



Voices Neighborhood Council Regular Board Meeting  
 Vermont Square Branch Library  
 1201 West 48th Street, Los Angeles, CA 90037  
 Tuesday, January 8, 2019  
 6:00 pm\*  
 (New start time)



**BOARD MEMBERS**

**CHAIRPERSON**

*Mr. Vincente B. Miles*

**VICE-CHAIRPERSON**

*Vacant*

**CORRESPONDING SECRETARY**

*Ms. Jaime Rabb*

**RECORDING SECRETARY**

*Vacant*

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*Ms. Ivette Alé*

**PARLIAMENTARIAN**

*Ms. Sunserae Keaton*

**EDUCATION REPRESENTATIVE**

*Ms. Laure Ferguson*

**AREA 1 REPRESENTATIVE**

*Ms. Sally Embrey*

**AREA 2 REPRESENTATIVE**

*Vacant*

**AREA 3 REPRESENTATIVE**

*Ms. Genesis Lopez*

**AREA 4 REPRESENTATIVE**

*Mr. Alonzo Warren*

**AT-LARGE REPRESENTATIVE**

*Mr. Parker Rand*

**COMMUNITY/NONPROFIT REPRESENTATIVE**

*Ms. Sara Zurita*

**FAITH BASED REPRESENTATIVE**

*Vacant*

**YOUTH REPRESENTATIVE**

*Mr. Michael J. Parker*

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**Agenda**

1. Call to Order at 6:10pm
2. Roll Call by Parliamentarian - Mr. Miles, Ms. Keaton, Ms. Rabb, Mr. Rand, Mr. Warren, Mr. Parker, Ms. Ale in attendance. Ms. Zurita, Ms. Ferguson and Ms. Lopez were absent.
3. Senior Lead Officer/Public Officials (7 mins, each) – No SLO were present
4. General Public Comment on Non-agenda Items (3 mins)
  - Kysha Foster gave update from CPAB (Community Police Advisory Board) meeting - stated increase of theft during daytime at the Rite Aid by Ross on Figueroa/Vernon; rise in graffiti around Vermont Square Area/Menlo/Hoover; car burglaries on the rise – remove valuables and double check locked doors; City of LA working on establishing laws re: BIRD Electronic scooters. CPAB meets on first Monday of every month at 6:30pm at Child Guidance Clinic, Exposition Building, 3787 S. Vermont Ave. LA, CA 90007 and 2<sup>nd</sup> Thursday at 77<sup>th</sup> Police Station at 6:00pm
  - Michael Parker gave update on Honda of DTLA – show room and dealership –moving this in late Jan/early Feb – they will have a soft opening soon; Owner will have increased security around building
5. Board Announcements of Upcoming Events (2 mins each)
  - Brett Shears mentioned Civic Life for All Angelenos event being held on Wednesday, 1/9 and Candidate Election Workshops being held on March 2 and 3 – time and location TBD
6. General Comments by Council Chairperson (3 mins)
  - Vincente Miles mentioned a potential spot of securing office space above the 7-Eleven on 54<sup>th</sup>/Vermont
7. Approval of Minutes- **Discussion and Possible Action** (3 mins)
  - October 2018 and November 2018 Regular Board Meeting – this item deferred and moved to next meeting due to Parker Rand leaving early and no quorum.
8. Approval of MERs – **Discussion and Possible Action** (3 mins)
  - September 2018 and October 2018 and November 2018 – were motioned, second and Ms. Ale completed BAC.
9. Presentation by Mr. Armen Ross – **Discussion and Possible Action** (6 mins) – Mr. Armen Ross not present
  - Mr. Ross requested the opportunity to present the franchisee of the new 7-Eleven on 54<sup>th</sup> and Vermont
10. Ms. Kelie Sturgis, Peacemakers, Inc. Request for Domestic Violence Training grant – **Discussion and Possible Action** (15 mins)
  - Board will motion on NPG to provide \$300 scholarship for four individuals to participate in Domestic Training to become a Victim Advocate
    - The 4 scholarships will be given to individuals that live in 90037 that want to take the advocate training course.
    - Peacemakers, Inc. offers anger management, parenting, advocate & domestic violence classes. Non-clients pay \$10 per class; Counseling service \$50, etc. They have a staff of 9 people (4 bi-lingual); Classes also held on Saturday; They are the only agency in South LA.
    - Over the past 14 years managed over 3,500 clients; currently there are 77 out of 629 individuals/families being offered services that live in 90037

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- In addition to the training course each advocate must volunteer for at least 6 months to gain experience after taking the training DV course – all DV classes at the 77<sup>th</sup> Division (safe environment).
  - The board motioned to offer NPG of \$1200 for 4 individuals to complete advocate training, motion seconded and Ms. Ale completed a BAC and it was approved unanimously.
11. Vacancy of Area 3 Representative Position – **Discussion and Possible Action** (5 mins)
- Board to motion on vacating the Area 3 Representative seat due to exceeding number of allowable absences (*Please refer to our bylaws, Article V, Section 7, for Absences*) – Gennesis Lopez sent a letter of intent to resign from seat; position will be vacant for February meeting
12. Board Liaison and Committee Reports - **Discussion and Possible Action** (3 mins each)
- SLAANC Liaison – no meeting in December
  - Planning & Land Use Committee – Jaime Rabb presented update from PLUM held in December 2018 on behalf of Parker Rand
  - Outreach Committee & Social Media Ad Hoc - Jaime Rabb presented update - web vendors will present to ad hoc committee on January 16, 2019 and the committee will discuss and motion which vendor to present to the full board at February meeting
  - Homeless Liaison – there will be a fair (services) held on March 2<sup>nd</sup> from 9am – 1pm at Grant Park
  - Resiliency Liaison - meeting held in October; meeting next week (Monday, 1/14 at 7pm) – per Sally Embrey this is a working group
13. Status on Formation of Standing Committees and Member Selection - **Discussion and Possible Action** (5 mins)
- Board to motion on Board Member to lead and individuals interested in participation in Committee (*Please refer to our bylaws Article VII, Section 1, for Standing Committees and responsibilities*)
    - a. Arts, Parks and Recreation (Vacant)
    - b. Budget and Finance (Ivette Ale)
    - c. Health and Safety (Sally Embrey)
    - d. Seniors (Vacant)
    - e. Youth and Education (Vacant)
14. Adjourn at 7:39pm

### Vacancies and Responsibilities

**Faith-Based Representative** - represents the interest of faith-based organizations in our community and who is a designated representative of a faith-based organization located within the boundaries of the VNC area. A "designated representative" shall be the individual who is selected by a faith-based organization to represent said constituencies to the VNC.

**Recording Secretary** – records Council and Stakeholder attendance, records minutes of General Board meetings and Special Board Meetings, lists vacancies and forwards applicants to the Corresponding Secretary for Board distribution and placement on agenda, records Stakeholder grievances, selects Ad Hoc Grievance Panel, coordinates time and place for panel meeting and forwards panel report and recommendations to the Board.

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