

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 Patton, Area 3  
 Omar Ramos, Area 4  
 Javonne Sanders, At-Large  
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 Matthew Crawford, Vice Chairperson



Emmanuel Alcantar, Education  
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 Andrew Daramola, Treasurer

Jason M. Saunders , Chairperson

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 Tuesday, May 14TH, 2024  
 6:00 pm  
 Vermont Square Branch Library  
 (Downstairs Multipurpose Room)  
 1201 W. 48th St.  
 Los Angeles, CA 90037

*Call to Order*

*Roll Call*  
*Present:*

*Absent*

**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   |
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| 1.   | 0514-01<br>5 mins  | <b>General Public Comment on Non-Agenda Items:</b><br><br><b>Public comment will be LIMITED to 2 MINUTES PER PERSON.</b>   |
| 2.   | 0514-02<br>10 mins | <b>Announcements</b><br>A. LAPD - Crime Report, Department activity and community feedback<br>B. Los Angeles Fire Department - Report, updates<br>C. ELECTED REPRESENTATIVES<br>Mayor Karen Bass Office -Nicole Bernard<br>Representative Sydney Kamlager-Dove's Office<br>D: USC Civic Engagement: Steve Wesson |

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| 3. | 0514-03<br>30 mins | <p><b>Discussion regarding repeated illegal dumping at Figueroa and W. 61st</b> adjacent to 61st Elementary School. We will explore suggested long term solutions, a of letter to city and elected representatives from our council and possible community cleanup led by the neighborhood council in collaboration with school, police and city and other interested partners</p> <p>Member: Omar Ramos</p>  |
| 4  | 0514-04<br>20 mins | <p><b>Neighborhood Purpose Grant</b> In the Amount of \$4900 to the non-profit Artfully United to restore the "FORGIVENESS." The mural is two stories tall and several hundred feet long. The mural is located at Hoover and Slauson Ave.</p>   |
| 5  | 0514-05<br>5 mins  | <p><b>Vermont Square Summer Fest:</b> Planning continues on our big community event. It will be an afternoon of free food, games, music, and information tables from various organizations.</p> <p>Participation is welcome. Community and Civic organizations are welcome to participate. Volunteers are appreciated. This free event will be held on Saturday June 15. Noon to 4 at Vermont Square Park.</p> <p>Tune in to BOP committee meetings via zoom or reach out to the event chair: dulce@dulcevasquez.com</p> <p>Member: Dulce Vasquez</p>             |
| 6  | 0514-06<br>5 Min   | <p><b>Bill Greene Memorial Park:</b> Brief update on our efforts for a greener more sustainable new park at Figueroa and Slauson.</p> <p>The Department of Recreation and Parks will hold a community meeting Tuesday April 21 at 6 p.m. at the Vermont Square Library. The meeting is at the request of the neighborhood council. The neighborhood council has conducted a campaign of advocacy for a greener park for many months. 450 people have signed a petition advocating for a greener park.</p> <p>Member: Jason Saunders</p>                           |
| 7  | 0514-07<br>10 Min  | <p><b>Re-establishment of Planning and Land Use Committee:</b> Appointment of members to said committee. Meetings will be monthly on zoom unless otherwise stated.</p> <p>Member: Jason Saunders</p>  |
| 8  | 0514-08<br>10 Min  | <p><b>Re-establishment of Tech Committee:</b> The website, email and communications are in desperate need of attention. Volunteers and board members are invited to help get these things up to date in collaboration with others. Meetings will be monthly on zoom unless otherwise stated</p> <p>We are also seeking a volunteer to help zoom video stream the meetings. No training necessary. We have the equipment and software we just need someone to coordinate. No experience necessary. We can show you how to do it.</p> <p>Member: Jason Saunders</p> |
| 9  | 0514-09<br>5 Min   | <p><b>Appoint Emmanuel Alcantar as Housing Liason:</b></p> <p>Member Matthew Crawford.</p>  |
| 10 | 0514-10<br>5 Min   | <p><b>Monthly Expenditure Reports:</b> An update from the treasurer about the council's monthly expenses.</p> <p>Member: Andrew Daramola, Treasurer.</p>  |
| 11 | 0514-11<br>5 Min   | <p><b>Meeting Minutes</b></p> <p>Approval of meeting minutes from the April 9th General Board Meeting and the Special Board Meeting April 22 Regarding Bylaws.</p>  |

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|    |                   | Jason Saunders, Chair  |
| 12 | 0514-012<br>15Min | <b>Department of Neighborhood Empowerment: Daniel Johnson</b>                          |
|    |                   | <b>ADJOURNMENT Time:</b><br><b>(note we must vacate the library by 7:55. No later)</b> |

**ADJOURNMENT**

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