



Venice Neighborhood Council

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Joint Meeting of Homeless Committee and Board of Directors

Minutes

Meeting Date: Tuesday, May 25, 2021

Meeting Time: 7:00 p.m.

Meeting Location: Zoom Webinar

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1. 7:00 pm - Call to Order and Roll Call

Frank Murphy	X		
Brian Ulf	X		
Mike Rapkin	X		
Pat Raphael	X		
Liz Wright	X		
Vicki Halliday	X	Ira Koslow (ex-officio)	X
Stan Muhammad	X		

2. 7:00 pm - Approve Agenda as presented or amended

Frank Murphy	MY
Brian Ulf	Y
Mike Rapkin	Y
Pat Raphael	Y
Liz Wright	Y
Vicki Halliday	SY
Stan Muhammad	Y

M = moved, S = seconded (Yes, No, Abstain) (7,0,0)

3. 7:05 pm – Approve Minutes of last meeting as presented or amended

Vote not taken

4. 7:05 pm – ANNOUNCEMENTS

5. 7:05 pm – Chair Report

6. 7:07 pm - PUBLIC COMMENT – 1 minute on non-agendized items related to Homeless Committee only (10 minutes).

7. 7:17 pm – Presentation by Rev. Andrew J. Bales, M.A.T., CEO of Union Rescue Mission to discuss the homelessness issue in Los Angeles in general and shelters, housing,



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sidewalk living amongst other alternatives for Venice and Dist. 11. Introduction by Brian Ulf. Presentation (30 minutes). Committee Q&A (30 minutes).

- 8. 8:17 pm – Public comment on Rev. Andrew Bales presentation. 1 minute. (30 minutes).
- 9. 8:47 pm - Items for Discussion and Possible Action

Motion - 1

Oppose Use of Beaches, Beach Parking Lots and Public Parks to House the Unhoused

Refers to City Council file [21-0350](#)

In reference to Council File 21-0350, the Westside Regional Alliance of Councils (WRAC) strongly advises the members of the Los Angeles City Council and the Mayor that WRAC opposes using the beaches, beach parking lots, and public parks* for housing of the unhoused. Neighborhood or Community Councils where these sites are listed in the Council motion shall work in good faith to identify alternative sites within their boundaries.

* The parks are subject to approval of the stakeholders and Neighborhood Council in the area of the parks.

Frank Murphy (Co-Chair)	MN
Brian Ulf	N
Mike Rapkin	N
Pat Raphael	N
Liz Wright	N
Vicki Halliday	SN
Stan Muhammad	N

M = moved, S = seconded (Yes, No, Abstain) (0,7,0)

Motion - 2

The 5/10/21 **Agenda Committee** referred this **Discussion Forum Committee** motion to the **Homeless Committee** (see AdCom agenda [here](#)):

Request that our elected LA representatives inform us regarding how it will provide the permanent housing needed to deal with systemic homelessness.

Whereas, per information in www.latimes.com/com/opinion/story/2021-04-14/putting-jomeless-people-in-shelters-still-leaves-them-homeless:

Be it therefore resolved that the Venice Neighborhood Council Board is requested to adopt the _____



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following motion to include the above Whereas clause: **The Venice Neighborhood Council Board requests that our Los Angeles elected representatives provide clarity to Venice and all of Los Angeles City as to how it proposes to provide the supply of the permanent housing necessary to meet the demand in order to deal with the housing shortage which has and will, unless resolved, maintain the systemic cycle of homelessness affecting our Los Angeles communities.**

Frank Murphy	MY
Brian Ulf	N
Mike Rapkin	Y
Pat Raphael	Y
Liz Wright	Y
Vicki Halliday	SN
Stan Muhammad	Y

M = moved, S = seconded (Yes, No, Abstain) (5,2,0)

10. 9:45 pm – Old Business

11. 9:50 pm – New Business

12. 9:55 pm – COMMITTEE COMMENTS – Comments by Committee Members on subject matters within the jurisdiction of the Homeless Committee but not on the Agenda

a. **Recovery needs major thrust**

b. **Can we do something about recovery?**

13. 10:00 pm - ADJOURN