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### Regular Board Meeting Agenda

Tuesday, April 8, 2025 6:00pm  
Vermont Square Branch Library  
1201 W. 48th St.  
Los Angeles, CA 90037

Both in person and online via zoom at:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/2054518210?omn=82370280201>

*Call to Order (time):*

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**Roll Call**

*Present:*

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*Virtual*

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*Absent*

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**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	0408-01	<b>General Public Comment on Non-Agenda Items:</b>  <b>Public comment will be LIMITED to 2 MINUTES PER PERSON.</b>
2	0408-02	<b>Announcements</b> A. LAPD - Crime Report, Department activity and community feedback

		<p>B. Los Angeles Fire Department - Report, updates</p> <p>C. Mayor's Office</p> <p>D. ELECTED REPRESENTATIVES</p> <p>E. USC</p> <p>F. NHS</p> <p>G. Community Coalition</p>
3	0408-03	<p><b>New Board Member consideration: Vote to appoint Manuel Enrique Martinez neighborhood council.</b></p> <p>Presentation by Manuel Martinez.</p> <p>Roll call vote.</p>
4	0408-04	<p><b>Bill Greene Memorial Park:</b> There has been some movement on our effort for a greener and more beautiful park at Figueroa and Slauson. Our city council member is now communicating with us regarding the park design. This is appreciated. At our last meeting we voted to submit an artist design for a fence. A design was submitted but was rejected because of city rules regarding artist selection procedures. There are mandated public art funds that were not going to be used which may now be in play.</p> <p>We will make an unsolicited proposal for a greener park design which modestly modifies the existing design. The neighborhood council will vote to endorse or reject this design and submit it to our City Council as a unsolicited proposal put forth by the neighborhood council</p> <p>Member Jason Saunders</p>
5	0408-5	<p><b>Reimbursement for Audio Visual Equipment:</b> Reimbursement to Jason Saunders for conference camera/microphone system and insurance for said product, to facilitate webcast of neighborhood council meetings. The council previously approved up to \$1000 for a web camera system.</p> <p>\$821.48</p> <p>Member Jason Saunders</p> <p>Roll call vote</p>
6	0408-06	<p><b>Budget:</b> Amend budget to increase Neighborhood Purpose Grant (NPG) allocation.</p>

		<p>Presentation by Treasurer</p> <p>Funding item requires roll call vote</p>
7	0408-07	<p><b>Neighborhood Purpose Grant: Beautify LA</b> is seeking <b>\$4,750</b> to support poverty-stricken people of the Voices Neighborhood with permanent housing, job training, and health services. Also, to clean and remove graffiti from the neighborhood and plant a sustainable garden. Beautify LA will host two events celebrating the community at Julian C. Dixon Park and Vermont Square Park.</p> <p>Treasurer to confirm availability of funds.</p> <p>Presentation by Beautify LA.</p>
8	0408-08	<p><b>Neighborhood Purpose Grant:</b> EnrichLA is seeking <b>\$2,000</b> to support their offerings of weekly interdisciplinary garden-based lessons to students in Los Angeles, corresponding to both California Common Core State Standards and Next Generation Science Standards. The lessons cover nutrition, science, and environmental stewardship from their school garden. Maintenance is provided for the organic edible gardens throughout the academic school year and during the summer. The grant would help support the program at local schools through maintenance and the purchase of materials for lessons and activities, as well as, supplies for organic edible garden care, like seeds and seedlings.</p> <p>EnrichLA was previously awarded a \$1,000 grant from Voices for a similar project (approved during the 3/12/2024 board meeting).</p> <p>Treasurer to confirm availability of funds.</p> <p>Presentation by EnrichLA.</p>
9	0408-09	<p><b>Website Vendor:</b> Fifth Sun Pictures is already an approved vendor with the city, and during their presentation, they will provide an in-depth overview of their services. They will explain how their expertise in web design, development, and content strategy can support the creation of a user-friendly, visually appealing website tailored to our needs. They'll also outline their process for collaboration, timelines, and how they can ensure the website aligns with our goals, enhances community engagement, and stays within</p>

		<p>budget. Additionally, they'll address any questions we may have regarding technical support and ongoing maintenance post-launch. Fifth Sun estimate for services is \$7500</p> <p>Roll call vote:</p> <p>Presentation by Marcos Vargas</p>
10	0408-11	<p><b>Zoom License: Renew.</b></p> <p>Funding item requires roll call vote</p>
11	0408-12	<p><b>Storage Inventory:</b> As we review our current operations and structure, it's essential to discuss our inventory. We need to ensure we're tracking materials and equipment effectively. On 02/20/2025, Area 1 Rep and Vice Chair went to the storage unit to conduct an inventory.</p> <p>Presenting: Giovanni Garcia</p>
12	0408-13	<p><b>Storage Unit:</b> Discuss the current storage unit and evaluate whether it's feasible to find a larger unit for either the same price we're currently paying or at a reduced rate. We'll explore available promotions or specials that could offer better value for a bigger space, while ensuring we maintain a budget-friendly approach. The goal is to determine if we can improve our storage situation without incurring additional costs.</p> <p>Presenting: Giovanni Garcia</p>
13	0408-14	<p><b>Monthly Expenditure Report (MERs): Approve March 2025 MERs.</b> A report from the Treasurer on the funds our neighborhood council spent.</p> <p>Presentation by Andrew Daramola</p> <p>Show of hands</p>
14	0408-15	<p><b>Meeting Minutes: Review and approve March 2025 minutes.</b></p> <p>Presentation by Robert Boerner</p> <p>Show of hands</p>

15	0408-16	<b>Announcements/Updates by Department of Neighborhood Empowerment</b> This information is generally for Board Members but the meeting is still open to the public.  Daniel Johnson (Neighborhood Empowerment Advocate)
16	0408-17	<b>General Board Announcements on Non-Agenda Items (Not for Discussion)</b>
		<b>ADJOURNMENT</b>

## ADJOURNMENT

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(iii) An eligible legislative body that provides a timed general public comment period that does not correspond to a specific agenda item shall not close the public comment period or the opportunity to

register, pursuant to subparagraph (D), until the timed general public comment period has elapsed.