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Van Nuys Neighborhood Council



Van Nuys Neighborhood Council
Special Joint Meeting
Van Nuys Neighborhood Council
and the VNNC PLUM Committee
Thursday, March 23, 2023
at 7:00 p.m.

Zoom meeting online or by telephone
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In Conformity With The September 16, 2021 Enactment Of California Assembly Bill 361 (Rivas) And Due To Concerns Over Covid-19, PLUM Committee Meeting Of Van Nuys Neighborhood Council Will Be Conducted Telephonically And Internet Based Via Zoom.

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.

AB 361 Updates -

Public comment cannot be required to be submitted in advance of the meeting; only real-time public comment is required. If there are any broadcasting interruptions that prevent the public from observing or hearing the meeting, the meeting must be recessed or adjourned. If members of the public are unable to provide public comment or be heard due to issues within the Neighborhood Council’s control, the meeting must be recessed or adjourned

Interim Chair of PLUM Committee: Kathy Schreiner

Board Members of PLUM Committee: Brian Edelman, Jennifer Febré, John Hendry, Richard Marks.

Stakeholder Members: Jeffrey Lynn, Quirino de la Cuesta

1. Welcome, Pledge of Allegiance, and Roll Call.
2. Chair’s Remarks
3. Minutes for previous meetings will be reviewed for approval at the next meeting.
4. Discussion and possible action to recommend that the VNNC write a letter of support for:

Case No. DIR-2022-5107-TOC-SPR-VHCA.

6728 N. Sepulveda 91411 & 6715 N. Columbus Ave. 91405

Proposing new construction on vacant site of a 268,229 sq. ft., 405-unit apartment development (including 41 affordable units for Extremely Low Income) in a 6-story, 66-foot building with 2.83 to 1 FAR, 32,813 sq. ft. open space, 556 vehicular spaces, and 194 bike spaces. TOC Tier 3. Specific actions requested from City include (1) Pursuant to TOC Guidelines, seeking additional incentives for increase height (up to 22 ft.) and reduction of open space (by up to 25%); and (2) seeking Site Plan Review approval for a multi-family residential building with more than 50 units.

Applicant: Leon Benrimon, Uncommon Developers.

Agent/Representative: Alix Wisner, Ambruster Goldsmith & Delvac LLP.

Digital copies of project documents can be found at:

<https://planning.lacity.org/pdiscaseinfo/caseid/MjU5Mjkw0>

(in box on top right of screen, click on "Initial Submittal Documents" to find links to project documents)

5. General Public Comment on Non-Agenda Items (2 min per stakeholder).
6. Report on request for update from City Planning Department on general plans to revitalize and refurbish Van Nuys Blvd (including potential rezoning and implementation of Housing Element)
7. Discussion and possible action to recommend that the VNNC endorse the new 5-year MOU (Memorandum of Understanding) between Neighborhood Councils and the Department of Water and Power.

In February, the LADWP-NC MOU Renewal was approved. According to Tony Wilkinson, long-time member of the Panorama City NC and Chair of the NC-DWP MOU Oversight Committee, "This longstanding MOU is the ONLY formal agreement between a city department and individual Neighborhood Councils for transparent two-way communications, advance information, and local representation."

Each Neighborhood Council is requested to agendaize its own participation in the MOU and submit its action to LADWP on a Board Action Certificate (BAC). Each Neighborhood Council should also name its own DWP Representative (who does not necessarily need to be a Board member), along with an Alternate Representative. The NC can choose the way to name a representative (e.g., by Board action or by appointment by the President or by the executive committee). Please send copies of BACs and messages appointing representatives to:
LADWP -- Stephanie Spicer <Stephanie.Spicer@ladwp.com>
NCMOU -- Tony Wilkinson <tonyw.civic@gmail.com>
Advocacy Cmte -- Jack Humphreville <JackH@targetmediapartners.com>

The new MOU is posted at www.ladwp.com/neighborhoodcouncils.

8. Discussion and Possible Action regarding suggestions from John Hendry
 - a. Designation of Chandler Bl, Sherman Way as "cultural landmarks" First "sign the streets". Then have CITY do "study group approach".
 - b. City signage for Pacoima Wash, Tujunga Wash. by extension, to other Tongan named places/-Topanga, Cahuenga—and for Horace Bell's Bell Canyon.
 - c. Work with the City to explore the possibility of setting up a display of historical Van Nuys photos in a public area of the Braude Center.
 - d. Identify historic buildings on Van Nuys Blvd. that Metro and/or the City should consider for preservation.
9. 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.