



Voices Neighborhood Council Regular Board Meeting
 REVISED AGENDA
 Vermont Square Branch Library
 1201 West 48th Street, Los Angeles, CA 90037
 Tuesday, April 9, 2019
 6:00 pm



BOARD MEMBERS

CHAIRPERSON

Mr. Vincente B. Miles

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Ms. Jaime Rabb

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Mr. Alonzo Warren

AT-LARGE REPRESENTATIVE

Mr. Parker Rand

COMMUNITY/NONPROFIT REPRESENTATIVE

Ms. Sara Zurita

FAITH BASED REPRESENTATIVE

Rev. Evan Bunch

YOUTH REPRESENTATIVE

Mr. Michael J. Parker

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Agenda

1. Call to Order at 6:05pm
2. Roll Call by Parliamentarian – Mr. Miles, Ms. Keaton, Ms. Rabb, Ms. Embrey, Mr. Rand, Ms. Ferguson, Mr. Parker, Ms. Zurita, Ms. Ale in attendance. Mr. Warren and Mr. Bunch were absent.
3. Senior Lead Officer/Public Officials (7 mins, each) – Brett Shears announcing election protocols; No SLO attended however Officer Canizales shared recent crime updates with Ms. Rabb. Shooting in Vermont Square Park on April 8th was random, no one got hurt and no witnesses wanted to come forward when officers arrive. There have been a few other shootings near but not directly in our area that were related to gang/prostitution, neighbor dispute and a transient.
4. General Public Comment on Non-agenda Items (3 mins) – Kate Forrest mentioned recent shooting at park and concerned about gun violence in our parks/neighborhoods.
5. Board Announcements of Upcoming Events (2 mins each) – Ms. Zurita announced a new ADU program; Mr. Parker announced working with the Red Cross/Sound the Alarm program and installing smoke alarms in homes on Saturday, April 13, 2019.
6. General Comments by Council Chairperson (3 mins) – Mr. Miles mentioned upcoming election and Spring Event on Wednesday, April 17th.
7. Approval of Minutes- **Discussion and Possible Action** (3 mins)
 - March 2019 Minutes were motioned by Ms. Embrey, second by Ms. Keaton and unanimously approved.
8. Approval of MERs – **Discussion and Possible Action** (3 mins)
 - March MERs were motioned by Ms. Rabb, second by Ms. Keaton and unanimously approved.
9. In His Loving Embrace Inc. NPG Request – **Discussion and Possible Action** (15 mins)
 - Council to motion on NPG Request of \$4800 for supportive housing for the homeless.
 - Providing supportive housing for homeless; currently serving 20 homeless individuals in a duplex, which has 10 bedrooms; 6 baths total at 56th/Budlong Ave. Asking for \$4800 to help expand their food pantry, utility bills, etc. Motion to approve supportive housing including utilities, transportation and food pantry with a subsequent report on allocation of expenses. Ms. Ale motioned, Mr. Parker second and approved by all except one opposed.
10. Voices NC Gun Violence Initiative – **Discussion and Possible Action** (20 mins)
 - Council will discuss opportunities to partner with community leaders, groups, LAPD and community based organizations to organize town hall meeting to identify solutions to mitigate gun violence and promote wellness for trauma related to gun violence.
 - Mr. Miles requesting partnering with CD9/Curren Prices’ office about hosting a town hall event at Augustus Hawkins regarding gun violence; want to get Karen Bass involved. Want to help identify solutions for young men/women; create coalition around our area. Ms. Ale mentioned Youth Justice Coalition who helps work/train youth to be policy advocates; get parents involved. Help garner after school programs. Someone mentioned having child chair for these events so that all may attend.
11. Voices Outreach Committee to Purchase Outreach Items – **Discussion and Possible Action** (25 mins)
 - Old Business: Voices NC unveils our new website for community stakeholder engagement. Ms. Rabb announced the launch of the Voices new website.
 - Council will motion on following requests from the Outreach Committee

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- i. Approval of funds for outreach activities and materials (e.g., marketing, swag items for council, temporary business cards, etc.) not to exceed \$6000.
 - Request for swag items to be purchased and not exceed \$6,000 motioned by Ms. Ale, Mr. Parker second and Ms. Ale completed a BAC and it was approved unanimously.
 - Slogan - "Make a choice. Share Your Voice" and Acronym VOICES: (V (Value), O (Opportunity), I (Inclusion), C (Commitment), E (Equity), S (Safety) motioned by Ms. Rabb, second by Ms. Keaton and approved unanimously.
 - i. Approval of funds for Street Clean-Up Event on April 27, 2019 for refreshments not to exceed \$300.
 - Ms. Rabb announced event being postponed to later date since Voices will partner with CD9 on Clean Up Day with John Muir Middle School on Vermont Ave. (between Slauson and Gage) on Saturday, May 25 from 10am – 1pm.
 - i. Approval of funds for three Election Candidate Forums to be held at Vermont Square Library, St. Cecilia Catholic Church, and Mt. Moriah Baptist Church for refreshments and space lease not to
 - ii. exceed a total of \$900.
 - Voices will hold candidate forums for stakeholders and future candidates running in the 2019 elections not to exceed 3 election candidate forums to include refreshments, space lease, printing costs to not exceed a total of \$900. Ms. Rabb motioned, Ms. Ale second and Ms. Ale completed a BAC and it was approved unanimously.
12. Voices Planning & Land Use Update on Traffic Safety at Augustus Hawkins High School – **Discussion and Possible Action** (10 mins)
- Old Business: Council will discuss the issue of traffic safety at Augustus Hawkins and motion on submission of community impact statement and outreach with CD 9 and City to resolve.
 - LA Dept. of Transportation surveyed area and currently a 4-way stop sign is planned to be installed on corner of Menlo and 60th in the new few weeks. Working with Lan Nguyen, LA Dept. of Transportation, regarding installing speed bumps on 60th between Vermont and Hoover at Augustus Hawkins High School. Ms. Rabb and Mr. Rand working with Curren Price's office regarding expediting the speed hump process. Lan Nguyen is planning on attending Voices May board meeting.
13. Voices Youth & Education (Initiatives) Report - **Discussion and Possible Action** (10 mins)
- Young Shakespearean & Normandie Elementary Project was held on Thursday, April 4. NPG award was \$4900 to support instructor cost, costume and set design, and field trip.
 - Mr. Miles mentioned having a meeting with Normandie Elementary school regarding special projects, student leadership and future partnerships together. Will add to May board meeting.
 - Vermont Square Library Spring Event will be held on April 17, 2019 at 3:30 to encourage participation in the afterschool literacy program.
 - Youth & Education – (Vincente)
14. Other Reports (3 mins each) – Will move to May meeting
- SLAANC Liaison (to be selected)
 - Homeless Liaison (Michael)
 - Resiliency Liaison – 1/14 (Sally)
15. Adjourn at 7:55pm

Vacancies and Responsibilities

Vice Chairperson - performs the duties of the Chairperson in his/her absence and other duties as delegated by the Chairperson. Secures meeting locations and permits, as necessary, assists the Chairperson in deciding what issues may deserve a special meeting, acts, with the Chairperson's approval as the chief liaison with other Neighborhood Council, maintain oversight of all committees to ensure they are functioning appropriately, and performs duties of the Parliamentarian's absence.

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Area 2 Representative - represents all interests within Area 2 of the VNC.

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Voices NC Standing Committees

All meetings are open to the public and will be posted on www.empowerla.org. All meetings will be held at Vermont Square Library unless otherwise posted.

Planning & Land Use Committee: *Meets every 3rd Wednesday. For additional information see Parker Rand*

Outreach Committee: *Meets every 2nd Wednesday. For additional information see Jaime Rabb*

Youth & Education Committee: TBD

Budget & Finance Committee: TBD

Arts, Parks, & Recreation Committee: TBD