

City of Los Angeles  
Voices Neighborhood Council  
Regular Board Meeting



Tuesday, May 10, 2022, 6:00 pm  
VIA Telephone or Internet (Zoom)

Sally Embrey, Area 1  
Javonne Sanders, Area 2  
Vacant, Area 3  
Edward Garren, Area 4  
Parker Rand, At-Large  
Matthew Crawford, Corresponding Secretary  
Jaime Rabb, Vice Chairperson



Albert Farias, Chairperson

Vacant, Education  
Vacant, Youth  
Elizabeth Ebow, Housing  
Estuardo Mazariegos, Community-Based  
Sunny Keaton, Parliamentarian  
Jason Saunders, Recording Secretary  
Steven Nieto, Treasurer

## Regular Board Meeting **MINUTES**

Tuesday, June 14, 2022

6:00 pm

Zoom Meeting Online or By Telephone

<https://zoom.us/j/96107326167>

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In conformity with the September 16, 2021 Enactment of California Assembly Bill 361 (Rivas) and due to concerns over Covid-19, The Voices Neighborhood Council Meeting will be conducted entirely with a call-in option or internet-based service option.

Every person wishing to address the Board must dial (877) 853-5257, and enter 961 0732 6167 and then press # to join the meeting. When prompted by the presiding officer, to provide public input at the Neighborhood Council meeting the public will be requested to dial \*9 or use the Raise Hand option, 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 Board.

### AB 361 Updates:

Public comment cannot be required to be submitted in advance of the meeting, only real-time public comment is required. If there are any broadcasting interruptions that prevent the public from observing or hearing the meeting, the meeting must be recessed or adjourned. If members of the public are unable to provide public comment or be heard due to issues within the Neighborhood Council's control, the meeting must be recessed or adjourned.

Any messaging or virtual background is in the control of the individual board member in their personal capacity and does not reflect any formal position of the Neighborhood Council or the City of Los Angeles.

**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.

**MINUTES FOR 5/10/2022**

Call to Order

Roll Call

Call to Order @6:08pm

Roll Call: Present: A. Farias, J. Rabb, P. Rand, S. Keaton,  
E. Garren, E. Ebow, S. Nieto, M. Crawford, E. Mazariegos, J. Sanders, J. Saunders

Tardy: E. Ebow, M. Crawford Absent: S. Embrey

**Action Items**

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

Item	Reference Number	Matter
1.	0522-01	<b>General Public Comment on Non-Agenda Items</b> (limit 3 minutes per speaker) <i>No comments</i>
2.	0522-02	<b>Community/Government Reports and Announcements</b> A. LAPD Senior Lead Officers -Southwest and 77th St. <i>SLO Canizales gave a crime update with an increase of vehicle thefts. Violent crime is up, 30 shootings, 20 survived.</i> B. Office of Supervisor Holly Mitchell's office - Alfonso Ruiz-Delgado <i>not present</i> C. State Senator Sydney Kamlager-Dove's office - Josef Siroky <i>not present</i> D. Congressmember Karen Bass' office - Allen Moret <i>Nothing to report if state issues call 323-965-9422</i> E. Council District 9 - Kendal Lake <i>Ongoing tree trimming. If any specific trees contact her office.. Estuardo request street safety painting for 42nd street. Ms. Lake says LADOT looking into it.</i> F. Mayor's Office - Edith Vega <i>not present</i> G. USC Civic Engagement- Steve Wesson <i>not present</i> H. Department of Neighborhood Empowerment- Daniel Johnson <i>City Council Meetings now in person. Visits by appointment only. NC Councils for elections 2023 outreach beginning. New Trainings: Town Hall, and digital communication policy. Zoom yearly cost will be \$200 and Voices should take action to authorize expenditure.</i>
3.	0522-03	<b>Treasurer's Report: Monthly Expenditure Report</b> Review and discussion of VoicesNC Budget and MERs for April 2022. Member/Committee: S. Nieto, Treasurer <u>Proposed Action 1:</u> Motion to APPROVE the April 2022 MERs. MERs to be submitted by May 31, 2022. Perform BAC. <i>1st J. Rabb. 2nd S. Nieto Approved 10 YES, 0 NO; MOTION CARRIES</i>
4.	0522-04	<b>Meeting Minutes</b> Review and discussion of minutes from the April (4/12/22) meeting. Member/Committee: A. Farias Proposed Action: Motion to APPROVE the minutes for the April 2022 General Board Meeting. <i>Approved 10 YES, 0 NO; MOTION CARRIES</i>
5.	0522-05	<b>Healthy Streets LA Campaign Presentation</b> Member/Committee: E. Garren/PLUM Proposed Action: Motion to APPROVE a letter supporting Healthy Streets LA Campaign. <i>Presentation by Katrina Kaiser from Healthy Streets L.A. Campaign APPROVED 10 YES, 0 NO; MOTION CARRIES</i>

6.	0522-06	<p><b>Vermont Square Library Mural Project</b> Member/Committee: J. Rabb Proposed Action: Motion to APPROVE an amount not to exceed \$5000 for the LOVE BOOKS Mural at Vermont Square Park, as needed. <b>Jason Valencia will charge \$100 dollars per hour to restore damage to mural should damage occur. 10 YES, 0 NO; MOTION CARRIES</b></p>
7.	0522-07	<p><b>Vermont Square Library Summer Events</b> - June 7 4- 5, June 21 3-4, July 12 3-4 and Aug. 2 3-4 Member/Committee: J. Rabb Proposed Action: Motion to APPROVE an amount not to exceed \$1,000 for outreach refreshments/items at (1 or all dates)E. <b>Garren 1st, J. Rabb 2nd. 9 YES, 0; NO MOTION CARRIES</b></p> <p><b>TABLING WILL CONSIST OF:</b> June 7th, 4 to 5 E. GARREN June 21, 3 to 4 E. GARREN, M. CRAWFORD July 12, 3 to 4 E. GARREN, M. CRAWFORD, J. RABB August 2, 3 to 4 M. CRAWFORD, J. RABB. S. KEATON</p>
8.	0522-08	<p><b>2nd Annual Summer Extravaganza August Events Task Force</b> Member/Committee: J. Rabb Proposed Action: Motion to APPROVE a Task Force to handle details with CD9 for the Summer events at Vermont Square Park. <b>9 YES, 0 NO; MOTION CARRIES Steering committee shall consist of A.Farias, J. Rabb, J. Saunders</b></p>
9.	0522-09	<p><b>Committee &amp; Liaison Reports Assignments</b> 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>• BOP Committee <b>No meeting this month</b></li> <li>• Planning &amp; Land Use Committee</li> <li>• Health and Safety Committee</li> <li>• Budget &amp; Finance Committee</li> <li>• Ad hoc Sustainability Committee</li> <li>• Ad hoc Business Committee</li> <li>• LA LGBTQ+ Alliance of Neighborhood Councils Liaison</li> <li>• CPAB - 77th Liaison &amp; Southwest Liaison</li> <li>• Homeless Liaison</li> <li>• SLAANC Liaison</li> <li>• Area Representatives (1, 2, 3, 4 and At-Large)</li> </ul> <p><b>Proposed Action:</b> Council to establish standing committee, to assign committee chairs, members and liaisons</p>
10.	0522-10	<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. Discuss council member absences. Invite all committee members to be sworn in during the meeting. Member/Committee: A. Farias <b>Proposed Action:</b> 1) Council to appoint vacant board seats - Education Rep, Area 3 Representative and Youth Rep.</p> <p><b>MOTION TO REINSTATE A. PATTON as Area 3 REP. 9 YES to 0 NO, MOTION CARRIES</b></p>
11.	0522-11	<p><b>General Board Announcements on Non-Agenda Items (Not for Discussion)</b></p>

## ADJOURNMENT

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, or 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 by contacting the Department of Neighborhood Empowerment by calling (213) 978-1551 or email: [NCsupport@lacity.org](mailto:NCsupport@lacity.org)

**PUBLIC POSTING OF AGENDAS** – Neighborhood Council agendas are posted for public review as follows:

- Vermont Square Library, 1201 W. 48th St. Los Angeles, CA 90037
- [www.voicesnc.org](http://www.voicesnc.org)
- You can also receive our agendas via email by subscribing to [L.A. City’s Early Notification System \(ENS\)](#)

### **NOTICE TO PAID REPRESENTATIVES-**

If you are compensated to monitor, attend, or speak at this meeting, City law may require you to register as a lobbyist and report your activity. See Los Angeles Municipal Code Section 48.01 et seq. More information is available at [ethics.lacity.org/lobbying](http://ethics.lacity.org/lobbying). For assistance, please contact the Ethics Commission at (213) 978-1960 or [ethics.commission@lacity.org](mailto:ethics.commission@lacity.org).

### **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 our website: [www.VoicesNC.org](http://www.VoicesNC.org) or at the scheduled meeting. In addition if you would like a copy of any record related to an item on the agenda, please contact 323-285-1877 or email at: [VoicesNC90037@gmail.com](mailto:VoicesNC90037@gmail.com).

### **RECONSIDERATION 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 [www.VoicesNC.org](http://www.VoicesNC.org).

### **Voices NC Council Vacancy**

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

<b>Council Vacancy</b>	<b>Description</b>
<b>1. Education Representative</b>	The Education Representative represents the interest of students and educators within our community. This representative should be informed on the issues and concerns related to educational organizations and institutions within Voices Neighborhood Council boundaries.

<b>2. Youth Representative</b>	The Youth Representative is appointed by the Board and must be at least sixteen (16) years of age at the time of appointment. This representative should be informed on the issues and concerns related to area youth and/or youth culture. If the appointed Youth Representative is less than eighteen (18) years of age, the person is excluded from voting on the (1) expenditure of Voices Neighborhood Council funds; (2) the hiring or firing of staff of the Voices Neighborhood Council; or (3) entering into contracts and agreements.
<b>3. Area 3 Representative</b>	The Area 3 Representative represents all interests within Area 3 of the Voices Neighborhood Council. The Area 3 Representative will serve as a point of contact for voicing the Area’s community concerns. This representative should serve as a point of contact between their Senior Lead Officers and the Los Angeles Council members assigned to Area 3. This representative should be knowledgeable of city services that can be utilized and benefit Area 3 boundaries. This member is also responsible for ongoing outreach activities to this sector of our community.

<b>Voices NC Council Liaisons</b>			
<b>Council Liaison</b>	<b>Meeting Time</b>	<b>Assigned Member</b>	<b>Alternate Member</b>
<b>1. SLAANC</b>	Third Thursday of the month (6:30pm)	Albert Farias	Matthew Crawford
<b>2. LAPD 77<sup>th</sup> C-PAB</b>	Second Thursday of the month (6:00pm)	Jaime Rabb	Matthew Crawford
<b>3. LAPD Southwest C-PAB</b>	First Monday of the month (6:30pm)		
<b>4. Homelessness</b>	Every Other Month (TBD) (6:30pm)	Elizabeth Ebow	
<b>5. Resilience/Disaster Preparedness</b>	TBD		
<b>6. Budget Advocate</b>	First Monday of the month (7:00pm)		
<b>7. Neighborhood Council Sustainability Alliance</b>	TBD		

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

<b>Voices NC Standing Committees</b>
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*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 Member</b>	<b>Description</b>
<b>1. Beautification, Outreach and Programming (BOP)</b>	Sara Zurita (stakeholder)	The BOP Committee will have the responsibility to discuss issues, promote partnerships on projects and brainstorm ideas to encourage greater community involvement and support. The 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. Also 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 Chair selects meeting site, date and time and meets as directed in these Bylaws.
<b>2. Budget &amp; Finance</b>	Steven 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.
<b>3. Planning &amp; Land Use</b>	Edward Garren & Estuardo Mazariegos (Co-chairs)	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>4. Senior Services</b>		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>5. Youth &amp; Education</b>		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>6. Health &amp; Safety</b>		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.