

VOICES BOARD MEMBERS  
Vincente Miles, Chairperson  
Albert Farias, Vice Chairperson  
Jaime Rabb, Corresponding Secretary  
Ingrid Guevara, Parliamentarian  
Steven Nieto, Recording Secretary  
Laure Ferguson, Treasurer  
Parker Rand, At-Large Rep  
Sally Embrey, Area 1 Rep  
Odalis Perez, Area 2 Rep  
Vacant, Area 3 Rep  
Edward Garren, Area 4 Rep  
Sara Zurita, Non-Profit Rep  
Kelvin Guevara, Education Rep  
Anita Grey, Youth Rep  
Roberto Rodriguez, Faith-Based Rep

## VOICES NEIGHBORHOOD COUNCIL Planning and Land Use Committee



PLANNING & LAND USE  
COMMITTEE MEMBERS  
Parker Rand (Chair)  
Jaime Rabb (Board Member)  
Brandon Foster  
Juan Molina  
Michael Govia  
Jim Goss  
Juan Mendez  
CP Cruz

### **“Special” Joint Board & Planning and Land Use Committee Agenda MINUTES**

Saturday, August 31, 2019, 12:00PM-2:00PM

Vermont Square Branch Library

1201 West 48th Street, Los Angeles, CA 90037

*Out of an abundance of caution due to the possible attendance and participation of a majority of Voices Neighborhood Council Board Members at this Special Joint Committee meeting, this meeting is noticed as a Special Joint Meeting of the Committee and the Board, in adherence with the State’s Brown Act. No action will be taken on behalf of the Board at this meeting of the Committee. Only Committee Members are allowed to vote.*

- 1. Call to Order & Introductions** – Call to order at 12:02pm; Steven Nieto, Albert Farias, Parker Rand, Jaime Rabb, Anita Gray and Ed Garren in attendance.
- 2. Public Comment on non-agenda items (5 mins)** – no public comments
- 3. Removal of non-active committee members/Addition of new committee members (report /discussion) (5 mins)** – Jaime Rabb moved to recommended the removal of inactive members, Brandon Foster, Juan Melina, Michael Govia, Jim Goss, Juan Mendez, CP Cruz, Parker Rand second and unanimously approved. Jaime Rabb moved to recommend Ed Garren and Albert Farias as new committee members of Voice’s Planning & Land Use committee, Parker Rand second and unanimously approved.
- 4. Plan for public safety in the parks; (report /discussion/ possible action to bring to full board) (30 mins)**
  - Cameras in Vermont Square Park
    - Add signage re: cameras; increase lighting in and around park; add foot patrol in neighborhood surrounding park including mounted patrol; encourage Parks & Rec. and Non-profit organizations to add programming such as organized sports, football, soccer etc. to the park; this could help curb violence; install speed humps around streets bordering the park
  - Move to bring the community impact statement for council file number: 19-0330 to the full board for approval
    - Continue to support Marqueece Harris-Dawson’s Community Safety Initiative that was held for the summer – they received a grant for \$500k which included Safe Passage Teams to be present at Vermont Square Park 5 days a week. Request the City of Los Angeles to help provide support to continue program.
    - Brittney Johnson requested we send a copy of the CIS to her prior to Curren Price’s budget planning in May.

**5. Homelessness and housing development** *(report /discussion/ possible action to bring to full board) (30 mins)*

- Community impact statement for council file number: 18-1191; Regarding the feasibility of proposed Crisis and Bridge Housing facility at 5215 S. Figueroa St. (Fig and 52<sup>nd</sup> street)
  - We want uniform housing that, such as container housing (not tents) that represent the pride of our community in an uplifting manner
  - Request a report to community stakeholders and Voices NC from city officials including field deputy and planning deputy within 6 months of opening to community
  - Don't include the exact address on the community impact statement as Brittney Johnson mentioned they may utilize another vacant property on opposite side of the street.
- Presentation by Brittney Johnson, CD9
  - April 2018, Mayor Garcetti and Councilmembers voted for Bridge Housing – temporary housing to homeless on city property; they can stay in Bridge Housing for 3 years. Each cubicle will have bed; can bring dogs/cats; storage available; counselors on site; don't have to be sober but can't bring drugs into facility; Grand/Flower homeless (100 people) will be focus; severe mentally disabled will not be in this bridge housing. This will be the second in our area – dedicated teams: CARE program for sanitation and extra policing, etc.

**6. Vermont/Normandie Green Alley Network** *(report /discussion/ possible action to bring to full board) (15 mins)*

- Discuss VoicesNC support for grant application by the City of Los Angeles Department of Public Work's Bureau of Sanitation Watershed Protection Division.
- Project description: Potential to implement lights, murals, and benches in addition to watershed and filtration infrastructure. These elements are included in the Project's scope of work would bring the community together to revitalize public right-of-way alleys by increasing usage and foot/bike traffic.
- Motion to bring a letter of support for the Green Alley Network for approval by the full board
  - Jaime Rabb moved to bring letter of support to full board for approval; The General Board will direct Albert Farias to write and submit the letter of support. Anita Gray second; all unanimously approved

**7. Street Lighting** *(report /discussion/ possible action to bring to full board) (15 mins)*

- **Motion to support** Community impact statement regarding file number 19-0852 **to the full board for approval.**
  - Ed Garren moved, Jaime Rabb second, all unanimously approved.
- Discuss street lighting improvements and locations within VoicesNC
  - Lighting improvements will address beautification, energy efficiency, as well as criminal activity, particularly in areas that experience high crime. More lumens and improved distribution of lights will increase civic pride, and improve safety for all our neighbors.

**8. Safety initiative around schools and parks** *(report/discussion/possible action to bring to full board)*

- Discuss need assessments for area schools for stop signs, perimeter speed humps, painted cross walks, warning lights, intersection safety

- Ed Garren will call LADOT to review specific traffic regulations around schools. We will decide what assessments are needed after the guidelines are determined. We will create an inventory check list by area and formalize a letter of needs in November.
- Motion for the VoicesNC to support the safety initiative around our schools, parks, and library to be shared with widely with city officials.
  - Ed Garren moved to start the safety initiative task force to conduct a need assessments regarding traffic related safety issues around area public, private and Charter schools. Jaime Rabb second; all unanimously approved.

**9. Vacant and Neglected Urban Properties** (*report /discussion/ possible action to bring to full board*) (15 mins) – **table for September meeting to discuss further**

- Discuss and identify properties for potential action and next steps (UAIZ)
  - Underpass (Vermont Ave and 52<sup>nd</sup> St)
  - 42<sup>nd</sup> St. and Vermont Ave
  - Vernon and Hoover
  - Figueroa and 48<sup>th</sup> Street
- Identify property owners for the vacant lots/buildings and send letter to them alerting them of programs such as UAIZ that can help save on their property taxes and develop these vacant properties. Draft letter for Voices NC to approve.
- If property owner is non-response to letter, go to CD9 and give list of properties.

**10. Legacy Businesses** (*report/discussion/possible action to bring to full board*) (10 min) – **table for September meeting**

- File council number 19-0781
- Discuss and develop a definition for area legacy businesses: “Family-owned and operated businesses that contribute to community development, investments in the community and/or are part of the cultural heritage of the neighborhood and who have been a mainstay in the community for over (time period)”.
- Discuss protections for legacy businesses (investment, incentives, sanitation, policing)

**11. Request for future agenda items**

**12. Adjourn at 2:04pm**

<sup>1</sup> Comments from the public on other matters, not appearing on the agenda but within the Board’s subject matter jurisdiction, will be heard during the Public Comment period. Public comment is limited to 2 minutes per speaker, unless waived by the presiding officer of the Board or committee chair.

THE AMERICANS WITH DISABILITIES ACT - As a covered entity under Title II of the Americans with Disabilities Act, the City of Los Angeles does not discriminate on the basis of disability and, upon request, will provide reasonable accommodation to ensure equal access to its programs, services and activities. Sign language interpreters, assistive listening devices and other auxiliary aids and/or services, may be provided upon request. To ensure availability of services, please make your request at least 3 business days (72 hours) prior to the meeting you wish to attend by emailing [VoicesNC90037@gmail.com](mailto:VoicesNC90037@gmail.com).

PUBLIC ACCESS OF RECORDS – In compliance with Government Code section 54957.5, non-exempt writings that are distributed to a majority or all of the board in advance of a meeting may be viewed at the scheduled meeting. In addition, if you would like a copy of any record related to an item on the agenda, please email [VoicesNC90037@gmail.com](mailto:VoicesNC90037@gmail.com).

CONSIDERATION AND GRIEVANCE PROCESS – For information on the Voices NC’s process for board action reconsideration, stakeholder grievance policy, or any other procedural matters related to this Council, please consult the Voices NC Bylaws. The bylaws are available at our Board meetings and at <https://voicesnc.org/>.

SERVICIOS DE TRADUCCION – Si requiere servicios de traducción, favor de avisar al Concejo Vecinal 3 días de trabajo (72 horas) antes del evento. Por favor contacte a Jaime Rabb, por correo electrónico a [VNCCorrSec18@gmail.com](mailto:VNCCorrSec18@gmail.com) para avisar Vecinal.