



# Venice Neighborhood Council

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## BUDGET AND FINANCE COMMITTEE REGULAR MEETING

Date: April 11, 2024 | Time: 6:00 P.M.

Location: Extra Space Storage Community Room  
658 Venice Blvd.

**CALL TO ORDER: 6:00 pm**

**ROLL CALL WITH DECLARATION OF EX PARTE COMMUNICATIONS AND CONFLICTS OF INTEREST if any:**

Helen Fallon, Chair	x	
Lisa Redmond	x	
Eric Hartnack	x	VNC President, ex officio

**APPROVAL of PRIOR MINUTES:** Motion to approve minutes of March 14, 2024 meeting. **Lisa moved, Helen Second: 2/0/1 (Y-Lisa, Helen, abstain Eric)**

**GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENT:** Comments from the public on non-agenda items within the Budget Committee's subject matter jurisdiction. Pete: Kite event Venicepierproject.com

### Chair Report and Committee Member Reports/updates

Chair: sent e-mail to Communications Officer Nico Ruderman and Board President Brian Averill regarding status and consideration of more cost effective alternatives to using Google for VNC e-mails and using Constant Contact for Outreach. Cost is increasing by \$40/month. Nico will look in to this- **Eric will follow-up with Nico and report back next month.**

**OLD BUSINESS:** Creation and/or review of a letter to be sent via Constant Contact advising that funds are available for NPGs and CIPs (assigned to Lisa last month. Discussion and possible motion to approve. **Lisa will finalize so we can get this out early next week with deadline for submitting 2<sup>nd</sup> week of May. Eric suggested that applications could also be considered for next budget round.**

### NEW BUSINESS:

1. Review of MER and Excel Budget Spreadsheet as of 3/31/24 Motion: The VNC Board of Officers approves the February 2024 Monthly Expenditure Report (MER). (See supporting documents) **Lisa moved, Eric seconded 3/0/0**
2. Review of 2023-2024 VNC Budget versus actual and projection for last quarter of our fiscal year and discussion of possible carryover (see supporting documents)

**Helen will reach out to Erica Moore and ask her to estimate outreach expenses through year end so that we can finalize expenses before the end of May and determine carryover and/or funding for additional NPGs. Also, will ask Erica to look into using Animo for regular meetings since they would not charge.**

3. Review discussion and possible motion to recommend approval of an NPG for \$2610.60 submitted by the Friends of the Venice Library for tables and chairs for the children's area in the Venice Branch Library (see supporting documents)

Motion: The VNC Board of Officers approves a Neighborhood Purpose Grant (NPG) for \$2,610.60 submitted by the Friends of the Venice Library to purchase children's tables and chairs for the designated children's area in the Venice Branch Library. **Moved: Lisa, Seconded: Eric 3/0/0 Will submit as consent calendar item.**



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4. Review, discussion and possible motion to recommend approval of an NPG for \$4,502.90 from Verdant Venice/Venice Chamber Community Foundation for trees to implement a city approved "Small Parkway Pilot Project" and to replace trees at Oakwood Park. (see supporting documents).

*Discussion: Representatives from Verdant Venice explained that city charges \$2,000 to plant a tree and the Parks Foundation charges \$5,000. Verdant Venice uses volunteers to plant and maintain the trees. Breakdown between Oakwood and Pilot is : \$1,553.66 for Oakwood and \$2,969.25 for Pilot Program.*

Motion: The VNC Board of Officers approves a Neighborhood Purpose Grant (NPG) for \$4,502.90 submitted by the Venice Chamber Community Foundation on behalf of the Verdant Venice Group to implement a "Small Parkway Pilot Program" and replace eight trees at Oakwood Park (see supporting documents). **Moved by Eric, Seconded by Helen. 2/1/0 (Yes: Eric, Helen; No-Lisa)**

*Note: Following up on suggesting by Eric: Possible discussion item for May-could we promote NPGs et during the last fiscal quarter so going in to the next fiscal year we would have budgeted for these and would bring them to the board for approval earlier in July or August.*

**Adjournment: 6:55 pm.**