

## Van Nuys Neighborhood Council



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### Van Nuys Neighborhood Council Executive Committee Meeting AGENDA

Tuesday, October 1, 2024  
6:30 PM

Van Nuys Branch Library  
Community Room  
6250 Sylmar  
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On the Civic Center Plaza

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Members of the Executive Committee: M. Bolla, D. Harari, M. Nkuku, K. Schreiner

1. Roll Call and Pledge of Allegiance
2. Discussion and possible action to add review of the August MER to the GBM agenda on October 9<sup>th</sup>.  
[https://vnnc.org/wp-content/uploads/2024/09/VNNC\\_MER\\_August2024.pdf](https://vnnc.org/wp-content/uploads/2024/09/VNNC_MER_August2024.pdf)
3. Discussion and possible action regarding potential Items for the Agenda of the GBM (General Board Meeting) on October 9 – see separate list of items starting on page 5.
4. Discussion and possible action regarding formation of a By-Laws Committee.
5. Follow-up regarding obtaining certificates to honor the work of Neighborhood Council Board members. Will reach out to CD 6 to prepare certificates. Will try to schedule Councilperson Padilla to present certificates at November 13th GBM.
6. Status of Board vacancies. Discussion and possible action regarding strategies to recruit additional Board members.
7. Logistics for October 9 General Board meeting
  - a. Food
  - b. Room setup (including table for documents for the public).
8. Potential committee meeting schedule for the next month.
9. President report:
  - a. Samuel Apikyan was notified by email to his personal address that he has been removed from the VNNC Board. He sent a return email acknowledging the notification.
  - b. Empower LA Rosters was sent an updated roster of current VNNC membership on 9/26. The website pages for Board and Committees were updated.
  - c. Request sent to Carmen Chang, General Manager of DONE, for assistance in identifying ways to minimize disruption of monthly VNNC Board meetings and maintain focus on agenda items that will be beneficial to Van Nuys.
  - d. There are other NCs who are submitting CIS statements in response to CF 24-0867.  
<https://cityclerk.lacity.org/lacityclerkconnect/index.cfm?fa=ccfi.viewrecord&cfnumber=24-0867>

Does the VNNC want to take a position?

Key requests from this Council Motion are shown in the box below:

I THEREFORE MOVE that the Board of Neighborhood Commissioners, with assistance of the Department of Neighborhood Empowerment, the Youth Development Department and the City Clerk, be requested to provide recommendations on potential methods and options to amend the Neighborhood Council Bylaws (Bylaws) to ensure youth participation in Neighborhood Councils including the designation of a youth seat on each Neighborhood Council board to increase diversity and allow for leadership growth;

I FURTHER MOVE the Board of Neighborhood Commissioners, with assistance of the Department of Neighborhood Empowerment and the City Attorney, be requested to report to the Council on potential options to amend the Bylaws to include term limits for Neighborhood Council board members in order to facilitate greater member participation and leadership development.

**10. General Public Comment on Non-Agenda Items (2 min per stakeholder)**

(Note that topics discussed must be within the jurisdiction of the VNNC.)

**11. Identification of topics Board Officers would like to discuss at a future meeting.**

**12. Adjournment,**

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Items to be Considered for the Agenda of the VNNC October 9, 2024 GBM (General Board Meeting)

1. Roll Call and Pledge of Allegiance
2. Government Official Reports (Will take public comments after each report.)
3. Presentation by Planning Department staff regarding Draft SE Community Plan (30-35 minutes, including Q&A) – Quirino de la Cuesta, PLUM Chair, will introduce the presentation.
4. Consideration of applicants for at-large Board member seats.
  - a. Derrick Spears
5. Board Officer Reports
  - a. Under President report, Kathy wants to make an announcement about the availability of postcards prepared by the Trees Committee of the NC Sustainability Alliance to be sent to the Mayor by individuals advocating for preservation of existing mature trees and protection of the tree canopy. (Postcards also distributed at the Congress of Neighborhoods.)
6. General Public Comment on non-agenda items
7. Consent Agenda: Review/approve minutes from September 11<sup>th</sup> Board meeting.
8. Action Items from the Budget and Finance Committee
  - a. Discussion and possible action to approve the August MER
9. Action items from the Outreach Committee
  - a. Motion to allocate up to \$150 to purchase supplies for a VNNC table at the Van Nuys Recreation Center's Halloween event on October 25<sup>th</sup>.
  - a. Motion to allocate up to \$150 to purchase supplies for a VNNC table at the Delano Recreation Center Halloween event on October 31<sup>st</sup>
10. Report from the PLUM Committee
  - a. Report: A revised motion regarding CF 24-0602 was passed by the City Council. The motion provides directions to City staff of various agencies to conduct studies and make recommendations regarding potential steps the City could take regarding future use of artificial turf, but deleted language regarding transitioning away from the use of synthetic turf or artificial grass and transition towards California drought-friendly landscaping, <https://cityclerk.lacity.org/lacityclerkconnect/index.cfm?fa=ccfi.viewrecord&cfnumber=24-0602>

11. Discussion and possible action on motion proposed by Dalilah Perez-Vigo for the VNNC to sponsor the virtual adoption of an animal that is currently at the East Valley Animal Shelter. (Virtual adoption means that the VNNC would share information about the animal's availability for adoption on its website, on social media, and in its monthly e-blast.)
12. 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"
  - c. John Hendry will be asked to submit a written proposal to the PLUM Committee whenever he has future suggestions and recommendations for the VNNC to consider.
13. Discussion and possible action to elect a new Secretary for the VNNC.
14. Discussion and possible action to elect Brian Edelman as Chair of the Public Safety, Human Services, and Animal Welfare Committee.
15. Updates on unresolved topics
  - a. Need to delay vote on SB 411 meeting option until can get 14 Board Members available to attend a meeting.
16. **Announcements and** Identification of topics that Board members would like to be discussed at a future meeting.
17. Adjournment.