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Van Nuys Neighborhood Council General Board Meeting AGENDA

Wednesday, July 10, 2024
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
Sylvan St.)

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Comments from the public on agenda items will be heard only when the respective item is being considered. Comments from the public on other matters not appearing on the agenda that are within the Board's jurisdiction will be heard during the General Public Comment period. Please note that under the Brown Act, the Board is prevented from acting on a matter that you bring to its attention during the General Public Comment period; however, the issue raised by a member of the public may become the subject of a future Board meeting.

A reminder to those attending: during Public Comment you may hear colorful language that some might find offensive. The Van Nuys Neighborhood Council has no ability to control or regulate the content of speech that is protected under the 1st Amendment.

Public comment is limited to a maximum of 2 minutes per speaker per item with a maximum of 10 minutes total per meeting, unless adjusted by the presiding officer of the Board. **Actual time for each comment will be recorded in 30 second increments (i.e., 30 sec., 1 min., 90 sec., 2 min.).**

Stakeholders are asked to respect the timekeeper when you are alerted that your time has expired.

Van Nuys Neighborhood Council Boardmembers are reminded not to cut off, interrupt, or otherwise engage with Stakeholders during their allotted time for Public Comment.

Speakers shall limit their comments to matters relevant to the item on the agenda. The Chair may rule that the speaker is out of order if the comments are not germane to the item under consideration.

Speakers shall direct their comments to the Board (not to an individual).

Stakeholders are welcome to offer comments -- both during General Public Comment and Public Comments on specific agenda items -- but the Van Nuys Neighborhood Council requests that Stakeholders do not disrupt the meeting for other Stakeholders in attendance. We ask that Stakeholders refrain from calling out or participating in behavior that would disrupt the Board Meeting of the Van Nuys Neighborhood Council. Stakeholders will be given an initial warning. There may be two additional warnings before the stakeholder is asked to leave the meeting due to disruptions of the meeting.

All public comments must be made into the microphone at the lectern to facilitate the capture of a clear recording of the meeting.

1. Roll Call and Pledge of Allegiance

2. Reports from Government officials:

a. **Report from LAPD Van Nuys Division** - <https://vnnc.org/resource/>

b. **Report from LAFD**

c. **Reports from other Government officials (2 min each)**

NOTE: Board questions and public comments will take place after all government official reports have been made.

- Council District 2 – Arus Grigoryan arus.grigoryan@lacity.org 818-210-1504 (cell)
- Council District 4 –
- Council District 6 – Brian Patton brian.patton@lacity.org Office: (818) 778-4999, Cell: (818) 270-1931
- Department of Neighborhood Empowerment (DONE) – Alfonso Manzo alfonso.manzo@lacity.org
- Mayor’s office – Betsaira Aguilera betsaira.aguilera@lacity.org (213) 257-0224
- Metro staff report on upcoming July 24 (virtual) and 31 (in-person at MidValley YMCA) public meetings about the status of the East SFV Light Rail Transit Project.
- Los Angeles County 3rd District (Lindsay Horvath) –
- Assembly District 46 (Jesse Gabriel) – Clarissa Gomez Clarissa.Gomez@asm.ca.gov
- Senate District 20 (Caroline Menjivar) –

- California Congressional District 29 – Laura Juarez
laura.juarez@mail.house.gov

4. Discussion and possible action to fill one vacant At-Large seat with applicant, Van Nuys resident Dalilah Perez-virgo.

Candidate Statement:

I am a proud Latina who has called Van Nuys home for over 20 years. During this time, I have witnessed the community's leaders and residents often being overlooked by those in power. My extensive experience working for the City of Los Angeles and various community programs in Van Nuys has equipped me with a deep understanding of our neighborhood's unique challenges and opportunities. I am committed to bringing practical solutions and innovative ideas to the table to ensure that every voice in our community is heard and valued. Joining the Neighborhood Council would allow me to advocate effectively for the needs of Van Nuys and work towards a brighter future for all its residents.

5. Officer Reports

- a. President
 - A printed copy of VNNC General Board Meeting agendas and linked files can be reviewed in a reference notebook that will be located at the Van Nuys Branch Library.
 - For information on upcoming local events and services, look under the Events list on the right side of the homepage of the vnnc.org website and on the calendar.
 - Openings for a Homeless Liaison, 2 Budget Representatives, and a Regional Grievance Panelist
 - Status of Board vacancies and request to distribute Board recruitment flyers.
- b. Vice-President
- c. Secretary – Mr. Hendry has resigned from the role of Secretary. To be discussed under Item xx.
- d. Treasurer
- e. Parliamentarian

6. **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.)

7. Consent Agenda

Approve draft minutes from the following VNNC Board Meetings

- a. June 12, 2024 GBM Minutes

8. Action items from the Budget and Finance Committee requiring a roll call vote.

- a. Discussion and possible action to approve the May MER
https://vnnc.org/wp-content/uploads/2024/06/VNNC_MER_May2024.pdf
- b. Discussion and possible action to approve a Neighborhood Purposes Grant of \$4000 for Van Nuys Community Elementary School to update two murals on the school's campus.
<https://vnnc.org/wp-content/uploads/2024/07/NPG-applic-from-Van-Nuys-ES-061224-signed.pdf>

9. Action items from the Public Safety, Human Services, and Animal Welfare Committee requiring a roll call vote.

- 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 street lights, in order to reduce copper wire theft and street light vandalism. See Motion on pages 7-8.
<https://cityclerk.lacity.org/lacityclerkconnect/index.cfm?fa=ccfi.viewrecord&cfnumber=24-0036>
- 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 (and ordinance becomes effective 5/27/24), though a CIS from the VNNC is still valid. See Ordinance on pages 9-11.
<https://cityclerk.lacity.org/lacityclerkconnect/index.cfm?fa=ccfi.viewrecord&cfnumber=23-1008>

10. Report from the Outreach Committee.

11. 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" (see pages 13-14).

12. Report from the PLUM Comm.

- a. Discussion and possible action to approve PLUM Chair's appointments of Brian Edelman and Ann Kalb to Board seats on the PLUM Committee.
- b. Acceptance of PLUM Chair appointment of John Hendry as a Stakeholder member of the PLUM Committee.

- 13.** Discussion and possible action to approve a CIS to support Council File 24-0490. to enact an Interim Control Ordinance (ICO) to protect Historic Preservation Zones (HPOZ) from ED 1 projects. (See Motion on page 12.)

<https://cityclerk.lacity.org/lacityclerkconnect/index.cfm?fa=ccfi.viewrecord&cfnumber=24-0490>

- 14. Discussion and possible action to appoint a new chair for the Public Safety, Human Services, and Animal Welfare Committee**
- 15. Select a Board Member to fill the Secretary position.**

VNNC Bylaws Article VI. Section 2. C

The duties of the SECRETARY are:

1. Prepare minutes for all Council and Executive Committee meetings.
2. Keep accurate records of all Board proceedings, correspondence, documents, and Council meeting attendance.
3. Coordinate the posting of agendas in accordance with the Ralph M. Brown Act, at all designated posting locations, or delegate the tasks.
4. Preserve all records, reports and other official documents, except those specifically assigned to the custody of others.
5. An Assistant Secretary is ex-Officio and is a non-voting member unless already a VNNC Director, and may be appointed or hired, subject to Board approval.

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 Board members would like to discuss at a future meeting.

18. Adjournment

THE AMERICAN WITH DISABILITIES ACT - As a covered entity under Title II of the Americans with Disabilities Act, the City of Los Angeles does not discriminate on the basis of disability and, upon request, will provide reasonable accommodation to ensure equal access to

its programs, services and activities. Sign language interpreters, assistive listening devices and other auxiliary aids and/or services, may be provided upon request. To ensure availability of services, please make your request at least 72 hours prior to the meeting you wish to attend by contacting VNNC by via email at: info@vnnc.org

SERVICIOS DE TRADUCCION - Si requiere servicios de traducción, favor de avisar al Concejo Vecinal 72 horas antes del evento. Por favor contacte a info@vnnc.org por correo electrónico para avisar al Concejo Vecinal.

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PUBLIC ACCESS OF RECORDS – In compliance with Government Code section 54957.5, non-exempt writings that are distributed to a majority or all of the board in advance of a meeting may be viewed, 6262 Van Nuys Blvd, Van Nuys, CA 91401, at our website: <http://www.vnnc.org/> or at the scheduled meeting. In addition, if you would like a copy of any record related to an item on the agenda, please contact via email: info@vnnc.org

RECONSIDERATION AND GRIEVANCE PROCESS - For information on the VNNC’s process for board action reconsideration, stakeholder grievance policy, or any other procedural matters related to this Council, please consult the VNNC By-laws. The By-laws are available at our Board meetings and our website <http://www.vnnc.org>

Notice to Paid Representatives - If you are compensated to monitor, attend, or speak at this meeting, City law may require you to register as a lobbyist and report your activity. See Los Angeles Municipal Code §§ 48.01 et seq. More information is available at ethics.lacity.org/lobbying. For assistance, please contact the Ethics Commission at (213) 978-1960 or ethics.commission@lacity.org

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.

MOTION

Street lighting is both a quality of life and public safety measure, reducing crimes by enhancing night time visibility and making our City safer to navigate after sundown. Over the past ten years, the City has seen increasing incidents of vandalism against its streetlight network which have resulted in widespread outages and extended the average repair time to restore lighting. The Bureau of Street Lighting is responsible for managing the City's network of 223,000 streetlights and has been exploring innovative ways to harden and safeguard the City's street lighting infrastructure in response to the rise in vandalism against streetlights.

In previous reports to the Council, the Bureau of Street Lighting has stated that it is piloting the use of solar-powered streetlights that would reduce the Bureau's need for copper wire and included the use of solar-powered lighting in its ten-year plan to address the increase in streetlight vandalism (C.F. 22-0600-S56). The use of solar-powered lights could reduce the costs to power the City's expansive streetlight network and minimize the impacts of vandalism due to copper wire and power theft, providing more reliability to the network.

Aside from the safety and reliability benefits that solar-powered lighting can provide, they also reduce electricity consumption and would represent significant investments in clean and green technology. As the Bureau of Street Lighting is responding to a backlog of lighting outages, it should explore the possibility of replacing existing lighting with solar-powered lighting when required to conduct repairs to lighting infrastructure in order to maximize opportunities to deploy green technology and eliminate possible inefficiencies.

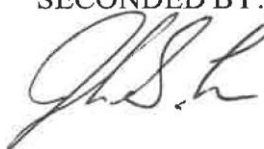
The Department of Recreation and Parks currently uses solar lighting in various parks and facilities and has been very successful in operations. The Bureau of Street Lighting should consider utilizing similar technology as a long-term replacement to move street lights to all solar, adding to our climate change goals and ensuring reliability not subject to the whims and activities of copper thieves.

I THEREFORE MOVE that the Bureau of Street Lighting be instructed to report on the feasibility of installing solar-powered lighting in streetlights when responding to lighting outages due to copper wire and power theft incidents or other maintenance issues

I FURTHER MOVE that the Bureau of Street Lighting be instructed to report on the feasibility of moving to mandatory solar-powered lighting in streetlights where feasible throughout the City .

PRESENTED BY: 
HEATHER HUTT
Councilmember, 10th District

SECONDED BY: 



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ORIGINAL

ORDINANCE NO.

An ordinance adding Subsections (f) and (g) to Section 53.15.2 of Article 3, Chapter V of the Los Angeles Municipal Code to provide a temporary moratorium on the issuance of new dog breeding permits until the dog population in the City's animal shelters is reduced and to add a severability clause.

WHEREAS, the City of Los Angeles is experiencing a dire crisis due to the overcrowding of dogs in Department of Animal Services' (Department) animal shelters, consistent with the growing overpopulation in public and private animal shelters nationwide;

WHEREAS, the current dog population in the Department's animal shelters has exceeded kennel capacity for more than a year, necessitating the doubling and tripling of dogs in single kennels and the placement of dogs in temporary hallway crates for up to months at a time, while, at the same time, increasing strain on Department staff;

WHEREAS, current shelter overpopulation is not ideal for the shelter dogs, escalates costs of animal care and control, and poses an increasing threat to public health and safety;

WHEREAS, Los Angeles Municipal Code Section 53.15.2(c) requires the Department to administer a breeding permit program for unsterilized dogs, resulting in the issuance of nearly 2,000 dog breeding permits annually, which contributes to the overpopulation of dogs in the Department's animal shelters; and

WHEREAS, a temporary moratorium on the issuance of new dog breeding permits during periods of shelter overpopulation will help reduce the population of dogs and greatly benefit the welfare of dogs in the Department's animal shelters.

NOW, THEREFORE,

**THE PEOPLE OF THE CITY OF LOS
ANGELES DO ORDAIN AS FOLLOWS:**

Section 1. Subsection (f) is added to Section 53.15.2 of Article 3, Chapter V of the Los Angeles Municipal Code to read as follows:

(0 Temporary Moratorium on the Issuance of Dog Breeding Permits.

(1)Initial Moratorium. Notwithstanding the provisions of Subsection (c) of this section, upon the effective date of this subsection, the Department shall not issue any new dog breeding permit until the three-month moving average of the daily inventory count of all dogs at the City's Department-operated

animal shelters is equal to or less than 75 percent of the Department's total dog kennel capacity. Thereafter, this initial moratorium shall be lifted and the Department shall resume issuing dog breeding permits in accordance with the provisions of Subsection (c).

(2) Intermittent Moratorium. If, anytime after the lifting of the initial moratorium in Subsection (f)(1), the three-month moving average of the daily inventory count of all dogs at the City's Department-operated animal shelters is more than 75 percent of the Department's total dog kennel capacity, an intermittent moratorium shall be imposed on the Department dog breeding permit operations for new dog breeding permits. Notwithstanding the provisions of Subsection (c) of this section, upon the imposition of an intermittent moratorium, the Department shall not issue any new dog breeding permit until the threemonth moving average of the daily inventory count of all dogs at the City's Department-operated animal shelters is equal to or less than 75 percent of the Department's total dog kennel capacity. Thereafter, the intermittent moratorium shall be lifted and the Department shall resume issuing dog breeding permits in accordance with the provisions of Subsection (c).

(3) For purposes of this subsection, "dog kennel capacity" shall mean the total number of kennels at the City's Department-operated animal shelters that are designated for the general housing of dogs, and shall not include kennels designated for temporary holding purposes such as for isolation or quarantine.

Sec. 2. Subsection (g) is added to Section 53.15.2 of Article 3, Chapter V of the Los Angeles Municipal Code to read as follows:

(g) Severability. If any provision of this section is for any reason held to be invalid or unconstitutional by a court of competent jurisdiction, such decision shall not affect the validity of the remaining provisions of this section. The City Council declares that it would have adopted this section and each and every provision not declared invalid or unconstitutional, without regard to whether any portion of the section would be subsequently declared invalid or unconstitutional

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Sec. 3. The City Clerk shall certify to the passage of this ordinance and have it published in accordance with Council policy, either in a daily newspaper circulated in the City of Los Angeles or by posting for ten days in three public places in the City of Los Angeles: one copy on the bulletin board located at the Main Street entrance to the Los Angeles City Hall; one copy on the bulletin board located at the Main Street entrance to the Los Angeles City Hall East; and one copy on the bulletin board located at the Temple Street entrance to the Los Angeles County Hall of Records.

Approved as to Form and Legality

HYDEE FELDSTEIN SOTO, City Attorney

By  _____

STEVE R. HOUCHIN
Deputy City Attorney

Date 3/14/24 _____

23-1008

File No. _____

M O T I O N (CF 24-04900)

As the Council continues to deliberate any proposed ordinance to streamline affordable housing projects by codifying Executive Directive 1 , it is of utmost importance and in the interest of the public that the City ensure that any streamlined affordable housing development project located in a Historic Preservation Overlay Zone (HPOZ) neighborhood preserve the City's HPOZ Preservation Plans and complement its historic character, inasmuch as all exterior work, including landscaping, alterations, additions, and new construction, is subject to additional Planning Department review.

In a report dated November 28, 2023, the Planning Commission recommended approval of a proposed ordinance (Council File No. 23-0623-SI) to amend the Municipal Code, to establish procedures and performance standards for administrative approval of one hundred percent affordable housing projects.

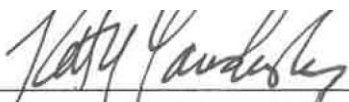
The proposed ordinance is anticipated to reduce the need for affordable housing projects to request discretionary planning entitlements, and thereby streamline their approval to address the City's housing crisis. The impact of this proposed ordinance as it relates to affordable housing development projects located in the City's 35 adopted local historic districts, also known as HPOZs, is still being debated. Similar to other zoning overlays, HPOZs provide an additional layer of land use regulatory control.

To preserve the character of HPOZ neighborhoods, the Planning Department must ensure that any streamlined one hundred percent affordable housing project is not out of scale, and foremost that it is in compliance with HPOZ Preservation Plans.

I THEREFORE MOVE that the Council instruct the Planning Department, in consultation with the City Attorney, to prepare and present a citywide Interim Control Ordinance (ICO) within 30 days to impose temporary regulations restoring the existing HPOZ discretionary review process on the issuance of permits associated with any demolition, building, use of land, grading, and other applicable permits for the new construction of one-hundred percent affordable housing projects that are currently subject to a ministerial approval process located in a Historic Preservation Overlay Zone (HPOZ) neighborhood, and thereby ensure compliance with HPOZ Preservation Plans.

I FURTHER MOVE that the ICO include an Urgency Clause, making it effective upon publication, and consistent with California Government Code S65858, the ICO shall run for 45 days, with a IQ-month and 15 day extension by Council Resolution, and can be further extended for an additional 1 year, or until the adoption of the appropriate land use regulatory controls have been prepared by the Planning Department, adopted by the Council and become effective, whichever occurs first.

PRESENTED BY:


 KATY YAROSLAVSKY
 Councilwoman 5th District
 Seconded by Hutt, 10th

John Hendry's 20 Legacy Items for VNNC

—Wildflowers on Sepulveda Dam

—ValleyVue hiking path on the north-south Sepulveda Dam berm

—“Calatrava style” bridge across 405

(An east-west single steel cable span that works like a sundial—as it runs east-west across the road—Redding, CA has one and it's popular tourist attraction)

—Sepulveda Dam—LA River interpretive plaza for “Friends of River”

—Van Nuys Plaza (mural to help manage on bank —across from Braude Plaza—saving “Western Wear” which was Van Nuys' first building in 1911 as Bank of Van Nuys

—Walking Tour of Van Nuys

(Hendry has done tour—considering a San Fernando tour (in cooperation with Museum San Fernando Valley)

—Return of the Christmas Angels—The 1950-1980 Bethlehem Star Parade led to 150 6' high Christmas angels posted on VN Bl light standards (can't find more than 3 today)

—Saving the BANK of AMERICA

With it's Millard Sheets mural, a “Van Nuys at 50” diorama of Van Nuys and the Indians to “Van Nuys goes into space”.

—the Whitsett legacy. William p Whitsett. , cofounder of Van Nuys, gave 2 unique buildings, Van Nuys' 10 story building used by CHAMPS, and a high art building on Archwood to oversee the Vons—Butler Brothers shopping center—(now “99 Cent Store—Adrays”).

—Sylvan St corridor (from Kester to Hazeltine). Unique 1920's corridor needing signage For 1926 Library, 1935 Post Office, 1911 Bank of Van Nuys, a 1915“first settlers' house)

—First Christian Science Church—Hamlin St Cedros—beautiful Southern California casual style (theatrical seating)church in need of preservation

—/Cedros trees lining street

Dating from the 1911 founding of Van Nuys, the trees lined the back side of the Whitley Mansion, the baronial home of HJ Whitley who founded Van Nuys.

—Restoring and preserving Sherman Way’s palms and pines.
Planted from 1911 onward to flank the Valley’s Great Boulevard, the palms and pines needed a Valley-wide sprucing up—special sidewalks, tree cutouts, signage.

—Turning the 1970’s US Post Office into a Van Nuys Mercado/-an open interior place for incubator restaurants for all those judges? Jurors, attorneys, LAPD officers, city planners, city employees all could lunch there.

—Honoring the Tongva (“First Nations”) with signage commemorating Pacoima Wash, Tujunga Wash, Cahuenga Pass, Topanga Canyon as named historic sites named for “first citizens”.

—The Mulholland Drive Centennial Car Rally”. 2024 marks the “centennial of Mulholland Drive”—“What better
Than all of us, riding in the back of a classic 55 Thunderbird, 65 Mustang, or whatever down Mulholland Drive???

What dreams we should have done

What little we’ve done with our time.