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Van Nuys Neighborhood Council General Board Meeting AGENDA

Wednesday, December 13, 2023
7:00PM

Conference room of the
Marvin Braude Constituents
Building, 6262 Van Nuys Blvd,
Van Nuys, CA 91401

(SE corner of Van Nuys Blvd. and
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1. Roll Call and Pledge of Allegiance

2. Reports from Government officials: (2 min each)

- a. LAPD Van Nuys Division - <https://vnnc.org/resource/>
LAFD Station 39
- b. Council District 2 – Arus Grigoryan arus.grigoryan@lacity.org 818-210-1504 (cell)
Council District 4 – Ryan Ahari ryan.ahari@lacity.org 213-473-7004
Council District 6 – Brian Patton brian.patton@lacity.org Office: (818) 778-4999, Cell: (818) 270-1931
- c. Department of Neighborhood Empowerment (DONE) – Alfonso Manzo
alfonso.manzo@lacity.org
Mayor’s office – Michelle Vergara michelle.vergara@lacity.org (213) 400-9816
Los Angeles County 3rd District (Lindsay Horvath) –
Assembly District 46 (Jesse Gabriel) – Clarissa Gomez Clarissa.Gomez@asm.ca.gov
Senate District 20 (Caroline Menjivar) – Jasmin Hernandez jasmin.hernandez@sen.ca.gov
California Congressional District 29 – Laura Juarez laura.juarez@mail.house.gov

3. Two Metro Presentations

- a. **Presentation about upcoming construction of Metro Orange (G) Line Improvements**
Ron Macias, Principal Community Relations Officer, Construction Relations
maciasr@metro.net
This project will upgrade the existing G line with grade separations on major streets, better signal priority technology, electronic bus connectivity and a four-quadrant gating system, for a faster trip. As part of this project, the Sepulveda Station will be rebuilt as an elevated station.
- b. **Presentation about the G Line Sepulveda Station First/Last Mile Project**
Background: Sharing preliminary plans. Not seeking approval, but open to feedback and suggestions.
For each station, the Plan will identify pedestrian-focused and wheel-mode-focused (bicycle, scooter, skateboard, etc.) projects that improve access to the station along specified routes called the Pathway. The pedestrian projects are located within the 1/2-mile radius of the station and wheel projects are within the 3-mile radius of the station.

4. Officer Reports

- a. President
 - A printed copy of VNNC agendas and linked files can be reviewed in a reference notebook that will be located at the Van Nuys Branch Library.
 - 60-day comment period on Draft Vision Plan for the Sepulveda Basin has started and has been extended to end on January 2nd. The 260+ page plan can be accessed from the project website: bit.ly/sepulvedabasinvp
- b. Vice-President
- c. Secretary

- d. Treasurer
- e. Parliamentarian

5. Discussion and possible action to vote to fill vacant Board seats.

- a. ANNOUNCEMENT: In accordance with Section 7F of the Bylaws, the five (5) Board seats that are currently vacant have automatically become at-large seats. The 5 seats are:
 - At-large Representative (Seat 2)
 - Non-Profit Representative (Seat 2)
 - At-large Industrial Representative (Seat 2)
 - School Representative
 - Youth Representative

(Section 7F reads: “Any time a designated seat remains unfilled for sixty (60) days after the vacancy is announced at a Board meeting, it shall automatically become an at-large seat until the next general election at which point it shall revert back to the original designation as defined in these Bylaws.”)

- b. Discussion and possible action to appoint **Sohrob Tahmasebi**, a resident of Van Nuys who has applied for and meets the qualifications for At-Large Representative (Seat 2). The candidate will be asked to give a 2-minute self-introduction, followed by questions from Board members.

<https://vnnc.org/wp-content/uploads/2023/10/2023-10-SohrobTahmasebi.png>

- 6. Discussion and potential action to approve a CIS to [CF 23-1114](#) to authorize the use of teleconferencing for Van Nuys Neighborhood Council meetings, including board meetings and committee meetings, in accordance with the rules established by Senate Bill 411 and the subsequent motion passed by the City Council on November 1, 2023. The special teleconferencing rules available to Los Angeles Neighborhood Councils are necessary in order to enable access to meetings by individuals who are unable to participate in-person and to encourage broader participation of Stakeholders who are more willing to attend when a meeting allows virtual access.

NOTE: A 2/3 affirmative vote is required by SB 411 to order for a Neighborhood Council to take advantage of teleconferencing.

- 7. **General Public Comment on Non-Agenda Items** – maximum of 2 min per stakeholder (Note that topics discussed must be within the jurisdiction of the VNNC.)

8. Consent Agenda

- a. Approve minutes from the VNNC Board meeting held on October 11, 2023.

https://vnnc.org/wp-content/uploads/2023/11/VNNC_10112023_GBM_Draft_Minutes_V2.pdf

9. Action items from the Budget and Finance Committee requiring roll call votes.

- a. Discussion and possible action to approve the September 2023 MER (Monthly Expenditure Report)

Beginning Balance	Total Spent	Remaining Balance	Outstanding	Commitments	Net Available
\$33,769.58	\$195.00	\$33,574.58	\$1,419.76	\$1,228.92	\$30,925.90

https://vnnc.org/wp-content/uploads/2023/10/VNNC_MER_092023.pdf

- b. Discussion and possible action to approve the October 2023 MER (Monthly Expenditure Report)

Beginning Balance	Total Spent	Remaining Balance	Outstanding	Commitments	Net Available
\$33,574.58	\$2,843.68	\$30,730.90	\$1,140.81	\$0.00	\$29,590.09

https://vnnc.org/wp-content/uploads/2023/11/VNNC_MER_102023.pdf

- c. Discussion and possible action to approve reimbursement to David Harari for \$120.45 for purchasing food for the October 11, 2023 General Board Meeting.

https://vnnc.org/wp-content/uploads/2023/10/VNNC_GB_FoodReceiptOct2023_DH.pdf

- d. Discussion and possible action to approve a \$500 Neighborhood Purposes Grant (NPG) for the Valley Presbyterian Annual Toy Drive, which will take place on December 16th, 2023. NPG funds will be used to provide snacks for children and their families. (NOTE: Toys are donations provided by Valley Presbyterian employees.)

https://vnnc.org/wp-content/uploads/2023/10/VPH_NPGAPP.pdf

10. Action items from the 10/25/23 PLUM Committee meeting requiring roll call votes.

- a. Discussion and possible action to approve sending a letter of support to City Planning for:

Case No. ZA-2010-2957-CU-CUB-PA2

5601 N. Van Nuys Blvd. (NW Corner of Van Nuys & Burbank)

The **Applicant, Garfield Beach CVS, LLC dba: CVS Pharmacy**, was approved for the sale and dispensing of a full line of alcoholic beverages for off-site consumption in conjunction with the operation of an approximate 14,710 square foot pharmacy, along with a drive-through pick up window for pharmacy products, in the C2-1VL under Case No. ZA-2010-2957(CUB)(CU) on **March 8, 2011**. Subsequently, the Applicant filed a Plan Approval Application, which was approved in 2016 under Case No. ZA-2010-2957(CUB)(PA1). The Applicant **now submits this current Plan Approval Application to renew its existing CUP** (Conditional Use Permit) for the continued sale and dispensing of a full line of alcoholic beverages for off-site consumption at an existing CVS Pharmacy located at 5601 N. Van Nuys Blvd. in Sherman Oaks, CA.

Applicant has received a letter stating that the Van Nuys Vice Unit of the LA Police Department is not opposed to this application.

https://vnnc.org/wp-content/uploads/2023/10/PD-ltr-of-Support_CVS-5483-Sherman-Oaks_9.25.23.pdf

Digital copies of project documents can be found at:
<https://planning.lacity.org/pdiscaseinfo/caseid/MjY4MDUy0>

(In box on top right of screen, review approved documents related to past applications. Click on “Initial Submittal Documents” to find links to documents related to current application.)

- b. Discussion and possible action to approve submission of a CIS to Council File 21-1230 regarding rezoning proposed under the City’s Housing Element, with language similar to the following motion suggested by VANC, Valley Alliance of Neighborhood Councils:

The Housing Element and Community Plan Updates have plenty of zoning opportunities in commercial corridors, public lands and through Adaptive Reuse to meet state mandates. There is no need to rezone, through overlays or other zoning devices, R1 zones or sensitive, rent stabilized multi-family housing. The Van Nuys Neighborhood Council opposes the Housing Element’s proposed rezoning and densification of R1 and multi-family neighborhoods beyond what SB9 and ADU laws allow.

Brief background: <https://vnnc.org/wp-content/uploads/2023/10/Issues-related-to-Housing-Element-Lake-Balboa-Handout-.pdf>

Key Facts: The State Regional Housing Needs Assessment (RHNA) target for the periods 2021-2029 mandates that **LA must zone for 486,379 housing units**. Current zoning provides for 230,964 housing units. **Rezoning must allow for an additional 255,000 housing units by 2029**. The current Housing Element has provided for rezoning for **1,400,000 housing units – OVER 5 TIMES THE MANDATE**.

For more about the City of LA Housing Element Rezoning Program, use the following link:
<https://planning.lacity.org/plans-policies/housing-element-rezoning-program#strategies>

11. Report from the Outreach Committee
 - a. Status of Delano Recreation Center Holiday event.
 - b. Support for Homeless Count on January 23rd – recruitment of volunteers and possible provision of refreshments.
12. Discussion and possible action to file two CISs to support motions made by Imelda Padilla on November 29th regarding reporting on airport communication and engagement with the community relating to the Vision Study and criteria for the development of a new Specific Airport Plan for the Van Nuys Airport (VNY).
 - a. The motion in CF 23-1338 asks the Council to instruct Los Angeles World Airports (LAWA), in consultation with the Planning Department, to prepare a report with recommendations in 30 days on several items concerning the progress, community engagement and planned steps to complete the Van Nuys Airport (VNY) Vision Study. See copy of motion at:
<https://vnnc.org/wp-content/uploads/2023/12/Motion-Padilla-request-feedback-on-community-engagement-in-Vision-Plan-CF.-29-23.pdf>

Link to Council File:

<https://cityclerk.lacity.org/lacityclerkconnect/index.cfm?fa=ccfi.viewrecord&cfnumber=23-1338>

b. The Motion in CF 23-1339 requests that the Planning Department “in consultation with Council District 6 as Committee Chair responsible for the formation and/or operation of the Van Nuys Airport Specific Plan Citizens Advisory Committee, to convene the necessary Citizens Advisory Committee meetings that will serve to provide input during all phases of the development process of the Van Nuys Airport Specific Plan and its relevant studies; and which will include at least one local resident/stakeholder from, but not limited to, Council Districts 2, 3, 4, 5, and 6; and provide an option for Council District office staff participation.” The motion also outlines a number of specific steps that must be taken in developing the Van Nuys Airport Specific Plan (which will replace the previous 18-year old plan).

See copy of motion:

https://vnnc.org/wp-content/uploads/2023/12/Motion-Padilla-regarding-specific-plan-for-Van-Nuys-Airport-CF-23-1339_mi.-29-23.pdf

Link to Council File:

<https://cityclerk.lacity.org/lacityclerkconnect/index.cfm?fa=ccfi.viewrecord&cfnumber=23-1339>

NOTE: These motions are related to the PLUM Recommendation in June that a CIS be filed to support a Raman motion requiring reporting on various issues related to planning for the Van Nuys Airport. Those reports were not provided to the City Council. Padilla’s motions are much more specific about the response required.

13. Discussion and possible action to determine whether the VNNC General Board Meeting in February should be held on February 14th (the second Wednesday) or February 28th.

14. Discussion and possible action to approve the appointment of Hakop Azatyan to be the VNNC representative on the DWP MOU Oversight Committee. (The previously appointed rep Myrra Bolla has resigned from the role of VNNC rep on the DWP Committee.)

15. Discussion and possible action to approve establishment of two new VNNC Committees.

a. Public Safety, Human Services, and Animal Welfare Committee.

This committee will consider issues and action items that can enhance personal safety of residents, safety of neighborhoods, support for local police, support for City initiatives to help people move from living on the streets into interim housing (including Inside Safe, Circle, and Council Office activities), and support activities to improve the welfare of feral animals.

b. Parks, Public Spaces, and Sustainability Committee

This committee will consider issues and action items that can improve the cleanliness and visual environment in Van Nuys, encourage greater use of reporting through 311, increase

open space, enhance the tree canopy, and support initiatives to preserve and increase natural resources (such as native plants, groundwater storage, etc.) and address climate change.

16. Updates on unresolved topics

- a. Waiting for response from DONE and City Attorney regarding issue that led to the resignation of Studio City NC members.

17. Identification of topics Board members would like to discuss at a future meeting.

18. Adjournment

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Neighborhood Council Board Member Oath

I pledge to represent my neighborhood with dignity, integrity, and pride.
 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.