



Voices Neighborhood Council Regular Board Meeting MINUTES



Vermont Square Branch Library

1201 West 48th Street, Los Angeles, CA 90037

Tuesday, May 14, 2019

6:00 pm

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Agenda

1. Call to Order at 6:09pm
2. Roll Call by Parliamentarian – Mr. Miles, Mr. Parker, Ms. Rabb, Ms. Embrey in attendance. Mr. Rand, Ms. Ale, Ms. Ferguson, Ms. Zurita, Ms. Keaton and Rev. Bunch were absent.
3. Senior Lead Officer/Public Officials (7 mins, each) – Officer Canizales presented sign up newsletter for email blast for info. on upcoming events around community/station; June 8th from 12pm – 5pm celebration of 150 anniversary open house at 77th Community Police Station; Crime update – theft related crimes (cars and homes); Arco station on Slauson/Fig will have security on-site for a minimum of 2 years
 - Detective Dana Harris (Detective Support/Vice Division) – presented citizen declaration forms for community to complete regarding nuisance activity in the area. Currently they are working 2 investigations (901 Club on Fig and Banditos Nightclub as assaults have increased in these areas.
 - Herb Wesson – announced Clean-Up Day on Saturday, May 25th at John Muir Middle School and Voices partnering with this event.
 - Edith Vega – Field Rep with Mayor's office – Census Action Kiosk requirements – CD9 is a hard area to count – more resources will be allocated in this area to educate people – consider partnering with libraries and other non-profit organizations.
4. General Public Comment on Non-agenda Items (3 mins) – Andrea Greene from Councilman Curren Price's office presented 2 events (24th Annual Central Ave. Jazz Festival last weekend in July and Fourth of July Event at Expo Park. This event is primarily funded by Dept. Of Cultural Affairs – KDay radio is a partner. They will have live bands start about 2pm; food trucks; merchants; games/activities for kids of all ages. Approaching Voices to co-sponsor at event; asking volunteer youth games; asking for financial funds for food/drinks for talent/volunteers; in return we will receive complementary booth; signage at activities we want to fund; stage recognition; 2 rounds of printing materials/flyers, electronic/social media coverage.
5. Board Announcements of Upcoming Events (2 mins each) - **VINCENTE FILL IN**
6. General Comments by Council Chairperson (3 mins) – **VINCENTE FILL IN**
7. Report on Voices NC Special Meeting held on May 10, 2019 – **Discussion and Possible Action** (20 mins) **VINCENTE FILL IN**
 - Council to approve payment to Pets, Parties, & Pals for \$620 and Dial-A-Art for \$375 for services rendered at Vermont Square Library Spring Event on April 17, 2019.
 - Council to discuss partnership with Office of Curren Price for July 4th Event and provide activities for community stakeholders. Council to approve the amount not to exceed \$3000.00 for activities for event.
 - Council to discuss funding of mural on Normandie Elementary campus. Council to approve the amount not to exceed \$2000.00 for community beautification.
8. Voices Planning & Land Use Committee – **Discussion and Possible Action** (25 mins)
 - Council to have a presentation by Lan Nguyen, LA Dept. of Transportation to learn about the Speed Hump process for Augustus Hawkins High School. (15 mins)

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- Community engagement (they receive 1,000 applications per year) and typically approve 30 from each council office; Jan 29, 2020 is the next opening for speed humps; safety tool to slow down traffic (localized); 6 months study. 9-12 months from start to completion.
 - Old Business – Council to receive status of safety measures at Augustus Hawkins (10 mins) – They will not be able to assess Augustus Hawkins until the Fall 2019 school year starts so we likely won't have an answer until early next year. We have completed the petition from stakeholders signatures on 60th / Menlo as the second part of the application.
9. Voices Outreach Committee – **Discussion and Possible Action** (5 mins)
- Old Business: Election related activities are in development, including Candidate Forums. Election will be held at Vermont Square Library on June 8, 2019 from 10 am to 4 pm. Candidate Forum will be held on Saturday, May 25 from 2:00pm – 5:00pm and all community members welcome to attend. We will serve complimentary cookies & coffee.
 - Old Business: Status of Voices NC swag items. We are finalizing the swag items with proofs from Knightsbridge Industries.
10. Voices Youth & Education Report - **Discussion and Possible Action** (5 mins) - **VINCENTE FILL IN**
- Voices NC & Augustus Hawkins Parent Group are in planning stages to organize town hall meeting to identify solutions to increase trauma awareness related to gun violence.
 - Voices NC has met with Dr. Sandra Sklarsh, principal, to reestablish our partnership with Normandie Elementary. Voices NC plans to meet with the school in area to establish partnerships.
 - Voices to discuss Measure EE and impact to local schools.
11. Other Committee or Liaison Reports (3 mins each) - **VINCENTE FILL IN**
- Fiscal Committee – All funded NPGs will be invited to give progress reports to Voices NC in June Meeting.
 - SLAANC Liaison – Voices NC to render position on Senate Bill 50
 - Homeless Liaison (Michael)
 - Resiliency Liaison –(Sally)
12. Adjourn at 7:45pm.



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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

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