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**AdCom/Board Draft
Regular Meeting Minutes
Tuesday September 20, 2022
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Topic: Board

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2 Call To Order

3 Roll Call:

James Murez

Daffodil Tyminski

Melissa Diner

Jay Handal

Nico Ruderman

Jason Sugars

Alley Bean

Mike Bravo

Attendance: 4

Quorum: 4

4 Declaration of Ex Parte Communications or Conflicts-Of-Interest

07:12

All Board members shall declare any ex parte communications or conflicts-of interest relating to items on this meeting's agenda.

5 Scheduled Announcements and Presentations

06:16

6 Public Safety - LAPD & LAFD Report

06:17

Questions to the presenter(s) will be limited to the time allotted to this item. Furthermore, all questions from the public must be submitted in writing to Secretary@VeniceNC.org no less than 72 hours prior to Page 5 of 11 the meeting. The Chair at His / Her discretion shall present questions or a summary thereof to the presenter. Questions from Members of the Body will be limited by time allotment for this agenda item following public questions.

7 Government Reports

06:33

- City Councilmember Mike Bonin, Field Deputy,
- Congressman Ted Lieu, Representative, Janet.Turner@mail.house.gov
- State Senator Ben Allen, Representative, Liliana.Pond@sen.ca.gov
- State Assemblyperson,
- LA County Supervisor Sheila Kuehl, Deputy Zac Gaidzik zgaidzik@bos.lacounty.gov
- Mayor Eric Garcetti, Deputy,
- Empower LA, Advocate, Freddy.Cupen-Ames@lacity.org 213-978-1551
- Westside Regional Alliance of Councils (WRAC)-Jim Murez,
- Los Angeles Neighborhood Council Coalition (LANCC), Ivan Spiegel
- Budget Advocates – vacant
- LA City Recreation & Parks, Sonya Young-Jimenez

8 Committee Chair Reports

07:53

Standing Committees:

- Budget & Finance
- Land Use & Planning
- Neighborhood
- Ocean Front Walk
- Outreach & Event Planning
- Rules & Selections

- Arts

Ad Hoc Committees:

- Community Resiliency Committee
- Homelessness Committee
- Parking and Transportation Committee
- Venice Arbor Committee
- Discussion Forum Committee
- Preserving Public Places
- Social Justice and Equity

President Report:

Board of Officers Vacancy: Applications are available on the VNC website at www.VeniceNC.org/Rules. Individuals applying for this opening must submit their application on or before 10/12/2022.

Elections for 2023-2024 term volunteers needed, questions can be directed to President@VeniceNC.org and copy VP@VeniceNC.org.

9 Announcements and Public Comment on items not on the Agenda

08:35

Public comment is limited to 1 minute per speaker with a total comment time not to exceed 20 minutes, unless adjusted by the presiding officer of the Board. No comment on Items appearing on the Agenda. No Board member announcements permitted.

NOTE: The public is strongly advised to bring comments up in committees where time restrictions are more flexible and where recommendations from the public can become the bases of action items for Board consideration..

10 Approval of prior Board Minutes

Description:

Discussion and possible action, prior Minutes from meeting dated 8/16/2022

Attachments: Minutes: <https://www.venicenc.org/assets/documents/5/meeting62fc889387330.pdf>

MOTION:

Board of Officers approves the Minutes dated 8/16/2022 as presented.

Maker:

Second:

Voter Tally (0): Yea:0 / Nay:0 / Abstain:0 / Recuse:0 / Ineligible:0

11 Treasurer Report - August

08:39

No new business.

12 Approval of Monthly Expenditure Report (MER) June 2022

Description:

Attachments: June: <https://www.venicenc.org/assets/documents/5/meeting631f5e2b232c9.pdf>

MOTION:

The Board of Officers approves the Monthly Expenditure Report (MER) for June 2022 as presented.

Maker:

Second:

Voter Tally (0): Yea:0 / Nay:0 / Abstain:0 / Recuse:0 / Ineligible:0

13 Approval of Monthly Expenditure Report (MER) July 2022

Description:

Attachments: July: <https://www.venicenc.org/assets/documents/5/meeting631f5e2b22684.pdf>

MOTION:

The Board of Officers approves the Monthly Expenditure Report (MER) for July 2022 as presented.

add August MER

Approve Items 1-13

Maker: Jay Handal

Second: Nico Ruderman

Y James Murez

Daffodil Tyminski

Melissa Diner

Y Jay Handal

Y Nico Ruderman

Y Jason Sugars

Alley Bean

Mike Bravo

Voter Tally (4): Yea:4 / Nay:0 / Abstain:0 / Recuse:0 / Ineligible:0

14 VENICE COMMUNITY RESILIENCY COMMITTEE - Funding Request Placeholder

Description:

Committee: Budget **Dated:** 2022-09-19 **Vote:**

MOTION:

Approve to up to \$400 for the purchase of promotion and refreshment for VCNC Meeting for up to four meetings

Maker: Jay Handal

Second: Nico Ruderman

Voter Tally (0): Yea:0 / Nay:0 / Abstain:0 / Recuse:0 / Ineligible:0

15 Outreach promotion of Facebook Ad's

Description: Committee: Budget **Date:** 9/19/2022 **Vote:**

MOTION:

Approve up to \$150 for outreach through Facebook

approve items 14-15

Maker: Jay Handal

Second: Nico Ruderman

Y James Murez

Daffodil Tyminski

Melissa Diner

Y Jay Handal

Y Nico Ruderman

Y Jason Sugars

Alley Bean

Mike Bravo

Voter Tally (4): Yea:4 / Nay:0 / Abstain:0 / Recuse:0 / Ineligible:0

16 General Consent Calendar - Items

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17 Old Business

18 Land Use and Planning Committee Consent Calendar - Items

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19 LUPC Old Business

20 LUPC New Business

21 New Business

22 Final approval of corrected bylaws

Description:

Stakeholder: Ivan Spiegel **Dated:** 2022-09-15

DONE reviewed the VNC amended bylaws and there were several minor discrepancies. These were corrected and the Board needs to approve these corrections. This is just an up or down vote. No other changes may be made at this time.

Attachments: untitled:<https://www.venicenc.org/assets/documents/5/request6323ad2f4540d.pdf>

MOTION: The VNC Board approves the corrections to the bylaws as approved by the Department of Neighborhood Empowerment. The following changes were made: Article III Section B.3. The word "initiative" was removed. Article V Section 2. The words "Unless otherwise stipulated by these bylaws" was added. Article VIII Section 3. The word "Policy" was removed. Article IX Section A. The word "finding" was corrected to "funding".

Maker:

Second:

Voter Tally (0): Yea:0 / Nay:0 / Abstain:0 / Recuse:0 / Ineligible:0

23 Selection of Rules and Selections Chairperson

Description:

Committee: AdCom

The Administrative Committee (AdCom) is nominating Community Officer ??? to Chair the Rules and Selections Committee.

MOTION:

The Board of Officers selects the AdCom nomination of ??? to Chair the Rules and Selections Committee.

Remove to next month

Maker:

Second:

Voter Tally (0): Yea:0 / Nay:0 / Abstain:0 / Recuse:0 / Ineligible:0

24 Proposal to Fund Repairs to the Venice Beach Paddle Tennis Courts

Description:

Stakeholder: Steve Gumplo **Dated:** 2022-08-16

We would like to introduce a Proposal to help fund the repairs on the Venice Beach Paddle Tennis Courts.

MOTION:

We would like approval of our Proposal: Please allow us to do a more formal assessment of the costs to re-do the fences, re-surface the Paddle Tennis Courts, and add new benches, (A) if funded by a private contribution through a non-profit, which we believe we can accomplish reasonably promptly; and (B) if funded by the City. Compare that to what you have been quoted so far for new fences (an extremely high amount, whether \$600,000 or something close to that), and AS A RESULT, YOU AND WE CAN SAVE THE CITY A FORTUNE, AND WE CAN PROVIDE ESSENTIALLY BRAND NEW FACILITIES for the Venice Beach Paddle Tennis Community!

Forward to OFW - who is we and how is VNC involved with private party

Maker:

Second:

Voter Tally (0): Yea:0 / Nay:0 / Abstain:0 / Recuse:0 / Ineligible:0

25 Public Parking at Abbot Kinney and Venice Blvd.

Description:

Committee: Parking and Transportation Committee **On:** 2022-08-01 **Vote:** 4/0/0

Presentation By Jim Murez.

MOTION:

Motion for the VNC to request that LADOT do an accounting of how many public parking spaces are available on Venice Blvd. between Lincoln and Pacific as related to CDP # 96-005 for the relinquishment of State HWY 187/Venice Blvd.

move to consent

approve items 16-25 excluding 24

Maker: Jay Handal

Second: Jason Sugars

Y James Murez

Daffodil Tyminski

Melissa Diner

Y Jay Handal

Y Nico Ruderman

Y Jason Sugars

Alley Bean

Mike Bravo

Voter Tally (4): Yea:4 / Nay:0 / Abstain:0 / Recuse:0 / Ineligible:0

26 Accountability and Transparency of Gov. Funded Service Providers

Description:

Committee: Homelessness Committee **On:** 2022-09-02 **Vote:** 7/0/1

There is a lack of trust existing between service providers and the public, both housed and homeless, concerning, but not limited to, substantial funding and lack of services. - Data and accounting need to be available for public scrutiny and adequately defended by providers on an ongoing and regular basis in order to reestablish trust and reinstitute collaboration with the public. - Emotions are driving the debate and will more than likely continue to do so. The public needs data, transparency and accountability to inform their emotions for meaningful collaboration to occur.

MOTION:

The Venice Neighborhood Council requests that the City of Los Angeles enact the following: Government funded CD 11 service providers must provide, present, defend to the public, and verify on a quarterly basis an accounting of all funds and services provided for homeless efforts with emphasis on the results for and benefits to the homeless and housed community in Venice. In all cases it must be detailed, precise and transparent with meaningful timely responses to the public's concerns made available in an accessible and participatory manner.

City Council Homelessness & Poverty Committee: Hon. Kevin de Leon, Chair, Hon. Nithya Rama, Vice-Chair Councilman, Mike Bonin City Controller, Ron Galperin Chief of LAPD, Michael R. Moore

Maker:

Second:

Voter Tally (0): Yea:0 / Nay:0 / Abstain:0 / Recuse:0 / Ineligible:0

27 VNC Business Cards

Description:

Committee: Budget **Date:** 9/19/2022 **Vote:**

In 2021 the Board approved business cards to be produced for any Board Officers who requested them. This years budget did not specify office funds could be spent to create these cards.

MOTION:

The VNC Board of Officers approves purchasing business cards (max 500 per order) for Board Officers.

move to under budget

approve 26-27

Maker: Jay Handal

Second: Jason Sugars

Y James Murez

Daffodil Tyminski

Melissa Diner

Y Jay Handal

Y Nico Ruderman

Y Jason Sugars

Alley Bean

Mike Bravo

Voter Tally (4): Yea:4 / Nay:0 / Abstain:0 / Recuse:0 / Ineligible:0

28 VENICE BLVD MOBILITY IMPROVEMENTS PROJECT MOTION

Description:

Committee: Parking and Transportation Committee **On:** 2022-09-12 **Vote:** 3/0/1

Background: At the beginning of August, 2022, the Venice Neighborhood Council became aware that LADOT had began outreach in regarding a new Venice Blvd. Mobility Improvements project slated for installation in November 2022. On the promotional materials distributed by LADOT, only the logo of the Palms Neighborhood Council (NC) appears (see attached.) Upon further investigation, the same version of this flyer has been posted on social media by Councilmember Bonin's office (here and here). The Palms NC Transportation Committee was approached by Councilmember Koretz's Transportation Deputy Jay Greenstein and community group Streets for All at their July 9th, 2020 meeting (attached.) The Palms NC also had a Venice Blvd. Improvement Ad Hoc Committee, which has been in existence since July 28th, 2020. Councilmembers Koretz (mover) and Bonin (second) opened Council File: 22-0694 on June 10, 2022 on behalf of outreach efforts for this project. Venice stakeholders want to have the same opportunities for input into this project as were given to stakeholders in Palms. This includes discussions about what we want on Venice Blvd at the VNC Parking the Transportation Committee, with Councilmember Bonin's Transportation Deputy Eric Bruins and LADOT in attendance. Until such time as these discussions can take place and our input is incorporated into the project, stakeholders are clear that the VNC should not support the Venice Blvd. Mobility Improvements project.

MOTION:

Be it resolved that the Venice Neighborhood Council (VNC) will send a letter forthwith to LADOT and Councilman Mike Bonin's office, stating: 1) transportation projects like this should be an ongoing partnership between stakeholders, the Neighborhood Councils and the City, and the VNC is the best and most direct way to communicate about projects like this with the public, and 2) no

transportation project of this scale and magnitude should be considered, planned, implemented or approved without the ongoing involvement and approval of the VNC and its stakeholders. Furthermore, the letter will recommend that the VNC will not support the Venice Blvd Mobility Improvements project until there are discussions with Venice stakeholders and incorporation of their input into the design of the project.

File Community Impact Statement to CF 22-0694

Maker: Jay Handal
Second: Jason Sugars

Y James Murez	Daffodil Tyminski	Melissa Diner
Y Jay Handal	Y Nico Ruderman	Y Jason Sugars
Alley Bean	Mike Bravo	

Voter Tally (4): Yea:4 / Nay:0 / Abstain:0 / Recuse:0 / Ineligible:0

29 Rose Avenue Enhancement Project

Description:

Committee: Parking and Transportation Committee **On:** 2022-09-12 **Vote:** 4/0/0

Presentation and discussion of the proposed improvements to Rose Ave. See attached presentation.

Attachments: untitled:<https://www.venicenc.org/assets/documents/5/request63211bc00d6c5.pdf>

MOTION:

The VNC support the latest Rose Penmar Improvement Project Plans as presented by Devon Guerra of the Rose/Penmar Group

Maker: Jason Sugars
Second: Jay Handal

Y James Murez	Daffodil Tyminski	Melissa Diner
Y Jay Handal	Y Nico Ruderman	Y Jason Sugars
Alley Bean	Mike Bravo	

Voter Tally (4): Yea:4 / Nay:0 / Abstain:0 / Recuse:0 / Ineligible:0

30 Regarding Venice Beach Paddle Tennis Courts

Description:

Committee: Land Use & Planning Committee **On:** 2022-09-01 **Vote:** Yea

Larry Nagler, on behalf of Venice Beach Paddle Tennis Historical Committee (VBPTHC), proposes the following motion regarding Venice Beach Paddle Tennis Courts. LUPC recommended approval of the motion 6-0-1 (abstention).

WHEREAS, Eleven (11) Paddle Tennis Courts are located on Ocean Front Walk (the "Courts"); WHEREAS, the Courts are subject to covenants and restrictions that run with the land; WHEREAS, the building permit for the Paddle Tennis Courts require paddle ball court lines to be used on the Courts; and WHEREAS, since 2020, three courts (Nos. 7, 10, and 11) "shared" part-time with pickle ball players who install temporary nets and taped lines on such courts; and

WHEREAS, paddle tennis and pickleball lines use varying court sizes, lines, and net heights.

Attachments: untitled:<https://www.venicenc.org/assets/documents/5/request63229eb9053d2.pdf>

MOTION:

The VNC recommends: a. No pickleball lines are to be permanently painted and no pickleball nets are to be permanently affixed on the Venice Beach Paddle Tennis Courts; b. Pickleball shall no longer be allowed on the Venice Beach Paddle Tennis Courts.

Maker: Jay Handal
Second: Jason Sugars

Y James Murez	Daffodil Tyminski	Melissa Diner
Y Jay Handal	Y Nico Ruderman	Y Jason Sugars
Alley Bean	Mike Bravo	

Voter Tally (4): Yea:4 / Nay:0 / Abstain:0 / Recuse:0 / Ineligible:0

31 Regarding Paddle Tennis Court Improvements

Description:

Committee: Land Use & Planning Committee **On:** 2022-09-01 **Vote:** Yea

Larry Nagler, on behalf of Venice Beach Paddle Tennis Historical Committee (VBPTHC), proposes two motions regarding improvements to and use of Venice Beach Paddle Tennis Courts. LUPC recommended approval of Motion #1 unanimously.

WHEREAS, Eleven (11) Paddle Tennis Courts located on Ocean Front Walk (the "Courts") are currently in need of repair, including replacing fencing, resurfacing courts, and installation of new water fountains and other infrastructure; WHEREAS, the Board of Rec & Park Commissioners approved \$500,000 plus \$100,000 contingency to remove and replace fencing and add 10 water fountains to the Courts; WHEREAS, resurfacing is potentially also planned for courts.

Attachments: untitled:<https://www.venicenc.org/assets/documents/5/request63229e33daba0.pdf>

MOTION:

The VNC recommends: The Venice Beach Paddle Tennis Historical Committee: (i) will be notified of, and allowed to participate in, (or at a minimum, have input into) any contemplated project(s) affecting the Venice Beach Paddle Tennis Courts, including re-fencing, resurfacing of the courts, installation of benches, bleachers, water fountains, and greenery; (ii) will be given an opportunity to participate in the bidding process for any such work (including seeking qualified contractors, getting cost effective contracts, and ensuring that the highest quality

work is provided); and (iii) will be given an opportunity to assist in, or provide input in, the financing of any such projects.

Maker: Jason Sugars
Second: Jay Handal

Y James Murez	Daffodil Tyminski	Melissa Diner
Y Jay Handal	Y Nico Ruderman	Y Jason Sugars
Alley Bean	Mike Bravo	

Voter Tally (4): Yea:4 / Nay:0 / Abstain:0 / Recuse:0 / Ineligible:0

32 Board of Officer Comments, Items not on the Agenda

09:06

33 Adjournment

Concluded At: 07:23 PM

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