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VOICES NEIGHBORHOOD COUNCIL Planning and Land Use Committee



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“Special” Joint Board & Planning and Land Use Committee Agenda MINUTES

Friday, September 27, 2019, 3:00PM-5:00PM

Vermont Square Branch Library

1201 West 48th Street, Los Angeles, CA 90037

Out of an abundance of caution due to the possible attendance and participation of a majority of Voices Neighborhood Council Board Members at this Special Joint Committee meeting, this meeting is noticed as a Special Joint Meeting of the Committee and the Board, in adherence with the State's Brown Act. No action will be taken on behalf of the Board at this meeting of the Committee. Only Committee Members are allowed to vote.

- 1. Call to Order & Introductions at 3:10pm; Mr. Rand, Mr. Farias, Mr. Garren and Ms. Rabb in attendance.**
- 2. Public Comment on non-agenda items (2 minutes per speaker) No public comments**
- 3. Approval of Minutes from August 2019 meeting – Mr. Rand moved to approve August 2019 minutes, Mr. Farias second, unanimously approved.**
- 4. Voices NC Safety Initiative Around Schools and Parks (report/discussion/possible action to bring to full board) (30 mins)**
 - Ed Garren to report back on LADOT specific traffic regulations around our schools and parks. Develop needs assessments plan for area schools for stop signs, perimeters speed humps, painted cross walks, warning lights, intersection safety, etc. **Mr. Garren did not research LADOT traffic regulations.**
 - Our goals are to:
 - 1. Identify violations in LADOT regulations around schools and parks.**
 - 2. Identify schools in our area that have crossing guards during school peak hours; speed humps, painted crosswalks, stop signs, etc. Mr. Garren will review schools within Voices NC area 4, Ms. Rabb will review schools in Voices NC area 3, Mr. Rand will review schools in Voices NC area 2, and Michael Parker will review schools in Voices NC area 1, Mr. Farias will assess parks within Voices NC boundaries. Ms. Rabb will email Rochel Puckett asking for regulations.**
 - 3. Add or modify existing regulations that school blocks and parks automatically have speed humps installed. If residents don't want speed humps on their street, would need 2/3rds vote to overturn and opt out. We need support from Councilmember Price, SLO's, principals of schools and LADOT. The City should initiate mandate.**
 - 4. Mr. Farias moved we have Voices NC approve letter proposing a revision to LADOT process on speed humps around schools and parks; include data**

(reduction of drive-by shootings, traffic violations, hit-and-runs, etc.) and send to Councilmember Price and LADOT. Mr. Garren second, unanimously approved.

- VoicesNC to support the safety initiative around our schools, parks, and library to be shared widely with city officials.

5. Street Cleaning – Bureau of Street Services (*report /discussion/ possible action to bring to full board*) (15 mins)

- Normandie Ave. (south of Vernon Ave. to Gage Ave.), Hoover (south of MLK Blvd. to Gage Ave.) and Vermont Ave (south of MLK Blvd. to Gage Ave.) does not have weekly street cleaning therefore cars get dumped and stay on the street for weeks/months and trash builds up.
- Discuss and develop action plan, which may include a letter of support to CD9 and Bureau of Street Service to support weekly street cleanings on Normandie Ave., Hoover St. and Vermont Ave. within Voices NC boundaries. **Mr. Rand moves we draft letter to address abandoned car issues; immediately enforcing 72 hours car towing; request businesses to support the trash and neighborhood blight issues; Mr. Garren to draft letter; Ms. Rabb second; all unanimously approved.**

6. Council File 17-0117, Alcohol Restricted Use Subdistrict Ordinance (ARUS) (*report /discussion/ possible action to bring to full board*) (10 mins)

- The ARUS ordinance is a land-use tool that protects vulnerable communities that may already be flooded with alcohol retailers, giving them the power to limit how many of these businesses continue to enter their neighborhood.
- **Ms. Rabb moved to table to next meeting and also discuss council file 17-0981.**
- Motion to recommend that Voices NC **SUPPORT** LA City Council File 17-0117 and **APPROVE** and **SUBMIT** community impact statement

7. Council File 17-1705, Citywide Sign (Billboard) Ordinance (*report /discussion/ possible action to bring to full board*) (10 mins) **Table to next meeting**

- Citywide sign regulations including opt-in provision, alternative approaches to off-site signs, defining billboard blight, equity for small businesses and mural signs and related matters.
- Motion to recommend that Voices NC takes a neutral position on LA City Council File 17-1705 and **APPROVE** and **SUBMIT** community impact statement

8. Vacant and Neglected Urban Properties (*report /discussion/ possible action to bring to full board*) (20 mins) **Table to next meeting**

- Discuss and identify properties for potential action and next steps (UAIZ)
 1. Underpass (Vermont Ave and 52nd St)
 2. 42nd St. and Vermont Ave
 3. Vernon and Hoover
 4. Figueroa and 48th Street
- Motion to recommend that Voices NC **SUPPORT** and **APPROVE** a drafted letter be sent to property owners of vacant/neglected properties.

9. Council File 19-0781, Legacy Businesses (*report /discussion/ possible action to bring to full board*) (20 min) – **Table to next meeting**

- Discuss and develop a definition for area legacy businesses: “Family-owned and operated businesses that contribute to community development, investments in the community

and/or are part of the cultural heritage of the neighborhood and who have been a mainstay in the community for over (time period)”.

- Discuss protections for legacy businesses (investment, incentives, sanitation, policing)
- Motion to recommend that Voices NC **SUPPORT** LA City Council File 19-0781 and **APPROVE** and **SUBMIT** community impact statement

10. Request for future agenda items – Mr. Garren requesting discussion on possible dog park within our boundaries.

11. Adjourn at 5:01pm

¹ *Comments from the public on other matters, not appearing on the agenda but within the Board’s subject matter jurisdiction, will be heard during the Public Comment period. Public comment is limited to 2 minutes per speaker, unless waived by the presiding officer of the Board or committee chair.*

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