary – Certificate recognizing milestone anniversaries, and business/organization service years.
 - Retirement – Certificate recognizing a retirement from the City of Los Angeles, LAUSD employee, other government entity, or a nonprofit organization.
 - Wedding – Certificate recognizing weddings.
 - Commendation
 - Certificate recognizing outstanding service of excellence.
 - Birthdays – Certificate recognizing birthday milestone.
 - Proclamation - issued to honor or highlight a special period of observance (days, weeks, months), civic celebrations, recognitions of a community, regional, state, or national occasion, or to recommend community actions.
4. Status of Board vacancies. Discussion and possible action regarding strategies to recruit additional Board members.
 5. Discussion and possible action to follow-up with members who need to complete required trainings.
 6. Review of draft Administrative Packet for FY 2024/25 before Terrence Gomes is asked to circulate document for digital signatures.
 7. Logistics for July 10 General Board meeting
 - a. Food
 - b. Room setup.
 8. Potential committee meeting schedule for the next month.

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 July 10, 2024 GBM (General Board Meeting)

1. Roll Call and Pledge of Allegiance
2. Government Official Reports (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.)

Proposed to eliminate Item 3. No one has attended.

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 June 12th GBM meeting.
7. Discussion and possible action to consider application to fill one at-large vacant Board seat.
8. Discussion and possible action regarding Board Members who have not completed the two new required trainings.
9. Discussion and possible action to recruit applicants for vacant Board seats.
10. Action Items from the Budget and Finance Committee (meeting on July 2 at 5:30 pm)
 - a. Discussion and possible action to approve the May MER
 - b. Discussion and possible action to approve updated application for a Neighborhood Purpose Grant of \$4000 for Van Nuys Community Elementary School to update two murals on the school's campus.
11. Action items from the Public Safety, Human Services, and Animal Welfare Committee (met on April 22nd)
 - 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 15th, though a CIS from the VNNC is still valid.

- 12.** Report from the Outreach Committee
- 13.** Report from the PLUM Committee
- 14.** Discussion and possible action to approve PLUM Chair's appointments of Brian Edelman and Ann Kalb to fill two vacancies on the PLUM Committee.
- 15.** Discussion and possible action to elect a new Secretary for the VNNC.
- 16.** Discussion and possible action to elect a new Chair for the Public Safety, Human Services, and Animal Welfare Committee.
- 17.** 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.)
- 18.** 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.
- 19.** Identification of topics that Board members would like to be discussed at a future meeting.
- 20.** 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.

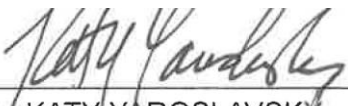
The proposed ordinance is anticipated to reduce the need for affordable housing projects to request discretionary planning entitlements, and thereby streamline their approval to address the City's housing crisis. The impact of this proposed ordinance as it relates to affordable housing development projects 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.

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