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Van Nuys Neighborhood Council Executive Committee Meeting AGENDA

Tuesday, August 6, 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 August 14 – 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.
 - a. CD 6 is willing to issue official City of Los Angeles certificates to individual Board Members to honor their service on the Van Nuys Neighborhood Council. The Executive Committee can identify individuals to be honored and what each should be honored for. See page 6 for a record of terms of service of VNNC Board Members.
 - b. Consider requesting a special certificate to honor John Hendry for his 19 years of service as a member of the Board of the Van Nuys Neighborhood Council – and possibly for his role as unofficial historian of Van Nuys.
4. Status of Board vacancies. Discussion and possible action regarding strategies to recruit additional Board members.
5. Logistics for August 14 General Board meeting
 - a. Food
 - b. Room setup.
6. Potential committee meeting schedule for the next month.
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 August 14, 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.)
 - *Add LAUSD and Metro to list of regular reports.
3. Board Officer Reports
4. General Public Comment on non-agenda items
5. Consent Agenda: Review/approve minutes from June 12th GBM meeting.
6. Discussion and possible action to consider application to fill one at-large vacant Board seat (or possibly two seats).
7. Discussion and possible action regarding Board Members who have not completed the two new required trainings. Advise Samuel Apikyan that he has been removed for not taking the required training.
8. Discussion and possible action to recruit applicants for vacant Board seats.
9. Action Items from the Budget and Finance Committee
 - a. Discussion and possible action to approve the May MER
 - b. Discussion and possible action to approve the June MER. (Item added by Executive Committee because Treasurer was out of town.)
 - c. 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.
10. 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 streetlights, 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.
11. Action items from the Outreach Committee

- a. Discussion and possible action on recommendation to the Board to allocate up to \$300 to cover expenses related to tabling at a Community Resource Day on Saturday, September 7th from 10 am to 2 pm on the Van Nuys City Hall Plaza, which is being hosted by Northeast Valley Health Corporation (NEVHC) with the special collaboration of Councilmember Imelda Padilla.
- b. Discussion and possible action to allocate up to \$200 for purchase of name badges on a lanyard with City seal for Board Members to wear to Outreach events (to be purchased from Anderson Trophy Company @\$15.95 plus tax).

12. Action items from the PLUM Committee

- a. Discussion and possible action for the VNNC to submit a CIS (Community Impact Statement) in support of CF 24-0602, which provides directions to City staff of various agencies to conduct studies and make recommendations regarding potential steps the City could take to transition away from use of synthetic turf or artificial grass, transition towards California drought-friendly landscaping, and related matters.
- b. Discussion and possible action to extend a welcome to Van Nuys to GALS Middle School, which took occupancy in June 2024 of its new campus on 14200 Runnymede, and to invite the principal to attend the September 11th GBM and share information about the school.
- c. Approve request of the Planning Department to make a presentation at the September 11th GBM meeting regarding updates to the Southeast Valley Community Plan.

13. Discussion items related to John Hendry.

- a. John Hendry discussion of his status on the VNNC Board.
- b. Discussion and possible action on John Hendry's "20 Legacy Items for the VNNC"

14. Discussion and possible action to elect a new Secretary for the VNNC.

15. Discussion and possible action to elect a new Chair for the Public Safety, Human Services, and Animal Welfare Committee.

16. 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.

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

18. Adjournment.

VNNC Board Members who Served 4 years: July 2019-June 2023

- Mike Browning
- John Camera
- Brian Edelman
- Jennifer Febre
- John Hendry
- Thela Thatch
- Kathy Schreiner

VNNC Board Members who Served 2 years: July 2021-June 2023

- Hakop Azatyan
- Myrra Bolla

VNNC Board Members who Served from July 2023-June 2024

- Hakop Azatyan
 - Myrra Bolla
 - John Camera
 - Josue Chavez
 - David Harari
 - Ann Kalb
 - David Kopelev
 - Maduka Nkuku
 - Kathy Schreiner
 - Cyle Zezotarski
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VNNC Board Members who Served partial term between 2021 and 2023

- Jeff Dunn
- David Harari
- Damaris Macias
- Lillian Macias
- Glen Makiri
- Richard Marks
- Ashley Martinez
- Maduka Nkuku
- Danielle Rouillard
- Haille Trimboli
- Kibwe Trim
- Britt Vaughn
- Suju Vijayan
- Matt Wayne