

City of Los Angeles
Voices Neighborhood Council
Regular Board Meeting

Tuesday, February 11, 2020, 6:00 pm
1201 W. 48th Street, LA 90037
Vermont Square Library, Community Room



Sally Embrey, Area 1
Odalis Perez, Area 2
Abasi Patton, Area 3
Edward Garren, Area 4
Parker Rand, At-Large
Vacant, Corresponding Secretary
Jaime Rabb, Vice Chairperson

Kelvin Guevara, Education
Anita Gray, Youth
Vacant, Faith-Based
Sara Zurita, Community-Based
Ingrid Guevara, Parliamentarian
Kaamil Benoit, Recording Secretary
Steven Nieto, Treasurer



Albert Farias, Chairperson

Call to order at 6:07 pm

Adjourned at 7:53 pm

Roll Call: O. Perez, A. Patton, E. Garren, J.
Rabb, K. Guevara, A. Gray, S. Zurita, I.
Guevara, K. Benoit, S. Nieto

REVISED AGENDA FOR 2/11/2020

PUBLIC COMMENTS

The public is requested to fill out a "Speaker Card" to address the Board on any agenda item before the Board takes an action on an item. Comments from the public on agenda items will be heard only when the respective item is being considered. Comments from the public on other matters not appearing on the agenda that are within the Board's jurisdiction will be heard during the General Public Comment period. Please note that under the Brown Act, the Board is prevented from acting on a matter that you bring to its attention during the General Public Comment period; however, the issue raised by a member of the public may become the subject of a future Board meeting. Public comment is limited to 3 minutes per speaker, unless adjusted by the presiding officer of the Council, and given to the first 10 persons who submit Speakers Cards to the Recording Secretary.

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)

As a covered entity under Title II of the Americans with Disabilities Act, the City of Los Angeles does not discriminate on the basis of disability and, upon request, will provide reasonable accommodation to ensure equal access to its programs, services and activities. Sign language interpreters, assistive listening devices and other auxiliary aids and/or services, may be provided upon request. To ensure availability of services, please make your request at least 3 business days (72 hours) prior to the meeting you wish to attend by emailing VoicesNC90037@gmail.com

PUBLIC ACCESS OF RECORDS

In compliance with Government Code section 54957.5, non-exempt writings that are distributed to a majority or all of the board in advance of a meeting may be viewed at the scheduled meeting. In addition, if you would like a copy of any record related to an item on the agenda, please email VoicesNC90037@gmail.com

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, Vice Chair, por correo electrónico a Vicechair@voicesnc.org para avisar al Concejo Vecinal.

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Call to Order
Roll Call
Pledge of Allegiance
Senior Lead Officer Report
Public Officials Report
General Public Comment on Non-Agenda Items

Senior Lead Officer report:

Southwest / Officer Salazar - auto related crimes, street robberies down. 77th / Officer Canizales - increase in car related issues, suggests home surveillance system, city to implement street vending permit, street vending has been decriminalized.

Public Officials report: Brett inquires as to what training the board needs. Voting changes (flipped ballots, new voting centers).

General Public Comment on Non-Agenda Items: Dr. Michael Baitey running for seat on LA school board.

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.	0220-01	Council Meeting Minutes Review and discussion of minutes from the Special Board/Training Meeting on February 1, 2020. Member/Committee: S. Nieto Proposed Action: Motion to approve the minutes for the Special Board/Training Minutes. Motion: J. Rabb, Second: A. Gray. Carries.	3 mins
2.	0220-02	Monthly Expenditure Report Review and discussion of MERs for January 2020 Member/Committee: S. Nieto Proposed Action: Motion to approve the January 2020 MERs. MERs to be submitted by February 28, 2020. Perform BAC. Motion: J. Rabb, Second: A. Patton. Carries.	3 mins
3.	0220-03	Census 2020 Presentation Presentation by the VoicesNC Goodwill Census Ambassadors regarding the upcoming Census and frequently asked questions. Discuss committee interest in developing an outreach event regarding the census. Member/Committee: A. Farias and S. Zurita Proposed Action: Motion that a VoicesNC committee explore the possibility of hosting a census event in April. Motion: E. Garren, Second: S. Zarita. Carries.	15 mins

4.	0220-04	<p>Be Neighborly Outreach Campaign Member/Committee: J. Rabb Proposed Action: Motion to approve not to exceed \$8,000 to vendors for the Be Neighborly campaign for design and printing costs of light pole banners, lawn signs, bus benches, bus shelters, posters, and other forms of media. Motion: J. Rabb, Second: S. Nieto. Carries.</p>	5 mins
5.	0220-05	<p>Clean Up/MYLA 311 Event with CD9 on March 21. Member/Committee: J. Rabb / Outreach Proposed Action: 1) Motion VoicesNC co-sponsor the Clean Up/MYLA 311 event with CD9 on March 21,2020. 2) Motion to approve not to exceed \$600.00 to provide lunch for 75 people. Perform BAC and Event paperwork. Motion: E. Garren, Second: S. Zurita. Carries.</p>	5 mins
6.	0220-06	<p>Tree Planting w/KYCC Description of an event to plant 100 trees with maintenance in Area 1. Member/Committee: S. Zurita / Arts, Parks & Recreation Proposed Action: 1) Motion that VoicesNC co-sponsor a tree planting event with KYCC on March 28, 2020. 2) Motion to approve not to exceed \$400.00 to provide lunch for 50 people. Perform BAC and Event paperwork. Motion: S. Zurita, Second: J. Rabb. Carries</p>	5 mins
7.	0220-07	<p>Think Outside The Box Art Project Member/Committee: S. Zurita / Arts, Parks & Recreation Proposed Action: Motion to approve not to exceed \$3,700.00 for artwork on 4 electrical boxes. Motion: J. Rabb, Second: A. Gray. Unanimously carries.</p>	5 mins
8.	0220-08	<p>Meet and Greet with Area Representatives Member/Committee: O. Perez Proposed Action: 1) Motion to approve event on March 21, 2020 for a meet and greet with Area 2 representative at Dana Boba from 1pm-3pm. 2) Motion to approve template flyer for all future meet and greets. 3) Motion not to exceed \$200.00 to purchase refreshments for the meet and greet. Perform BAC and Event paperwork. Amendment: not to exceed \$250 Motion 1 & 3: O. Perez, Second: K. Guevara. Motion 2 : E. Garren, Second: K. Guevara. Unanimously carries</p>	5 mins
9.	0220-09	<p>Outreach Flyers for Area Representatives Member/Committee: A. Patton Proposed Action: 1) Board to approve flyer template to be used for future area representative community outreach. Motion: J. Rabb, Second: E. Garren. Carries</p>	5 mins
10.	0220-10	<p>Vermont Square Park Plans Discuss recreational and safety priorities for Vermont Square Park Member/Committee: S. Zurita Proposed Action: Motion that the Voices NC <u>APPROVE</u> a letter outlining priority areas Tabled</p>	20 mins
11.	0220-11	<p>Office & Committee Meeting Space Discuss the potential for the four established VoicesNC committees to host meetings in alternative locations (e.g. Expo Park Rec Center, St. Johns Wellness Center, Honda Downtown LA Conference Center) Member/Committee: J. Rabb / P. Rand / S. Zurita / S. Nieto Proposed Action: Motion that committees report back to the Board by the April 2020 meeting with the status of selecting an alternative location Tabled</p>	10 mins

12.	0220-12S	<p>Institute a Monthly Newsletter that may include list of upcoming meetings/events, highlight board actions from previous month, community spotlight (business, person, place) Proposed Action: Appoint a monthly board member to develop a newsletter to be distributed via the email-list serve. Submit final newsletter to Jaime Rabb for approval and dissemination. Tabled</p>	10 mins
13.	0220-13	<p>Committee & Liaison Reports Council to report on committee and liaison activities and invite interested stakeholders to participate in scheduled meetings.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Outreach Committee • Planning & Land Use Committee • Arts, Parks & Recreation Committee • Health and Safety Committee • Budget & Finance Committee • Ad hoc Sustainability Committee • Ad hoc Be Neighborly committee • Ad hoc Business Committee • Ad hoc Bylaws Committee • CPAB (77th & Southwest) Liaison • Homeless Liaison • SLAANC Liaison • Area Representatives (1, 2, 3, 4 and At-Large) <p>Proposed Action: No motions from updates. Committee and Liaison agenda motions will be listed individually for discussion and possible action. Tabled</p>	10 mins
14.	0220-14S	<p>Committee Status and Structure As per the general board meeting held on July 9, 2019, we are reconsidering the formation and board member make up for the VoicesNC committees. Member/Committee: A. Farias Proposed Action: Motion that Voices NC <u>APPROVE</u> combining the Arts Parks and Recreation with the Outreach Committee to formalize Community Engagement Committee with Jaime Rabb and Sara Zurita as co-chairs, Anita Gray, Steven Nieto, Erica Helphand (Stakeholder) as members until the end of the fiscal year. Proposed Action: Motion that Voices NC <u>APPROVE</u> combining the Planning and Land Use, with Health and Safety Committee with Steven Nieto and Parker as co-chairs and Albert Farias, Ed Garren and Sawnia House (Stakeholder) as members until the end of the fiscal year. Tabled</p>	10 mins
15.	0220-15	<p>Voices Vacancies Review and discussion of vacant council seat, unassigned committees, liaisons, liaison alternates, and recruitment of community stakeholders for committee assignment. Discuss council member absences. Invite all committee members to be sworn in during the February meeting. Member/Committee: A. Farias Council to motion on approving letter/email to be sent immediately to members who have exceeded the number of absences to inform seat is at risk of vacancy. Tabled</p>	5 mins
16.	0220-16	<p>Vermont Square Library Spring After-School Program Celebration Discuss co-sponsor event for 150 children who participate in Vermont Square Library's afterschool program. Member/Committee: J. Rabb, Outreach</p>	5 mins

		<p>Proposed Action: 1) Motion that VoicesNC co-sponsor the spring event with Vermont Square Library on April 1, 2020 from 3-5pm. 2) Motion to approve not to exceed \$1,500.00 for activities, candy, water, snacks for children. Perform BAC and Event paperwork.</p>	
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<u>Voices NC Council Vacancy</u>	
Interested stakeholders can email a Letter of Intent to VoicesNC90037@gmail.com . Additional information about Voices NC is available at https://VoicesNC.org	
Council Vacancy	Description
1. Corresponding Secretary	At the direction of the Chair, prepare and release formal board approved correspondence; routinely inform the public of the Council’s activities and inform the Board of City meetings and activities; receives and shares outreach notices and stakeholder information between committees; oversee the maintenance and updating of the website and other social media platforms; create and post all agenda notices in accordance with the Brown Act for all Board meetings; maintain and update the stakeholder database
2. Faith Based Representative	Represents the interests of faith-based organizations in our community and who is designated representative of a faith-based organization located within the boundaries of the VNC area.

<u>Voices NC Council Liaisons</u>			
Council Liaison	Meeting Time	Assigned Member	Alternate Member
1. SLAANC	Third Thursday of the month (6:30pm)	A. Farias	J. Rabb
2. LAPD 77th C-PAB	Second Thursday of the month (6:00pm)	S. Nieto	J. Rabb
3. LAPD Southwest C-PAB	First Monday of the month (6:30pm)	S. Embrey	A. Patton
4. Homelessness	Every Other Month (TBD) (6:30pm)	A. Farias	K. Benoit, A. Gray, P. Rand
5. Resilience/Disaster Preparedness	TBD	S. Zurita	S. Embrey
6. Budget Advocate	First Monday of the month (7:00pm)	S. Nieto	E. Garren
7. Neighborhood Council Sustainability Alliance	TBD	K. Benoit	A. Patton

<u>Voices NC Council Financial Responsibilities</u>
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Primary Signer	2 nd Signer	Alternate Signer	1 st Bankcard holder	2 nd Bankcard holder
S. Nieto (Treasurer)	A. Farias	J. Rabb	A. Farias	J. Rabb

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. For more about Voices NC Standing Committees refer to Bylaws, Article VI, and Section 1.

Standing Committees	Assigned Council Member	Description
1. Arts, Parks, & Recreation	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.
2. Budget & Finance	S. Nieto	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.
3. Outreach	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.
4. Planning & Land Use	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.
5. Senior Services	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.

6. Youth & Education	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.
7. Health & Safety	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.