

City of Los Angeles
Voices Neighborhood Council
Regular Board Meeting



Tuesday, April 11, 2023, 6:00 pm
Vermont Square Branch Library

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Abasi Patton, Area 3
Vacant, Area 4
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(Downstairs Multipurpose Room)

1201 W. 48th St.

Los Angeles, CA 90037

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AGENDA FOR 4/11/2023

Call to Order at 6:07pm

Roll Call- Eric Chavez, Edward Garren, Abasi Patton, Jaime Rabb, Javonne Sanders, Jason Saunders, Dulce Vasquez, Emmanuel Alcantar, Matthew Crawford

Absent: Sunny Keaton, Estuardo Mazariegos, Parker Rand, Elizabeth Ebow

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.	0423-01	General Public Comment on Non-Agenda Items None
2.	0423-02	Community/Government Reports and Announcements A. LAPD Senior Lead Officers -Southwest and 77th St. Lot of auto thefts. Fire at the police station. Can get automobile clubs. CD 9 is doing regular cleanups. Underpass at MLK and the freeway. Robert Canizalez from 77th. From the 110 Freeway, Denker to SLauson MLK Lots of car thefts. Klas’s, Honda, Older cars. Abasi raised concerns about homeless problems 9 homicides so far. 12 rapes for the year 15 total. 117 residential burglaries, shots fired 102. Craig Slovak. Questions regarding LAHSA; care plus. Every Monday. They do the freeway corridor. B. Office of Supervisor Holly Mitchell’s office - Alfonso Ruiz-Delgado None

		<p>C. Congressman Sydney Kamlager-Dove's office Justin Lewis. Covers Fashion district to the 105 Central to Crenshaw.</p> <p>-Congressional Art Competition open to all high school students in the district. Will be displayed in the U.S. Capital. Dead -First tele town hall coming up. Federal Resources, various federal April 18 -Earth Day scavenger hunt, on April 22. -Case work issues of U.S. Passports, immigration, social security, IRS.</p> <p>D. State Senator Lola Smallwood Cuevas's office - Kirk Samuels Not Present E. Assemblymember Reggie Jones Sawyer's office - Herb Wesson III Not Present F. Council District 9 - Bryce Rosauro - Not Present G. Mayor Karen Bass' Office - Sandra Olmedo & Brenda Lee Thompson - Not Present H. USC Civic Engagement- Steve Wesson - Not Present LAFD Mike Flynn present; stakeholder asked if they were giving out smoke detector lafdbattalion13@lacity.org. Martha Sherod, librarian at Vermont Square Library - mentioned the library is 110 years old. 85 people turned out to the Easter event. Computers can be checked out with free wifi for up to 6 months.</p>
3.	0423-03	<p>Announcements/Updates by Department of Neighborhood Empowerment- Daniel Johnson Daniel Johnson: Dept. of Neighborhood Empowerment. Early Notification System 103 Agenda. Reach out to the District Attorney if you have any questions about conflict of interest at least 30 days in advance.</p> <p>Congress of Neighborhoods as well as participate in workshops. You have until May 15.</p> <p>March 23 Community Impact portal. April 20 Contracts workshop. 6 to 7 p.m. with City Clerk." daniel.d.johnson@lacity.org Buerouh of light Services to install electric charging stations.</p>
4.	0423-04	<p>Treasurer's Report: Monthly Expenditure Report Review and discussion of MERs for March 2023. Member/Committee: E. Garren <u>Proposed Action:</u> Motion to APPROVE the March 2023 MERs. MERs to be submitted by April 30, 2023. Perform BAC. First by Mathew Crawford Second by Dulce Vasquez 9 yes, Motion Carries.</p>
5.	0423-05	<p>Meeting Minutes Review and discussion of minutes from the March (3/14/23) General Board Meeting. Member/Committee: J. Saunders <u>Proposed Action:</u> Motion to APPROVE the minutes for the March 14, 2023 General Board Meeting Motion Dulce, Second by Emmanuel: 9 yes. Motion Carries.</p>
6.	0423-06	<p>Presentation by Aerieenne Russell and Lea Le Rouzo, CicLAvia South LA - Sunday, June 18, 2023 (9am-4pm) Member/Committee: D. Vasquez <u>Proposed Action:</u> Motion to APPROVE not to exceed \$1,000 for tabling at the event.</p>

		<p>Perform BAC. Ciclavia June 18th. 6 miles of Exposition to Vermont and Century to Jesse Owens Park. 7 am to 6 p.m. Will keep 8 major intersections open. Major community outreach. Volunteers needed.</p> <p>Motion by Mathew, Second by Javonne.</p> <p>People who committed to tabling: jason Abasi Dulce Emmanuel Jaime (maybe if back in town)</p> <p>Voices NC will have a table at Slauson and Vermont intersection. . 9 yes, Motion Carries.</p>
7.	0423-07	<p>Hybrid/Teleconference Meeting Options <u>Proposed Action:</u> Motion to APPROVE Voices NC General Board Meetings and Committee Meetings be held via hybrid/teleconference. First Jaime Second Javonne Motion amended to *may* Motion carries 9 yes,</p>
8.	0423-08	<p>Request for Security to extend hours at Vermont Square Branch Library <u>Proposed Action:</u> Motion to APPROVE not to exceed \$500 for security staff to extend hours at the library for general board meetings each month. Perform BAC. Motion by Mathew; second By Emmanuel</p> <p>8 no 1 yes 1 abstention Motion does NOT pass.</p>
9.	0423-09	<p>Banner Artwork/Redesign Member/Committee: J. Saunders/BOP <u>Proposed Action 1:</u> Motion to APPROVE design artwork for new banners ads. <u>Proposed Action 2:</u> Motion to APPROVE not to exceed \$5,000 to purchase additional banners with new artwork. Perform BAC. Motion by Mathew to move to next month's Agenda. Second by Jaime; Motion carries.</p>
10.	0423-10	<p>Advertising Efforts Update & Next Steps Member/Committee: M. Crawford <u>Proposed Action 1:</u> Motion to APPROVE advertising efforts. Moved to next month</p>
11.	0423-11	<p>Voices NC Block Party (Saturday, 5/20) Update & Next Steps Member/Committee: D. Vasquez</p>

		Tables, Chairs, bounce, houses, summer party. Time is 1 to 4 at Vermont Square Park.
12.	0423-12	<p>Council File: 23-0002-S16 Los Angeles Neighborhood Council System / Remote Meetings / Ralph M. Brown Act Amendment Member/Committee: D. Vasquez or J. Saunders <u>Proposed Action:</u> Motion to SUPPORT LA City Council File 23-0002-S16 and APPROVE and SUBMIT community impact statement.</p> <p>Amend the first motion to support both 23-0002-S16 and 23-0002-S17 letters and submit CIS.. Motion by Mathew Second by Ed</p> <p>9 Yes; Motion Carries.</p>
13.	0423-13	<p>Council File: 23-0002-S17 Local Legislative Bodies / Virtual Meetings / Ralph M. Brown Act Amendment Member/Committee: D. Vasquez or J. Saunders <u>Proposed Action:</u> Motion to SUPPORT LA City Council File 23-0002-S17 and APPROVE and SUBMIT community impact statement.</p>
14.	0423-14	<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 meeting. Member/Committee: J. Rabb or D. Vasquez <u>Proposed Action:</u> 1) Area 4 Rep, Youth Rep</p>
15.	0423-15	<p>Community Impact Statements (CIS) Review and appoint up to five board members to file Community Impact Statements which are official statements adopted by a Neighborhood Council on issues pending before the City Council, its committees, or City commissions. Current appointed board members: Jaime Rabb, Jason Saunders, Dulce Vasquez, Emmanuel Alcantar, Matthew Crawford Member/Committee: J. Rabb or D. Vasquez</p>
16.	0423-16	<p>Committee & Liaison Reports Assignments Council to report on committee and liaison activities and invite interested stakeholders to participate in scheduled meetings.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • BOP Committee - No BOP Meeting this month • Planning & Land Use Committee - Meeting will be held next Tuesday, 4/18 at Vermont Square Library at 6pm. • Health and Safety Committee • Budget & Finance Committee • Ad hoc Sustainability Committee • Sustainability Alliance Liaison • Ad hoc Business Committee • LA LGBTQ+ Alliance of Neighborhood Councils Liaison • CPAB - 77th Liaison & Southwest Liaison • Homeless Liaison • SLAANC Liaison • Area Representatives (1, 2, 3, 4 and At-Large) <p><u>Proposed Action:</u> Council to establish standing committee, to assign committee chairs, members and liaisons</p>

17.	0423-17	General Board Announcements on Non-Agenda Items (Not for Discussion) - Election Day - Saturday, April 15, 2023 from 10:30am - 4:30pm at Vermont Square Branch Library
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ADJOURNMENT at 7:50pm

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<p><u>Voices NC Council Vacancy</u></p> <p>Interested stakeholders can email a Letter of Intent to chair@voicesnc.org. Additional information about Voices NC is available at https://VoicesNC.org.</p>	
Council Vacancy	Description
<p>1. Area 4 Representative</p>	<p>The Area 4 Representative represents all interests within Area 4 of the Voices Neighborhood Council. The Area 4 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 4. This representative should be knowledgeable of city services that can be utilized and benefit Area 4 boundaries. This member is also responsible for ongoing outreach activities to this sector of our community.</p>

2. Youth Representative	The Youth Representative must be at least fourteen (14) years of age and no more than seventeen (17) years of age at the time of the election/appointment. This representative should be informed on the issues and concerns related to area youth and/or youth culture. The Youth Representative 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.
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Voices NC Council Liaisons			
Council Liaison	Meeting Time	Assigned Member	Alternate Member
1. SLAANC	Third Thursday of the month (6:30pm)	Matthew Crawford	Estuardo Mazariegos
2. LAPD 77th C-PAB	Second Thursday of the month (6:00pm)	Jaime Rabb	Matthew Crawford
3. LAPD Southwest C-PAB	First Monday of the month (6:30pm)		
4. Homelessness	Every Other Month (TBD) (6:30pm)	Elizabeth Ebow	
5. Resilience/Disaster Preparedness	TBD		
6. Budget Advocate	First Monday of the month (7:00pm)		
7. Neighborhood Council Sustainability Alliance	Third Sunday of the month (6:30pm)	Emmanuel Alcantar	
8. LA LGBTQ+ Alliance of Neighborhood Councils	TBD		

Voices NC Council Financial Responsibilities				
Primary Signer	2nd Signer	Alternate Signer	1st Bankcard holder	2nd Bankcard holder
Edward Garren (Treasurer)	J. Rabb	M. Crawford	J. Rabb	M. Crawford

Voices NC Standing Committees		
<p><i>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.</i></p>		
Standing Committees	Assigned Member	Description
1. Beautification, Outreach and Programming (BOP)	Sara Zurita (stakeholder) & Jaime Rabb (Co-Chairs)	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.

2. Budget & Finance	Vacant	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. Planning & Land Use	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.
4. Senior Services		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.
5. Youth & Education		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.
6. Health & Safety		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.