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## “Special” Joint Board and Outreach and Arts, Parks & Recreation Committee Agenda **MINUTES**

Friday, March 19, 2021, 5:00PM-7:00PM

**Zoom Meeting Online or By Telephone**

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*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 5:02pm; J. Rabb, S. Zurita, S. Keaton, S. Nieto, in attendance
- 2. Public Comment on non-agenda items** (2 minutes per speaker) *None*
- 3. Approval of Minutes from joint Outreach and Arts, Parks, Recreation February 2021 meeting** (3 mins) **Motion to approve: S. Keaton; S. Nieto second; Unanimously carried.**
- 4. Vermont Square Library Mural Project with Artist Jayson Valencia** - Discussion/Report/possible action to bring to full board (30 mins.) **New rendering submitted and the committee liked Option 1 the best with the books/world/imagination/knowledge wording. The quote for full color is \$3,200. We would like to request that VoicesNC logo appear somewhere on the mural. Next steps are to see a full color rendering before our April General board meeting; then submit to the Library and Board of Library Commissioners for approval. S. Nieto will find out how to submit to Department of Cultural Affairs. J. Rabb will email Martha Sherod, library of Vermont Square Library about next steps.**
- 5. Think Outside the Box Project Updates** - Discussion / Report / possible action to bring to full board (5 mins.) **2 electrical boxes remaining - Robert Brooks will finish this weekend and Ilona Vanda Finta will finish in April (after she's finished with school).**
- 6. Candidate Meet & Greet** - Discussion/Report/possible action to bring to full board (30 mins.) **Virtual Candidate Forum on either Saturday, 5/1 or 5/8 from 10am-12noon; J. Rabb to email Karen Hernandez to see if she can moderate the forum. Use the format and moderated questions from 2019 elections. J. Rabb to email all candidates with potential forum date/questions. Will post the candidate forum flyer on social/website/newsletter/Next Door and alert all community partners (77th LAPD, CD9, Southwest LAPD, Project Peacemakers, Challengers, St. John's, KYCC, 7Eleven, Jones Primary School). Request each candidate take a short 30-45 second video introducing themselves - name, position running for, why do you want to be on the board, what will you bring to the board and favorite thing to do in our neighborhood.**
- 7. Election Outreach Strategy Updates** - Discussion / Report / possible action to bring to full board (30 mins.) **Use the mail-in ballot request flyer in Canva that EmpowerLA created in Eng/Spanish and send to Voices NC community partners, post on social, Nextdoor, website and create a newsletter in Mailchimp and send to our mailing list.**
- 8. Request for future agenda items** - Next meeting April 16th; Vermont Square Library Mural Project; Candidate Forum; Election Outreach
- 9. Adjourn**

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The City of Los Angeles Code of Conduct will be enforced to ensure the Voices Neighborhood Council meetings are collaborative, supportive, and respectful of divergent opinions.

#### **QUORUM**

The Voices Neighborhood Council has 14 elected positions and one nominated position. The Voices Neighborhood Council must have eight members present for quorum to conduct official business.

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- Vermont Square Library Front Door, 1201 W. 48th St.
- [www.voicesnc.org](http://www.voicesnc.org)
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Government code Section 54957.9

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