

City of Los Angeles  
Voices Neighborhood Council  
Regular Board Meeting

Tuesday, September, 10, 2019, 6:00 pm  
1201 W. 48<sup>th</sup> Street, LA 90037  
Vermont Square Library, Community Room



Sally Embrey, Area 1  
Odalís Pérez, Area 2  
Vacant, Area 3  
Edward Garren, Area 4  
Parker Rand, At-Large  
Jaime Rabb, Corresponding Secretary  
Albert Farias, Vice Chairperson



Vincente Miles, Chairperson

Kelvin Guevara, Education  
Anita Gray, Youth  
Roberto Rodríguez, Faith-Based  
Sara Zurita, Community-Based  
Ingrid Guevara, Parliamentarian  
Steven Nieto, Recording Secretary  
Laure Ferguson, Treasurer

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### **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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### **SERVICIOS DE TRADUCCION**

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**MINUTES FOR 9/10/2019**

Call to Order at **6:08PM**

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

Pledge of Allegiance

Senior Lead Officer Report: **SLO Canizales- Passed out 77<sup>th</sup> carnival flyers to put up around area and sign-up sheet for stakeholders to be added to 77<sup>th</sup> St listserv. There were 4 homicides in the last month, all related to gang activity, south of the division (next to La Salle Elementary), Hyde Park and Crenshaw (individual beat up and died of injuries), 81<sup>st</sup> and Broadway (marijuana dispensary), and 75<sup>th</sup> and Flower. There's been task forces in areas of high crime. Additional 10 cars working in this area. Several car break-ins on Flower between 52nd and 58<sup>th</sup> Streets.**

Public Officials Report- **None present**

General Public Comment on Non-Agenda Items- **None**

Adjourn at **7:56PM; Moved: E. Garren; Second: 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.	0919-01	<p><b>Council Meeting Minutes</b></p> <p>Review and discussion of minutes from the Regular Meeting on August 10, 2019                      Member/Committee: S. Nieto                      Proposed Action: Motion to approve the minutes for the August Regular Board Meeting.  <b>Moved: S. Nieto; Second: J. Rabb; Unanimously carried.</b></p>	3 mins
2.	0919-02	<p><b>Monthly Expenditure Report</b></p> <p>Review and discussion of MER for July 2019 and August 2019                      Member/Committee: L. Ferguson, V. Miles                      Proposed Action: 1) Motion to approve the July 2019 MER. 2) Motion to approve the August MER 2019. MERs to be submitted by September 30, 2019.  <b>Moved: J. Rabb; Second: A. Gray; L. Ferguson completed BAC. Unanimously carried.</b></p>	3 mins
3.	0919-03	<p><b>Voices NC Inventory</b></p> <p>Review the FY1819 New Inventory and DONE Voices NC Inventory lists for submission to the Office of the City Clerk. Requires BAC.                      Member/Committee: V. Miles, L. Ferguson                      Proposed Action(s): Motion to approve the inventory lists and submit to the Office of the City Clerk by September 30, 2019.  <b>Moved: E. Garren; Second: J. Rabb; S. Nieto completed BAC. Unanimously carried.</b></p> <p><b>Action: Budget and Finance Committee will examine inventory and recommend items that can be returned to city or discarded by November 2019 General Board meeting.</b></p> <p><b>Moved: A. Farias; Second: J. Rabb. Unanimously carried.</b></p>	5 mins

4.	0919-04	<p><b>HR 1384 The Medicare for All Act Crisis</b></p> <p>Voices NC to hear a presentation by Sean Broadbent, National Nurses United, on the HR 1384 bill before Congress. Voices NC to discuss the resolution made by the LA City Council and impact to the Voices NC stakeholders.                  Member/Committee: S. Nieto, Health &amp; Safety Committee                  Proposed Action: Motion to support the City Council of LA’s resolution of HR 1384 as indicated in Los Angeles City Council File 19-0002-S157. Council to draft and submit for review a community impact statement to the Voices NC by October 2, 2019.</p> <p><b>Moved: A. Farias; Second: E. Garren; Unanimously carried</b></p>	15 mins
5.	0919-05	<p><b>Request for NPG – The Friends of William Grant Still</b></p> <p>Adde Richards, Friends of William Grant Still, requests Voices NC to grant \$5,000 to offset the cost \$60,000 for print production of the Black Doll Show Commemorative Book. The Black Doll show is sponsored by the William Grant Still Center and Los Angeles Office of Cultural Affairs.                  Member/Committee: A. Grant &amp; K. Guevara (Youth &amp; Education), S. Zurita (Arts, Parks, &amp; Recreation)                  Proposed Action: Motion to approve the Friends of William Grant Still NPG request for a \$5,000 grant for the cost associated with printing of the Black Doll Show Commemorative Book to be completed by 12/31/19.</p> <p><b>NPG motion tabled for future discussion.</b></p> <p><b>Action: Youth and Education and Arts, Parks, Rec Committees will generate some recommendations on how this project can better impact stakeholders in the Voices NC area.</b></p> <p><b>Moved: A. Farias; Second: S. Nieto; Unanimously carried.</b></p>	15 mins
6.	0919-06	<p><b>National Day of Remembrance for Murdered Victims</b></p> <p>Council to hear LaWanda Hawkins, Justice for Murdered Children, present on the National Day of Remembrance for Murdered Victims Peace Walk and Resource Fair on Saturday, September 21, 2019 from 8:00 am to 2:00 pm. This year event will be at Vermont Square Park, due to the increase in gun violence at that park.                  Member/Committee: S. Nieto, S. Embrey, O. Perez, E. Garren, and J. Rabb                  Proposed Action: Motion to participate in, and possibly support, the National Day of Remembrance Peace Walk and Resource Fair on September 21, 2019.</p> <p><b>Motion to participate and support the National Day of Remembrance Peace Walk and Resource Fair on September 21, 2019 in the amount of \$2,677.50</b></p> <p><b>Moved: A. Farias; Second: E. Garren; S. Nieto completed BAC. Yes (10) No (0) Abstain (1).</b></p>	10 mins

7.	0919-07	<p><b>Committee &amp; Liaison Reports</b></p> <p>Council to report on committee and liaison activities and invite interested stakeholders to participate in scheduled meetings.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Outreach Committee</b></li> <li>• <b>Planning &amp; Land Use Committee</b></li> <li>• <b>Arts, Parks &amp; Recreation Committee</b></li> <li>• <b>Youth &amp; Education Committee</b></li> <li>• <b>Budget &amp; Finance Committee</b></li> <li>• <b>CPAB (77<sup>th</sup> &amp; Southwest) Liaison</b></li> <li>• <b>Homeless Liaison</b></li> <li>• <b>SLAANC Liaison</b></li> </ul> <p>Proposed Action: No motions from updates. Committee and Liaison agenda motions will be listed individually for discussion and possible action.</p>	3 mins each						
8.	0919-08	<p><b>Community Impact Statement</b></p> <p>Council to discuss, select, and motion on up to five members who are authorized to submit community impact statements                  Member/Committee: V. Miles                  Proposed Action: Motion to select and authorize the following members to submit community impact statements on behalf of Voices NC:</p> <table style="width: 100%; border: none;"> <tr> <td style="width: 50%;">1. V. Miles</td> <td style="width: 50%;">4. P. Rand</td> </tr> <tr> <td>2. J. Rabb</td> <td>5. S. Nieto</td> </tr> <tr> <td>3. A. Farias</td> <td></td> </tr> </table> <p><b>Moved: E. Garren; Second: I. Guevera; Unanimously carried.</b></p>	1. V. Miles	4. P. Rand	2. J. Rabb	5. S. Nieto	3. A. Farias		5 mins
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9.	0919-09	<p><b>Lighting Improvement in South LA</b></p> <p>Council to discuss submission of a community impact statement on LA City Council File: 19-0852 on street lighting improvements.                  Member/Committee. P. Rand, Planning &amp; Land Use Committee                  Proposed Action: Motion to submit a Community Impact Statement (CIS) on behalf of Voices Neighborhood Council supporting LA City Council File: 19-0852 on street lighting improvements. <i>Proposed CIS Language: The Voices Neighborhood Council members believe that lighting improvements address beautification, energy efficiency, as well as deter criminal activity in high crime areas. We urge the City of Los Angeles to increase lumens and improve distribution of lighting for the purposes of community safety. For these reasons, the Voices Neighborhood Council supports LA City Council File: 19-0852 on street lighting improvements.</i></p> <p><b>This item was not discussed and will be added to the October meeting agenda.</b></p>	5 mins						

10.	0919-10	<p><b>Vermont/Normandie Green Alley Network</b></p> <p>Council may hear a presentation by Paola Grano, City of Los Angeles Department of Public Works' Bureau of Sanitation Watershed Protection Division and discuss support of the application for a \$2 million dollar grant for South LA alleyways.                  Member/Committee: P. Rand, Planning &amp; Land Use                  Proposed Action: Motion to support the grant application for \$2 million dollars by the City of LA Department of Public Works Bureau of Sanitation Watershed Protection Division. <i>Proposed Support Letter Language: The Voices Neighborhood Council members believe in the City of LA Public Works Bureau of Sanitation Watershed Protection Division's vision for the use of the \$2 million dollar grant. Their vision aligns with the Voices vision for safe walkways, community beautification, and increasing city greenspaces. For these reasons, the Voices Neighborhood Council supports the grant application of the LA City Department of Public Works.</i>  <b>This item was not discussed and will be added to the October meeting agenda.</b></p>	5 mins
11.	0919-09	<p><b>Voices Shirts &amp; Business Cards</b></p> <p>Council to review the request to authorize \$519.99 for 15 polo shirts with both Voices NC and City of LA logos and 14 sets of 250 business cards for Voices NC Board Members.                  Member/Committee: J. Rabb, Outreach Committee                  Proposed Action: Motion to approve \$519.99 for the purchase of 15 polo shirts and 14 sets of 250 business cards from KBIND.US for Voices NC Board Members.  <b>Moved: J. Rabb; Second: O. Perez; S. Nieto completed BAC. Unanimously carried.</b></p>	5 mins
12.	0919-10	<p><b>Voices NC Community Clean Up</b></p> <p>Council to discuss proposed Voices NC Community Clean Up on Saturday, October 19, 2019 for a location in Area 3 for the purposes of outreach, recruitment of an Area 3 Representative, and community beautification. The Outreach Committee projects 50 participants and plans to allocate \$250 to provide refreshments of hot dogs and fruit from Served 2 Enjoy. Add prayer center church                  Member/Committee: J. Rabb, Outreach Committee                  Proposed Action: 1) Motion to approve Community Clean Up on Saturday, October 19, 2019. 2) Motion to approve \$250.00 to purchase hot dogs and fruit from Served 2 Enjoy. 3) Motion to approve Community Clean Up flyer.  <b>Moved: E. Garren; Second: S. Embrey; S. Nieto completed BAC. Unanimously carried.</b></p>	5 mins
13.	0910-11	<p><b>Voices Welcome Letter</b></p> <p>Council to review and discuss proposed Voices NC Welcome Letter to be sent to new subscribers to the Voices NC Website.                  Member/Committee: J. Rabb, Outreach Committee                  Proposed Action: Motion to approve the Voices NC Welcome Letter, with requested revisions if applicable.  <b>Moved: S. Embrey; Second: S. Nieto; Unanimously carried.</b></p>	3 mins

14.	0819-06	<p><b>Voices Vacancies</b></p> <p>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: Motion to accept interested candidates for vacant council seats and unassigned community chair positions.</p>	10 mins
15.	0819-07	<p><b>Crisis and Bridge Housing</b></p> <p>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 to submit a Community Impact Statement (CIS) in support of the LA City Council File 19-1191 to study the feasibility of a proposed Crisis and Bridge Housing Project at 5215 S. Figueroa of the Crisis and Bridge Housing Project.  <b>This item was not discussed and will be added to the October meeting agenda.</b></p>	5 mins
16.	0819-09	<p><b>Cameras in Vermont Square Park</b></p> <p>Council to discuss submission of a community impact statement on LA City Council File:19-0330 and efforts of LAPD, the Mayor’s Office of Gang Reduction and Youth Development, City of Los Angeles Parks &amp; Recreation, and local gang abatement organizations to address the recent surge of violent crime.          Member/Committee: P. Rand, Planning &amp; Land Use Committee          Proposed Action: Motion to submit a Community Impact Statement (CIS) on behalf of Voices Neighborhood Council supporting LA City Council File: 19-0330 directing LAPD and the Mayor’s Office of Gang Reduction and Youth Development to report on the recent surge of violent crime. <i>Proposed CIS Language: The Voices Neighborhood Council members have directly experienced violence within our Vermont Square Park. We urge the City of Los Angeles to take necessary steps to ensure the safety of our public space. For these reasons, the Voices Neighborhood Council supports LA City Council File: 19-0330 directing LAPD and the Mayor’s Office of Gang Reduction and Youth Development to report on the recent surge of violent crime.</i>  <b>This item was not discussed and will be added to the October meeting agenda.</b></p>	5 mins
17.	0819-11	<p><b>New Voices Postcard</b></p> <p>Council to discuss the request to authorize \$113.83 for the purchase of 2000 postcard printed by Next Day Flyers for outreach purposes.          Member/Committee: J. Rabb, Outreach Committee          Proposed Action: Motion to approve \$113.83 for the purchase of 2000 postcards from Next Day Flyers to be printed for outreach purposes.  <b>Moved: E. Garren; Second: A. Farias; S. Nieto completed BAC .Unanimously carried.</b></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>

<b>Council Vacancy</b>	<b>Description</b>
<b>1. Area 3 Representative</b>	Represents all interests within Area 3 of the VNC.

**Voices NC Council Liaisons**

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

<b>Standing Committees</b>	<b>Assigned Council Member</b>	<b>Description</b>
<b>1. Arts, Parks, &amp; Recreation</b>	S. Zurita	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>	P. Rand	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>	S. Nieto	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.