



# Venice Neighborhood Council

PO Box 550, Venice, CA 90294

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## Board of Officers Regular Meeting Agenda

**6:30-9:30 PM Tuesday Sept. 19, 2023**  
**Westminster Elementary School**  
**1010 Abbot Kinney Blvd Venice, CA 90291**  
(enter from parking lot on Westminster Ave)

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### 1. CALL TO ORDER AND BOARD ROLL CALL **Call to order at 6:45PM**

Brian Averill <b>P</b>	Alley Bean <b>P</b>	Yolanda Gonzalez <b>P</b>	Bruno Hernandez <b>A</b>
Jim Robb <b>P</b>	Lisa Redmond <b>P</b>	Deborah Keaton <b>P</b>	Jason Sugars <b>P</b>
Helen Fallon <b>P</b>	Robert Thibodeau <b>P</b>	Eric Donaldson <b>P</b>	
Tima Bell <b>P</b>	Erica Moore <b>P</b>	Amara Hordt <b>P</b>	<b>P=Present</b>
Michael Jensen <b>P</b>	Clark Brown <b>P</b>	CJ Cole <b>P</b>	<b>A=Absent</b>
Nico Ruderman <b>A</b>	Steve Bradbury <b>P</b>	Soledad Ursua <b>P</b>	

Note: Tima Bell, Clark Brown are ineligible to vote on any item. Jim Robb is ineligible to vote on funding items.

**Voting will be marked as: Yea-Nea-Abstain-Absent-Ineligible/Recused (0-0-0-0) Actual member voting counts attached to the end of minutes.**

### 2. **APPROVAL of PRIOR MINUTES.** [meeting64ffa9e079311.pdf](#) ([venicenc.org](#))

Alley Bean 1<sup>st</sup>, Jason Sugars 2<sup>nd</sup> Voted 16-1-2-2

Note: Request was made by CJ Cole to provide minutes on Agenda Document for reference and for full name clarity on the voting.



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### 3. DECLARATION OF EX PARTE COMMUNICATIONS, CONFLICTS OF INTEREST OR RECUSALS

Clark Brown indicated he had discussed Item 13 with many members of the board at different times

### 4. PUBLIC SAFETY REPORTS

### 5. GOVERNMENT REPORTS

In attendance: Representative from Mayors office, Congressman Lieu's office, Assemblywoman McKinner's office and Council woman Traci Park

General Public Comment requested by the President at this time.

### 6. PRESIDENT'S REPORT

Alley Bean noted as the chair of the Homelessness Committee

Items 13 & 14 to be discussed immediately after Item 6 Jim Robb 1<sup>st</sup>, Brian Averill 2<sup>nd</sup> Motion carries 11

### 7. RECOMMENDATION TO APPROVE FIVE CIS FILERS

Brian Averill  
Helen Fallon  
Michael Jensen  
Jim Robb  
Nico Ruderman

**Jim Robb 1<sup>st</sup>, Robert Thibodeau 2<sup>nd</sup>  
Voted 17-0-2-2 Motion Carried**

### 8. ELECTION OF NEW BOARD MEMBER

(4 applicants, see Supporting Documents for the applications)

A runoff between Christopher Lee and Christopher C resulted in a 12-3-2-2 Vote for Christopher Lee. Note: Mr. Lee was able to Vote on Agenda items 18e and 20.

### 9. GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENT – LIMIT TO 20MIN/1MIN PER SPEAKER

- a. 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.
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## 10. TREASURER'S REPORT

## 11. GENERAL CONSENT

- a. VNC Board to support a Disaster Resilient Town Hall January 2024 and Community Emergency Response Team Training February 2024

Lisa Redmond 1<sup>st</sup>, Brian Averill 2<sup>nd</sup>  
Voted 16-0-3-2 Motion Carries

## 12. BUDGET & FINANCE CONSENT CALENDAR

- a. Board of Officers approves the appointment of Outreach Chair Erica Moore as the 2nd bankcard holder
- b. Board of Officers approves Monthly Expenditure Report for August 2023 (see supporting documents)

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 be treated as regular agenda items with discussion and public comment

Lisa Redmond 1<sup>st</sup>, Jason Sugars 2<sup>nd</sup>.  
Voted 16-0-3-2 Motion Carries

## 13. OLD BUSINESS

### MOTION: CITIZEN TASK FORCE ON LAX PARCELS - STAKEHOLDER PETITION

(submitted by Clark Brown, info/signatures in supporting documents)

#### WHEREAS:

1. The Los Angeles Housing and Services Authority and Rand Corporation recently reported there is a 45% increase in homelessness in West Los Angeles and there are 523 homeless in Venice.
  2. RVs, buses and other vehicles containing homeless people have recently appeared throughout Venice, including on Main, Rose, Venice Blvd and around the Lincoln Place Apartments.
  3. Councilwoman Park has repeatedly admitted in public forums that there are no available beds, rooms or space in CD 11 for homeless persons.
  4. Due to *Martin v. Boise* 444 F.3d. 1118 (9<sup>th</sup> Cir.) and other federal court decisions the City cannot enforce its anti camping ordinances unless it has places for the homeless in the City
  5. Los Angeles World Airports (LAWA) recently reported to the City Administrative Officer that there are many City owned vacant parcels within LAX, including ones at the corners
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of La Cienega and Century and 111<sup>TH</sup> and Aviation which could be used for homeless shelter and vehicle parking.

6. The City has ample resources to make use of these parcels. There is \$1 billion in the current City Budget for homeless services. The Governor has offered 500 tiny homes to Los Angeles for its homeless. The Federal Government recently selected Los Angeles to participate in a 2 year federal program targeting homelessness.

7. Despite the above, Councilwoman Park’s response to a recent document request served upon her under the California Public Records Act (Gov’t C. sec. 6250) establishes she is taking no steps to cause LAWA and the City to establish safe camping and parking facilities on the LAX Parcels.

8. Councilwoman Park has established a Citizen Task Force to facilitate the development of recreation facilities in the LAX Northside Project but has failed to establish a similar task force to facilitate the development of facilities for the homeless on the vacant LAX Parcels

THEREFORE: The Venice Neighborhood Council requests Councilwoman Park to forthwith establish a Citizen Task Force with representatives from the Venice, Del Rey and Westchester Neighborhood Councils and the City to:

1. Study establishing interim shelter, safe camping and safe parking facilities upon the vacant parcels of land the City owns at LAX

2. Evaluate all factors regarding the establishment and operation of such facilities, including but not limited to: the impact of airplane noise upon the residents of the facilities, the impact the facilities will have upon Westchester’s residents and businesses, any FAA requirements applicable to the facilities; the availability of shopping and social services to the residents of the facilities, the expense and time involved to establish and operate the facilities.

3. Make recommendations to the City based upon the study and evaluation of the Citizen Task Force.

Clark Brown 1<sup>st</sup>, Robert Thibodeau 2<sup>nd</sup>

Voted 1-11-3-3 Motion Denied. NOTE: An amendment was presented and then rescinded

## NEW BUSINESS

### 14. VENICE DELL MEDIAN PROJECT

(previous motions in supporting docs)

Whereas over the past several years the Venice Neighborhood Council has approved multiple motions recommending denial of the Venice Dell Median Project;

Whereas since that time, due to substantial and still unresolved environmental issues, the Coastal Commission has not accepted the developers’ application for a state Coastal



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Development Permit and has now issued four Notifications of Incomplete Application;

Therefore, the Venice Neighborhood Council continues to recommend the denial of the Venice Dell Median project and asks that Mayor Bass, City Attorney Feldstein-Soto, and Councilmember Park thoroughly examine the multiple well-documented issues related to this project.

Alley Bean 1<sup>st</sup>, Jim Robb 2<sup>nd</sup>

Voted 11-2-2-5 Motion Carries

## 16. OUTREACH & EVENT PLANNING COMMITTEE

- a. Motion: The Board of Officers of the Venice Neighborhood Council approves a Town Hall to be scheduled regarding the City's Community Plan as it applies to Venice to be held in the 4th quarter of 2023.
- b. Motion: The VNC Board of Officers approves an expenditure of up to \$1600 for the Town Hall to address the Community Plans allocated as follows: \$1,000 for Reusable Banners, \$150 for printing, \$150 for Room Rental, \$200 for Refreshments, \$100 for social media promotions.
- c. Motion: The VNC Board of Officers approves the expenditure of \$225 by Outreach for supplies: \$100 (for P-touch label tape, correction tape, paper (Staples) and \$ 125 for Brochure Holders (Dazzling Display).
- d. Motion: VNC Board Officers approves the expenditure of \$600 by Outreach for 20 reusable large Lawn Signs (24x36)

Erica Moore 1<sup>st</sup>, Robert Thibodeau 2<sup>nd</sup>

16a-d each voted 16-0-3-2 motions carry

## 17. PARKING AND TRANSPORTATION

Description: Refers to City Council file 23-0360 The Venice Neighborhood Council, a member of the Westside Regional Alliance of Councils, is concerned about the passage of CF 23-0360, which nullifies Sections 22.482(a) and 22.602 of the Administrative Code and changes the parking space replacement policy when LADOT parking facilities with spaces greater than 25 are transferred to the Housing Department for redevelopment as affordable or supportive housing. The Venice Neighborhood Council is sensitive to how difficult it can be to develop affordable and supportive housing in Los Angeles. We recognize there is a shortage of affordable and supportive housing and believe that Los Angeles would benefit from making it easier to build such housing. Until now, when LADOT-managed parking facilities have been redeveloped, all the parking spaces had to be replaced, increasing the cost of the development. With the passage of CF 23-0360, the spaces will

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no longer be required to be replaced. However, we believe that the needs of small businesses, including the need for parking for their customers, have not been adequately considered with the nullification of Administrative Code Sections 22.482(a) and 22.602 and establishment of the new parking space replacement policy. In particular, The Venice Neighborhood Council is concerned about the promised replacement parking at the Venice Dell Project site, formally known as the Reese Davidson project, located at 2102-2120 S Pacific Avenue, 116-302 E North Venice Boulevard, 2016-2116 S Canal Street and 319 E South Venice Boulevard.

**MOTION:** We respectfully request that Councilmembers representing WRAC member councils who are also members of the City Council Transportation Committee – Councilmembers Park, Yaroslavsky, Raman and/or Hutt – bring a motion in Los Angeles City Council forthwith to further amend the Administrative Code to include concessions for small businesses by replacing the new parking space development footprint. The City should determine how much parking to replace by using a sliding scale for parking replacement based on prior utilization, as well as the availability of nearby public parking, rather than never requiring any replacement.

Robertt Thibodeau 1<sup>st</sup>, Jason Sugars 2<sup>nd</sup>  
**Voted 15-1-3-2 Motion Carries**

## 18. RULES & SELECTION COMMITTEE

(see supporting docs)

- a. Description: Defining the role the Rules & Selections Committee plays when it comes to open Board-elected positions.

**Motion:** The Board of Officers hereby adds the following to its Standing Rules: For the process of applicant based positions within the Venice Neighborhood Council, including Board seats, and LUPC and Neighborhood Committee, the Rules & Selections Committee will be responsible for the following: All redactions for public viewing of applications; Verifying stakeholder status; Being the point of contact for applicants from questions to application submission; Creating and/or approving changes to application forms; and, setting due by dates in agreement with the VNC President.

- b. Description: Bylaw Changes to Article I

**MOTION:** The Venice Neighborhood Council Board of Officers approves the submitted changes amending **ARTICLE I: NAME** of the previously adopted (7/1/22) VNC Bylaws

- c. Description: Bylaw Changes to Article II

**MOTION:** The Venice Neighborhood Council Board of Officers approves the submitted changes amending **ARTICLE II: PURPOSE** of the previously adopted (7/1/22) VNC Bylaws.

- d. Description: Bylaw Changes to Article IV

**MOTION:** The Venice Neighborhood Council Board of Officers approves the



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submitted changes amending **Article IV: STAKEHOLDERS** of the previously adopted (7/1/22) VNC Bylaws.

- e. Description: Request the Board to direct the Rules & Selections Committee to bring forward proposals to revise the Board Community Officer Composition.

**Motion:** VNC Rules & Selections Committee to research and present possible scenarios for the for the Board to consider with respect to the Board Community Officer Composition

Motion was made to postpone Items 18a-d Erica 1<sup>st</sup> Steve 2<sup>nd</sup> **Voted: 14-2-3-2**

18e – Lisa 1<sup>st</sup>, Erica 2<sup>nd</sup>

Voting: 17-0-3-2 Motion Carries (Note: Chris Lee now able to Vote)

## 19. ELECTION OF NEW ADCOM COMMITTEE MEMBER

Nominations and board vote

Jason Sugars nominated. Approved unanimously

## 20. MOTION TO APPROVE THE MISSION STATEMENT OF A NEW PARKS AND SCHOOLS COMMITTEE

(submitted by Eric Donaldson and Paul Davis)

The mission of the Parks and Schools Committee is to promote opportunities for children and all others to grow and thrive, experiencing safe and meaningful engagement in the diverse and creative social, economic, and cultural activities of the Venice community. In carrying out our work, we will focus on parks, schools, and other related venues.

**ERIC 1ST, ALLEY 2ND**

**VOTED 17-0-3-2 MOTION CARRIES**

## 21. BOARD MEMBER COMMENT ON NON-AGENDA ITEMS

## 22. ADJOURNMENT

As a covered entity under Title II of the Americans with Disabilities Act, the City of Los Angeles does not discriminate on the basis of disability and upon request will provide









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N=Nay  
Y=Yea  
Absent=Absent  
I=Ineligible  
Recuse=Recuse

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