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**Board of Officers**  
**Regular Meeting Minutes**  
**Tuesday May 17, 2022**  
**Start Time: 06:00 PM**

**Location: Webinar**

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Topic: Board

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**2 Call To Order**

06:03

**3 Roll Call:**

06:04

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| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> James Murez       | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Daffodil Tyminski | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Melissa Diner  |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Andrea Boccaletti | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Vicki Halliday    | <input type="checkbox"/> Bruno Hernandez           |
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| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Robert Thibodeau  | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Clark Brown       | <input type="checkbox"/> Michael Jensen            |

**Attendance: 16**

**Quorum: 11**

#### 4 Declaration of Ex Parte Communications or Conflicts-Of-Interest

All Board members shall declare any ex parte communications or conflicts-of interest relating to items on this meeting's agenda.

#### 5 Scheduled Announcements and Presentations

06:16

#### 6 Public Safety - LAPD & LAFD Report

06:17

Questions to the presenter(s) will be limited to the time allotted to this item. Furthermore, all questions from the public must be submitted in writing to Secretary@VeniceNC.org no less than 72 hours prior to Page 5 of 11 the meeting. The Chair at His / Her discretion shall present questions or a summary thereof to the presenter. Questions from Members of the Body will be limited by time allotment for this agenda item following public questions.

#### 7 Government Reports

06:33

- Councilmember Mike Bonin, Deputy Isabella Dennis isabella.dennis@lacity.org
- Congressman Ted Lieu, Representative, Janet.Turner@mail.house.gov
- State Senator Ben Allen, Representative, Liliana.Pond@sen.ca.gov
- State Assemblyperson Autumn Burke, Representative Brandon.Stansell@asm.ca.gov
- LA County Supervisor Sheila Kuehl, Deputy Zac Gaidzik zgaidzik@bos.lacounty.gov
- Mayor Eric Garcetti, Deputy TBD
- Empower LA, Advocate, Freddy.Cupen-Ames@lacity.org 213-978-1551
- Westside Regional Alliance of Councils (WRAC)-James Murez,
- Los Angeles Neighborhood Council Coalition (LANCC), Ivan Spiegel
- Budget Advocates – Andrea Boccaletti

#### 8 Committee Chair Reports

06:44

##### Standing Committees:

- Budget & Finance

- Land Use & Planning
- Neighborhood
- Ocean Front Walk
- Outreach & Event Planning
- Rules & Selections
- Arts

**Ad Hoc Committees:**

- Community Resiliency Committee
- Homelessness Committee
- Parking and Transportation Committee
- Venice Arbor Committee
- Discussion Forum Committee
- Preserving Public Places
- Social Justice and Equity Committee

President Report

**9 Announcements and Public Comment on items not on the Agenda**

07:04

Public comment is limited to 1 minute per speaker with a total comment time not to exceed 20 minutes, unless adjusted by the presiding officer of the Board. No comment on Items appearing on the Agenda. No Board member announcements permitted.

**NOTE:** The public is strongly advised to bring comments up in committees where time restrictions are more flexible and where recommendations from the public can become the bases of action items for Board consideration..

**10 Old Business**

**11 General Consent Calendar - Items**

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 go to the end of the agenda and be treated as regular agenda items with discussion and public comment.

**12 Land Use and Planning Committee Consent Calendar - Items**

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**13 LUPC New Business**

**14 New Business**

## 15 Lincoln Fast Forward Update

**Description:**

**Committee:** Parking and Transportation Committee **On:** 2022-05-12 **Vote:** 4/0/0

CalTrans is proposing changes to the traffic flow on Lincoln Blvd. to add bus only lanes during specific hours. The Parking and Transportation Committee is requesting from the City, aesthetic additions and limited metered parking to mitigate the loss of street parking.

**Attachments:** Plan:<https://www.venicenc.org/assets/documents/5/meeting627fc9a4b9ce3.pdf>

**MOTION:**

Motion to approve and the presentation attached and distribute to CalTrans, BOE, DOT, Mayor's office, and Council Office.

**Maker:** Robert Thibodeau

**Second:** Clark Brown

Y James Murez	Y Daffodil Tyminski	Y Melissa Diner
N Andrea Boccaletti	Y Vicki Halliday	Bruno Hernandez
Y Sima Kostovetsky	Y Nico Ruderman	James Robb
Ansar (Stan) Muhammad	N Jason Sugars	Alley Bean
Y Chie Lunn	N Mike Bravo	Soledad Ursua
Y CJ Cole	Y Oliver Fries	Y Elizabeth Clay
Y Robert Thibodeau	Y Clark Brown	Michael Jensen

**Voter Tally ( 15 ): Yea:12 / Nay:3 / Abstain:0 / Recuse:0 / Ineligible:0**

### Alternate Motion #1

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Motion to approve and the presentation attached excluding any center median alterations and distribute to CalTrans, BOE, DOT, Mayor's office, and Council Office.

**Maker:** Andrea Boccaletti

**Second:**

**Voter Tally ( 0 ): Yea:0 / Nay:0 / Abstain:0 / Recuse:0 / Ineligible:0**

## 16 Treasurer Report

## 17 Community Improvement Project, Fabrication of Colonnade Capitals from Mold

**Description:**

**Committee:** Budget & Finance Committee **On:** 2022-05-14 **Vote:** 5/0/0

Several of the original iconic historic Italian columns that Abbot Kinney created for Windward Avenue, Market Street and Ocean Front Walk are completely missing, in need of proper capitals, or repairs. To get the refurbishment project started, we need to have a reusable mold created that will enable the casting of the capitals. This is the first step in securing the participation of adjacent property owners, to enable as many of the 40 missing columns to be replaced. Los Angeles Historic-Cultural Monument #532 designated in 1991 - Venice Arcades, Columns and Capitals.

**Attachments:** Application: <https://www.venicenc.org/assets/documents/5/meeting627eb6fe91eab.pdf>

**MOTION:** The Budget & Finance Committee recommends the Board of Officers approves a Community Improvement Project grant of \$5000 as described above and in the attached project application.

**Maker:** Andrea Boccaletti  
**Second:** Jason Sugars

Y James Murez	Y Daffodil Tyminski	Y Melissa Diner
N Andrea Boccaletti	Y Vicki Halliday	Bruno Hernandez
Y Sima Kostovetsky	Y Nico Ruderman	Y James Robb
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Y CJ Cole	Y Oliver Fries	Y Elizabeth Clay
Y Robert Thibodeau	Y Clark Brown	Michael Jensen

**Voter Tally ( 16 ):** Yea:15 / Nay:1 / Abstain:0 / Recuse:0 / Ineligible:0

#### Alternate Motion #1



Return budget items 17-22 back to the Budget Committee to all be heard with other pending budget items before returning to the Board.

**Maker:** Daffodil Tyminski  
**Second:** CJ Cole

**Voter Tally ( 0 ):** Yea:0 / Nay:0 / Abstain:0 / Recuse:0 / Ineligible:0

### 18 Community Improvement Project, Casting of Colonnade Capitals

**Description: Committee:** Budget & Finance Committee **On:** 2022-05-14 **Vote:** 5/0/0

Request: Several of the original iconic historic Italian columns that Abbot Kinney created for Windward Avenue, Market Street and Ocean Front Walk are completely missing, in need of proper capitals, or repairs. To start the refurbishment project, we will have two (2) sample fiberglass capitals cast from the mold which we will have had fabricated. (see Fabrication of Capital Mold CIP). The 2 samples will enable demonstration of attaching capitals in different situations as are required by the existing site: on existing columns and where columns do not now exist. These samples are "proof of concept" to demonstrate to the community and secure their support to enable as many of the 40 missing columns, as possible, to be replaced. Several adjacent property owners have expressed their interest in replacing the Colonnade. They have asked for samples to demonstrate how this can be accomplished. Los Angeles Historic-Cultural Monument #532 designated in 1991 - Venice Arcades, Columns and Capitals

**Attachments:** Application: <https://www.venicenc.org/assets/documents/5/meeting627eb6e668774.pdf>

**MOTION:** The Budget & Finance Committee recommends the Board of Officers approves a Community Improvement Project grant of \$5000 as described above and in the

attached project application.

**Maker:**

**Second:**

**Voter Tally ( 0 ): Yea:0 / Nay:0 / Abstain:0 / Recuse:0 / Ineligible:0**

## 19 Budget Adjustment

**Description:**

**Committee:** Budget & Finance Committee **On:** 2022-05-14 **Vote:** (4-0-0)

Move Budget funds from NPG line item into line item CIP to allow the recommended projects have ample funding.

**MOTION:**

The Budget & Finance Committee recommends the Board of Officers moves \$2500 from line item "Neighborhood Purpose Grant" into line item "Community Improvement Project".

**Maker:**

**Second:**

**Voter Tally ( 0 ): Yea:0 / Nay:0 / Abstain:0 / Recuse:0 / Ineligible:0**

## 20 LA Neighbors for Neighbors NPG

**Description:**

**Committee:** Budget & Finance Committee **On:** 2022-05-14 **Vote:** (3-1-0)

An NPG for LA Neighbors for Neighbors to fund hard supplies to accommodate the growth of its monthly Resource Center, and also allow it to expand with further services.

**Attachments:** Application: <https://www.venicenc.org/assets/documents/5/meeting6280216de5ddf.pdf>

Budget: <https://www.venicenc.org/assets/documents/5/meeting6280216de6724.pdf>

IRS: <https://www.venicenc.org/assets/documents/5/meeting6280216de6a2c.pdf>

W8: <https://www.venicenc.org/assets/documents/5/meeting6280216de6fab.pdf>

TaxReg: <https://www.venicenc.org/assets/documents/5/meeting6280216de72ee.pdf>

**MOTION:**

The Budget Committee recommends the Board of Officers approves this Request with clarification of the following items:

Clarify - Non-profit identify where equipment that will be purchased with these funds will be stored?

What is the estimated results (number of people served) of service to be performed during the the period of this project? (Breakdown Venice serviced vs other areas)

What is the length of this project?

Has the funding for these items on this application been requested from any other NC's?

**Maker:**

**Second:**

**Voter Tally ( 0 ): Yea:0 / Nay:0 / Abstain:0 / Recuse:0 / Ineligible:0**

**21 Community Improvement Project Funding Request from the Preserving Public Places Committee**

01:19

**Description:**

**Committee:** Budget & Finance Committee **On:** 2022-05-14 **Vote:** 4/0/0

The PPP Committee request \$1000 in funding for neighborhood Site Markers with etched photographic imagery of the associated historic sites, which will tell the colorful stories of Venice history. They can stand alone, or, with the use of a QR code, the site markers will compliment and invite users to our free mobile Venice tour App. Venice has an abundance of multi-cultural historic sites that could receive markers. They include significant architectural sites including, the 100 year old Short Line Trolley Bridge, The Venice West beat poet landmark, the Ocean Front Walk Pagodas, the iconic Italian Colonnade.

**Attachments:** Application: <https://www.venicenc.org/assets/documents/5/meeting627be60bd953f.pdf>

**MOTION:**

The Budget Committee recommends the Board of Officers approves the requested proposal described above and with the application link.

**Maker:**

**Second:**

**Voter Tally ( 0 ): Yea:0 / Nay:0 / Abstain:0 / Recuse:0 / Ineligible:0**

**22 Reallocate Budget Line Items**

**Description:**

To allow the proposed Community Improvement Projects to be funded, the Budget needs to have funds from line items reallocated.

**MOTION:**

**Committee:** Budget & Finance Committee **On:** 2022-05-14 **Vote:** 4/0/0

The Budget & Finance Committee recommends the Board of Officers moves \$735 from line item "Neighborhood Purpose Grant" into line item "Community Improvement Project" and move \$265 from "Outreach" line item into "Community Improvement Projects" line item.

**Maker:**

**Second:**

**Voter Tally ( 0 ): Yea:0 / Nay:0 / Abstain:0 / Recuse:0 / Ineligible:0**

**23 Board of Officer Comments, Items not on the Agenda**

**24 Adjournment**

**Concluded At: 08:52 PM**

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