

City of Los Angeles  
Voices Neighborhood Council  
Regular Board Meeting



Tuesday, April 9th, 2023, 6:00 pm  
Vermont Square Branch Library

Vacant, Area 1  
Sidney Thomas, Area 2  
Abasi Pattont, Area 3  
Omar Ramos, Area 4  
Javonne Sanders, At-Large  
Matthew N. Crawford, Corresponding Secretary  
Jason Saunders, Vice Chairperson



Emmanuel Alcantar, Education  
Vacant, Youth  
Dulce Vasquez, Housing  
Chrisman Oliver, Community-Based  
Edward G. Garren, Parliamentarian  
Vacant, Recording Secretary  
Andrew Daramola, Treasurer

VACANT, Chairperson

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1201 W. 48th St.  
Los Angeles, CA 90037

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**AGENDA FOR 4/9/2023**

*Call to Order*  
*Roll Call*

**Action Items**

All items listed are designated for discussion and possible action by the Voices Neighborhood Council. Council items identified as presentations may be proposed for action by the Council and will be reflected as such in the meeting minutes.

Item	Reference Number	Matter
1.	0409-01	<b>General Public Comment on Non-Agenda Items:</b>  <b>Public comment will be LIMITED to 2 MINUTES PER PERSON.</b>
2.	0409-02	<b>Community/Government Reports and Announcements</b> A. Mayor Karen Bass’ Office - Nicole Bernard B. LA Fire Department Station C. LAPD Senior Lead Officers - Southwest and 77th St. D. Congressmember Sydney Kamlager-Dove’s office E. State Senator Lola Smallwood Cuevas’s office - Kirk Samuels F. Assemblymember Reggie Jones Sawyer’s office - Herb Wesson III G. Council District 9 - Bryce Rosauro H. Office of Supervisor Holly Mitchell’s office - Alfonso Ruiz-Delgado I. USC Civic Engagement - Stephen Wesson
3.	0409-03 5 Min	<b>Meeting Minutes</b>

		<p>Review and approve minutes from June 1 2023 - April 9. 2024</p> <p>Member/Committee: J. Saunders</p> <p><u>Proposed Action:</u> APPROVE the minutes for the March 12, 2024 General Board Meeting.</p>
4	0409-04 5 Min	<p><b>Approval of Monthly Expenditure Report (MERS.) For month June 1 2023 - April 9. 2024</b></p> <p>Proposed Action: Approve MERS.</p>
5	04209-05 5 Min	<p><b>Amend Budget:</b> Per the city clerk our approved budget needs to end in June at the end of the physical year. and does not include payment for our storage unit. This appears to be a technical correction for our already approved budget.</p> <p>Proposed Action: Amend budget as requested by the City Clerk and add line items for storage unit fees.</p>
6	0409-06 5 Min	<p><b>Appointment of Jason Saunders to Chair:</b> Whereas the council is currently without a chair and Mr. Saunders has written a letter of interest to be appointed to the chair the board will consider his appointment. Jason currently serves as the Vice Chair and has previously served as the Recording Secretary for the council.</p> <p>Proposed Action: Appoint Jason Saunders to the position of Chair</p>
7	0409-07 5 Min	<p><b>Appointment of Matthew N. Crawford to Vice-Chair or Chair:</b> Whereas the Neighborhood Council is currently without a Chair. This agenda item is to consider Mr. Crawford for the vice chair or chair position. Mr. Crawford has written letters of intent to be appointed to the Vice-Chair or Chair positions. He currently serves as the Corresponding Secretary and has been a part of the board for several years.</p> <p>Proposed Action: Appoint Matthew N. Crawford to the position of Vice Chair or Chair</p>
8	0409-08 12 Min	<p><b>Neighborhood Purpose Grant: S.O.A.R (Seeking Other Alternatives Resources)</b> Soar is requesting the maximum allowable grant of \$5000 for a community event. The funds will be used for transportation, food trucks, staff, and electronic equipment (computers, cameras, printers) for craft</p> <p>S.O.A.R appeared previously before our board with the same NPG request. Board members asked at that time this organization get other sponsors, and return with a detailed proposal.</p> <p>Proposed Action: Approve or Reject Neighborhood Purpose Grant of \$5,000.</p>
9	0409-09 12 Min	<p><b>Bill Green Memorial Park (known locally as Fig Slauson Park);</b> The Council has on two previous occasions voted unanimously to oppose the design of this park due to it's excessive amount of hardscape surfaces and fencing. For the past 8 months the board has advocated for a greener park. On Thursday 4/4/2, after public comment from Voices Board Members, The Board of Commissioners of the Department of Recreation and Parks directed their staff to work with our neighborhood council regarding the design of the park and to report back to their commission in 3 months.</p> <p>Proposed Action: Board vote on our desired outcome:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Modification of the existing design OR a redesign of the park.</li> <li>2. As to the best of our knowledge the community was never asked about the naming of said park. Is there an alternative name we would like to propose or keep the name as is.</li> </ol> <p>If there is insufficient time to adequately discuss this item we will set a date for a Special Board meeting to</p>

		discuss this topic on zoom.  Member Jason Saunders
10	0409-10 5 Min	<b>Establish By-Laws Committee for Voices NC and appoint two members</b>  Proposed Action: Vote to establish committee  Member: Matthew N. Crawford
11	0409-11 8 Min	<b>Discussion of Possible Re-naming of Voices NC</b>  Proposed Action: No proposed action. Item is for discussion purposes only.  Member: Dulce Vasquez
12	0409-12 8 Min	<b>Discussion of the Voices NC Block Party</b>  Proposed Action: Item is for discussion only
13	0409-13	<b>General Board Announcements on Non-Agenda Items (Not for Discussion)</b>
13	0409-13	<b>Announcements/Updates by Department of Neighborhood Empowerment</b> Daniel Johnson-Neighborhood Empowerment Advocate

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