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Van Nuys Neighborhood Council Executive Committee Meeting AGENDA

Thursday, October 19, 2023
6:00PM

Van Nuys Branch Library
Community Room
6250 Sylmar
On the Civic Center Plaza

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1. Roll Call and Pledge of Allegiance
2. Discuss preparation for Board Retreat to be held on Saturday October from 9:30 to 12:30 p.m. at the Library.
 - a. Refreshments (not to exceed \$75)
 - b. Ice breaker/getting to know each other better.
 - c. Maybe take a break for a brief tour of the branch library.
 - d. Parking options.
3. Potential topics for the agenda:
 - a. Identify Key Issues for the VNNC to address in FY 2023/2024 and identify a few key projects for initial focus/action.
Reference: Appendix A includes list of compiled VNNC Key Issues from 7/27 Special Board Meeting.
 - b. Discuss what committees need to be formed to address Key Issues.
 - c. Review key procedures for conducting VNNC business, such as preparing and posting agendas, preparing minutes, providing input on Council Files, and complying with the Brown Act.
 - d. Discuss potential scenarios for future meeting formats (e.g., all in-person meetings, hybrid meetings with both in-person and Zoom participation, and/or virtual meetings on Zoom).
 - e. Discuss what public officials to invite to speak at VNNC Board meetings.
4. General Public Comment on Non-Agenda Items (2 min per stakeholder)
(Note that topics discussed must be within the jurisdiction of the VNNC.)
5. Identification of topics Board Officers would like to discuss at a future meeting.
6. 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.

Appendix A
Initial Compilation of Key issues for VNNC to address in FY 2023/24
from 7/27 Special Board Meeting

- Address homelessness
 - ✓ Coordinate with appropriate Council Offices regarding encampments
 - ✓ Support Mayor's Inside Safe program
- Cleaner streets, medians, and parkways (area between street and sidewalk)
 - ✓ Possible community cleanups
 - ✓ Explore beautification opportunities
- Public safety
 - ✓ People want to feel safe walking in their neighborhood
- Animal advocacy
 - ✓ Spay and neuter feral cats
 - ✓ Possible support for pets of homeless
- Climate change and sustainability initiatives
 - ✓ More non-car transportation
 - ✓ More trees and native plants
 - ✓ More green space for families to use
- Increase attendance of members of the public at Board meetings
 - ✓ Find out what people in the community want and involve them
- Increase interaction with monolingual community members and share information about services/resources available from the City
- Input to Planning and Land Use decisions
 - ✓ Input to major Metro initiatives (ESFV Light Rail Transit project down Van Nuys Blvd. and Sepulveda Corridor Transit Project)
 - ✓ Affordable housing
 - ✓ City's proposed rezoning
- Build up an IT industry business sector in the Valley
- Preserve and feature the history of Van Nuys