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Van Nuys Neighborhood Council General Board Meeting AGENDA

Wednesday, August 9, 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
Sylvan St.)

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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.

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).

1. Roll Call and Pledge of Allegiance

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

- a. LAPD Van Nuys Division - <https://vnnc.org/resource/>
- b. Council District 2 –Cairo Rodríguez cairo.rodriguez@lacity.org 818-755-7676
- c. Council District 4 – Ryan Ahari ryan.ahari@lacity.org 213-473-7004
- d. Council District 6 – TBD
- e. Department of Neighborhood Empowerment (DONE) – Alfonso Manzo
alfonso.manzo@lacity.org
- f. Mayor’s office – Michelle Vergara michelle.vergara@lacity.org (213) 400-9816
- g. Los Angeles County 3rd District (Lindsay Horvath) –
- h. Assembly District 46 (Jesse Gabriel) – Alberto Vargas alberto.vargas@asm.ca.gov
818-346-4521
- i. Senate District 20 (Caroline Menjivar) – Jasmin Hernandez jasmin.hernandez@sen.ca.gov
- j. California Congressional District 29 - Osvaldo Ramirez osvaldo.ramirez@mail.house.gov

3. Officer Reports

- a. President
- b. Vice-President
- c. Secretary
- d. Treasurer
- e. Parliamentarian

4. 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.)

5. Consent Agenda

- a. Approve minutes from the June 14th and July 12th General Board meetings.

https://vnnc.org/wp-content/uploads/2023/08/VNNC_GBM_Draft_Minutes_06142023_Final.pdf

https://vnnc.org/wp-content/uploads/2023/08/VNNC_GBM_Draft_Minutes_07122023_Final.pdf

6. Discussion and possible action to vote to fill the vacant seat for Resident Representative Zone 1 with applicant Brian Edelman.

<https://vnnc.org/wp-content/uploads/2023/08/2023-08-Edelman1.png>

<https://vnnc.org/wp-content/uploads/2023/08/2023-08-Edelman2.png>

7. Discussion and possible action to approve the recommendation from the PLUM Committee (6/28 meeting) to provide a letter to the Planning Department in support of the following new multifamily housing project:

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, review approved documents and then click on “Initial Submittal Documents” to find links to additional project documents)

8. Discussion and possible action to consider revising the Board’s action at its meeting on July 27th to assign individuals to fiscal roles identified in the Administrative Packet. (Individuals who fill these roles must have Fiscal Officer training.) The following assignments were made on July 27th:
 - * Second Signer (of Board Action Certification (BAC) forms): Kathy Schreiner
 - * Alternate Signer: Maduka Nkuku
 - * First Cardholder: Brian Patton
 - * Second Cardholder: Kathy Schreiner
9. Discussion and possible action to select chairs for the Committees that are required by the VNNC Bylaws. See attached Article VII of the VNNC Bylaws regarding committees.
 - a. Executive Committee – no action needed. Members are the President, Vice President, Secretary, Treasurer, and Parliamentarian. President chairs.
 - b. Budget & Finance Committee
 - c. Outreach Committee
 - d. Planning and Land Use Management (PLUM) Committee
10. Setting Focus for the VNNC in 2023-24
 - a. Discussion and possible action to identify Key Issues for the VNNC to address in FY 2023.

- b. Discussion and possible action to identify committees to address Key Issues. (Note: The VNNC’s Standing Rules, which have not been modified since 2018, list the following committees, in addition to the required committees: Education, Public Health & Safety, Parks and Recreation Committee, and Special Committee on Policy & Education. The Standing Rules can be amended to reflect an updated list of committees.)

11. Future Board topics

- a. Discussion and possible action to file a CIS in support of CF 22-1489, which requests reports from Los Angeles World Airports (LAWA) about efforts by the Van Nuys Airport to seek input from the community on recent redevelopment projects and proposals for future community engagement.

Summary of actions from Council File and copy of original motion:

<https://vnnc.org/wp-content/uploads/2023/08/Summary-of-Council-File-22-1489-re-Van-Nuys-Airport-and-opportunity-for-co.-input.pdf>

For official Council File, use the City Clerk’s Council File Management System:

<https://cityclerk.lacity.org/m.clerkconnect/#/cfmsSearch>

Enter 22-1489 as the Council File number and click Search.

- b. Discussion of possible outreach events for VNNC.
- c. Discussion of possible Board retreat.
- d. Identification of topics Board members would like to discuss at a future meeting.

12. 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.

Section on Committees from VNNC Bylaws

Article VII COMMITTEES AND THEIR DUTIES

Section 1: Standing

Standing Committees address topics of continuing interest of the Council. They define goals, issues, and concerns for the Council, investigate possible activities to help further those goals, select appropriate actions and propose those actions to the Council for approval and funding, and implement any official action the Council approves.

All Standing Committees shall be Chaired by a VNNC Council member.

It is the responsibility of each Standing Committee to:

- A. Monitor the proposed actions of the City Council or committees, and the proposed actions, programs, projects and performances of the City departments, Councils and commissions for which each Standing Committee has subject matter jurisdiction.
- B. Invite City officials and others to Committee meetings and hear presentations on topics germane to the subject matter jurisdiction of the Committee.
- C. Consider recommending to the Council on a regular basis, positions on proposed actions of the City Council and proposed actions, programs, projects and performance of City departments.
- D. Unless otherwise stated in these Standing Rules, all Standing Committees shall meet at least once every quarter, with no less than four (4) meetings per year.

The Van Nuys Neighborhood Council shall consist of the following Standing Committees:

- A. Executive Committee - The Officers of the VNNC shall constitute the Executive Committee, which shall be responsible for the administration of the VNNC.
- B. Budget and Finance Committee – Reviews financial reports, creates annual budgets. Receives, reviews, and submits stakeholder grant applications to the Council for consideration.
- C. Outreach Committee – Works to promote and inform the community about the activities of VNNC and encourage stakeholder participation. Develops and reviews community outreach events, projects and initiatives to participate in and support.
- D. Planning and Land Use Management Committee – Oversees planning, zoning and land-use issues affecting the VNNC including proposals for new developments, zoning and planning, land entitlements, conditional use permits, special uses, alcohol license, design and policy.

Additional Standing Committees shall be listed in the Standing Rules.

Suggestions for additional Committees may come from Stakeholders or from members of the Council, and all such suggestions shall be voted upon by the Council.

Section 2: Ad Hoc

The Council may create Ad Hoc Committees as needed to deal with temporary issues. Ad Hoc Committees are advisory only, and must have a defined purpose and time frame to accomplish that purpose.

Section 3: Committee Creation and Authorization

- A. **Committee Authority** – All Committee recommendations shall be brought back to the full Board for discussion and action. Committees shall not represent an official Board position without prior Council approval.
- B. **Committee Structure** – With the exception of Executive Committee, all Standing Committees shall be comprised of at least three (3) Directors but no more than five (5) Directors and may include any interested Stakeholders. Each Director is required to be an active participating member of at least one (1) Standing Committee.
- C. **Committee Appointment** – The Board will select its Committee Chairs annually by simple majority vote by the Board members present at the General Board meeting. The selection of Committee Chairs will take place in July of each year.
 - i. If there are more than two (2) candidates and none receives a majority vote, a run-off vote by the Board shall be held immediately between the two (2) candidates receiving the highest number of votes.
 - 2. In the event of a vacancy, a new Chair will be selected by the Board by simple majority vote of the Directors present at a Board meeting. Upon termination of Committee Chair(s), all official records of the Committee will be surrendered to the Executive Committee within 30 days.
 - 3. Committee members shall be appointed by the Committee Chair, subject to confirmation by the Committee itself. Stakeholders may become voting members of a Standing Committee, except for Executive Committee.
 - 4. All committee members must complete ethics and funding training prior to voting.
- D. **Committee Meetings** – Committee meetings are subject to and shall be conducted in accordance with the dictates of the Brown Act. The Chair shall (or designate a Committee member) to keep a written record of Committee meetings and provide regular reports on Committee matters to the Council. Minutes shall be taken at every Standing Committee meeting and forwarded to a Director in a timely manner.
- E. **Changes to Committees** – The Board may establish, disband or make changes as needed to any Committee by a simple majority vote of Board members present. Any such action by the Board shall be noted in the Board meeting minutes.
- F. **Removal of Committee Chairs** – Committee Chairs serve at the pleasure of the Board and may be removed by a 2/3 majority of Board members present.

All committee work is to be reported to the Board and no actions can be taken on behalf of the VNNC without a vote by the Board.