

COMMUNITY IMPROVEMENT PROJECT FUNDING REQUEST
Venice Neighborhood Council

APPLICANT: Preserving Public Places, VNC Ad Hoc Committee
Dominique Hirschkron, Robin Murez, Co-Chairs
Brian Silveira, Betsey Goldman, Sonya Reese Greenland,
Committee Members

PPP Committee Motion Passed May 3, 2022 Unanimous 5-0-0

PROJECT TITLE: Casting of a Colonnade Capitals - Step 2 in the Venice Historic Colonnade Restoration

PROJECT DESCRIPTION: Several of the original iconic historic Italian columns that Abbot Kinney created for Windward Avenue, Market Street and Ocean Front Walk are completely missing, in need of proper capitals, or repairs.

To start the refurbishment project, we will have two (2) sample fiberglass capitals cast from the mold which we will have had fabricated. (see Fabrication of Capital Mold CIP). The 2 samples will enable demonstration of attaching capitals in different situations as are required by the existing site: on existing columns and where columns do not now exist.

These samples are “proof of concept” to demonstrate to the community and secure their support to enable as many of the 40 missing columns, as possible, to be replaced. Several adjacent property owners have expressed their interest in replacing the Colonnade. They have asked for samples to demonstrate how this can be accomplished.

Los Angeles Historic-Cultural Monument #532 designated in 1991 - Venice Arcades, Columns and Capitals at 67- 71 Windward Ave.

PUBLIC BENEFIT:

The Colonnade is both unique to Venice and beautiful historic architecture. Abbot Kinney designed and built the colonnade as a visual icon, endowing Venice of America with Moorish architecture reminiscent of Venice, Italy.

Both residents and visitors of Venice benefit from restoring our most beautiful historic architecture. This unique and beautiful entry to the beach, generates community pride in our fantastic and eclectic cultural heritage. Like the re-creation of the Venice Sign, tourism also is greatly enhanced by restoring our picturesque icons.

VNC funding, enabling the casting of sample capitals, will provide the foundation for our committee to secure community support, bringing in the necessary private funds, for the restoration of the Colonnade.

BUDGET:

We invited several bids.

Vision Scenery, <https://www.visionscenery.com/> the #1 set/prop/sculpture shop in L.A. (and longtime family/friends/colleagues of Venice stakeholders Lealani & Jordan Daws) gave us an excellent bid: \$5,000 for casting the Capital in fiberglass. See attached.

PROJECT TIMELINE:

Start date: __06__ / __01__ / __2022__

Date Funds Required: __06__ / __01__ / __2022__

Expected Completion Date: __10__ / __01__ / __2022__

TOTAL FUNDS REQUESTED:

\$5,000

MOTION:

Whereas several of the beautiful iconic Cultural Historic designated Italian Columns that Abbot Kinney created for Windward Avenue, Market Street and Ocean Front Walk are completely missing, in need proper capitals, or repairs; and

Whereas the restoration of the Colonnade generates both community pride in our fantastic eclectic cultural heritage and enhances tourism.

Now, therefore, the Venice Neighborhood Council moves to allocate \$5,000 in Community Improvement Project funds for the casting of 2 sample, “proof of concept” replacement capitals to secure community involvement in the restoration of the Venice Colonnade.

Preserving Public Places Ad Hoc Committee Motion Passed May 3, 2022 Vote: 5-0-0

Exhibits A & B:

A. Windward Avenue Colonnade circa 1905



B: Historic Capital on Windward Avenue circa 2022



Attachment: Estimate from Vision Scenery



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May 12, 2022

Attention: Robin Murez
Preserving Public Places Committee
Venice Neighborhood Council
email: PublicPlaces@VeniceNC.org

PROJECT: *Capital Castings*

Fabrication of two (2) fiberglass capitals from rubber mold.
Size is approx. 2' x 3' x 3'. We anticipate being able to create
10-15 fiberglass capitals out of the mold.

\$ 4,566.21

CA Sales Tax

433.79

TOTAL

\$ 5,000.00

Prices are based on information provided and may change when final specifications are received. Prices include fabrication and applicable CA sales tax only. Prices do not include cast parts, transportation or other shipping, installation, stand-by or strike.

Thank you for the opportunity to submit our estimate on this project. We look forward to working with you soon.

Sincerely,
Fernando Lau

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