



Voices Neighborhood Council Regular Board Meeting
 Vermont Square Branch Library
 1201 West 48th Street, Los Angeles, CA 90037
 Tuesday, July 9, 2019
 6:00 pm



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Agenda

1. Call to Order at 6:10PM.
2. Roll Call by Parliamentarian-Present: Mr. Miles, Dr. Farias, Ms. Rabb, Mr. Nieto, Ms. Guevara, Ms. Perez, Mr. Garren, Ms. Zurita. Tardy: Ms. Embrey (6:33 PM arrival) and Mr. Guevara (6:34 PM arrival). Absent: Mr. Rand and Rev. Rodriguez.
3. Senior Lead Officer/Public Officials (7 mins, each)
 - Edith Vega, Mayor's Office, encouraged Stakeholders to download the Shake LA app.
 - Brittney Price, CD9, has taken over for Herb Wesson III. Interested in starting a block club and having CD9 paying for signage. Major trash sweeps have been taking place on Vermont; Hoover is next. Tentative date for Movies in the Park is August 30th. Current and outgoing board members presented with certificates from the City of Los Angeles.
 - Officer Rebecca Martin, 77th Street, National Night Out Event, August 6th, 5-7 PM.
4. General Public Comment on Non-agenda Items (3 mins)
 - Brandy, Too Bee Loved Pet Care Services, interested in coordinating community projects and teaming up with local government.
 - Sara Zurita, VNC, distributed earthquake preparation materials.
5. Board Announcements of Upcoming Events (2 mins each)
6. General Comments by Council Chairperson (3 mins)
7. Introduction of Newly Elected Council Members – **Discussion and Possible Action** (20 mins)
 - Council to present to constituents newly elected council members for 2-year term.
8. Voices NC Strategic Plan & Budget Session – **Discussion and Possible Action** (10 mins)
 - Council to receive training from DONE and plan priorities for the fiscal year 2019-20 on Saturday, July 27, 2019 from 1:00 pm to 4:00 pm. Open to public.
9. LAPD 77th Division – South Bureau Response to Vermont Square Park Incident & Safety Plan – **Discussion and Possible Action** (25 mins)
 - Captain Al Neal and Assistant Commanding Officer Al Labrada to discuss safety measures for Vermont Square Park. Labrada- Two of three arrests made, and investigation is still underway. Cameras are a reasonable solution to deter crime.
 - Several stakeholders spoke in support and against cameras in the park. When polled by a show of hands, 12 in favor and 7 opposed.
 - Council to motion on safety plan for cameras to be placed in park and surrounding area to increase public safety.
 - Motioned: Dr. Farias. Seconded: Ms. Rabb. Yeas (9) Nays (0) Abstentions (1)
10. Approval of Voices NC items - **Discussion and Possible Action** (10 mins)
 - Minutes for Voices NC June Meeting held on June 11, 2019
 - Motioned: Ms. Rabb. Seconded: Mr. Nieto. Unanimously carried.
 - MERS for April, May, and June 2019.
 - Motioned: Ms. Rabb. Seconded: Mr. Farias. Mr. Nieto completed BAC. Unanimously carried.
11. Applicant for the Voices NC Youth Representative Vacancy – **Discussion and Possible Action** (15 mins)
 - Council to motion on the letter of interest submitted by Ms. Anita Gray for the Youth Representative, an appointed position.
 - Motioned: Mr. Garren. Seconded: Mr. Nieto. Unanimously carried.
12. Adjourn at 7:51 PM.

Vacancies and Responsibilities

Treasurer – accounts for all funds belonging to the Voices Neighborhood Council. Serves as Chairperson of the Voices Budget and Finance Committee. Disburses all Voices Neighborhood Council funds to assure total compliance with all Department and Los Angeles city requirements. Complies with the financial controls and reporting functions specified by regulations and Voices Standing Rules.

Youth Representative – appointed by the Council and must be at least sixteen (16) years of age at the time of appointment.

Area 3 Representative - represents all interests within Area 3 of the VNC.

Voices NC Standing Committees

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.

Planning & Land Use Committee: *Meets every 3rd Wednesday. [For additional information see Parker Rand](#)*

Outreach Committee: *Meets every 2nd Wednesday. [For additional information see Jaime Rabb](#)*

Youth & Education Committee: TBD

Budget & Finance Committee: TBD

Arts, Parks, & Recreation Committee: TBD

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