



Venice Neighborhood Council

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Regular Meeting of the Preserving Public Places Committee MINUTES

Location: Oceanarium Offices, 330 Market Street, Venice, CA 90291

DATE: April 11, 2023

TIME: 10am

CALL TO ORDER AND BOARD ROLL CALL - 10:25PM

Robin Murez (chair) YES	Sonya Reese Greenland YES	
Betsy Goldman YES	Tim Rudnick (new as of 10:30am) YES	
Brian Silveira YES		VNC President Jim Murez, ex officio NOT PRESENT

APPROVAL of PRIOR MINUTES: <https://www.venicenc.org/assets/documents/5/meeting643465bd95b4b.pdf> YES 3,0,2

GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENT: AMARA HORDT in attendance, Yea!

COMMITTEE REPORTS: Scott Mayers resigned. Tim Rudnick is unanimously voted to be a voting member of PPP effective immediately. Yea!

OLD BUSINESS (*Items considered in prior meeting*) See more Doc's on PPP VNC page

1. Updates on previous motions:

Venice Walking Tour App - Community Improvement Project Venice Funding held up by DONE being swayed by existing VNC Treasurer. VNC President asking DONE supervisors if not as a CIP, can it be funded through Outreach, along with other app's the VNC subscribes to. Amara would like to help with the App.

Waiver Invalidation Motion: LA CONSERVANCY LETTER to CCC: <https://www.venicenc.org/assets/documents/5/committee64346054a689a.pdf>

LA Conservancy also sent letter at our request to County Supervisor Horvath asking that repairs be made: <https://www.venicenc.org/assets/documents/5/committee643486b3ddd6b.pdf>

Historic Cultural Monument Motion Pagodas Repairs - no developments. Pagoda drawings are included in Lifeguard Station Blueprints. Unclear if these were for repaired or new pagodas. Originally the pagodas were built in the 1930's. We'll keep looking for additional historic info. And need to again ask RAP to do the restoration. Fran Soloman expressed interest. <https://www.dropbox.com/s/ext050h8sx2on7e/Blueprints%20VENICE%20LIFEGUARD%20Station.pdf?dl=0>



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Historic Canal / Bridge Parklet Motion - Robin found Adopt A Median program suits this. Has application. Needs CD11 letter of support. Presented to CD11 Staffer, Gabriella in zoom and emailed to Jeff Khau, planning rep. No progress. Gabriella was disturbingly supportive of Monster on the Median; disregard for chopping off apron of Nationally Registered Historic Bridge. Robin responded that Park could be created, even if not fully, though should be full. We'll continue the effort to create this historic park for all to enjoy the canals, bridge, cultural history & ecology. Might apply for State Coastal Conservancy grant.

Colonnade Restoration - Historic Arcade District Motion - Betsy found Ruth Galanter 1992 motion. Architect was Mark Appleton. Council Files exist. Might have been stopped by Robert Graham?

Brian and Robin to meet/develop plan with property owners. Brian suggested that Laurette Healey might be helpful (Robin had horrible experience with LH - she threatened and lied to neighbor re: Tesuque). Brian talking with Scott Specta, Jose Bunda?, Bob Asai?. Robin spoke with Tony Bill, Mark Sokol, Mona, David Hertz, months ago and Louie Ryan recently. Despite sabotage by VNC Board Members (Daff & Vicki), Louie is all for this. Brian is working on 52 & 60 Market Street project to include columns - shared image. Robin asked if capitals could be included.

<https://www.venicenc.org/assets/documents/5/committee6406d7a5b3300.pdf>

<https://www.venicenc.org/assets/documents/5/committee624b185da2192.pdf>

Forgot to mention - Jim Murez has recommended that we get this into the Community Plan which is currently being developed.

Site Markers / QR Code - no discussion

Westminster Clubhouse Lease for Historic Resource Center - no discussion

Venice Lifeguard Station / Tower - we stopped demolition! Robin says: "Somebody had to."

2. NEW BUSINESS:

1. Lifeguard Headquarters Station / Tower - review and vote on submission of motion to Landmark the Venice Lifeguard Station

- a. Introduction and description of Item for possible action: details to be added to application doc's linked below. Betsy, Robin and Mickey all working on this with direction from OHR and LAC. Uncertain if application should be from VNC &/or a 501c3. Venice Oceanarium



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is happy to do it, however best. We missed the deadline for submitting our motion to the VNC Board this month. We'll do so next month, or see if it should be filed by Oceanarium alone.

- **HCM MOTION:** <https://www.venicenc.org/assets/documents/5/committee64346c4a55fe0.pdf>
 - **DRAFT HCM APPLICATION:** : <https://www.venicenc.org/assets/documents/5/meeting6434b010f1427.pdf>
 - **DRAFT Statement of Significance:** <https://www.venicenc.org/assets/documents/5/meeting64346e01d6ca3.pdf>
 - **Public Comment:** none
- b. Committee discussion:
- c. Motion: <https://www.venicenc.org/assets/documents/5/meeting64347c20ed37a.pdf>
- d.
- e. Maker _Betsy_Seconded __Sonya_
Vote: (_5_ Yes / _0_ No / _0_ Abstained / _0_ Recused / _0_ Ineligible)

2. Recommendations, invitations and appointments of new member(s) and guests

Done at start of meeting. Tim Rudnick - new voting member; Amara Horst - guest

- a. Introduction and description of Item for possible action:
- b. Public Comment:
- c. Committee discussion:

1. Robin suggested we create a VENICE PRESERVATIONIST AWARD. The first recipient might be Jeffrey Stanton. In a category of environment: Rimmon C. Fay: <https://www.latimes.com/local/obituaries/la-me-fay4jan04-story.html> Other categories? First year might have several. Many people have been overlooked. How/When to award? Everyone to make suggestions of awardees. Motion: Robin, Betsy. Approved 5/0/0

2. Invite Traci Park to do Instagram photo with us at the Lifeguard Station applauding saving our historic icon and the cultural history of the fabulous lifeguards who serve our community. For Earthday, Traci is doing a video with Heal the Bay. Rim Fay was a founder of Heal The Bay, the CA Coastal Commission and Ballona Wetlands. Robin to contact Jaimie Paige to propose.
Motion: Robin, Sonya. Approved 5/0/0

Meeting **ADJOURNED** 12:20pm followed by tour of Oceanarium Cabinet of Curiosities.