



Voices Neighborhood Council Regular Board Meeting  
 Vermont Square Branch Library  
 1201 West 48th Street, Los Angeles, CA 90037  
 Tuesday, February 12, 2019  
 6:00 pm\*  
 (New start time)



**BOARD MEMBERS**

**CHAIRPERSON**

*Mr. Vincente B. Miles*

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*Vacant*

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*Ms. Jaime Rabb*

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*Ms. Laure Ferguson*

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*Ms. Sally Embrey*

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*Vacant*

**AREA 3 REPRESENTATIVE**

*Vacant*

**AREA 4 REPRESENTATIVE**

*Mr. Alonzo Warren*

**AT-LARGE REPRESENTATIVE**

*Mr. Parker Rand*

**COMMUNITY/NONPROFIT REPRESENTATIVE**

*Ms. Sara Zurita*

**FAITH BASED REPRESENTATIVE**

*Vacant*

**YOUTH REPRESENTATIVE**

*Mr. Michael J. Parker*

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**Agenda**

1. Call to Order at 6:07pm
2. Roll Call by Parliamentarian - Mr. Miles, Ms. Keaton, Ms. Rabb, Mr. Rand, Ms. Ferguson, Mr. Parker, Ms. Zurita in attendance. Ms. Ale, Ms. Embrey and Mr. Warren were absent. No quorum.
3. Senior Lead Officer/Public Officials (7 mins, each) – Officer Robert Canizales in attendance.
  - Brotherhood Crusade building torn down; A bridge home for homeless at Slauson/Fig is on hold; St. Andrews/60<sup>th</sup> Street will be another location.
  - 5 murders took place in January. A few gang related murders (some unsolved but most gang/prostitution related); manly around Flower & 75<sup>th</sup> – high prostitution area– happened in late evening/early morning hours
  - 77<sup>th</sup> division leads the city in crime reduction
  - Don't leave any valuables in car – vehicle theft on the rise again
4. General Public Comment on Non-agenda Items (3 mins)
  - Brett Shears made announcements regarding election opening candidacy Feb 23<sup>rd</sup> – March 26<sup>th</sup>; Community Coalition 2/20 at 6:30pm to learn about being a Neighborhood Council board member held at Angeles Masa Library
  - Beyond Neighborhood Councils – serve in a different capacity – serve on a city position, get city job, etc. being held at National Council for Jewish Women on Pico on Feb. 27<sup>th</sup> at 6:30pm
  - New Funding Policy – a rollover policy in affect - \$10k can roll over for next year.
  - Stakeholder Pablo addressed the board about being excited about bike path on Slauson; concerned about the homelessness issue, what can we do to raise awareness. Michael Parker mentioned bringing up this concern with Homeless Liaison
  - Stakeholder Gina brought up traffic problem at Vernon/Vermont; Parker Rand will discuss problem traffic areas with DOT/CTSU (Community Traffic Safety Unit)
5. Board Announcements of Upcoming Events (2 mins each)
  - None
6. General Comments by Council Chairperson (3 mins)
  - Due to no quorum, will move to special board meeting on February 16, 2019
7. Approval of Minutes- **Discussion and Possible Action** (3 mins)
  - October 2018 and November 2018 and January Regular Board Meeting – Due to no quorum, will move to special board meeting on February 16, 2019
8. Approval of MERs – **Discussion and Possible Action** (3 mins)
  - December 2018 and January 2019 MERs – Due to no quorum, will move to special board meeting on February 16, 2019
9. Presentation by Mr. Armen Ross – **Discussion and Possible Action** (10 mins) – Mr. Armen Ross not present
  - Mr. Ross requested the opportunity to present the franchisee of the new 7-Eleven on 54<sup>th</sup> and Vermont
10. Voices NC Website Proposals by Ad Hoc Social Media Committee – **Discussion and Possible Action** (15 mins) – Due to no quorum, will move to special board meeting on February 16, 2019
  - Board will motion on selection of website vendors and approval of website development cost and maintenance.

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11. Formation of Voices NC Outreach Committee – **Discussion and Possible Action** (5 mins) – Due to no quorum, will move to special board meeting on February 16, 2019
  - Board to motion on Ad Hoc Committee to form Voices NC Outreach Committee. *(Please refer to our bylaws, Article VII, Section 1, for Standing Committees and Responsibilities)* – Due to no quorum, will move to next meeting
12. Board Liaison and Committee Reports - **Discussion and Possible Action** (5 mins each) – Due to no quorum, will move to special board meeting on February 16, 2019
  - Planning & Land Use Committee – Meets every 3<sup>rd</sup> Monday – (Parker)
  - Outreach Committee – Meets TBD – (Jaime)
  - SLAANC Liaison (to be selected)
  - Homeless Liaison – (Michael)
  - Resiliency Liaison – 1/28 Meeting update from Sally – Every Neighborhood Council is responsible for putting together a resiliency plan by end of 2019- need to have action plan to consider food desert status, larger population below poverty line, homelessness issues. LAFD will train communities to have Certified Emergency Response Teams (CERT); need at least 25 individuals and requires 7-week time commitment.
13. Status on Formation of Standing Committees and Member Selection - **Discussion and Possible Action** (5 mins) – Due to no quorum, will move to special board meeting on February 16, 2019
  - Board to motion on Board Member to lead and individuals interested in participation in Committee *(Please refer to our bylaws Article VII, Section 1, for Standing Committees and responsibilities)*
    - a. Arts, Parks and Recreation (Vacant)
    - b. Budget and Finance (Ivette Ale)
    - c. Health and Safety (Sally Embrey)
    - d. Seniors (Vacant)
    - e. Youth and Education (Vacant)
14. Candidate for Faith Based Representative - **Discussion and Possible Action** (10 mins)
  - Board to motion on Rev. Evan Bunch M.Div. to fill Faith Based Representative vacancy. – Due to no quorum, will move to special board meeting on February 16, 2019
15. Voices NC Elections
  - Board to be aware that candidate filing for 2019 Elections opens February 23, 2019.
16. Voices NC/Vermont Square Library Spring Event (April 17) - **Discussion and Possible Action** (10 mins)
  - Board to motion on \$1,300 for performer, face painters, art instruction and lots of candy – Due to no quorum, will move to special board meeting on February 16, 2019
17. Adjourn at 7:39pm

**Vacancies and Responsibilities**

**Faith-Based Representative** - represents the interest of faith-based organizations in our community and who is a designated representative of a faith-based organization located within the boundaries of the VNC area. A "designated representative" shall be the individual who is selected by a faith-based organization to represent said constituencies to the VNC.

**Recording Secretary** – records Council and Stakeholder attendance, records minutes of General Board meetings and Special Board Meetings, lists vacancies and forwards applicants to the Corresponding Secretary for Board distribution and placement on agenda, records Stakeholder grievances, selects Ad Hoc Grievance Panel, coordinates time and place for panel meeting and forwards panel report and recommendations to the Board.

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