

City of Los Angeles  
Voices Neighborhood Council  
Regular Board Meeting



Tuesday, June 11th, 2024, 6:00 pm  
Vermont Square Branch Library

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

**AGENDA FOR 6/11/2024**

*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 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.	0611-01	<b>General Public Comment on Non-Agenda Items:</b> <b>Public comment will be LIMITED to 2 MINUTES PER PERSON.</b>
2	0611-01	<b>Announcements</b> A. LAPD - Crime Report, Department activity and community feedback B. Los Angeles Fire Department - Report, updates C. ELECTED REPRESENTATIVES D. USC

2.	0611-01	<b>Vision Zero - Presentation from Department of Transportation regarding safety improvements on Figueroa Street South of King.</b>
3.	0611-02	<b>Vermont Square Summer fest.</b> Update and planning discussion  Volunteers Wanted.
4	0611-03	<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.  The Department of Recreation of Parks Met with the council in a community meeting on May 21st. All feedback at the meeting from community and neighborhood council members expressed displeasure with the current design which emphasizes concrete and fencing.  Discussion: What should be our next steps?
5	0611-04	<b>61st Elementary School Street Clean Up.</b>  Member Omar Ramos
5	0611-05	NPG: Request by <b>Congress of Neighborhoods for a suggested contribution of \$1000</b> for the annual event. Projected cost is \$50,000 plus. The city has reduced funding. The Congress is asking all neighborhood councils to contribute funds to offset the considerable cost of the annual event. Any amount is welcome, some are giving more, some less.  Funding item: Roll Call vote
6	0611-06	Authorize funds to be spent up to <b>\$200 per meeting for food</b> and refreshments to be served at future meetings.  Funding item: Roll Call vote
7	0611-07	Authorize <b>funds for\$200 to artist Jayson Valencia for vandalism repair of the library mural</b> that the neighborhood council commissioned in 2021.  Funding item: Roll Call vote
8	0611-08	<b>Treasurer's Report</b> <b>Monthly Expenditure Report (MERS.) For month June 1, 2024</b>  Funding item: Roll Call vote  Member: A. Daramola.
9	0611-09	<b>Meeting Minute</b> Review and approve minutes from Special Board Meeting May 21st and Regular Board meetingMay 13th.  Member/Committee: J. Saunders

10	0611-10	<b>Announcements/Updates by Department of Neighborhood Empowerment</b> Daniel Johnson-Neighborhood Empowerment Advocate
11	0611-11	<b>General Board Announcements on Non-Agenda Items (Not for Discussion)</b>
		<b>ADJOURNMENT</b> - We must be completely out of the Library by 7:55

**ADJOURNMENT**

**PUBLIC COMMENTS**

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