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Van Nuys Neighborhood Council Executive Committee Meeting AGENDA

Tuesday, December 5, 2023
6:00PM

Van Nuys Branch Library
Community Room
6250 Sylmar
Van Nuys, CA 91401

On the Civic Center Plaza

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1. Roll Call and Pledge of Allegiance
2. Discussion and possible action regarding potential Items for the Agenda of the GBM (General Board Meeting) on December 13 – see separate list of items starting on page 4.
3. Logistics for December 13 General Board meeting
 - a. Food – what could we do to have a festive holiday feel?
 - b. Room setup.
4. Discussion regarding potential removal of Board Member Samuel Apikyan for consecutive absences.

President sent email to Apikyan personal email on 11/8 regarding missing Sept. and October Board meetings and October retreat without providing any notice of not being able to attend.

VNNC Bylaws Section 7: Absences

Any Director who misses three (3) unexcused consecutive Regular Board Meetings in any six (6) month period may be subject to removal by majority vote of the Board.

Absences for all Directors shall be recorded in the VNNC’s meeting minutes or other manner of Council record keeping. Upon missing the stated number of board meetings, the President shall notify the Director of his/her absences and place the removal of the Director on the agenda of the next General or Special Board meeting, scheduled and noticed as per the Brown Act, whereupon the Board shall determine the validity of the absences before taking action to remove the Director.

5. GBM meeting dates for 2024 – do we want to meet on Feb. 14 (Valentine’s Day), which is the second Wednesday in February?
6. Telephone number, Vonage account, and responsibilities to respond to voicemail messages.
7. General Public Comment on Non-Agenda Items (2 min per stakeholder)
(Note that topics discussed must be within the jurisdiction of the VNNC.)
8. Identification of topics Board Officers would like to discuss at a future meeting.
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.

Items to be Considered for Agenda of the VNNC November 8, 2023 GBM (General Board Meeting)

1. Roll Call and Pledge of Allegiance

2. Government Official Reports.

3. Presentations from Metro

a. The Orange (G) Line Improvements Construction Plan (5 min. plus Q&A)

Background: The G Line Improvements Project will upgrade the existing line with grade separations on major streets, better signal priority technology, electronic bus connectivity and a four-quadrant gating system, for a faster trip. As part of this project, the Sepulveda Station will be rebuilt as an elevated station.

b. The G Line Sepulveda Station First/Last Mile Project (10 min. plus Q&A)

Background: Sharing preliminary plans. Not seeking approval, but open to feedback and suggestions.

For each station, the Plan will identify pedestrian-focused and wheel-mode-focused (bicycle, scooter, skateboard, etc.) projects that improve access to the station along specified routes called the Pathway. The pedestrian projects are located within the 1/2-mile radius of the station and wheel projects are within the 3-mile radius of the station.

4. Board Officer Reports

5. Discussion and possible action to vote to fill vacant Board seats.

a. ANNOUNCEMENT: In accordance with Section 7F of the Bylaws, the five (5) Board seats that are currently vacant have automatically become at-large seats. The 5 seats are:

- At-large Representative (Seat 2)
- Non-Profit Representative (Seat 2)
- At-large Industrial Representative (Seat 2)
- School Representative
- Youth Representative

b. Van Nuys Resident Sohrob Tahmasebi to be considered to fill vacancy for At Large Representative seat.

10. Discussion and possible action to determine if the VNNC will choose the option of holding some meetings with virtual participation (as made possible through SB 411 and an enabling action by the City Council). Voting "yes" would permit us to hold hybrid meetings (i.e., with participation on Zoom by a few members and stakeholders who cannot attend in person), as well as to have the option to hold some 100% virtual meetings.

11. General Public Comment

12. Consent Agenda: Review/approve minutes from October 11 meeting and any necessary documentation that a quorum was not obtained on November 8th.

13. Action items from the Budget and Finance Committee requiring roll call votes.

- a. Approve September and October MER
- b. Approve reimbursement to David Harari for \$120.45 for purchasing food for the October 11, 2023 General Board Meeting.
- c. Approve a \$500 Neighborhood Purposes Grant (NPG) for the Valley Presbyterian Annual Toy Drive, which will take place on December 17th, 2023. NPG funds will be used to provide snacks for children and their families. (NOTE: Toys are donations provided by Valley Presbyterian employees.)

14. Action items from the PLUM Committee requiring roll call votes.

- a. Discussion and possible action to approve sending a letter of support to City Planning for:

Case No. ZA-2010-2957-CU-CUB-PA2

5601 N. Van Nuys Blvd. (NW Corner of Van Nuys & Burbank)

The **Applicant, Garfield Beach CVS, LLC dba: CVS Pharmacy**, was approved for the sale and dispensing of a full line of alcoholic beverages for off-site consumption in conjunction with the operation of an approximate 14,710 square foot pharmacy, along with a drive-through pick up window for pharmacy products, in the C2-1VL under Case No. ZA-2010-2957(CUB)(CU) on **March 8, 2011**. Subsequently, the Applicant filed a Plan Approval Application, which was approved in 2016 under Case No. ZA-2010-2957(CUB)(PA1). The Applicant **now submits this current Plan Approval Application to renew its existing CUP** (Conditional Use Permit) for the continued sale and dispensing of a full line of alcoholic beverages for off-site consumption at an existing CVS Pharmacy located at 5601 N. Van Nuys Blvd. in Sherman Oaks, CA.

Applicant has received a letter stating that the Van Nuys Vice Unit of the LA Police Department is not opposed to this application.

https://vnnc.org/wp-content/uploads/2023/10/PD-ltr-of-Support_CVS-5483-Sherman-Oaks_9.25.23.pdf

Digital copies of project documents can be found at:

<https://planning.lacity.org/pdiscaseinfo/caseid/MjY4MDUy0>

(In box on top right of screen, review approved documents related to past applications. Click on “Initial Submittal Documents” to find links to documents related to current application.)

- b. Discussion and possible action to approve submission of a CIS to Council File 21-1230 regarding rezoning proposed under the City’s Housing Element, with language similar to

the following motion suggested by VANC, Valley Alliance of Neighborhood Councils:

The Housing Element and Community Plan Updates have plenty of zoning opportunities in commercial corridors, public lands and through Adaptive Reuse to meet state mandates. There is no need to rezone, through overlays or other zoning devices, R1 zones or sensitive, rent stabilized multi-family housing. The Van Nuys Neighborhood Council opposes the Housing Element’s proposed rezoning and densification of R1 and multi-family neighborhoods beyond what SB9 and ADU laws allow.

Brief background:

<https://vnnc.org/wp-content/uploads/2023/10/Issues-related-to-Housing-Element-Lake-Balboa-Handout-.pdf>

Key Facts: The State Regional Housing Needs Assessment (RHNA) target for the periods 2021-2029 mandates that **LA must zone for 486,379 housing units**. Current zoning provides for 230,964 housing units. **Rezoning must allow for an additional 255,000 housing units by 2029**. The current Housing Element has provided for rezoning for **1,400,000 housing units – OVER 5 TIMES THE MANDATE**.

For more about the City of LA Housing Element Rezoning Program, use the following link:

<https://planning.lacity.org/plans-policies/housing-element-rezoning-program#strategies>

15. Report from Outreach Committee

- a. Status of Delano Rec Center Holiday event
- b. Support for Homeless Count on January 23rd – recruitment of volunteers and possible provision of refreshments

16. Discussion and possible action to file two CISs to support motions made by Imelda Padilla on November 29th regarding planning for the Van Nuys Airport

<https://vnnc.org/wp-content/uploads/2023/12/Motion-Padilla-request-feedback-on-community-engagement-in-Vision-Plan-CF--29-23.pdf>

https://vnnc.org/wp-content/uploads/2023/12/Motion-Padilla-regarding-specific-plan-for-Van-Nuys-Airport-CF-23-1339_mi.-29-23.pdf

NOTE: These motions are related to the PLUM Recommendation in June that a CIS be filed to support a Raman motion requiring reporting on various issues related to planning for the Van Nuys Airport. Those reports were not provided to the City Council. Padilla’s motions are much more specific about the response required.

17. Discussion and possible action to establish two new VNNC Committees.

a. Public Safety, Human Services, and Animal Welfare Committee.

This committee will consider issues and action items that can enhance personal safety of residents, safety of neighborhoods, support for local police, support for City initiatives to help people move from living on the streets into interim housing (including Inside Safe, Circle, and Council Office activities), and support activities to improve the welfare of feral animals.

b. Parks, Public Spaces, and Sustainability Committee

This committee will consider issues and action items that can improve the cleanliness and visual environment in Van Nuys, encourage greater use of reporting through 311, increase open space, enhance the tree canopy, and support initiatives to preserve and increase natural resources (such as native plants, groundwater storage, etc.) and address climate change.

18. ? (maybe wait until January meeting) Formalize priority issues and target projects discussed at the Board Retreat on 10/28

19. Updates on unresolved topics

a. Waiting for response from DONE and City Attorney regarding issue that led to the resignation of Studio City NC members.