



Venice Neighborhood Council

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Joint meeting of Parking and Transportation Committee and Board of Directors – Agenda

**Paloma Venice | 600 S Venice Blvd, Venice, CA 90291
10-03-2023
7:00PM**

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CALL TO ORDER AND BOARD ROLL CALL

Robert Thibodeau (Chair)		Elizabeth Clay	
Evan Corrigan (Co-Chair)		Selena Inouye	
Alyson Wilson		Brian Averill (ex-officio)	

APPROVAL of PRIOR MINUTES.

<link to minutes posted on VNC committee webpage>

GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENT - Comments from the public on non-agenda items within the Board's subject matter jurisdiction. Each speaker will be allowed one (1) minute(s) unless adjusted by the presiding officer of the meeting..

COMMITTEE REPORTS (Suggested use only for committees that need to update. The content of the report and/or potential board action should be described)

OLD BUSINESS (*Items considered in prior meeting*)

1. ABBOT KINNEY TRAFFIC CALMING

- a. Traffic slowing on Abbot Kinney between Venice and Washington.
- b. Public Comment:
- c. Committee discussion:



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d. **Motion:** Whereas, for months, members of the community living adjacent to Abbot Kinney Blvd, between Venice and Washington Blvd, have urgently reached out to the PTC requesting traffic calming measures, improved bike infrastructure, and a safer crosswalk and a sidewalk at the intersection of Marr St and Abbot Kinney Blvd, the PTC recommends the VNC approves suggestions of safety improvement measures in this corridor, including:

I. Raising the crosswalk at the intersection of Marr St and Abbot Kinney Blvd.

II. The filling in of extraneously wide / slip lanes and addition of painted continental crosswalks at the following intersections of Abbot Kinney Blvd, in the following order of priority: Washington Way, Woodlawn Ave., Angelus Pl. and Crestmoore Pl.

III. The request for a boundary survey on the east side of the Marr St (just south of Abbot Kinney) to study the possible addition of a sidewalk.

IV. The addition of a striped, painted, and buffered, protected or unprotected bike lane.

In addition, the PTC recommends that the VNC distribute these suggestions to CD11 and LADOT alongside a CIS.

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Maker

Seconded

Vote: (Yes / No / Abstained / Recused / Ineligible)

NEW BUSINESS: *Same format as old business items above.*

2. Council File 23-1051 (Accident / Collision / Crash / Incident / California Department of Transportation / Traffic Crashes)

a. **Item description:** Traffic violence in Los Angeles is a serious problem. In 2022, 312 Angelenos lost their lives to traffic violence, the most in more than 20 years; as of September 2, 2023, there have been 206 deaths. Most traffic deaths and serious injuries result from identifiable and preventable causes, including excessive speed, and drunk and distracted driving. Despite this fact, traffic crashes are commonly referred to as “accidents,” which implies that they are unanticipated and unpreventable, when all too often this is not the case.



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- b. Public Comment:
- c. Committee discussion:
- d. **Motion:**

Whereas words matter, and the word “accident” when talking about a car crash, a car versus pedestrian crash, or a car versus cyclist crash, implies that it was simply a mistake that could not have been avoided.

Therefore, the Venice Neighborhood Council supports Council File 23-1051 and suggests city officially adopt the terms “crash,” “collision,” and “incident,” in lieu of the term “accident” when discussing traffic crashes in any document or communication, except for instances where the City Attorney deems it necessary to use “accident” in litigation and related matters.

Distribution List:

Maker

Seconded

Vote: (Yes / No / Abstained / Recused / Ineligible)

3. Council File 21-1469-S2 (Alternative Sidewalk Corrective Measures / Sidewalk Repairs / Diamond Cutting)

- a. **Item description:** The City’s Sidewalk Repair Program is the primary means by which the City plans and conducts repairs to the City’s sidewalk system. Over the past decade, much of the City’s Sidewalk Repair Program has been dictated by the terms of the Willits Settlement which sets annual funding minimums for sidewalk repair work and by responding to resident complaints or trip-and-fall incidents.

The Los Angeles City Council has ordered a series of reports instructing bureaus and departments to report with recommendations to better implement the Willits Settlement, improve how the City prioritizes sidewalk repair projects, enhance sidewalk maintenance coordination with developers, property owners, and other public agencies, and ensure that accessibility improvements are incorporated into other City projects in the public right-of-way (C.F. 21-1469).

While the City is reviewing and updating sidewalk repair and maintenance policies, it is important that the City take action to expedite necessary repairs not imminently in the queue under the Sidewalk Repair Program. The City should deploy all available tools to improve the conditions of our sidewalks in the short- and long-term and should



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ensure it is making use of newer sidewalk repair methodologies which may have advantages over traditional asphalt spot repairs.

- b. Public Comment:
- c. Committee discussion:
- d. **Motion:**

The City's sidewalks are notoriously broken, creating hazards for people in wheelchairs, on foot, and on bicycles. Despite the Willits Settlement, the City of Los Angeles is still painfully slow at repairing its sidewalks.

Therefore, the Venice Neighborhood Council supports Council File 21-1469-S2 and the exploration and use of alternative sidewalk corrective measures, including diamond and precision concrete cutting, to more quickly address sidewalk repairs.

Distribution List:

Maker ___
 Seconded ___
 Vote: (___ Yes / ___ No / ___ Abstained / ___ Recused / ___ Ineligible)

4. Venice Community Plan Update: Chapter on mobility and transportation

- a. **Item description:** General discussion on community plan update, ideas and concepts related to transportation, parking and connectivity, and if the VNC should advocate for a chapter on mobility and transportation.
- b. Public Comment:
- c. Committee discussion:
- d. **Motion:**

Distribution List:

Maker ___
 Seconded ___
 Vote: (___ Yes / ___ No / ___ Abstained / ___ Recused / ___ Ineligible)



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