

Van Nuys NC Retreat Agenda (VNNC)

Van Nuys Neighborhood Council
August 23rd, 2014 (Saturday 10:00am - 5:00pm)
6250 Sylmar Ave. (Van Nuys Public Library)
Van Nuys, CA 91401 -- (818) 756-8453



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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, 1 Public Comment Time. (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

6. Treasurer's Report -- Jeanette Hopp and/or Howard Benjamin (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. Required Training from the Department of Neighborhood Empowerment (DONE).

Training to touch upon funding and ethics, as well as general neighborhood council topics, including civility and the Ralph M. Brown Act. (Amber Meshack) 10:15am-12:15pm.

b. 6939 Van Nuys Blvd.: Zone Variance, Conditional Use Permit, Site Plan Review.

Requesting for a conditional use permit and zone variance for the existing 10,000 sq ft adult day center and banquet hall into a full-banquet hall and restaurant with additional 4500 sq ft in a P2 zone (parking), currently in construction. Building Permits already approved. Case no.: ZA 2014-2361-ZV-CUP-ENV (Andy Bableyan/ Business owner)

c. 5628 N Sepulveda Blvd.: Zone Variance, Conditional Use Permit, Site Plan Review.

Requesting for a conditional use permit to allow the expansion of the existing 4-story 56 ft. high hotel with a new construction of a 48,000 SF 78 room hotel within 500 ft of a residential zone and request for additional FAR & height. Case no.: ZA 2014-1435 (Aram Alajajian/Architect)

d. 14725 Sherman Way.: Zone Variance, Site Plan Review. Requesting a letter of support for a zone variance to install a 5'-6" high wrought iron fence and multiple pedestrian gates in front of existing (unoccupied) single family homes (lots 16-20, 41-45). A variance is necessary as fence is located. Case no.: ZA 2014-1975 (Ben Rocca/Richmond American Homes)

e. 6532 N. Sepulveda Blvd.: Site Plan Review. Demolition of existing 11-unit apartment building and a net increase of 57 units. Asking for feedback and possible a letter of support of the construction to more than 50 units. Case no.: DIR-2014-2092 (Boaz Miodovsky)

f. Submit a Community Impact Statement (CIS) on street vending issue. Chairman Howard Benjamin to report findings and the VNNC to vote on language for CIS.

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@vnn.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 is 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 SERVICOS 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.

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g. Resubmit the July 2012 VNNC By-Laws to the Department of Neighborhood Empowerment (DONE).

h. Funding for Congress of Neighborhood Councils event on September 20th. (NTE \$500.) Also establish a delegation to attend on behalf of the VNNC,

i. Submit a Community Impact Statement (CIS) in regards to street vending as it relates to bail bonds industry.

j. Update from Council Office in regards to special event honoring Monica Benavidez.

k. Address current posting requirements in regards to the Ralph M. Brown Act and possibly adopt new procedures. (Paul Anand)

l. Van Nuys Neighborhood Council Budget Package for fiscal year 2014-2015. The Budget Package is due by September 1, 2014. The VNNC to discuss and debate our use of government funds allocated from the City of Los Angeles. The VNNC to formally go over the required paperwork, and authorize and vote on the budget.

m. A request has been made by LA City Councilman Paul Krekorian for the VNNC to submit a Community Impact Statement (CIS) in regards to the Citywide Sidewalk Repair Program.

n. The VNNC to submit a Community Impact Statement (CIS) in regards to the Child & Sex Trafficking Summit. The VNNC will come up with legislative language for the LA City Council and our State Representatives to address this very important issue. (Councilman Josef Lazavoritz)

o. The VNNC to participate in the Libraries Transforming Communities Initiative. The Van Nuys Branch of the Los Angeles Public Library is hosting a series of community conversations to discuss our shared hopes for Van Nuys' future. Our goal is to hear from diverse voices across the community and share what we learn with leaders and decision-makers in Van Nuys. The Los Angeles Public Library's community conversations are part of an initiative to gather knowledge and engage people on issues that matter, resulting in community-driven action and impact. This effort is part of Libraries Transforming Communities, an American Library Association (ALA) program, funded by the Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation. The Los Angeles Public Library is one of 10 libraries across the country selected to take part in the Libraries Transforming Communities Public Innovators Cohort. (Kelly Tyler, Head Librarian and Van Nuys Branch Manager) 2pm-5pm.

p. Additional Items

q. Funding Requests

9. Announcements

10. Adjournment

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.

MARIA SKELTON, 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.

QUIRINO DE LA CUESTA & JERRY MARTIN, CO-CHAIRS -- 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.

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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.**

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