



Voices Neighborhood Council
Regular Board Meeting Minutes
Vermont Square Branch Library
1201 West 48th Street, Los Angeles, CA 90037
Tuesday, October 9, 2018
6:00 pm



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Agenda

1. Call to Order at 6:04pm
2. Roll Call by Parliamentarian – Mr. Miles, Ms. Keaton, Ms. Rabb, Mr. Rand, Ms. Zurita, Mr. Parker, Mr. Warren, Ms. Embrey in attendance. Ms. Ale, Ms. Ferguson and Ms. Lopez were absent.
3. Senior Lead Officer/Public Officials (7 mins, each)
 - No SLO/Public Officials were present
4. General Public Comment on Non-agenda Items (3 mins)
 - Chelsea McElwee, Budget Advocate – met with Eric Garcetti – addressing homeless epidemic – building recommendations to address city exploration for Bank of LA; drafting report card to rate mayor, councilman and city services to distribute to all neighborhood councils; working on outreach objectives
 - Robertino Salgado– Office of the City Clerk - 2019 election update; candidate filing is Feb 23 – March 26, 2019; duties recruiting and staffing polling place, counting votes, etc. Elections will take place on Saturday, June 8, 2019 from 10am-4pm at Vermont Square Library – will advertise on NextDoor/Facebook platforms.
5. Board Announcements of Upcoming Events (2 mins each)
 - Voices NC’s Community Forum – Sunserae Keaton announced this upcoming meeting being held on Tuesday, October 16th from 6-7:30pm at Vermont Square Library – Public officials/officers will be present to answer questions to community/stakeholders.
6. Approval of Minutes- **Discussion and Possible Action** (3 mins)
 - September’s Regular Board Meetings minutes were motioned, second and unanimously approved.
7. Approval of MERs – **Discussion and Possible Action** (3 mins)
 - September - due to Ms. Ale absence we will revisit in November
8. Mr. Curren Price, Councilmember District 9 - **Discussion and Possible Action** (30 mins)
 - Board and stakeholders to have a listening session with Councilmember Price on affairs related to District 9 (**The New 9**)
 - Mr. Price discussed the importance in supporting parks/recs – spent \$40 million for updating our parks with new equipment, playground area, bbq, new lighting, etc. Committed to Clean and Green by planting 1000 trees in the area and Department of Sanitation handling extra bulky item pickups, sidewalk repair, etc.
 - Economic Development – Coliseum, stadium, science center, Lucas Museum, African-American Museum, 30% local hire for these renovation/employment opportunities
 - Local Initiative – to close tunnels 51st/Vermont & 51st/Hoover; demo of church on Hoover/62nd.
 - Increased affordable housing for 241 units; 800 more in pipeline – supporting 347 units for homeless – most in CD9. Continue looking for emergency shelters. Partnered with Safe Parking in our district – church parking lots open in the evening where homeless can park/sleep in car, get shower, use bathroom facilities, breakfast in morning, etc.
 - Shower program in CD9 once a week at shelter on 38th/Broadway – will offer free laundry service at a laundromat – want to promote this so they’ll let us know.
 - Continue to build Outreach relationships/ share services. Working with to help transitional youth.

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- Immigration – to help with rules/regulations to support immigrants in our community. Allocated \$1m to 2 Immigration Rights Organizations to help people become US citizens.
- Stakeholder asked Mr. Price question about mental health – help support mentally challenged people on streets. Homeless / shared housing – organization handles lease with property owner to help place people that need place to live to help them get off the streets
- Stakeholder asked about trash and excessive water/flooding, signage for no overnight parking/people sleeping/smoking in cars around the Vermont Square Park. Mr. Price said they are working on these issues and asked to continue addressing/complaining and eventually they will work on getting issues resolved.
- Mr. Price thanked Voices NC for support in Community events – ‘Movies in the Park’ – August; Winter Wonderland, etc. This year’s Winter Wonderland will be held on November 29th with Live entertainment & giveaways at Vermont Square Park.
- Fig Corridor project was mentioned and asked if this would be extended below MLK Blvd. Mr. Price is encouraged that it may continue further south in the future but currently no plans are in place for this.
- Homeless Encampment near Grand Corridor – coordinating with LAPD to clean up area
- RV parking overnight – rule passed in 2016 lapsed so they will be enforcing this again
- Feral cat problem supported at least 1x a month for catch and release colonies of cats in CD9
- Plan for improving Vermont/Hoover/Normandie – Mr. Price said he supports expanding business centers down Fig/Vermont – support small businesses – job training/employment
- Mr. Price announced giving out 30 tickets to the LAFC game on October 9th to attendees at the meeting.

9. Intent to Vacate Board Seats - **Discussion and Possible Action** (10 mins)

- Area 2 Representative – Jaime Rabb – vacated position due to requesting to hold the Corresponding Secretary position.
- Board to motion on Board Member seats at risk of being vacated – No action taken

10. Formation of Standing Committees and Member Selection - **Discussion and Possible Action** (10 mins)

- Board to motion on Board member to lead and individuals interested in participation in Committee (*Please refer to our bylaws Article VII, Section, for Standing Committees and responsibilities*)
 - a. Arts, Parks and Recreation (Jaime Rabb) – will be open since Jaime moving to Outreach
 - b. Budget and Finance (Ivette Ale) – Vincente wants to support budget/finance committee
 - c. Health and Safety (Sally Embrey)
 - d. Outreach (Vincente Miles) – Jaime Rabb will take over this position as Corresponding Secretary
 - Social Media Ad Hoc Minutes
 - e. Planning and Land Use (Parker Rand) – Parker Rand announced wanted stakeholder support for this committee
 - f. Seniors (Vacant)
 - g. Youth and Education (Vacant)
 - Vincente will set up folder with agenda template/documents/flyers accessible to all board members.

11. Board Vacancy Applicants - **Discussion and Possible Action** (5 mins)

(Please refer to Voices NC Bylaws Article V, Section 6 for our procedures to fill vacancy)

- Corresponding Secretary – Jaime Rabb submitted letter of interest – Sunserae Keaton motioned; Sally Embrey seconded; all unanimously approved.
- Recording Secretary
- Vice Chairperson
- Faith Based Representative
 - Voices NC did not receive any letters of interest in the vacant positions of Vice Chairperson, Recording Secretary, and Faith-based Representative.

12. Adjourn - meeting was adjourned at 7:25pm