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Van Nuys Neighborhood Council



**Van Nuys Neighborhood Council
General Board Meeting**

Wednesday, November 9, 2022
7:00PM

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1. Roll Call – Pledge of Allegiance

2. Reports from Government officials: (2 min each, except for guest speaker)

- a. LAPD Van Nuys Division - <https://vnnc.org/resource/>
- b. **Speaker: City Council Member Nithya Raman** (20 minutes)
Council District 4 – Ryan Ahari ryan.ahari@lacity.org 213-473-7004
- c. Council District 6 – Sophia Soudani (818) 778 4999 sophia.soudani@lacity.org
- d. Council District 2 –Cairo Rodríguez cairo.rodriguez@lacity.org 818-755-7676
- e. California Congressional District 29 - Osvaldo Ramirez osvaldo.ramirez@mail.house.gov
- f. LA County Probation Department – Mel Bailey mel.bailey@probation.lacounty.gov
- g. Department of Neighborhood Empowerment (DONE) - Lorenzo Briceno
lorenzo.briceno@lacity.org (213) 978-1551
- h. Mayor’s office – Michelle Vergara michelle.vergara@lacity.org (213) 400-9816
- i. Los Angeles County 3rd District – Brenda Yanez BYanez@bos.lacounty.gov (818) 901-3831
- j. Assembly District 46 - Lilly Sarafian (818) 376-4246 lilly.sarafian@asm.ca.gov
- k. Senate District 18 - Edwin Amaya Edwin.Amaya@sen.ca.gov (818) 901-5588
- l. Budget Advocate
- m. Parks and Recreation Department - Thomas Ortiz (Facility Director, Van Nuys Rec Center) and Oscar Cardenas (Facility Director, Delano Rec Center)
- n. LAUSD Board District 3
- o. LAUSD Board District 6

3. Consent agenda:

- a) Approve October General Board Meeting minutes.
https://vnnc.org/wp-content/uploads/2022/11/VNNC_GBM_Draft_Minutes_10122022_ks.pdf

4. Executive Reports

- a) President – (VNNC leadership succession planning, officer elections, Halloween events. VNNC/Van Nuys Celebrations)
- b) Vice President
- c) Secretary (Pacoima Wash)
- d) Treasurer
- e) Parliamentarian

5. **General Public Comment on Non-Agenda Items (2 min per stakeholder)** A stakeholder who wishes to provide public comment may indicate to the Chair before providing public comment whether they wish to provide one minute or two minutes of public comment.
6. **Officer nominations status and process** (President, Vice President, Parliamentarian)
7. **Discussion and possible actions to address racism among Los Angeles City Council members, redistricting, and the City charter (council size, oath of office etc.)**
 - a) *Background:* On November 1st, City Council passed a motion authored by Nithya Raman (CF 22-1917) for the City Council to convene a new Ad Hoc Committee on City Governance Reform, “which will be charged with implementing reforms to increase transparency, limit corruption, and make City leadership more representative of our communities-with the aim of restoring the faith of the people of Los Angeles in their city government.”
8. **Discussion and possible action to approve up to \$500 for supplies and refreshments for community activities sponsored by community agencies and City departments during the holiday months of November, December, and January to reach out to Van Nuys residents.** (Outreach committee recommendation). Decisions about specific events can be made at the monthly VNNC meetings.
NOTE: Before action is taken on this recommendation, approximately \$600 of unspent funds remain in the Outreach Budget -- to last until June 30, 2023.

9. **Budget Update Discussion and Possible Actions**

1. Discussion and possible action to approve the VNNC September MER.
<https://vnnc.org/wp-content/uploads/2022/11/VNNC-September-2022-MER.pdf>
2. Discussion and possible action regarding NPG Application: Recommendation from Budget and Finance Committee to provide \$1000 in funding for the San Fernando Valley LGBTQ Center to be used for refreshments for the LGBTQ Arts Fair that will take place on December 10, 2022 from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m.
https://vnnc.org/wp-content/uploads/2022/11/NPGApplication_SFV-LGBTQ-Center_final.pdf
<https://vnnc.org/wp-content/uploads/2022/11/SFV-LGBTQ-Center-IRS-501c3-Letter-scaled.jpeg>
<https://vnnc.org/wp-content/uploads/2022/11/LGBTQ-ARTS-FAIRS-2022.png>

10. **Items from PLUM Committee**

- a) **Discussion and possible action:** The VNNC PLUM Committee recommends (with vote of 6 yes -- unanimous) that the VNNC support the following project:

14519-14539 W. Sylvan St. **Case No. DIR-2-22- 6088-TOC-CDO-SPR-HCA.** Proposing demolition of existing commercial building. Construction of new mixed-use residential commercial building with 120 residential units (including 14 affordable units for Extremely Low Income) in a 6-story building. 4800 sq. ft. of commercial and garage parking on first floor; over one level of basement parking. TOC (Transit-Oriented Communities) Tier 4. Specific actions requested from the City include: (1) seeking additional TOC incentives of 5 ft side yard setback (in lieu of 9 ft) and 25% relief for the required open space; and (2) site plan review for a multi-family residential project of over 50 units. Applicant: Jonathan Azal, Sylvan Towers, LLC.

Agent/Representative: Athena Novak, AHN & Associates. Architect: Armin Gharai, GA Engineering, Inc. Digital copies of project documents can be found at: <https://planning.lacity.org/pdiscaseinfo/caseid/MjYwMzAz0> (in box on top right of screen, click on “Initial Submittal Documents” to find links to project documents)

- b) **Discussion and possible action:** At its meeting on September 22th, the VNNC PLUM Committee deadlocked on approval or disapproval of the following project (with 3 yes votes to disapprove and 3 no votes). At its meeting on October 27th, the VNNC PLUM Committee voted (with vote of 4 yes and 2 no) to send the project without a recommendation to the VNNC for a decision about whether or not to support the project.

7222 Tyrone Avenue 91405. Case No. APCSV-2022-6052-ZC-HCA. Proposing to replace Single Family house with a 3-story, 8-unit multifamily building (including 1 unit of affordable housing) with on-grade parking. Asking the City for a zone change from R1-1 to R3-1. Applicant: Tyrone Development LLC (Amirhosin Ebrahimi & Gagik Patrick Nazaryan). Agent/Representative: Sevana Mailian-Medzoyan, Mailian & Associates. Digital copies of project documents can be found sat: <https://planning.lacity.org/pdiscaseinfo/caseid/MjYwMjY30>

11. VNNC elections

- a) Officer nominations (President, Vice President, Parliamentarian)
- b) General Elections June 2023
- c) Discussion and possible action to recruit to fill two vacant seats recently reclassified to at-large seats, plus one additional at large seat available for 8 months.
- d) **Discussion and possible action to reconstitute some VNNC committees and leadership. Some committee no longer have three VNNC members.**
<https://vnnc.org/wp-content/uploads/2022/09/VNNC-Committee-membership-as-of-10.1.22.pdf>

12. VNNC Committee reports:

- a) Human Services
- b) Beautification
- c) Outreach Committee - Glen
- d) Education Committee
- e) Parks, Open Space, and Environment Committee
- f) PLUM Committee
- ~~g) Government Relations and Bylaws Committee~~
- ~~h) Public Safety~~

13. Adjournment

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I will encourage other points of view, even when they differ from my own.
I will respect, value, and consider everyone's opinion.
I will find the good in my neighborhood and praise it and promote it.
To my neighbors, and to neighborhoods throughout the City of Los Angeles, I pledge to do this to the best of my ability.

