General Meeting Agenda Van Nuys NC
Van Nuys Neighborhood Council
December 11th, 2013 (Wednesday 7:00pm - Midnight)
6262 Van Nuys Blvd., Council Chambers/Multipurpose Room
Van Nuys, CA 91401

1. Call to Order & Pledge of Allegiance to the United States of America
2. Roll Call (Quorum Call)
3. Comments from the Chair -- *Speaker Cards: 2 minutes, 2 Public Comment Times. (This includes speaker cards on any and all agenda items -- a limit of 10 minutes for the entire meeting per Stakeholders and Councilmembers alike)

   a. Speech and Presentation by Los Angeles City Councilman Paul Koretz. -- (30 minutes) including the “Question & Answer” session. The VNNC is continuously reaching out and working with the local elected officials in the San Fernando Valley. By inviting the Councilman to speak and working with his office, the VNNC is forming a relationship with Mr. Koretz so as to improve the quality of life in the mid-valley.

   b. Speech and Presentation by Former Speaker of the California State Assembly Bob Hertzberg. -- (30 minutes) including the “Question & Answer” session. Speaker Hertzberg corresponded with Vice President Howard Benjamin seeking some time to present before the VNNC. The council approved his request on December 2nd, and looks forward to learning and hearing about state government.

4. Public Comment (On matters within the VNNC Board’s Jurisdiction.)
5. Secretary’s Report -- (Jon Hendry) -- Approve November Special Meeting Minutes & November Meeting Minutes

6. Treasurer’s Report -- Jeanette Hopp and/or Maria Skelton (Second Signatory) -- Approve Treasurer’s Report

7. Committee Chairperson’s Reports, Budget Advocate’s Report, Elected Officials’ Reports & Election Chair’s Report

8. New Business

   a. Address and into the possible liability issues of the chairs in the council chamber. The VNNC is seeking to solve the issue of the broken chairs in the council chamber. The VNNC has voted to fund the purchase of new chairs, and is seeking help from Councilwoman Nury Martinez’s Office, the MTA, the
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LAPD, and any other government entities that use the room on a regular basis. The VNNC needs to address this issue, and vote on an action plan. (The VNNC would like the City Attorney to come before our council and explain to us who has the liability in regards to a broken chair.)
g. UCLA Urban Planning Presentation (Quirino De La Questa & UCLA Students)
h. Update and possible action on the Van Nuys video conferencing to downtown during the Los Angeles City Council meetings. The VNNC is seeking to understand the status of Van Nuys video conferencing, and will vote on a possible letter to all of the 34 other San Fernando Valley Neighborhood Councils requesting assistance in encumbering the cost of reinstating the video conferencing.

i. Election Mailer Discussion -- The VNNC is seeking to ask the Los Angeles City Council to provide funding for a one-time election mailer for all of the 95 Neighborhood Councils. -- ACTION ITEM -- Followed by an update from Dr. Dan Wiseman on the Los Angeles Neighborhood Council Coalition (LANCC) actions during their December meeting.

j. Presidential Appointments (DWP Liasion, Public Works Liasion, etc.) -- George Christopher Thomas

k. Community Impact Statements (CIS) Training & VNNC Actions -- The VNNC is seeking to address the concerns of the community by filing and submitting Community Impact Statements. The first CIR from the VNNC will address creating a Centralized Collection System for the City of Los Angeles. The language to be adopted and addressed is as follows... “Whereas the City Controller, the Commission of Revenue Enhancement (CORE), the Inspector General and the Neighborhood Council Budget Advocates have already reviewed and estimated the presence of between $10 million to many hundreds of millions of uncollected dollars. The Van Nuys Neighborhood Council (VNNC) recommends that the Mayor, City Council and City Controller carefully review our collection process. The VNNC also recommends the creation of a Centralized Collection System.”

9. Old Business

a. The VNNC to discuss the concerns of affected residents of the proposed relocation of Fire Station 39 at the northwest corner of Vesper & Oxnard. In addition, to discuss the VNNC voting on a letter of support to be sent to the Board of Public Works and City Council, recommending that they find an alternate location for Fire Station 39. Lastly, pending approval of the previous letter, to have the VNNC vote on a second letter of support directed to the Sherman Oaks NC, asking their board to join the VNNC in supporting the residents impacted by Fire Station 39’s proposed relocation. -- ACTION ITEM --

b. Sister City Update (Amsterdam, The Netherlands) -- George Christopher Thomas

10. Public Comment

11. Adjournment

In compliance with Government Code section 54957.5, non-exempt writings that are distributed to a majority or all of the board in advance of a meeting, may be requested by emailing info@vnnc.org. Members of the public are invited to address the council on any items on the agenda prior to any action by the Council on that specific item. Member of the public may also address the board on any matter within the subject matter jurisdiction of the Council. The council will entertain such comments during the public comment period(s). Public comment will be limited to 10 minutes with 2 minutes per individual for each item addressed. The aforementioned limitation may be waived by the chairperson of the meeting. (Pursuant to Government Code Section 54954.3(b)) Members of the public who wish to address the council are urged to complete a speaker card and submit it to the President or Secretary prior to commencement of an agenda item. Cards are available at the back of the room. However, should a member of the public feel the need to address a matter while discussion of the item in progress, a card may be presented to the President or Secretary prior to final consideration of the matter. In the interest of time, All Board & Public Comments will be limited to no more than 2 minutes unless otherwise adjusted at the discretion of the President. It is requested that individuals who require the services of a translator contact the Department of Neighborhood Empowerment 24 hours prior to the meeting. Whenever possible, a translator will be provided. SI REQUIERE SERVICIOS DE TRADUCCION, FAVOR DE NOTIFICAR LA OFICINA CON 24 HORAS POR ANTICIPADO. As a covered entity under Title II of the Americans with Disabilities Act, the City of Los Angeles does not discriminate on the basis of disability and upon request, will provide reasonable accommodation to ensure equal access to its programs, services, and activities. Sign language interpreters, assistive listen device, or other auxiliary aids and/or services may be provided upon request. To ensure availability of services, please make you request at least 3 business days (72 hours) prior to the meeting you wish to attend by contacting Thomas Soong, Neighborhood Council Advocate at (866) LA HELPS.
EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE:

Sets the agenda for board meetings, receives requests, and assigns tasks.

- **GeoRGe ChRistopheR thoMAs**, CHAIRMAN
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Location: 6240 Sylmar Street, 2nd floor Community Room

SafetY:

Deals with community safety issues within the Van Nuys Neighborhood Council area.

- **josef lAzARoVitz**, CHAIRMAN

ADDITIONAL MEMBERS OF THE COMMITTEE -- (MARilyN hAVARD, PEneLOPE MEYER, JOHN hENDRY)

Location: Braude Center, 6262 Van Nuys Blvd, Room 1-A

Parks & Recreation:

Deals with issues concerning children and youth, park programs, facilities and playgrounds in the VNNC area.

- **CANDiDo MARez**, CHAIRMAN

ADDITIONAL MEMBERS OF THE COMMITTEE -- (JOHN CAMeRA, ROLAND GUEVERA, MARiAM FOgLEr (STAKEHOLDEr))

Location: Delano Recreation Center, 14100 Erwin Street, Van Nuys, CA.

Budget & Finance:

Deals with Van Nuys Neighborhood Council (VNNC) budgetary issues.

- **jeANette hopp**, CHAIRWoMAN

ADDITIONAL MEMBERS OF THE COMMITTEE -- (CANDiDo MARez, HERBeRt thoMpsoN, MARiA skEltoN, JENNifeR hUGHes (STAKEHOLDEr))

Location: TBD

Planning & Land Use:

Deals with planning, zoning and land use issues that affect the VNNC community, including proposals for new projects, zoning changes and variances, proposals for tenant improvement (T.I.) construction, building improvements and special uses, development, development of new business e.t.c.

- **jerry MARTin**, Co-CHAIR -- INDrA CicCArellI, Co-CHAIR, CReATuReteACheR1@GMAil.CoM, 818-373-4887

ADDITIONAL MEMBERS OF THE COMMITTEE -- (JOHN hENDRY, HOWARD BeNjAMiN)

Location: Braude Center, 6262 Van Nuys Blvd, Room 2B, Van Nuys, CA.

Government Relations/Rules & Bylaws:

Meetings held TBD or 2nd Wednesday of every month

Deals with citywide issues, council files, actions of city officials and departments, bylaws, rules and regulations, policies and procedures.

- **CHAIRMAN PAUL ANAND**

ADDITIONAL MEMBERS OF THE COMMITTEE -- (JEANETTE HOPP, JOHN HENDRY, JENNIFER HUGHES (STAKEHOLDER))

Outreach:

Deals with outreach to inform the VNNC community about board meetings, elections, committee meetings, projects and special events, e.t.c.

- **MARiA skELtoN**, CHAIRMAN, HERBeRtThompsoNS9@YAhoo.CoM, 818-385-5665

ADDITIONAL MEMBERS OF THE COMMITTEE -- (HERBeRt ThompsoN, CANDiDo MARez, HOWARD BeNjAMiN, RICHARD HOPP)

All calls should be after 8:30 A.M. or before 8:00 P.M. Monday through Saturday.

For Non-Emergency City Issues Dial ~ 3 1 1