

# General Meeting Agenda (VNNC)

Van Nuys Neighborhood Council

February 12th, 2014 (Wednesday 7:00pm - 11:45pm)

6262 Van Nuys Blvd -- Council Chambers @ Marvin Braude City Building

Van Nuys, CA 91401



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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)
4. Public Comment (On matters within the VNNC Board's Jurisdiction.)
5. Secretary's Report -- (Jon Hendry) -- Approve January Minutes, December Minutes & December Special 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. Appoint Quirino De La Cuesta and Paul Anand the Co-Chairs of the Ad-Hoc Beautification Committee. (This committee shall work on things such as People Street, Government Center beautification, re-doing the pergola, replacing the grass near the San Fernando statue with artificial turf, etc.)
  - b. Discuss the street cleaning and trash pick up at Leadwell and Cedros in Van Nuys. (Currently, the trash pick up and street cleaning are scheduled for the same day, and the streets do not get fully cleaned as they normally would on a non trash pick up day.) -- Candido Marez
  - c. Invite a LAPD representative to discuss safety kit packs and how they can positively impact the LAPD Van Nuys Station.
  - d. Adopt the "Code Of Civility" language supplied by DONE for all Council-members and Stakeholders alike.
  - e. MTA change in bus schedule (includes line 761). (Jerry Martin)
  - f. 6908 Vesper Avenue: Affordable Housing (Density Bonus) with two menu incentives: height and side yard. Case no.: DIR 2013-3200-DB (Garo Minassian, Architect)
  - g. Presentation from the Spay-Ship, and affiliation of the Heaven on Earth Society of Animals (Jennifer Parsignault)
  - h. Create an Art Show in Van Nuys to raise awareness of art education and its importance in our local community. (Michael Vergara)

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i. The Van Nuys Neighborhood Council is seeking to submit a “Community Impact Statement” asking CITY ZONING ADMINISTRATOR to add stipulations regarding the property at SE corner HATTERAS and SEPULVEDA -- a motel. (Property restrictions regarding prostitution and drug dealing are on the property -- and are in discussion to remain if the motel is torn down, and a better one put on the site.) That CITY or the motel owner contribute to increased DWP street lighting on the 15100 block of Hatteras - just east of Sepulveda and the motel.

j. Informational update on the VNNC “Vote By Mail” status for the March 20th election.

9. Public Comment

10. Announcements

11. Adjournment

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# COMMITTEES

**Executive:** 1st Monday of every month (or 9 days prior to the meeting at 6:30 P.M.)

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

GEORGE CHRISTOPHER THOMAS, CHAIRMAN

HOWARD BENJAMIN, VICE PRESIDENT

JOHN HENDRY, SECRETARY

JEANETTE HOPP, TREASURER

JOSEF LAZAVORITZ, PARLIAMENTARIAN

Location: 6240 Sylmar Street, 2nd floor Community Room

**Safety:** 2nd Wednesday of every month prior to VNNC general board meeting at 6:00 P.M.

Δ 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, DONALD & PRUDENCE SCHULTZ) -- MARIA SCHERZER

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

**Parks & Recreation:** 2nd Wednesday of every month prior to VNNC general board meeting at 6:00 P.M. or TBA

Δ 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, MIRIAM

FOGLER (STAKEHOLDER), MR. JAMES PIEPER)

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

**Budget & Finance:** 2nd Wednesday of the month at 6:00pm (Right before the VNNC General Meeting)

Δ 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:** 2nd Wednesday of every month prior to VNNC general board meeting at 6:00 P.M. or TBA

Δ 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 -- ADDITIONAL MEMBERS OF THE COMMITTEE -- (JOHN HENDRY, HOWARD BENJAMIN, PENNY MEYER, PAUL ANAND, MARIA SCHERZER )

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

**Government Relations/Rules & Bylaws:** Meetings held 2nd Wednesday of every month or TBA

Δ 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), JOSEF LAZAROVITZ, PENNY MEYER, DEREK WALEKO)

**Outreach:** Meetings held last Thursday of every month. (Or possibly the 2nd Tuesday of the month) or TBA

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

MARIA SKELTON, CHAIRWOMAN, HERBERTTHOMPSON69@YAHOO.COM, 818-385-5665

ADDITIONAL MEMBERS OF THE COMMITTEE -- (HERBERT THOMPSON, CANDIDO MAREZ, HOWARD BENJAMIN, RICHARD

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

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