

Contact Information

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Agenda Date:

Item Number:

Brief Summary: Van Nuys Neighborhood Council opposes the requested name change of the southern portion of Van Nuys (Oxnard St. to Burbank Blvd.) to Sherman Oaks. This move is extremely injurious to Van Nuys at a time of revitalization.

Additional Information:



Van Nuys Neighborhood Council

Consejo Vecinal de Van Nuys

March 7, 2009

TO: City Clerk - City of Los Angeles
200 North Spring Street - Room 360, City Hall
Los Angeles, CA 90012



RE: COUNCIL FILE NO. 08-2758.
COMMUNITY IMPACT STATEMENT (CIS)
“VAN NUYS AREA NAME CHANGE”.

We find that in order to promote the revitalization of the image of Van Nuys and foster the betterment of this original community and its business district — that allowing 1855 parcels of R-1 to change its name to Sherman Oaks would cause irreparable harm to Van Nuys. It would forever alter its demographic and census track that is vital to attracting new business and residents. Van Nuys has already suffered enormous set backs in these efforts by the peeling away of other parts of Van Nuys and renaming them Valley Glen and Lake Balboa. Van Nuys has been left with boundaries that already reflect but a shadow of its former self and the unwarranted and damaging public relations that this kind of abandonment brings.

The Van Nuys NC has taken a position of **NO SUPPORT** —
Van Nuys Area name change to Sherman Oaks on January 14, 2009.
COUNCIL FILE NO. 08-2758

January 14 2009 - Motion Passes - Final vote: (motion attached)

13 IN FAVOR OF “NO SUPPORT”

4 AGAINST “NO SUPPORT”

SUBMISSION OF RESULTS TO CITY CLERK — UNANIMOUS.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Lydia Drew Mather". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a long horizontal stroke at the end.

Lydia Drew Mather
VNNC President
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January 14, 2009

RE: Van Nuys Area name change.

MOTION #1: The Van Nuys Neighborhood Council in order to maintain its current southern boundary of Burbank Blvd., continue to promote the revitalization of its image and its business districts and prevent Van Nuys from further irreparable harm to both, is taking a position of “NO” to the petition to change the southern portion of Van Nuys, containing 1,855 parcels, to Sherman Oaks as outlined in the Petition for name change, Council file no. 08-2758.

MOTION #2: That we submit the results of this vote to the City Clerk and the City Council with our Community Impact Statement (CIS) on the matter before us.



Van Nuys Neighborhood Council

**MINUTES
VNNC Board Meeting
January 14, 2009**



Meeting called to order at 7-15 pm—

Pledge of Allegiance—Quorum call. Present (17)--President Mather, VP Jacobs, Treasurer Ortiz, Secretary Hendry, Arrevalo, Ciccarelli, Cordaro, Thornton-Davis, Du Vall, Feigenbaum, Marez, Meyer, Nunez, Ock, Solomon, Vescovo, Weimer, Excused--(1) Dr. Fields Absent--(1) Senseman- **Quorum present**

Special introduction - Mr. Tom Griego, City Attorney, City of Los Angeles
seated with panel to provide special counsel on "issues and procedures in front of the board".

FIRST PUBLIC COMMENT —

Due to the fact that the proponents of the Van Nuys area name change had already given an extensive presentation at a prior VNNC meeting—A five (5) minute block of time reserved for "Van Nuys area name change"; proponents divided up time and were allowed an additional three (3) minutes total of eight (8) minutes. Four speakers total for name change. 2 speakers total against allowing the area to change name.

VNNC STANDING RULES - clarification "Abstention Votes"

President Mather — relating as to a previous vote in controversy; "an abstention is a non vote, as if the member casting it was absent." To clarify, the President "polled" all members present who agreed, individually, with the common standard for what an abstention vote is.

SECRETARY'S REPORT —Minutes distributed by E-Mail. Previous interpretation resolved.
Motion to accept passes without objection.

TREASURER'S REPORT — current budget distributed, \$80, 381 available, \$46.000 remaining. Budget moved for acceptance unanimously (except for Ock, minor student, abstaining).

SPECIAL GUESTS —

Tamar Galatzan, Neighborhood Prosecutor. Discussed continuing concerns - illegal vendors, a joint task force at Jon's, foreclosed properties, squatters, even people renting out foreclosed homes to others.

NEW BUSINESS —

Van Nuys Name Change (the area south of MTA Orange Line)

President Mather reads 2 letters into record--

- from Keyes Motors, 5800 blk Van Nuys Bl — opposing change as major Van Nuys business
- from Sherman Oaks NC President Jill Banks Barad — re SONC's position to not "accept" south of Orange Line residents by a vote of — 10 against; 1 for; 3 abstain

Solomon makes motion to oppose "Van Nuys name change". Discussion — Mather closes with the importance of maintaining our demographic and census track, to combat negativity about Van Nuys, revitalize Van Nuys Blvd, and unify community through pride and good works. **City Attorney Griego** notes that questions regarding VNNC board members "voting" who live in the proposed "breakaway zone" were clarified; they may vote. **Call for the question** — members "polled" by seat order.

For motion to oppose the "name change"; (13) Ock, Hendry, Ortiz, Jacobs, Mather, DuVall, Solomon, Feigenbaum, Meyer, Arrevalo, Vescovo, Cordaro, Weimer — in favor of "name change"; **(4)** Ciccarelli, Nunez, Marez, Thornton-Davis
Motion carries--5 minute recess while "name change supporters" leave.

Second motion regarding "Van Nuys name change" Solomon moves to transmit VNNC's vote to City Clerk, to CD 2, 6, and to prepare a CIS (Community Impact Statement) with VNNC's position. VOTE; 15 aye—unanimous

Outreach — Solomon moves to spend on VNNC promotional materials - \$1050 for note pads and \$800 for "I Love VN" buttons. Mather suggests revised appropriation, due to City's budgeting problems, simply budget additional \$4,000 for large "cross boulevard" banners. Solomon then revises to add \$2,000 for tote bags **VOTE: motion carries, 14 aye, (Ock abstains)**

2009 Funding of Music, Christmas, Farmers' Market

Motion to put \$12,000 into long-range funding- Items, events, funding to be augmented later.

VOTE: motion carries, 14 aye, (Ock abstains)

SPECIAL GUESTS (second open period)

Frank Banos, CD 6 Cardenas, to offer "Cash for College" event, 2/7/09, 9-12 am (call office) Grants up to \$1,000 will be made.

Offers interest to work closely with VNNC on "XMAS on VN Blvd.", some members question him as to making event "bigger".

Taneda Larios, DONE--- Special DONE event at Braude, 1/24/09, with City's Director of Transportation. Working towards a MOU with NC's on traffic issues. Additional discussion will be offered on new ways to fund NC's. In addition, for all, do the "Ethics" workshop (possibly a "live Ethics presentation" in lieu of the test, but not before Feb). Request that VNNC do "electronic bylaws" for DONE.

MEMBERS, PLEASE DO MAYOR'S BUDGET SURVEY.

Louis Pugliese - candidate, LAUSD Board District 6--.

OLD BUSINESS

\$150.00 for Valley Alliance of Neighborhood Council's Holiday Mixer (a December event), Carried over due to President's absence. Marez moves to pay as "outreach" type event. **VOTE: 14 aye (Ock abstaining)**

Storage compartment for VNNC (holiday wreaths, office items, files) Ortiz reprises December's discussion; approx.. \$750.00 to move up to larger space, pay a work crew to move items) **VOTE: 14 aye (Ock abstaining)**

Farmers' Market - update. Meyer reports continuing success.

VNNC Committees - (Chairs?, revisions? membership?) All committee heads agree to continue with same areas of interest.

Marijuana Clinics - Discussion to be continued.

Projector - additional equipment. Weimer asks to continue the item

"Sober Living Parade"; A letter will be in process.

Budget Committee

Special discussion that with City's budget shortfalls, VNNC ought to "budget" its entire available funds; then redefine "budget" as events develop. A repeat of previous "board discussion" on January's "funded items". (ask Israel if he wishes to expand upon this)

SECOND PUBLIC COMMENT — No participants due to lateness of hour

MEETING ADJOURNED 9-50 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by

John Hendry, VNNC Secretary, 1/26/09