



# Venice Neighborhood Council

PO Box 550, Venice, CA 90294  
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## Board of Officers Regular Meeting Agenda

**6:30-9:30 PM Nov, 14<sup>th</sup>, 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 **6:41PM Start Time**

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

17 members are present. Bruno Hernandez left at approximately 8:00PM

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

### 2. APPROVAL OF PRIOR MINUTES.

<https://www.venicenc.org/assets/documents/5/meeting653804dde56d0.pdf>

**Brian Averill 1<sup>st</sup>, Jim Robb 2<sup>nd</sup> – Motion Carried (17-0-0-4)**

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

### 4. PUBLIC SAFETY REPORTS

### 5. GOVERNMENT REPORTS



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## 6. PRESIDENT'S REPORT

## 7. PRESENTATION FROM THE LA CITY PLANNING DEPARTMENT ON THE VENICE COMMUNITY PLAN UPDATE

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

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

## 9. TREASURER'S REPORT

## 10. GENERAL CONSENT CALENDAR

**Note: Items A, B & C were approved. Items D & E will be moved to "Old Business" next month**

A. Motion: The VNC Board of Officers approves the October 2023 Monthly Expenditure Report (MER). (See supporting documents)

B. Motion: The Venice Board of Officers reconfirms approval of the expenditure of up to \$1000 for reusable banners, previously approved as part of the budget for the now cancelled November Town Hall on the Venice Community Plan-rescheduled for early 2024.

C. Motion: The VNC Board of Officers authorizes Communications Officer Nico Ruderman to receive the VNC digital election records from the Office of the City Clerk.

D. Council File 21-1469-S2 (Alternative Sidewalk Corrective Measures / Sidewalk Repairs)

Parking and Transportation (4-0-0)

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

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

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.

## E. Transportation Management Strategies Report, Venice Coastal Zone

### Parking and Transportation (4-0-0)

In November 2021, Fehr and Peers was hired by the City of Los Angeles, to analyze and make recommendations regarding the management of parking resources in the Venice Coastal Zone. See attached report in supporting documents section of the PTC page on the VNC site.

Motion: Whereas parking is a valuable resource in the Coastal Zone, proper management is essential. The PTC recommends that the Venice neighborhood Council supports the parking and transportation management strategies outlined in the November 2021 report by Fehr and Peers, prepared for the City of Los Angeles, Department of City Planning, titled 'Parking Utilization and Transportation Management Strategies Report, Venice Coastal Zone'. Furthermore, the Venice Neighborhood Council recommends that the City of Los Angeles, Department of City Planning, adopt the recommendations as part of the community plan and implementation plan update. The Venice Neighborhood Council also requests the City of Los Angeles, Department of City Planning, work closely with the Venice community during the implementation of the outlined strategies. Letters of support from the VNC to: CD11, the Mayor's Office, Department of City Planning (Laura McPherson), LADOT

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.

## NEW BUSINESS

### 11. VIRTUAL MEETINGS - SB411

**Brian Averill 1<sup>st</sup>, Tima Bell 2<sup>nd</sup> – Motion Carried (16-1-0-4)**

Discussion and possible motion to file a CIS and/or authorize the use of teleconferencing for VNC meetings, including board and/or committee meetings in accordance with Senate Bill 411 and the subsequent motion passed by LA City Council on November 1, 2023.

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Suggested Motion from Empower LA:

The VNC satisfies the  $\frac{2}{3}$  board requirement of SB 411 and approves the option of meeting virtually for board and/or committee meetings in order to increase accessibility and community engagement.

## 12. RULES AND SELECTION COMMITTEE

- **Sections 1-6 were unanimously approved by the Board**
- **Amendment to keep Sec. 7 to keep it per existing bylaws Helen Fallon 1<sup>st</sup>, Lisa Redmond 2<sup>nd</sup> – Motion Carried (9-7-0-5)**
- **Amendment to disregard previous Amendment and to send Sec. 7 back to committee Helen Fallon 1<sup>st</sup>, Lisa Redmond 2<sup>nd</sup> – Motion Carried (12-4-0-5)**
- **Item 12 with Amendment to send Sec. 7 Back to Committee - Jim Robb 1<sup>st</sup>, Steve Bradbury 2<sup>nd</sup> – Motion Carried (14-2-0-5)**

Discussion and possible motion regarding amendments to ARTICLE 5: GOVERNING BOARD

MOTION: The Venice Neighborhood Council Board of Officers approves the submitted changes amending ARTICLE 5: GOVERNING BOARD of the previously adopted (7/1/22) VNC Bylaws. (see supporting documents for proposed changes)

## 13. LETTER OF SUPPORT FOR OFW PARK BENCH DEDICATION

**Brian Averill 1<sup>st</sup>, Tima Bell 2<sup>nd</sup> – Motion Carried (16-0-0-5)**

Motion: The VNC Board of Officers approves a letter of support for a park bench on OFW dedicated to Jeffery Solomon. Information in supporting documents.

## 14. BUDGET COMMITTEE

**Brian Averill 1<sup>st</sup>, Steve Bradbury 2<sup>nd</sup> – Motion Carried (16-0-0-5)**

Discussion and possible motion regarding NPG for Venice Chamber Community Fdn/Verdant Venice

MOTION: The VNC Board of Officers approves a Neighborhood Purpose Grant (NPG) for \$3,166 submitted by the Venice Chamber Community Foundation on behalf of the Venice Verdant Group to plan 39 trees in the public right of ways in Venice. (see supporting documents including NPG, Tree permit, locations, info on Venice Verdant)

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

## 16. DECEMBER BOARD MEETING

Discussion and Possible Motion: Board availability for December 19th.

**Board unanimously agreed to hold the December Meeting at the scheduled time**

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## 17. ADJOURNMENT

**Nico Ruderman 1<sup>st</sup>, Jim Robb 2<sup>nd</sup>**

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Alley Bean	<b>Absent</b>	<b>Absent</b>	<b>Absent</b>	<b>Absent</b>	<b>Absent</b>	<b>Absent</b>	<b>Absent</b>	<b>Absent</b>	<b>Absent</b>	<b>Absent</b>
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Clark Brown	<b>p</b>	y	y	y	y	n	n	y	y	y
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Lisa Redmond	<b>p</b>	y	y	y	y	n	y	y	y	y
Jim Robb	<b>p</b>	y	y	y	y	y	y	y	y	y
Nico Ruderman	<b>p</b>	y	y	y	y	y	y	y	y	y
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