

**VANC Meeting 1/10/19**

Sherman Oaks Hospital, Dr. Conference Room, 6:30-10:00PM.

Address: 4929 Van Nuys Blvd., Sherman Oaks, CA.

VANC Exec Board presiding: Jill Banks Barad

GVGC board member attending: J. Barmettler, Govt. Relations Committee.

**SUMMARY HIGHLIGHTS:**

**ITEM 1:** Scott from Chatsworth NC & roundtable "Homeless Encampment Fires".

**ITEM 2:** Dept. of City Planning Report: Isaiah Ross & Urban Design Studio

**ITEM 3:** Jason S. and Louis Ting for LADWP's "Clean Energy Future"

**ITEM 4:** VANC Mixer March 14, 2019:

**ITEM 5:** Semme Park, Dept of Neighborhood Empowerment (DONE)

**ITEM 6:** Glen Bailey LA City Council File #s:

**NOTES FROM VANC MEETING ON 1/10/19:**

**ITEM 1:** Scott from Chatsworth NC & VANC roundtable.

Scott from Chatsworth NC followed up for a solution to the homeless encampment fires, as per the Mayor's promised plan after the Skirball fires in 2017. CNC sent letter to Englander to prod the mayor for his plan to homeless encampment fires. Tony from Panorama City NC mentioned it as an excuse to ask for enhanced LAPD (off Asphalt) enforcement that go into the hills. Tony said one fire started by gang bangers, not homeless. NBC Los Angeles reported on 5/15/18 "Neighborhoods at Risk due to Fire threat from Homeless", that 799 fires in 2017 were started by homeless encampments in Los Angeles. VANC voted to send letter to Mayor and City Council requesting a follow up based on the letter drafted below.

VANC vote tally: 19 yes, 1 abstain, zero no.

Draft letter VANC (below) is what content of letter will be based on regarding Homeless Encampment Fires.

VANC requests NCs to draft and send letters to LA City Council and Mayor.

Homeless Encampments Fire Hazard

Honorable Mayor Eric Garcetti;

12/05/18

As you remember, approximately one year ago a devastating fire occurred in the Bel Air area of Los Angeles which burned many acres of land and numerous homes. It was determined later that the fire started in a homeless encampment in an area of dry vegetation near the 405 Freeway. After the fire, City representatives stated they were developing a plan to remove encampments from dangerous fire prone areas to ensure the safety of the City and encampment persons.

Recently, in November 2018, devastating fires occurred in Southern California and along the western boundary of Los Angeles. Concurrently, at least three fires erupted in homeless encampments **within** Los Angeles in fire prone dry vegetation areas.

What has happened to your plan to protect the City and encampment residents? Is your plan "just to hope" that the fire department can put out all encampment fires rapidly no matter what the weather conditions? That type of plan is ineffective during certain weather conditions as seen in the recent L.A. / Ventura County fires which had the fire crews in constant retreat for several days. Why can't the City plan include relocating encampments located in dry vegetation fire prone areas to other areas of the City where encampments are allowed? This seems like a reasonable solution which provides for the safety of the City and the homeless while not infringing on anyone's rights to be on public property (where it is safe). The City already designates areas where encampments "are", and "are not" allowed. Fire prone vegetation areas should be included in the areas "not allowing" encampments.

The residents of this City, including Chatsworth, assumed that you would have a viable fire safety plan in operation by now since it has been almost one year since the Bel Air fire nearly destroyed a large part of the City. However, the homeless encampment fire hazard problem still exists today in this City! Thus, we request that you, as mayor, direct City resources to expediently finalize and implement a viable fire safety plan to deal with this **serious** fire safety hazard. Time is short until the next fire. The clock is ticking on the City... and Chatsworth.

We are looking forward to your timely response to our concerns. Sincerely,

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Jeff Hammond, President, Chatsworth Neighborhood Council

CC: Councilmember Mitch Englander

**ITEM 2: Dept. of City Planning Report: Isaiah Ross & Urban Design Studio**

Clair Bowen City Wide Design Studio update, asking for feedback on design guidelines. Planning commission in April, to Council in March. They have 3 designs, Residential, Commercial and Industrial. Working on condensing to single guideline, not just based on usage. The Department's intentions are to create an environment that is safe and comfortable. On flyer, proposing 3 components of design approaches 1. Site Planning, 2. Building, 3. Right of Way. Currently developing a draft.

**ITEM 3: Jason S. and Louis Ting for LADWP's "Clean Energy Future"**

Lois Ting made presentation to VANC about LADWP's plans for a clean energy future. As of 2017 LADWP has 30% renewable energy and plans to by 2020 to have 39% renewable energy; by 2030 55-60%; and by 2035 65% renewable energy. LADWP plans to eliminate coal energy by 2027 and eliminate ocean cooling water by 2024. Rebate on EV used cars is \$450.00. Ladwp.com/EV for more info on the EV rebate program.

**ITEM 4: VANC Mixer March 14, 2019**

VANC asks \$250.00 sponsorship for the VANC Mixer to be held on 3/14/19. NCs not required to donate. All are welcome to attend. Majority of monies pay for catering costs. VANC board has not received payment for this event from GVGC, even though GVGC voted it in last year.

**ITEM 5: Semme Park, Dept of Neighborhood Empowerment (DONE)**

Empower LA nominations deadline by 2/1/19 for the 3/28/19 event. Ignite LA workshops available to NCs. Canva graphics for NC elections are provided to NC executive boards. Candidate filing calendar:

**Scheduled Election days and Regions**

Region 1: April 27, 2019 (Saturday) NE Valley. Filing starts- 1/12/18 ends 2/11/18.

Region 2: May 4, 2019 (Saturday) NW Valley. Filing starts- 1/19/18 ends 2/19/18.

Region 3: May 19, 2019 (Sunday) SW Valley. Filing starts 2/3/18 ends 3/5/18.

Region 4: May 16, 2019 (Thursday) SE Valley (GVGC). Filing starts 1/31/18 ends 3/4/18.

To determine your NC and advise stakeholders go to:

<http://neighborhoodinfo.lacity.org/index.cfm>

**ITEM 6: Glen Bailey LA City Council File #s:****Valley Alliance of NCs Council Files Update 1/10/19**

Posted on LANCC NC Alliances webpage: <http://www.lancc.org/nc-alliances.php>

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Copies compliments of Northridge East NC: [www.NENC-LA.org](http://www.NENC-LA.org)

<b>Council File #</b>	<b>Committee Referred To Description of Motion/Report/Notes</b>
<u>18-0467</u>	<b>To Health, Education, and Neighborhood Councils Committee</b> Motion (Ryu - Rodriguez - et al.) - Instruct the Department of Neighborhood Empowerment, with assistance as needed from the Chief Legislative Analyst, City Administrative Officer, City Clerk and City Attorney, to report back on Neighborhood Council system reforms. [Committee approved as amended 12/11/18]
19-0600	(This will be the CF for the Fiscal Year 2019-20 Budget Proposal, including the NC Budget Advocates White Paper positions)

**New Motions or Reports since last VANC meeting:**

<u>18-1222</u>	<b>To Housing Committee</b> Motion (Price, Jr. - Cedillo) - Direct relevant City departments, in consultation with the City Attorney, to convene a working group with the goal of preparing a report and new departmental procedures relative to alleviating any barriers to expediting housing production.
<u>18-1225</u>	<b>To Rules, Elections, and Intergovernmental Relations Committee</b> Motion (Wesson, Jr. - Martinez - et al.) - Relative to appointing Greig Smith, pursuant to Charter 409 (a), to fill any vacancy that may occur in the year 2019 as the Councilmember for the 12th District until such time as a new councilmember is elected by a vote of the people to hold that Office for the remainder of the unexpired term.
<u>18-1226</u>	<b>To Planning and Land Use Management Committee</b> Motion (Koretz - Harris-Dawson) - Relative to the Department of City Planning, with the assistance of the City Attorney, to report back with analysis on SB 50 (Weiner) detailing its potential impacts to the City's land use regulatory and zoning including background information on SB 50's proposed concepts of major transit stops and job-rich areas.
<u>14-0268-S13</u>	<b>To Housing Committee</b> Housing and Community Investment Department report, dated December 3, 2018, relative to the feasibility of adopting an Anti-Tenant Harassment Ordinance in the City of Los Angeles.

**END OF VANC 1/10/19 MEETING NOTES.**