



Voices Neighborhood Council
 Regular Board Meeting Minutes
 Vermont Square Branch Library
 1201 West 48th Street, Los Angeles, CA 90037
 Tuesday, September 11, 2018
 6:30 pm



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Agenda

1. Call to Order at 6:30pm; observed a moment of silence for 9-11
2. Roll Call by Parliamentarian – Mr. Miles, Ms. Keaton, Ms. Rabb, Mr. Rand, Ms. Zurita, Mr. Parker, Ms. Ale, Ms. Embrey, Ms Ferguson was tardy. Mr. Warren and Ms. Lopez were absent. Mr. Esperias resigned.
3. Senior Lead Officer/Public Officials (7 mins, each)
 - Officer J. Rodriguez of Central Traffic Division gave update on traffic/pedestrian fatalities in 2018 and continuing to patrol high-traffic areas in South LA.
 - Officer Canizales gave update on crime; burglary by motor vehicles; monitoring and ticketing double parking cars on streets; trying to catch gang tagger in the act in our area
4. General Public Comment on Non-agenda Items (3 mins)
 - Karen Hernandez from KYCC (Tree Planting Project) – informing residents they are giving away up to 7 trees per home at no-cost
 - Chelsea McElwee, Budget Advocate – asking stakeholders their concerns and giving recommendation to Mayor before budgets are submitted for year; creating survey to measure NC activities/concerns in community
 - Brett Shears, Empower LA – update on Congress of NC event on Sept. 22, 2018; Bylaws finalized; Election update – will be held on June 8, 2019
5. Approval of Minutes- **Discussion and Possible Action** (3 mins)
 - June 2018, July 2018, August Special Meeting 2018, and August Regular Meeting 2018 were motioned, second and unanimously approved.
6. Approval of MERs – **Discussion and Possible Action** (3 mins)
 - March 2018 and July 2018 were motioned, second and Ms. Ale completed BAC. August 2018 MERS moved to October 2018 agenda.
7. Board Member Reimbursements - **Discussion and Possible Action** (2 mins, each)
 - Board to motion for expenditure of monthly meeting expenditures, including print cost and refreshments, not to exceed \$100 per month – The board removed refreshments from monthly meeting expenditures and motioned, seconded the expenditure to not exceed \$100 per month. Ms. Ale completed a BAC and it was approved unanimously.
 - Board to motion to reimburse of Vincente Miles of expenses \$59.21 for print cost and refreshments for Special Board Meeting on 8/9/18 for Special Board Meeting – The board motioned, seconded the expenditure. Ms. Ale completed a BAC and it was approved unanimously.
 - Board to Motion to approve Vincente Miles to purchase refreshments for April CPR Event not to exceed \$50 (*Motion for reimbursement was approved but Voices needs to approve expense for the event*) – The board motioned, seconded the expenditure to not exceed \$50. Ms. Ale completed a BAC and it was approved unanimously.
8. Change of Regular Board Meeting Time to 6:00 pm – **Discussion and Possible Action** (5 mins)
 - Board to motion on change of regular Board Meeting from 6:30 pm to 6:00 pm for all upcoming meetings – The board motioned, second and unanimously approved moving the regular board meeting time to 6:00pm effective with the October 2018 meeting and all regular board meetings thereafter.

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9. Formation of Standing Committees and Member Selection - ***Discussion and Possible Action*** (20 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*)
 - i. Arts, Parks and Recreation (Jaime Rabb)
 - ii. Budget and Finance (Ivette Ale)
 - iii. Health and Safety (Sally Embrey)
 - iv. Outreach (Julio Esperias)
 - v. Planning and Land Use (Parker Rand)
 - vi. Seniors (Vacant)
 - vii. Youth and Education (Vacant)
 - Discussion of setting up Ad Hoc committees for Community Forum (Sunserae Keaton) and Social Media/Website committee (Ivette Ale to handle on temp. basis) Further discussion of standing committees will be discussed in October 2018 meeting.
10. Election Information Worksheet (*BAC required*) – ***Discussion and Possible Action*** (5 mins)
 - Board to motion on Election Planning for Saturday, June 8, 2019 – Since Julio Esperias resigned from the board, Vincente Miles was replaced as the NC Election Committee Chair. The board motioned, seconded and unanimously approved election to be held for 6 hours in 2019 on June 8, 2019 at Vermont Square Library.
11. Voices NC Expenditures – ***Discussion and Possible Action*** (10 mins)
 - Board to motion to approve Voices NC Budget revisions to total \$41,985. – Expenditure was motioned, second and Ms. Ale completed BAC.
 - Board to motion to approve expense not to exceed \$3,000 for website development and maintenance – Expenditure was motioned, second and Ms. Ale completed BAC.
 - Board to motion to approve expense of business cards for Board members not to exceed \$500 – Expenditure was motioned, second and Ms. Ale completed BAC.
 - Board to motion to approve expense of marketing materials (SWAG) not to exceed \$1000 for outreach efforts – Expenditure was motioned, second and Ms. Ale completed BAC.
12. NPG Submissions – ***Discussion and Possible Action*** (10 mins)
 - Board to review City Clerk denial of Peace Center NPG - The board motioned, seconded and unanimously approved.
 - Board to motion on the NPG for Garden Ranger Program at Dr. James Edward Jones Primary Center located at 1017 W. 47th St. 90037 to be discussed in Budget and Finance Committee - The board motioned, seconded and approved \$1200 for the NPG. Ms. Ale completed BAC.
 - Board to motion that all NPGs must be presented to Budget and Finance prior to submission for Board Approval - The board motioned, seconded and unanimously approved.
13. Board to Fill Vacancies - ***Discussion and Possible Action*** (10 mins)
 (*Please refer to our bylaws Article V, Section 6 for our procedures to fill vacancies*)
 - 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. No stakeholders submitted letters of interest in tonight's meeting
14. Adjorn - meeting was adjourned at 7:54pm