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### **NOTICE TO THE PUBLIC**

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.

### **AMERICANS WITH DISABILITIES ACT (ADA)**

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### **PUBLIC ACCESS OF RECORDS**

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### **CONSIDERATION AND GRIEVANCE PROCESS**

For information on the Voices NC’s process for board action reconsideration, stakeholder grievance policy, or any other procedural matters related to this Council, please consult the Voices NC Bylaws. The Bylaws are available at our Board meetings and at <https://VoicesNC.org>.

### **SERVICIOS DE TRADUCCION**

Si requiere servicios de traducción, favor de avisar al Concejo Vecinal 3 días de trabajo (72 horas) antes del evento. Por favor contacte a Jaime Rabb, Secretario Correspondiente, por correo electrónico a [VNCCorrSec18@gmail.com](mailto:VNCCorrSec18@gmail.com) para avisar al Concejo Vecinal.

**AGENDA FOR 8/13/2019**

Call to Order at 6:11 PM

Roll Call-

Present: V. Miles, A. Farias, J. Rabb, S. Nieto, L. Ferguson, I. Guevara, K. Guevara, O. Perez, E. Garren, P. Rand, S. Zurita, A. Gray. Absent: S. Embrey, R. Rodriguez.

Pledge of Allegiance

**Senior Lead Officer Report-** Officer Canizales announced that the annual 77th St. Carnival will be held Sept 20-22. Regarding curbing double parking, police will give DOT warnings and then issue citations. Let SLO know the specifics about streets and times double parking occurs. Canizales reported that 9 crimes have taken place in his boundaries, mainly property crimes, such as car break ins. Stakeholder Cynthia Favela reported to Officer Canizales that an underpass on Vermont and 52nd has been a location for suspicious activity. He will investigate the situation.

**Public Officials Report-** Brett Shears, Empower LA: Demographic survey for board members voluntary but important. There are ongoing discussions about changing the parameters of the Youth Rep seat to be held by individuals under 18 years of age. Board members were encouraged to attend the Sept 28<sup>th</sup> Congress of Neighborhoods on September 28<sup>th</sup>, 2019. Edith Vega, Mayors Office, noted that city identifies city/state/federal property that can be used for bridge housing. She will return in September with more information on bridge housing and census training.

**General Public Comment on Non-Agenda Items-** Stakeholder Leticia Pantoja- No cars are moving on street cleaning days. She requests enforcement on 51<sup>st</sup> and Budlong.

Adjourned at 7:54PM. Motion: E. Garren. Seconded: A. Farias; Unanimously carried.

**Action Items**

All items listed are designated for discussion and possible action by the Voices Neighborhood Council. Council items identified as presentation may be proposed for action by the Council and will be reflected as such in the meeting minutes.

Item	Reference Number	Matter	Time Allotted
1.	0819-01	<b>LA River, Wetlands presentation by Daniel Tamm, LA Sanitation &amp; Environment</b> Member/Committee: V. Miles Proposed Action: No proposed action Daniel Tamm not present, may be rescheduled.	15 mins
2.	0819-02	<b>Fire Safety Presentation by Ryan Chan of the American Red Cross</b> Member/Committee: S. Zurita Proposed Action: No proposed action Ryan Chan presented on how to prepare for disaster. An emergency kit checklist was passed out to stakeholders. Free smoke alarms and checks through American Red Cross, if interested contact S. Zurita.	15 mins
3.	0819-03	<b>Council Meeting Minutes</b> Review and discussion of minutes from the Regular Meeting on July 9 and Special Meeting on July 27, 2019 Member/Committee: S. Nieto Proposed Action: Council to motion to approve minutes Motion: J. Rabb; Seconded: E. Garren; Unanimously carried.	2 mins

4.	0819-04	<p><b>June 2019 Monthly Expenditure Report</b>          Review and discussion of MER for June 2019          Member/Committee: L. Ferguson, V. Miles          Proposed Action: Council to motion for the June 2019 MER to be approved  <b>Motion: J. Rabb; Seconded: A. Farias ; Unanimously carried</b></p>	2 mins
5.	0819-05	<p><b>Budget for FY 2019-20</b>          Review approved of budget allocations from July 27 meeting with stakeholders and discussion of the carry over allocation of \$10,000 from FY1819          Member/Committee: V. Miles, L. Ferguson          Proposed Action(s): Council to motion for Budget &amp; Finance Committee to be organized and propose allocations for \$10,000 carryover from FY1920 by Nov general meeting.   <b>Motion: A. Farias; Seconded: E. Garren; Unanimously carried</b>           Council to motion that Budget &amp; Finance Committee conducts a needs assessment and recommends to council on appropriateness of office space by November general meeting.   <b>Motion: J. Rabb; Seconded: P. Rand; Yes (10) No (2) Abstain ()</b></p>	5 mins
6.	0819-06	<p><b>Voices Vacancies</b>          Review and discussion of vacant council seat, unassigned committees, liaisons, liaison alternates, and recruitment of community stakeholders for committee assignment          Member/Committee: V. Miles, A. Farias          Proposed Action: Council to motion for appointment of the identified individuals for vacant council seat, vacant committee chair positions, liaison, liaison alternates, and community stakeholders to Voices NC Committees</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. LAPD Southwest CPAB Liaison- <b><u>V. Miles</u></b>;  <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Motion: J. Rabb; Seconded: P. Rand; Unanimously carried</li> </ul> </li> <li>2. Homeless Liaison- <b><u>A. Farias</u></b>;  <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Motion: J. Rabb; Seconded: P. Rand; Unanimously carried</li> </ul> </li> <li>3. Resiliency Liaison- <b><u>S. Zurita</u></b>;  <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Motion: J. Rabb; Seconded: S. Nieto; Unanimously carried</li> </ul> </li> <li>4. Planning and Land Use Committee Chair- <b><u>P. Rand</u></b>;  <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Motion: E. Garren; Seconded: J. Rabb; Unanimously carried</li> </ul> </li> <li>5. Arts, Parks, Recreation Committee Chair- <b><u>S. Zurita</u></b>,  <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Motion: L. Ferguson, S. Nieto; Unanimously carried</li> </ul> </li> <li>6. Health and Safety Chair- <b><u>S. Nieto</u></b>.  <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Motion: P. Rand; Seconded: E. Garren; Unanimously carried</li> </ul> </li> </ol>	10 mins
7.	0819-07	<p><b>Crisis and Bridge Housing</b>          Council to discuss the Curren Price motion (File:18-1191) of the feasibility of a proposed facility of 5215 S. Figueroa St. to substitute the site from 5874 Miramonte Boulevard for suitability of development as a Crisis and Bridge Housing Program facility          Member/Committee: A. Farias, P. Rand/ Planning &amp; Land Use          Proposed Action: Motion on support of the Crisis and Bridge Housing Project and possibly draft community impact statement  <b>Motion: A. Farias; Seconded: E. Garren; Unanimously carried</b></p>	5 mins

8.	0819-08	<p><b>311 Data Availability</b>          Report and discussion on the use of data for Neighborhood Councils (data.lacity.org) provided during the HackforLA meeting          Member/Committee: A. Farias, S. Nieto          Proposed Action: Motion to develop procedure to utilize 311 to research community concerns for data collection and planning purposes with Albert Farias serving as data liaison to committees.  <b>Motion: S. Nieto; Seconded: P. Rand; Unanimously carried</b></p>	5 mins
9.	0819-09	<p><b>Cameras in Vermont Square Park</b>          Council to discuss communication on our position regarding cameras in the park to be distributed widely              a. "On July 9, 2019 the Voices Neighborhood Council (Voices NC) approved a motion (9-0-1) to support and advocate for cameras in the Vermont Square Park in light of the tragic and on-going events occurring in our park. The Voices NC plans to discuss a comprehensive plan to address violence in the park and healing for our community. These discussions will take place in the Planning and Land Use Committee. We encourage all community members and interested stakeholders to join the conversation. Please visit voicesnc.org for information on the next meeting."          Member/Committee: P. Rand, Planning &amp; Land Use Committee          Proposed Action: Motion to approve public statement on cameras at Vermont Square Park for all social media platforms and e-mail blast to stakeholders  <b>Motion: A. Farias; Seconded: E. Garren; Unanimously carried</b>  <b>**Representatives of Arts, Parks, and Recreation and Health and Safety Committees will be active in discussions of a comprehensive plan to address violence in the park and healing for our community**</b></p>	5 mins
10.	0819-10	<p><b>Alternate Voices Logo Design</b>          Council to discuss alternate logo designs for the purpose of technical constraints for immediate use on website and outreach materials.          Member/Committee: J. Rabb, Outreach Committee          Proposed Action: Motion to approve alternate Voices logo on website and outreach materials.  <b>Motion: E. Garren; Seconded: A. Farias; Unanimously carried</b></p>	5 mins
11.	0819-11	<p><b>New Voices Postcard</b>          Council to discuss the mock-up of the new Voices postcard.          Member/Committee: J. Rabb, Outreach Committee          Proposed Action: Motion to approve the new Voices postcard for outreach purposes  <b>Motion: E. Garren; Seconded: A. Gray; Unanimously carried</b></p>	5 mins
12.	0819-12	<p><b>CIVIC U Training Report</b>          Information to be shared from CIVIC U Trainings held from July – August 2019          Member/Committee: J. Rabb, A. Farias          Proposed Action: None  <b>A. Farias reported back on L.A. City budget details</b></p>	5 mins

13.	0819-13	<p><b>Community Police Advisory Board</b> Information to be shared from August CPAB at 77<sup>th</sup> Station and Southwest Member/Committee: A. Farias Proposed Action: None S. Nieto reported that Captain Neal at 77<sup>th</sup> Community Police Station is aiming to address one solvable problem in a 30-day period. Examples include trash, graffiti, parking issues in a specific location. Please report specific details of trouble areas to S. Nieto.</p>	5 mins
14.	0819-14	<p><b>Senator Holly Mitchell Neighborhood Council Meeting</b> Information to be shared from the meeting held on July 25, 2019 with Senator Mitchell on State Senate initiatives and budgetary allocations for homelessness, housing, and infrastructure Member/Committee: S. Nieto, A. Farias Proposed Action: None S. Nieto reported on state budget items targeted to decrease homelessness.</p>	5 mins

**Voices NC Council Vacancy**

Interested stakeholders can email a Letter of Intent to [VoicesNC90037@gmail.com](mailto:VoicesNC90037@gmail.com). Additional information about Voices NC is available at <https://VoicesNC.org>

Council Vacancy	Description
1. Area 3 Representative	Represents all interests within Area 3 of the VNC.

**Voices NC Council Liaisons**

Council Liaison	Meeting Time	Assigned Member	Alternate Member
1. SLAANC	Fourth Thursday of the month	A. Farias	J. Rabb
2. LAPD 77 <sup>th</sup> C-PAB	Second Thursday of the month	S. Nieto	J. Rabb
3. LAPD Southwest C-PAB	First Monday of the month	Vacant	Vacant
4. Homeless	TBD	Vacant	Vacant
5. Resilience/Disaster Preparedness	TBD	Vacant	Vacant
6. Clergy Council	Third Tuesday of the month	Vacant	Vacant
7. Budget Advocate	First Monday of the month	L. Ferguson	J. Rabb

**Voices NC Standing Committees**

All meetings are open to the public and will be posted on [www.empowerla.org](http://www.empowerla.org). All meetings will be held at Vermont Square Library unless otherwise posted. For more about Voices NC Standing Committees refer to Bylaws, Article VI, and Section 1.

Standing Committees	Assigned Council Member	Description
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<b>1. Arts, Parks, &amp; Recreation</b>	Vacant	The Arts, Parks and Recreation Committee will have the responsibility to discuss issues, promote partnerships on projects and brainstorm ideas to encourage greater community involvement and support. The Arts, parks and Recreation Committee will explore issues and ideas in order to define community identity and values by giving voice to its citizens and providing a form for group action and expression. The committee submits reports of meetings in written form and makes recommendations to the Board for action. The Chair selects meeting site, date and time and meets as directed in these Bylaws.
<b>2. Budget &amp; Finance</b>	L. Ferguson	The Budget and Finance Committee Investigate and pursue sources of income and funding. Make an initial review of project proposals and provide a report to the VNC board with recommendations. Generate a budget for each fiscal year, showing planned income and expenditures. And, maintain the Council budget current and report any issues to the Board.
<b>3. Outreach</b>	J. Rabb	The Outreach Committee shall be charged with continuing to outreach to the VNC stakeholders by utilizing any acceptable and Board approved forms of media (e.g. flyers, newsletters, print, television/electronic media, signs, banners, website, etc.) to inform stakeholders regarding projects and events. The content and method of distribution must be pre-approved by the Board.
<b>4. Planning &amp; Land Use</b>	Vacant	The Planning & Land Use Committee shall review, take public input, report on and make recommendations of actions to the Board on any land use, beautification, and planning issues affecting the community in order to improve the health and quality of life of its citizens. The committee also reviews and recommends action regarding building development projects requiring land use permits within the VNC boundaries; advocates positions on land use and building design for the betterment of the community; and considers and provides recommendations to Council on other topics, such as rezoning, applications, development permits, and any subdivision that require council approval.
<b>5. Senior Services</b>	Vacant	The Senior Services Committee addresses the needs of senior citizens in the community and provides an environment where seniors can discuss current issues, share ideas and voice their concerns. The committee will be supportive of programs and services that provide seniors with maximum vitality and independence. It will identify, monitor and address issues that have impact upon seniors' quality of life. The committee will promote "Healthy Aging" by creating an environment where individual differences and needs are recognized; by promoting multicultural awareness, understanding and interaction; and by serving as a bridge to access government information and resources.
<b>6. Youth &amp; Education</b>	A. Gray, K. Guevara	The Youth & Education Committee addresses the issues, concerns, programs and services related to the education of children, youth and adults and developing specific strategies and policies for influencing and achieving constructive outcomes within schools, classrooms, and other education/learning centers that serve the Voices community. Additionally, this committee has the general responsibility to discuss issues, foster collaboration on projects, and brainstorm ideas to encourage greater community involvement/support and participation.

<b>7. Health &amp; Safety</b>	Vacant	The Health & Safety Committee seeks opportunities to organize and forums to mobilize the community in seeking safety practices. This includes partnering with Neighborhood Watch, Volunteer Safety Task Force (to enhance the Services provided by the School Crossing Guards), School Crossing Guards, Los Angeles Police Department Senior Lead Officers and Traffic Division and the Los Angeles Fire Department. Representatives of VNC will work to formalize a relationship with these City agencies and other entities responsible for “safety issues” in our community.
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