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BOP COMMITTEE MEMBERS
Sara Zurita (Co-Chair)
Jaime Rabb (Board Member)
Erica Helphand (Stakeholder)

“Special” Joint Board and Outreach and Arts, Parks & Recreation Committee Agenda **MINUTES**

Wednesday, August 18, 2021, 6:00PM-8:00PM

Zoom Meeting Online or By Telephone

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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** - meeting called to order at 6:03pm; attendance: Jaime Rabb, Sara Zurita, Albert Farias, Erica Helphand
- 2. Public Comment on non-agenda items** (2 minutes per speaker) - None
- 3. Appoint Committee Chair(s) and Committee Members & Select Meeting Date/Time** - Discussion/Report/possible action to bring to full board (10 mins.) Motion to recommend Voices NC approve the newly formed Beautification, Outreach and Programming (BOP) Committee to replace Outreach and Arts, Parks, Recreation committees and appoint Sara Zurita as a co-chair, Erica Helphand and Jaime Rabb as committee members. Other co-chair and committee chairs to be identified in future meetings. The BOP Committee will meet on the 3rd Monday of each month at 6pm. Motion approved 4-0-0.
- 4. Approval of Minutes from joint Outreach and Arts, Parks, Recreation July 2021 meeting** (3 mins) Motion: Sara Zurita, 2nd Erica Helphand. Motion approved 4-0-0
- 5. Think Outside the Box Project**- Discussion/Report/possible action to bring to full board (20 mins.) Motion to recommend Voices NC approve 6 electrical boxes not to exceed \$5,000 with the theme “community” to be reflected in the designs. Erica H. moved; Sara Z. seconded. Motion approved 4-0-0.
- 6. Vermont Square Library Mural Project Update** - Discussion/Report/possible action to bring to full board (5 mins.) Application submitted to Department of Cultural Affairs (DCA) and will be heard at Cultural Affairs Commission on September 8, 2021 between 1:30pm - 3:30pm to be held virtually. Albert F. will present and Jaime R. will email the artist, Jayson, to see if he can be present as well.
- 7. Swag Items for Board Members/Community** - Discussion/Report/possible action to bring to full board (15 mins.) Motion to recommend Voices NC board approve the purchase of 24-36 t-shirts (with Heart of South LA logo) for board & committee members not to exceed \$400: Erica H. moved; Sara Z. seconded. Motion approved 3-0-0.
- 8. Community Clean up with Council District 9 (October 2021)**- Discussion/Report/possible action to bring to full board (15 mins.) Jaime R. will reach out to Manual Arts again and then Numero Uno about hosting the community clean up on October 23rd (9am-12noon) in their parking lot. Jaime will reach out to CD9 regarding funding the lunch for the volunteers (approx. 100). Steve Wesson from USC reached out about USC Student Affairs hosting 1 clean up per month and looking for recommendations on locations but need to be walking distance from campus. If we partner with USC we will have more volunteers and can potentially cover Vermont Ave. between MLK Blvd. and 53rd St.
- 9. Thanksgiving Turkey Giveaway / Holiday Event** - Discussion/Report/possible action to bring to full board (15 mins.) Find out what CD9 has planned for a food drive/turkey giveaway and partner with them to bring a food drive within

Voices NC boundaries (perhaps Vermont Square Park or Mt. Moriah Church). Jaime R. will email Kendal; find out if there is current food bank planned to hold event within our boundaries. Jaime R. will email Kendal to find out who the person is who does a Toy giveaway for Holiday timing at Vermont Square Park. Sara Z. will email Martha Sherod at Vermont Square Branch Library to see if they will have a box to collect toy donations to be distributed through the community at an event in December.

10. **Community Fridge Update & Campaign** - Discussion/Report/possible action to bring to full board (15 mins.) Tabled until we have a working fridge in place.
11. **Request for future agenda items** - September meeting will be held on 9/20 at 6pm and agenda will include Appoint possible Committee Co-Chair and Committee Members; Think Outside the Box Project Update; Vermont Square Library Mural Project Update; Community Clean up with CD9; Thanksgiving Turkey Giveaway/Holiday Event; Community Fridge Update & Campaign.
12. **Adjourn at 7:07pm**

In conformity with the Governor's Executive Order N-29-20 (March 17, 2020), and due to public health concerns and directives issued by the Mayor of Los Angeles and Los Angeles County Public Health Department regarding reducing the spread of COVID-19, meetings of the VoicesNC will be conducted entirely by video conference or telephonically. This will be effective starting May 1, 2020 and will continue during the period in which state or local public health officials have imposed or recommended social distancing measures.

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The City of Los Angeles Code of Conduct will be enforced to ensure the Voices Neighborhood Council meetings are collaborative, supportive, and respectful of divergent opinions.

QUORUM

The Voices Neighborhood Council has 14 elected positions and one nominated position. The Voices Neighborhood Council must have eight members present for quorum to conduct official business.

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