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Van Nuys Neighborhood Council Special Joint Board Meeting of the Van Nuys Neighborhood Council and the VNNC PLUM Committee

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AGENDA

February 26, 2025

7:00 - 8:00 p.m.

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

On the Civic Center Plaza

This meeting is noticed as a Special Joint Meeting of the Van Nuys Neighborhood Council and the PLUM Committee, called by the President, because there may be a majority of neighborhood council board members present in a number sufficient to take board action. Any action taken at this meeting will only be an action of the PLUM Committee present and not an action of the Van Nuys Neighborhood Council as a body.

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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).

Chair of PLUM Committee: Quirino de la Cuesta

Board appointed members of PLUM Committee: John Hendry, Kathy Schreiner, Ann Kalb and Cyle Zezotarski

Committee stakeholder members: none

1. Roll Call and Pledge of Allegiance
2. Comments from the PLUM Chairperson.
3. Discussion: **Los Angeles Conservancy to discuss with PLUM committee in advocacy, education and action for Van Nuys area:** . Representative of the LA Conservancy will discuss their organization on preservation . Supporting links: <https://www.laconservancy.org/>
4. Discussion: **Old Bargain Book Store** - Discussion on the status of the Old Bargain Book Store on 14426 Friar St. in nomination of the Old Bargain Book Store for historical landmark status for protection. Supporting documents: See petition letter below & this [link](#), [HPLA info](#) (link),
5. Discussion: **Nomination list for Historical status protection in Van Nuys.** In coordination with LA City Planning Department in updating the South East Valley Community Plans, PLUM is working in creating a list of buildings and places to nominate and possible action in preservation by designating as a historical and cultural monument to the community. Supporting link: [List of address for possible historical status.](#)
6. Announcement and possible discussion: **RAP 2025 Park Needs Assessment.** Discussion on the Citywide Park Needs Assessment program sponsored by Department of Parks and Recreation. Link: [Parks Needs Assessment](#)

7. Committee's planning resources list and topic of discussions (if time allowed):

- [New Zoning code](#) - modern and efficient zoning system to be more responsive to the needs of Los Angeles's neighborhoods, in addition to being easier to use.
- [Orange \(G\) Line Transit Neighborhood Plan \(OLTNP\)](#) - Long range planning
- [South East Valley Community Plans Update](#) - Updating regional community plans
- [Transit Oriented Community Incentive Program](#) - Housing element program
- [Transit Demand Management](#) - Mobility and transit tools
- [Landscape and Site Design Ordinance](#) - design point system program for Pedestrian-First Design, 360 Degree Design and Climate-Adapted Landscape and Site Design - [DRAFT](#)
- [Healthy Streets LA](#) - Bike and Pedestrian Infrastructure legislation passed by voters.
- [City Housing Incentive Plan \(CHIP\)](#) - housing element rezoning program
- [East San Fernando Valley Transit Corridor \(ESFVTC\)](#) - construction updates
- [Sepulveda Transit Corridor](#) - Planning stage
- [G-Line Improvements Project](#) - Start of Construction in August
- [Survey LA](#) - Historical Preservation
- [Sepulveda Basin Vision Plan](#) - Sepulveda Basin vision plan final draft
- [Van Nuys City Property - Council File 22-1485](#) - City council file to research in repurposing 5 city-owned property in Van Nuys, near Van Nuys Civic Center.
- [Urban Forestry](#) (Tree protection) - [Urban forestry report](#).
- [Ruth Bader Ginsburg Memorial](#) - Purposed memorial at Van Nuys Civic Center
- [Ad Hoc Olympics](#) - Website for Sepulveda Basin Park
- VNNC Planning Summit Part II announcement

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

13. Committee topics to bring at the next meeting.

14. Adjournment

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(Agenda item #4 - draft petition to save Old Van Nuys Bargain Book)

**Subject: Save the Old Bargain Bookstore
(14426 Friar Street) in Van Nuys, CA**

To: Mayor Karen Bass, Councilwoman Imelda Padilla, government and planning officials,

WHEREAS, the community of Van Nuys is beginning to experience significant growth and development while updating our community plans to ensure sustainable development that aligns with the needs of residents and businesses while also preserving the area's rich history;

WHEREAS, the Old Bargain Bookstore is more than just a building—it is a piece of Van Nuys' history and cultural heritage, representing decades of cherished memories and a commitment to community values.

WHEREAS, the bookstore has long been a landmark in our neighborhood, fostering a love of reading and learning while serving as the only bookstore in the area, making it an integral part of Van Nuys' identity;

THEREFORE, we urge the City of Los Angeles to take action to designate the Old Bargain Bookstore at 14426 Friar Street in Van Nuys as a protected historic building to prevent any major alterations, construction, or demolition.

Protecting the Old Bargain Bookstore is not just about saving a building; it is about honoring the stories, connections, and history that have defined our community for decades.

Sincerely,

Signatures: