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Van Nuys Neighborhood Council PLUM Committee

AGENDA

Thursday
February 22, 2024
5:00 p.m.

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

On the Civic Center Plaza

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Chair of PLUM Committee: Jarred Pina

Board Members of PLUM Committee: Brian Edelman, John Hendry, Kathy Schreiner, and Cyle Zezotarski

Stakeholder Member: Quirino de la Cuesta

1. Roll Call and Pledge of Allegiance. (First call roll for PLUM Committee members; then call roll for any other VNCC Board Members in attendance.)
2. Announcement of a Special Joint Meeting of the Van Nuys Neighborhood Council and the VNNC PLUM Committee – VNNC President Kathy Schreiner.
3. Discussion with Planning Staff about the Orange (G) Line Transit Neighborhood Plan, which is a long-range planning effort that focuses on three Metro Orange (G) Line stations: Van Nuys, Sepulveda, and North Hollywood Stations. Planning Staff will provide a detailed review of proposed plan elements. Project Website: <https://planning.lacity.gov/plans-policies/oltnp>
4. Discussion and possible action to recommend that the VNNC write a letter of support for:

Case No. ZA-2022-8047-CU

15477 Victory Blvd. (corner of Victory and Firmament) Agent: Oscar Ensafi

The **Applicant**, Astgik Harutyunyan, plans to demolish a current single family house, with detached garage, for the purpose of construction of a one-story child care facility for 99 children, ages 18 months to 6 years.

Digital copies of project documents can be found at:

<https://planning.lacity.gov/pdiscaseinfo/search/encoded/MjYyMzU20>

(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.)

5. Discussion and possible action to recommend that the VNNC write a letter of support for:

Case No. ZA-2023-7569-CUB Agent: Hana Oh

7205 N. Van Nuys Blvd.

.Applicant, Eunjoo Choi [Company: Y & J 7205, INC], is requesting a Conditional Use Permit to allow the sale and dispensing of beer and wine for on-site consumption in conjunction with an existing 1,573 sf restaurant operating from 10:00 am to 2:00 am daily. The restaurant is Otto Sushi.

Digital copies of project documents can be found at:

<https://planning.lacity.gov/pdiscaseinfo/search/encoded/MjcxNzEx0>

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6. Discussion and possible action to recommend that the Board send a letter of support for an application that the City is submitting to the Federal government for a \$25 million grant for a project that is proposed to transform the Sepulveda Basin into a more accessible, safe, and connected space for pedestrians, cyclists, and transit users, fostering greater connectivity to the many amenities within its 2000 acres.

See Appendix for more information about the proposed plan.

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 members would like to discuss at a future meeting.
9. Adjournment

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APPENDIX

Request to VNNC from Lamont Cobb, CD 6 Director of Planning:

I am reaching out to seek your support for an important initiative that promises to significantly enhance mobility, safety, and accessibility in the Sepulveda Basin area – the Sepulveda Basin GAMES Legacy Project.

In partnership with Metro, the City is applying for a U.S. Department of Transportation RAISE Grant to fund a comprehensive package of improvements. These enhancements, identified as community priorities in the Sepulveda Basin Vision Plan, include the development of a new Balboa Mobility Hub, the introduction of new signalized crosswalks, the creation of a pedestrian gateway, the redesign of the G Line Pathway, and safety and access improvements along Haskell Ave and Balboa Ave.

The project is poised to transform the Sepulveda Basin into a more accessible, safe, and connected space for pedestrians, cyclists, and transit users, fostering greater connectivity to the many amenities within its 2000 acres. The City is requesting \$25 million from the federal government to bring this vision to life. The Sepulveda Basin is an important asset to our community, and these improvements will make it more accessible to Van Nuys as well.

Councilmember Padilla hopes to work with all stakeholders as we look to refine and build out a bold vision for the Basin. Your letter of support is crucial to demonstrating the strong community and regional demand for this federal investment. Such support will be instrumental in securing the necessary funding to make these much-needed improvements a reality.

Proposed draft letter to Secretary of Transportation

Mr. Pete Buttigieg, Secretary
U.S. Department of Transportation
1200 New Jersey Ave, SE
Washington, DC 20590

February XX, 2024

Re: Support for Sepulveda Basin GAMES Legacy Project RAISE Application

Dear Secretary Buttigieg,

On behalf of [REDACTED], I write in strong support of the City of Los Angeles’ grant application for the Sepulveda Basin Games Accessibility Mobility, Equity, & Safety (GAMES) Legacy Project. As Los Angeles prepares to host athletes and visitors from around the world in 2028, the City is planning for infrastructure that

will both meet the operational needs of the event and leave a lasting legacy for host communities. This project is a critical investment in accessibility to the transit and recreational amenities in the Sepulveda Basin for surrounding neighborhoods, with an emphasis on safe pedestrian crossings, new and improved multimodal pathways, and a new mobility hub at the Balboa G Line Station serving as a gateway for visitors to the Sepulveda Basin. <<1-2 sentences explaining how your organization’s mission is related to the Sepulveda Basin.>>

The 2,000-acre Sepulveda Basin is a vital recreational and environmental resource for the 2 million residents of the San Fernando Valley. In 2021, the City of Los Angeles, the Santa Monica Mountains Conservancy, and the Mountains Recreation and Conservation Authority partnered to initiate the Sepulveda Basin Vision Plan, an extensive community planning exercise to reinvision this open space and better align its operations with the needs and desires of the local community and the larger region. Through this process, the community highlighted the fact that, while the Sepulveda Basin hosts many recreational facilities, it is oriented inward and accessible primarily by automobile despite being located immediately adjacent to a rapid transit line and surrounded by low-income communities of color. The Vision Plan identified increasing the permeability of the Basin’s perimeter as well as enhancing the safety and usability of bicycle and pedestrian pathways as a key early action to make it easier for nearby residents to access the many amenities located within. The GAMES Legacy Project is designed in direct response to this community input.

This RAISE grant would be a significant investment in safety, accessibility, and equity in the heart of the San Fernando Valley and a down payment on the community’s larger vision for a climate resilient “central park” with world-class recreational and cultural amenities. The Sepulveda Basin will be featured on the world stage in 2028 and requires new and upgraded mobility infrastructure to successfully host a car-free Olympic Games. <<Organization>> is proud to support this grant application and encourages you to give it your full consideration. If you have any questions about this support, <<contact name>> can be reached at <<phone or email>>.

Sincerely,

<<Name>>
<<Title>>
<<Organization>>