

City of Los Angeles
Voices Neighborhood Council



Vermont Square Branch Library

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Regular Board Meeting Agenda

Tuesday, May 13, 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	0513-01	General Public Comment on Non-Agenda Items: Public comment will be LIMITED to 2 MINUTES PER PERSON.

2	0513-02	<p>Announcements</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> A. LAPD - Crime Report, Department activity and community feedback B. Los Angeles Fire Department - Report, updates C. Mayor's Office D. ELECTED REPRESENTATIVES E. USC F. NHS G. Community Coalition <p><i>[MINUTES:]</i></p>
3	0513-03	<p>Voices Storage Inventory. 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> <p><i>[MINUTES:]</i></p>
4	0513-04	<p>Voices Storage Unit. 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> <p><i>[MINUTES:]</i></p>
5	0513-05	<p>Neighborhood Purpose Grant: Parents, Educators/Teachers & Students in Action (PESA) is seeking \$5,000 to support vulnerable youth within the boundaries of Voices with needed supplies and services for the fiscal year 2024-2025. PESA receives referrals from the district attorney's office, probation department, and other entities of youth. The purpose of the referrals is to address inappropriate behavior and provide these youth with supportive services and supplies, like food, household items, clothing, school supplies, and at times temporary housing (some of their families need this support as well). PESA also provides these youth with mental health support, career training and educational support.</p> <p>Treasurer to confirm availability of funds.</p> <p>Presentation by Jeanine Chong / Araksya Nordikyan or a representative from PESA.</p>

		<p>Funding item requires roll call vote.</p> <p>[MINUTES:]</p>
6	0513-06	<p>California Public Banking Alliance is requesting a CIS to Support the LA Public Bank. “LA faces a \$1 billion deficit while over \$1 billion flows to Wall Street in debt and finance costs. A public bank is more urgent than ever, to save money, cut borrowing costs, and reinvest in housing, schools, and critical city needs.” Trinity Tran from California Public Banking Alliance is requesting a CIS from neighborhood councils in support of the coalition’s ask.</p> <p>Presentation by Trinity Tran from California Public Banking Alliance.</p> <p>[MINUTES:]</p>
7	0513-07	<p>LADOT Vernon Peak Hour Lane Removal New Project. Project’s goal is to improve safety on Vernon Avenue Between Crenshaw and Figueroa by removing the peak hour travel lanes and turning them into permanent parking lanes.</p> <p>Presentation by Max Podemski from LADOT.</p> <p>[MINUTES:]</p>
8	0513-08	<p>KSK Design Architecture Firm Presenting a New Housing Project for Voices’ Review.</p> <p>Project Summary: 6-STORY MIXED-USE BUILDING 32 UNITS MULTI-RESIDENTIAL & 3 RESTAURANTS 900 W. MARTIN LUTHER KING JR. BLVD. LOS ANGELES, CA 90037</p> <p>Presentation by Gio Shin / Eric Kwon from KSK Design Inc.</p> <p>[MINUTES:]</p>
9	0513-09	<p>Canva License: Renew. Voices has until Thursday, May 15 to agendize, vote on, and approve a motion to opt into renewing a Canva Pro license through EmpowerLA. NCs are welcome to continue using Canva under their free account program. “Per recent conversations with Canva, the estimated cost for a license has been revised to approximately \$100.” (per 4/18/2025 email from EmpowerLA)</p> <p>Funding item requires roll call vote.</p> <p>[MINUTES:]</p>

10	0513-10	<p>Bill Greene Memorial Park (Figueroa and Slauson): Update.</p> <p>Presentation by Jason Saunders.</p> <p>[MINUTES:]</p>
11	0513-11	<p>Monthly Expenditure Report (MERs): Approve March and April 2025 MERs. A report from the Treasurer on the funds our neighborhood council spent.</p> <p>Presentation by Andrew Daramola</p> <p>[MINUTES:]</p>
12	0513-12	<p>Meeting Minutes: Review and approve March and April 2025 minutes.</p> <p>Presentation by Robert Boerner</p> <p>[MINUTES:]</p>
13	0513-13	<p>Announcements/Updates by Department of Neighborhood Empowerment</p> <p>This information is generally for Board Members but the meeting is still open to the public.</p> <p>Daniel Johnson (Neighborhood Empowerment Advocate)</p>
14	0513-14	<p>General Board Announcements on Non-Agenda Items (Not for Discussion)</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Los Angeles Neighborhood Initiative (LANI - www.lani.org) Community Forum Event. LANI partners with residents, businesses, community groups, and local leaders to create walkable, green, safe neighborhoods with equitable access to health, mobility, resources, open spaces, public transit, and economic opportunity. There will be a community forum on Thursday, May 15 at 8am - 1:30pm at the California Endowment Center for Healthy Communities. 2. Clerk's Office NC Funding Program Trainings. All training sessions are conducted online via Zoom. <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1) NC Funding Workshops: Neighborhood Purpose Grants Thursday, May 8th, 2025, 2pm - 3:30pm Thursday, May 22nd, 2025 6pm - 7:30pm 2) NC Funding Program & System Portal Training Tuesday, May13th, 2025, 2pm - 4pm

		Tuesday, May 27th, 2025, 6pm - 8pm
15	0513-15	ADJOURNMENT <i>[MINUTES (time):]</i>

ADJOURNMENT

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In the event of a disruption that prevents the eligible legislative body from broadcasting the meeting to members of the public using the call-in option or internet-based service option, or in the event of a disruption within the eligible legislative body's control that prevents members of the public from offering public comments using the call-in option or internet-based service option, the eligible legislative body shall take no further action on items appearing on the meeting agenda until public access to the meeting via the call-in option or internet-based service option is restored. Actions taken on agenda items during a disruption that prevents the eligible legislative body from broadcasting the meeting may be challenged pursuant to Section 54960.1.

The eligible legislative body shall not require public comments to be submitted in advance of the meeting and shall provide an opportunity for the public to address the legislative body and offer comments in real time. Notwithstanding Section 54953.3, an individual desiring to provide public comment through the use of an internet website, or other online platform, not under the control of the eligible legislative body, that requires registration to log in to a teleconference may be required to register as required by the third-party internet website or online platform to participate.

(i) An eligible legislative body that provides a timed public comment period for each agenda item shall not close the public comment period for the agenda item, or the opportunity to register, pursuant to subparagraph , to provide public comment until that timed public comment period has elapsed.

(ii) An eligible legislative body that does not provide a timed public comment period, but takes public comment separately on each agenda item, shall allow a reasonable amount of time per agenda item to allow public members the opportunity to provide public comment, including time for members of the public to register pursuant to subparagraph (D), or otherwise be recognized for the purpose of providing public comment.

(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.