



Venice Neighborhood Council

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Board of Officers Regular Meeting Agenda

6:30-9:30 PM January 16th, 2024
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 **Meeting Start – 6:44PM**

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

Tima arrived at 6:54, Nico Arrived at 7:50, CJ left at 8:45, Yolanda left at 9:05, Helen left at 9:18

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. RECOGNITION AND MOMENT OF SILENCE FOR CAROL TANTAU

3. APPROVAL OF PRIOR MINUTES. **Not Approved – no vote. postponed to next month's agenda**
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4. DECLARATION OF EX PARTE COMMUNICATIONS, CONFLICTS OF INTEREST OR RECUSALS



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5. PUBLIC SAFETY REPORTS

6. GOVERNMENT REPORTS – Empower LA informed us of a Brown Act Violation of Item 14 and advised to push it to next month’s agenda with no discussion.

7. CHAIR REPORTS

8. PRESIDENT’S REPORT

Item 14 is to be postponed to next month’s agenda. No discussion to be had at this meeting.

9. 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.

10. TREASURER’S REPORT

11. GENERAL CONSENT CALENDAR

Item 11B requested to be pulled and reviewed by the board from General Consent by Lisa Redmond. Items 11A & 11C – Alley Bean 1st, Nico Ruderman 2nd Motion Carries 19-0-0-2

A. MOTION: The VNC Board of Officers approves the December 2023 Monthly Expenditure Report (MER). See supporting documents. (Committee vote 2-0-0)

B. MOTION: Whereas the Venice Public Library’s grassy areas were fenced off and have fallen into a state of unkept disrepair over the last year, the VNC requests a re-landscaping of the library grounds, with letters sent to CD11 and Rec/Parks. This motion was put forth by the Friends of Venice Library.

Brian Averill 1st, Alley Bean 2nd Request to amend the motion to change “parks and rec” to John Szabo, Head Librarian. Lisa Redmond 1st, Brian Averill 2nd Motion carries 18-0-0-3

C. MOTION: The Venice Neighborhood Council Board of Officers approves reimbursing Outreach Chair Erica Moore \$64.44 for refreshments purchased for the December 19, 2023 Board Meeting. (see supporting documents) (Committee vote 2-0-0)

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.

OLD BUSINESS

12. RULES AND SELECTIONS



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BOARD MEMBER ABSENCES

Lisa Redmond 1st, CJ Cole 2nd. Motion requires 2/3 majority vote. Motion Fails 11-8-0-3

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

NEW BUSINESS

13. PARKING AND TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE

Minutes were not posted by Committee Chair, Robert Thibodeau. Item to be removed from agenda indefinitely

CROSSWALKS/SIGNAGE ON SPEEDWAY (4-0-0)

Whereas there is increased traffic on Speedway between Marine Ave. and 30th Place due to traffic slowing on Pacific and apps such as Waze. Whereas facilities like the Safran Center Senior Housing, Phoenix House, many tourist destinations and other sensitive uses are located adjacent to Speedway. Whereas there is currently a lack of crosswalks, stop signs, and speed limit signage, creating a confusing and dangerous situation for drivers, pedestrians, both locals and tourists, therefore;

MOTION: the VNC shall write a letter to CD11, LA DOT, and BOE requesting additional crosswalks and signage to reduce speeds and increase public safety on Speedway.

14. RULES AND SELECTIONS COMMITTEE

Item postponed and moved to next month's agenda

LUPC REVIEW PROCESS (3-0-0)

The purpose of the proposed changes is three-fold: 1) to clarify the standard of review for proposed developments within Venice, 2) to clarify steps LUPC should follow in the project review process, and 3) to establish timelines for the speedy review and processing of projects.

Motion: The Board of Officers will strike the existing Standing Rule Section 3 LUPC Committee (pages 3-4), and hereby adds the following replacement to its Standing Rules:

I. LUPC Agendas

The Agenda shall be prepared by the Land Use & Planning Committee (LUPC) Chair or other LUPC member assigned by the committee and shall include an agenda item to decide the



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disposition of all new projects in the bi-weekly Certified Neighborhood Council (CNC) City Planning Early Notification Reports since the last LUPC meeting.

II. Review of Projects

Initiating Review: The LUPC is responsible for reviewing applications for new projects listed in the CNC City Planning Early Notification Reports since the last LUPC meeting.

LUPC will determine if any projects need additional review and a public LUPC hearing by considering the project's conformance with the VCP (Venice Community Plan), which includes all of Venice, and the LCP (Venice Local Coastal Program Land Use Plan), which includes only the Coastal Zone of Venice. If there is not a consensus of the group on whether to waive the review of a given project or not, further review of the project will be put to a vote of the committee.

Projects Needing No Further Review: Those projects for which additional review is waived will appear on the next VNC Board Agenda under the Agenda Item title "Projects for which VNC Recommendation is Waived, Without Prejudice." The Board can vote to approve the list or approve a modified list and send any one of the projects listed back to LUPC for review and a public hearing.

Projects Needing Further Review: Those projects selected for further review and hearing will be assigned by the Chair during the public meeting to a LUPC member who will work with the applicant and the neighbors to prepare a written LUPC Staff Report. If there is opposition to the assignment of the LUPC member to a given project, the assignment will be put to a vote of the committee. Within one month's time, or as soon as practicable, each project assigned shall be reviewed at a LUPC meeting at which a written Staff Report is presented that includes the recommendation, project description, pros and cons, a summary of community input, and any findings.

Projects for which a hearing is being held must contain the following minimum

project information on the LUPC and VNC agendas: Address:

All Case Numbers:

LUPC member assigned:

Applicant/Applicant's Representative:

Email for City Planner assigned:

Detailed Project Description:

Link to City Planning website where application and plans are posted: Link to LUPC Staff Report

VNC Board Action: Those projects that have been heard at a LUPC meeting will appear on the next VNC Board agenda under the Agenda Item title "Projects for which LUPC Recommends Board Action." The Board can vote to accept the recommended action, reject the recommended action, or return it to LUPC for further review.

The results of the VNC Board LUPC agenda items shall be sent by the VNC Board Secretary within 72 hours of the meeting to the current City Planning Supervisor for Venice projects and the City Planner(s) assigned, with copies to the LUPC Chair and the VNC President.



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15. BOARD MEMBER COMMENT ON NON-AGENDA ITEMS

16. ADJOURNMENT

Steve Bradbury 1st, Jason Sugarrs 2nd 9:35PM

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