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Board of Officers
Regular Meeting Minutes
Tuesday December 20, 2022
Start Time: 06:00 PM

Location: Webinar

When: Dec 20, 2022 06:00 PM Pacific Time (US and Canada)

Topic: Board

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Virtual Board Meeting Rules.

1. Raise your hand (or when accessing by telephone, press *9) if you have a public comment only WHEN we get to that specific item.
2. After you speak, please lower your hand.
3. All panelists (board members) and attendees (public) will be muted until the administrator unmutes you for comment.
4. Board members will get one chance to speak for a max of 2 minutes per item.
5. Public comment will be limited to one comment for 30 seconds per item.
6. Please do not raise your hand more than once per item.
7. Raise your hand at the start of the items you want to speak on. We will then close public comment and announce the last person to speak a few minutes after the start of the item.
8. No ceding your time to others will be allowed.
9. The meeting is being video and audio recorded.
10. The public will be able to listen and speak but their video will be disabled.

All presenters that have items to project are to send them to Secretary@VeniceNC.org and President@VeniceNC.org to have them shared with the meeting. Keep a copy of them on your desktop as a backup.

2 Call To Order

06:03

2.5 Remembering Joëlle Dumas, 1949-2022

3 Roll Call:

James Murez

Daffodil Tyminski

Melissa Diner

Jay Handal

Vicki Halliday

Bruno Hernandez

Sima Kostovetsky

Nico Ruderman

James Robb

Jason Sugars

Alley Bean

Chie Lunn

Mike Bravo

Soledad Ursua

CJ Cole

Elizabeth Clay

Robert Thibodeau

Clark Brown

Michael Jensen

Zachary Best

Attendance: 13

Quorum: 10

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

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 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.

LAFD

Dean Zipperman, Assistant Chief - dean.zipperman@lacity.org

LAPD:

Five Points of Contacts

<https://www.venicenc.org/assets/photos/5/page636a3e1fdc228.pdf>

Senior Lead Officer Map

<https://www.venicenc.org/assets/photos/5/page636a3d534f723.pdf>

7 Government Reports

06:40

- Congressman Ted Lieu, Representative, Janet.Turner@mail.house.gov
- State Senator Ben Allen, Representative, Liliana.Pond@sen.ca.gov
- State Assemblywoman Tina McKinnor, Staff: Brandon.Stansell@asm.ca.gov
- LA County Supervisor Lindsey Horvath, Deputy TBD
- Mayor Karen Bass, Deputy, TBD
- Councilwoman Traci Park, Deputy TBD
- 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 – Jay Handal
- City Clerk Office, Naima.Pulliam@lacity.org, VNC Elections 2023 Administrator

8 Committee Chair Reports

06:44

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

President Report:

Seeking Community Officer to Chair for Rules and Selections

Announcement VNC elections dates

9 Approval of prior Board Minutes

Description:

Discussion and possible action, prior Minutes from meeting dated 11-15-2022

Attachments: minutes: <https://www.venicenc.org/assets/documents/5/meeting63748c9e3e384.pdf>

MOTION:

Board of Officers approves the Minutes as presented.

Maker: Clark Brown

Second: Jay Handal

Y James Murez

A Daffodil Tyminski

Y Melissa Diner

Y Jay Handal

Y Vicki Halliday

Y Bruno Hernandez

Sima Kostovetsky

Y Nico Ruderman

A James Robb

Y Jason Sugars

Alley Bean

Chie Lunn

Mike Bravo

Soledad Ursua

Y CJ Cole

Elizabeth Clay

Y Robert Thibodeau

Y Clark Brown

Y Michael Jensen

Zachary Best

Voter Tally (13): Yea:11 / Nay:0 / Abstain:2 / Recuse:0 / Ineligible:0

10 Treasurer Report

Budget Amount
\$42,000.00
Budget: \$32,000.00
Adjustments: \$10,000.00

Expense-to-Date
\$7,226.56
Funding Requests: \$0.00
Credit Card: \$7,226.56

Total Outstanding
\$0.00
Commitments: \$0.00
Pending Payments: \$0.00

Net Available
\$34,773.44
Cash Balance: \$34,773.44

1- The roll over funds have been received.

2- Venice Lighting is complete

3- Reminder: NO budget committee meeting will be set if there are no requests for funding. All requests must be submitted the Friday before they he 2nd Tuesday of the month.

4- Reminder: Any authorized spending: you must send me a single PDF of the invoice and then he payment receipt for each transaction. Put the vendor name and amount in the subject line.

13 Announcements and Public Comment on items not on the Agenda

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..

14 Old Business

15 General Consent Calendar - Items

All agenda items on the Consent Calendar will pass when the Consent Calendar is approved. No discussion or Public Comment is allowed on any item. Items may be removed by any board member or stakeholder. Removed items will go to the end of the agenda and be treated as regular agenda items with discussion and public comment.

18 Land Use and Planning Committee Consent Calendar - Items

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22 LUPC New Business

23 New Business

24 Selection of Board of Officer

Description:

Application from Patrick McKinley, see in link below.

Attachments: Patrick: <https://www.venicenc.org/assets/documents/5/meeting63732805d9cc2.pdf>

MOTION:

Board of Officers appoints Patrick McKinley to fill the current vacant Community Officer board seat.

Two prior candidates withdrew their applications after the last board meeting.

Maker: CJ Cole

Second: Daffodil Tyminski

Y James Murez

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Voter Tally (13): Yea:10 / Nay:0 / Abstain:3 / Recuse:0 / Ineligible:0

25 RESTORATION OF THE VENICE LIFEGUARD HEADQUARTERS TOWER

Description:

Committee: Preserving Public Places **On:** 2022-12-09 **Vote:** 3/0/0

RESTORATION OF THE VENICE LIFEGUARD HEADQUARTERS TOWER
Whereas the iconic, architecturally, culturally and historically significant Venice Lifeguard Headquarters Tower located at 2300 Ocean Front Walk was built together with the single story building surrounding it in 1968 is owned by the City of Los Angeles, within Council District 11 and maintained by the County of Los Angeles Department of Beaches and Harbors for use by the Los Angeles Lifeguards through a Joint Powers Agreement;

Whereas, in 2014, LA County chose to move the lifeguard headquarters to the South Bay and not repair and maintain the Tower which was lifeguard headquarters for over 50 years;

Whereas, with no public notice nor outreach, including to adjacent neighbors nor the Venice Neighborhood Council, The Department of Beaches and Harbors requested and was awarded July 2022 a de minimus waiver from the CA Coastal Commission, a Coastal Development Permit CDP, to demolish the tower, only, while retaining the nondescript single story base building. No documentation nor feasibility study was presented as to why this unique, iconic tower would be destroyed, nor that any effort was made to repurpose it, if it is no longer needed by lifeguards, although a 2014 Assessment Report has been obtained describing the recommended maintenance;

Whereas Venice has few publicly owned buildings and the demand for such, including for museums by LA County Lifeguards and the Venice Oceanarium, exceeds availability;

Whereas the Tower provides an outstanding, and unmatched, expansive view of Santa Monica Bay and is identified as historic by the LA Department of Historic Resources;

Whereas if the Tower were demolished, it would leave a nondescript eyesore single story building with no visual merit on our public beach and the Tower would likely never be rebuilt;

Whereas, if made accessible to the public, funds for restoration could be available from nonprofit organizations, private donors, LA Olympics, tourism entities and the public, in addition to government sources;

Whereas repurposing the Lifeguard Tower as a community asset would create an exceptional cultural enrichment, environmental and educational venue for the entire community, including residents and visitors of all ages and cultural heritages;

Whereas Over 1000 Venice residents, current and retired LA lifeguards & lifeguard chiefs, ocean ecologists, cultural and historic preservationists, surfers and beachgoers have signed a petition to save the Venice Lifeguard Tower; Supporters include: Retired Lifeguard Section Chief, LA County Fire Department: Mickey Gallagher Venice Oceanarium Founding Director: Tim Rudnick Adjacent Property Owner: Diana Lorber Educator & Chair VNC & Venice Chamber Education Committees: Joelle Dumas Estate of Venice Black Forefather Arthur L. Reese: Sonya Reese Greenland, Trustee

Attachments: Joint Powers Agreement:<https://www.venicenc.org/ncfiles/download/60>
1969 Dedication:<https://www.venicenc.org/assets/documents/5/meeting636ee6723b371.jpg>
Demo Rendering:<https://www.venicenc.org/assets/documents/5/meeting636ee6e18ca69.pdf>
AssessmentReport:<https://www.venicenc.org/assets/documents/5/committee63784cf025ff5.pdf>
CDP Waiver:<https://www.venicenc.org/assets/documents/5/meeting636ee6e18ae62.pdf>
ZIMAS:<https://www.venicenc.org/assets/documents/5/meeting6396113406d1e.png>
SurveyLA:<https://www.venicenc.org/assets/documents/5/meeting639611340776c.pdf>
Petition:<https://www.venicenc.org/assets/documents/5/meeting6396113405920.pdf>

MOTION:

The Venice Neighborhood Council, Board of Officers requests that the California Coastal Commission, Los Angeles County Department of Beaches and Harbors, and the City of Los Angeles refrain from demolishing the Venice Lifeguard Headquarters Tower until the feasibility of its repairs and restoration for use by lifeguards OR other purpose such as a public observation tower and/or lifeguard / ocean or other museum can be fully evaluated in conjunction with representatives of the Venice Neighborhood Council, and public and private nonprofit organizations.

Maker: James Robb
Second: Daffodil Tyminski

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28 Board of Officer Comments, Items not on the Agenda

29 Adjournment

Concluded At: 07:28 PM

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