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Agenda Date: 08/13/2014

Item Number: Street Vending Issue

Brief Summary: On June 25th, 2014 the Van Nuys Neighborhood Council held a special committee meeting to discuss the pending Los Angeles City Council motion (CF 13-1493), which would permit the sale of food and merchandise by street vendors on city sidewalks and parkways within the city of Los Angeles.

Additional Information:

# General Meeting Agenda (VNNC)

Van Nuys Neighborhood Council

August 13th, 2014 (Wednesday 7:00-10:00pm)

6262 Van Nuys Blvd -- Van Nuys Neighborhood Council Chambers

@ Marvin Braude Building -- 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, 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)

## Board of Directors

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. 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)

b. The VNNC to fund additional chairs for the Council Chambers. (NTE \$1500)

c. The VNNC to plan and execute funding and planning for our annual retreat. The VNNC retreat to be held on Saturday, August 23rd, 2014. (NTE \$1500)

d. 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)

e. 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)

f. 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)

g. 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)

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](mailto: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 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 your 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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- h. 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.
- i. Resubmit the July 2012 VNNC By-Laws to the Department of Neighborhood Empowerment (DONE).
- j. Funding for Congress of Neighborhood Council's event on September 20th. (NTE \$500) Also establish a delegation to attend on behalf of the VNNC,
- k. Submit a Community Impact Statement (CIS) in regards to street vending as it relates to Bail bonds Industry.
- l. Update from Council Office in regards to special event honoring Monica Benavidez.
- m. Address current posting requirements in regards to the Ralph M. Brown Act and possibly adopt new procedures. (Paul Anand)

## 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.

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

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**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

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***



On June 25<sup>th</sup>, 2014 the Van Nuys Neighborhood Council held a special committee meeting to discuss the pending Los Angeles City Council motion (CF 13-1493), which would permit the sale of food and merchandise by street vendors on city sidewalks and parkways within the city of Los Angeles. It was the committee's job to develop a consensus of opinion from stakeholders and members of the business community as to their reaction to the pending legislation and to refer to the full Van Nuys Neighborhood Council its findings for an issuance of a community impact statement to the Los Angeles City Council. The meeting was attended by stakeholders, local business owners and Van Nuys neighborhood council members and the following concerns were raised at that meeting.

- 1) Nothing in the proposed bill prevents sidewalk vendors from offering like services or merchandise on the doorsteps of brick and mortar business.
- 2) Nothing in the proposed bill prevents street vendors from establishing point of sale sites on sidewalks and parkways on any city commercial or residential street.
- 3) No provisions are made to licenses or bond vendors or protect consumers.
- 4) No provisions are stipulated to enforce health codes on street food vendors.
- 5) In the case of food vendors how will waste items be disposed of, will they have their own city taxed waste receptacles or will they use city street trash cans or residential trash receptacles? (IE: food wrappers and uneaten food.)
- 6) How will these vendors be regulated, inspected and will they be issued a letter grade for cleanliness and proper food handling by the Health Department.
- 7) How will sale tax be reported and collected from street vendors?
- 8) How will the products and services sold by street vendors be regulated and policed for authenticity and quality. (IE: knock off merchandise or offering services without proper training or licenses) These are some of the concerns mentioned at that meeting .

It was the finding of that committee and then reported to the Van Nuys Neighborhood Council at the July 8<sup>th</sup> 2014 general council meeting that the special committee opposed the passage of CF 13-1493 by the Los Angeles City Council. It was then voted on by the full board of the Van Nuys Neighborhood Council that a letter of non-support and a community Impact Statement, be issued to the Los Angeles City Council. A vote was taken and the motion passed to issue a letter of non-support of CF-13-1493 by a vote of 19 in favor, none oppose.

The Van Nuys Neighborhood Council supports and encourages the business community and the associated tax revenue generated by new and established business, however until an infrastructure can be created to mitigate the above raised issues, we feel it is not in the best interest of the stakeholder and business community of Los Angeles to allow CF13-1493 to go into law.