

### Venice Neighborhood Council



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# Homeless Committee Agenda

Meeting Date: Monday, March 27<sup>th</sup>

Meeting Time: 6:30 PM

Meeting Location: Canal Club, 2025 Pacifc Avenue, Venice, CA 90291

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1. 6:00 pm - Call to Order and Roll Call

Will Hawkins (Chair)			
Matt Shaw (Co-chair)			
Erin McGinness			
Hollie Stenson			
Sunny Bak			
Brian Ulf			

- 2. 6:30 pm Approve Agenda as presented or amended
- 3. 6:33 pm Approve Minutes of last meeting as presented or amended
- 4. 6:40 pm (5m) ANNOUNCEMENTS
- 5. 6:45 pm (10m) PUBLIC COMMENT 10 minutes on non-agendized items related to Public Safety Committee only
- 6. 7:00 pm (10m) Chair Report on Ongoing Reunification Efforts
- 7. 7:10 pm (20m) Motion for 3<sup>rd</sup>/Rose Homeless Storage Pilot Program

**Whereas,** there are a large number of unhoused persons living in encampments in the area surrounding public storage; and

**Whereas** unhoused person's personal belongings stored on the sidewalk are susceptible to damage from intense sunlight, rain, pests, and small animals; and

**Whereas** the cumulative amount of items being stored on the sidewalk creates an unsafe environment for both unhoused persons and pedestrians and makes it difficult for property owners and sanitation workers to maintain clean and safe sidewalks and ensure ADA passage; and

Whereas LAMC 56.11 which limits the amount of personal belongings stored on a sidewalk to 60 gallons is difficult to enforce because it's hard to know what property belongs to whom and what is personal property vs what is trash;



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#### **Motion (Continued)**

**Therefore** the VNC Homeless committee suggests that Councilperson Bonin's office, LA Department of Sanitation, and LAPD partner (who has already committed to assisting BOS) on a "six month pilot program" to provide 25 sixty gallon city sanitation bins for the purpose of storing personal belongings (tents, blankets, clothing, medication, and personal documents) be given to unhoused persons who are registered in LAHSA's Coordinated Entry System (CES).

#### 8. 7:30 pm - (20m) Motion For Homeless Pet Care Program

**Whereas** Homeless individuals are unable to care for their pets due to financial difficulties and lack of proper shelter;

**Whereas** animals are not properly cared for leaving them vulnerable to sickness, disease and malnutrition;

**Whereas** homeless individuals with pets find it more difficult to find shelter or permanent housing;

**Therefore** the Venice Homeless Committee recommends that the LA Animal Services Mobile Pet Center execute free services to the homeless and their pets once a month at a to-be-determined area to help serve the community and defenseless animals living on the street.

- 9. 8:00 pm (5m) Old Business: Homeless Agency Information Cards (Stenson)
- 10.8:05 pm (15m) New Business: Venice Sober living Center (Brian Ulf), Security Cameras on 3<sup>rd</sup>/Rose (McGinness), Homeless Town Hall Meeting (Stenson)
- 11. Performance by Homeless Blues Musician Ronald Troy Collins an video presentation of documentary about his life called "Might Ground" (www.mightyground.com)
- 12.8:30 pm -- ADJOURN

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