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Van Nuys Neighborhood Council



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General Board Meeting
Wednesday, July 13, 2022
7:00PM

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1. Roll Call – Pledge of Allegiance

2. Appointment of a VNNC Parliamentarian

3. Reports from Government officials: (2 mins each)

- a. LAPD Van Nuys Division - <https://vnnc.org/resource/>
- b. Department of Neighborhood Empowerment (DONE) - Lorenzo Briceno
lorenzo.briceno@lacity.org (213) 978-1551
- c. Council District 2 –Cairo Rodríguez cairo.rodriguez@lacity.org 818-755-7676
- d. California Congressional District 29 - Osvaldo Ramirez osvaldo.ramirez@mail.house.gov
- e. Assembly District 46 - Lilly Sarafian (818) 376-4246 lilly.sarafian@asm.ca.gov
- f. Council District 4 – Ryan Ahari ryan.ahari@lacity.org 213-473-7004
- g. Council District 6 – Sophia Soudani (818) 778 4999 sophia.soudani@lacity.org
- 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. Senate District 18 - Edwin Amaya Edwin.Amaya@sen.ca.gov (818) 901-5588
- k. Parks and Recreation Department - Thomas Ortiz (Facility Director, Van Nuys Rec Center) and Oscar Cardenas (Facility Director, Delano Rec Center)
- l. LAUSD Board District 3 - Tammy Ramirez tammy.ramirez@lausd.net (213) 241-8333
- m. LAUSD Board District 6 – Michael Menjivar michael.menjivar@lausd.net 213-241-6388

4. Consent agenda:

- a) Approval of March and June 2022 General Board meeting minutes.
https://vnnc.org/wp-content/uploads/2022/07/VNNC_GBM_Draft_Minutes_04132022_rev.pdf
https://vnnc.org/wp-content/uploads/2022/07/VNNC_GBM_Draft_Minutes_06082022_rev.pdf
- b) PLUM recommends sending a letter of support to the Planning Department for the proposed project at **15350 W. Sherman Way. Case No. ZA-2021-10540-CUW**. Proposed installation of a new rooftop wireless telecommunication facility. T-Mobile is requesting a CUP allowing installation of 9 antennas and 9 RRUs, 1 Microwave dish, 4 equipment cabinets, FRP screening, and 1 utility H-frame. Also seeking CUP to WTP with 12 feet above roof deck in lieu of 10 feet required by LAMC section 12.21 A21. Applicant: T-Mobile West, LLC. Representative: Tony Kassas of Synergy Development Services. *Digital copies of project documents can be found at:* <https://planning.lacity.org/pdiscaseinfo/search/encoded/MjUzNjU30> (in box on top

right of screen, click on “Initial Submittal Documents” to find links to project documents).

- c) **Discussion and possible action** of recommendation from Parks, Open Space, and Environment Committee to approve submission of a CIS to support CF 22-0650 (introduced 6/1/22) to prompt a variety of City actions to maintain watering of trees during the drought. https://clkrep.lacity.org/onlinedocs/2022/22-0650_misc_6-1-22.pdf

5. Executive Reports

- a) President – (Marilyn Monroe Post Office renaming update, beginning of fiscal, Neighborhood Council elections 2023, setting retreat date and priorities)
- b) Vice President (Healthy Streets LA update)
- a) Secretary (recommendations for committee items)
- b) Treasurer

6. 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.

7. Discussion and Possible Actions to nominate a VNNC member to potentially serve on the pool for Regional Grievance Panels. Kathy Schreiner received an email from Thomas Soong of DONE on 6/14 informing her that she had been recommended by the NEA to represent VNNC in the pool of potential people to serve on Regional Grievance Panels.

8. Budget Update Discussion and Possible Actions

- a) Discussion and possible action to approve May and June 2022 MERs.
<https://vnnc.org/wp-content/uploads/2022/06/VNNC-May-2022-MER.pdf>
<https://vnnc.org/wp-content/uploads/2022/07/VNNC-June-2022-MER.pdf>
- b) Announce the submission of the VNNC 2022-2023 Administrative packet (no discussion).
https://vnnc.org/wp-content/uploads/2022/07/NCFP-AdminPacket-AnnualBudget-Gen-VNNC-2022_2023.pdf
- c) Discussion and possible action to co-sponsor the CD6 Movie night for the evening of Friday, July 29th at Delano Park by providing up to \$500 of refreshments (drinks or granola) as recommended by the Outreach Committee.
- d) Discussion and possible action to purchase collateral materials recommended by the Outreach Committee.
 - I. T-shirts - \$1000 for print shirts (up to 100 shirts)
 - II. Shopping Totes - \$350 (we can reuse the logos designed for t-shirts); this would cover an estimate of 100 shopping bags
 - III. Water Bottles - \$425 (Would cover 100 basic BPA free clear plastic logo printed bottles)

9. Discussion and Possible Action to approve the PLUM recommendation to send a letter of support to the Planning Department for the proposed project at 14606-14612 W. Sylvan St. Case No. DIR-2022-2620-TOC-HCA. Propose to remove asphalt commercial

parking lot and construct a new multi-residential building with 5 stories, 34 units + ADU, and a parking garage on the first floor with spaces for 28 autos (vs. 17 required under TOC), 4 short-term bike parking, and 31 long-term bike parking. Project is using TOC Program Tier 3. Requesting density bonus to build 34 units (with 4 units designated for extremely low-income households) -- vs. allowable density of 20 units. Requesting three additional incentives: height increase of 11 ft. (from 45 ft. to 56 ft.), two side yard set-back reductions of max. of 30%, and up to 25% decrease of required open space. Applicant: Jonathan Azal, Sylvan Tower LLC. Representative: Armin Gharai, GA Engineering Inc. *Digital copies of project documents can be found at: <https://planning.lacity.org/pdiscaseinfo/search/encoded/MjU2NzMy0> (in box on top right of screen, click on "Initial Submittal Documents" to find links to project documents).*

10. VNNC Committee reports:

- a) Beautification
- b) Public Safety
- c) Parks, Open Space, and Environment Committee
- d) Government Relations and Bylaws Committee
- e) Education Committee
- f) Outreach Committee: Zoom Backdrop, Logo - Danielle
- g) PLUM Committee

11. Discussion and Possible Action to approve the Recommendation from Parks, Open Space, and Environment Committee – for the VNNC to approve sending the following letter in support of planting native trees in Van Nuys to lead staff at the City of LA Urban Forestry Division Rachel Malarich, Hector Banuelos, and Stephen Duprey, David Miranda, and Councilmembers Martinez, Krekorian, and Raman:

Whereas Los Angeles faces a biodiversity crisis wherein over 90% of local butterflies, songbirds, and other pollinators have disappeared in the last century due to the replacement of local flora with non-native plant and tree species, and

Whereas native landscaping plants and trees can thrive in our urban environment while providing all the benefits non-native trees can offer in terms of canopy shade to offset the heat island effect, beauty, and shade comfort for humans, while providing the only path to sustainability for biodiversity, water and energy savings, and elimination of soil amendment runoff pollution,

Therefore, the Van Nuys Neighborhood Council appeals to the County and City of Los Angeles, all applicable government agencies, public-private partnerships, and private parties planting in public space to discontinue the practice of planting non-native landscaping plants and trees except in situations where plants and trees are designed to produce food for human consumption or provide a designated recreational playing field, and henceforth these same parties only plant 100% California native landscaping plants and trees within Los Angeles County and City, and specifically within the stakeholder boundaries of the Van Nuys Neighborhood Council.

12. Adjournment

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Neighborhood Council Board Member Oath

We 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.