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Van Nuys Neighborhood Council Executive Committee Meeting AGENDA

Wednesday, December 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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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 recommend that the Board approve a CIS opposing CF 24-0867. (See possible language on page 5.)
3. Discussion and possible action regarding potential Items for the Agenda of the GBM (General Board Meeting) on December 11 – see separate list of items starting on page 4.
4. Logistics for December 11 General Board meeting
 - a. Food (any special holiday items?)
 - b. Room setup (including table for documents for the public).
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 (meeting date to be determined).
6. General Public Comment on Non-Agenda Items (2 min per stakeholder)
(Note that topics discussed must be within the jurisdiction of the VNNC.)
7. Identification of topics Board Officers would like to discuss at a future meeting.
8. Adjournment,

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Items to be Considered for the Agenda of the VNNC December 11, 2024 GBM (General Board Meeting)

1. Roll Call and Pledge of Allegiance
2. Government Official Reports (Will take public questions/comments after each report.)
3. Metro staff reports.
4. Delano Park Handball Court Committee shares community concerns (up to 5 min.).
5. General Public Comment on non-agenda items
6. Board Officer Reports
 - a. Under President report, Kathy wants to share information about possible historic locations in Van Nuys that were highlighted during the Planning Workshop on historic sites and the SE Community Plan.
7. Consent Agenda:
 - a. Review/approve minutes from October 9th and November 13th Board meeting.
 - b. Review/approve letter of support to Councilmember Imelda Padilla, Council District 6 advocating for the utilization of art fees paid by developers to acquire and install an original art work on the Van Nuys Civic Plaza. (see page 7)
8. Action Items from the Budget and Finance Committee – Discussion and possible action to approve recommendations from the 12/4 meeting of the Budget and Finance Committee on the following topics
 - a. Approve October MER.
 - b. Discussion and possible action to reimburse PLUM Committee Chair, Quirino de la Cuesta for agenda printing costs totaling \$40.24.
9. Action Item regarding letter to Metro
 - a. Approve a letter to be sent to the Metro Project Team and Councilmember Padilla to advocate for the planting of native trees along the route of the ESFV Light Rail line on Van Nuys Blvd from the G Line north to San Fernando Road.
10. Report on virtual foster of 2 dogs currently at the East Valley Animal Shelter. (Virtual adoption means that the VNNC will share information about the animal's availability for adoption on its website, on social media, and in its monthly e-blast.)

11. Discussion and possible action to approve CIS (Community Impact Statement) in opposition to CF 24-0867.

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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.

Suggested key points to be included in the CIS?

- Oppose Council mandate regarding youth membership on Neighborhood Councils and imposition of term limits.
- Each Neighborhood Council should be able to determine the composition of Board seats to represent the community. While the Van Nuys Neighborhood Council does include a Youth Representative in its bylaws, we acknowledge the difficulty of filling this seat because of the time commitments to serve on the Board and the many demands on the time of the high school age students who would qualify to fill the seat.
- The City Charter gives Neighborhood Councils the responsibility for establishing through bylaws whether to have 2 or 4 year terms per seat and whether to establish term limits for Board positions.
- There is no evidence that long-term Board members are causing a problem for Neighborhood Councils. Most Neighborhood Councils, Van Nuys included, experience quite a bit of turnover of Board members. Quite a few individuals do not even serve their initial 4-year term due to various life circumstances, such as change of job, health challenges, family obligations, etc. Having some

stable and experienced Board members is useful for a Board and can help with meeting quorum.

12. Update on unresolved topics:

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

13. Announcements and identification of topics that Board members would like to be discussed at a future meeting.

14. Adjournment.

Councilmember Imelda Padilla

Council District 6

14410 Sylvan Street, Ste. 215

Van Nuys, CA 91401

RE: Public Art Proposal for the Van Nuys Civic Center – “Wind Sculptural Installation”

Dear Councilmember Padilla,

The Van Nuys Neighborhood Council is excited to share our enthusiastic support for bringing public art to our community. Through our Planning and Land Use Committee (PLUM) meetings, we have engaged in meaningful discussions with Ms. Ayndrea Wilson of the California Artist Coalition of Los Angeles (CACLA) regarding a proposed public art project for the Van Nuys Civic Center.

On November 13, 2024, during our general board meeting, Ms. Wilson presented an inspiring proposal featuring the work of renowned visual artist Mr. Paul Chilkov. His envisioned “Wind Sculptural Installation” would be a transformative addition to the grounds of the Van Nuys Civic Center. The board and community members expressed strong enthusiasm and support for this project, recognizing its potential to celebrate creativity and foster pride in Van Nuys.

The Van Nuys Neighborhood Council firmly believes in the power of the creative arts as a catalyst for economic revitalization, community engagement, and cultural enrichment. Public art can reimagine and redefine our neighborhood, serving as a beacon of inspiration and drawing businesses and visitors to the area.

We also have full confidence in the expertise of CACLA, under the leadership of Ms. Wilson, to bring this vision to life. Ms. Wilson has demonstrated a deep understanding of managing public art initiatives and highlighted how the 1% Art Development Fee could be utilized effectively for this project. Her guidance ensures that Van Nuys will benefit from thoughtful and impactful public art installations.

We respectfully urge you and your office to support this initiative and work with CACLA to bring Mr. Chilkov’s “Wind Sculptural Installation” to the Van Nuys Civic Center. This project represents a unique opportunity to enhance our community’s vibrancy and cultural identity. Thank you for your leadership and for considering this vital proposal for the future of Van Nuys.

Sincerely,
Kathy Schreiner
President
Van Nuys Neighborhood Council