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**Board of Officers**  
**Regular Meeting Agenda**  
**Tuesday March 21, 2023**  
**Start Time: 06:00 PM**

**Location: Webinar**

When: Mar 21, 2023 06:00 PM Pacific Time (US and Canada)

Topic: Board

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## 2 Call To Order

### 3 Roll Call:

James Murez

Daffodil Tyminski

Melissa Diner

Jay Handal

Vicki Halliday

Bruno Hernandez

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Sima Kostovetsky | <input type="checkbox"/> Nico Ruderman    | <input type="checkbox"/> James Robb  |
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**Attendance: 0**

**Quorum: 10**

#### 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](mailto:Secretary@VeniceNC.org) no less than 72 hours prior to 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.

LAFD

Lance McCloskey - [Lance.McCloskey@lacity.org](mailto:Lance.McCloskey@lacity.org)

LAPD:

Five Points of Contacts

<https://www.venicenc.org/assets/photos/5/page636a3e1fdc228.pdf>

Senior Lead Officer Map

<https://www.venicenc.org/assets/photos/5/page636a3d534f723.pdf>

#### 7 Government Reports

06:40

- Congressman Ted Lieu, Representative, [Janet.Turner@mail.house.gov](mailto:Janet.Turner@mail.house.gov)
- State Senator Ben Allen, Representative, [Liliana.Pond@sen.ca.gov](mailto:Liliana.Pond@sen.ca.gov)
- State Assemblywoman Tina McKinnor, Staff: [Brandon.Stansell@asm.ca.gov](mailto:Brandon.Stansell@asm.ca.gov) Hayley Hutt
- LA County Supervisor Horvath, Deputy Zac Gaidzik [zgaidzik@bos.lacounty.gov](mailto:zgaidzik@bos.lacounty.gov)
- Mayor Karen Bass, Deputy, TBD
- Councilwoman Traci Park, [Ashley.Lozada@lacity.org](mailto:Ashley.Lozada@lacity.org)
- Empower LA, Advocate, [Freddy.Cupen-Ames@lacity.org](mailto:Freddy.Cupen-Ames@lacity.org) 213-978-1551
- Westside Regional Alliance of Councils (WRAC)-Jim Murez,
- Los Angeles Neighborhood Council Coalition (LANCC), Yolanda Gonzalez
- LA DWP Advocate, Yolanda Gonzalez
- Budget Advocates – vacant

- LAUSD, Nick Melvoin Board Member, Allison.Holdorff@lausd.net
- City Clerk Office, Naima.Pulliam@lacity.org, VNC Elections 2023 Administrator

## 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  
Rev. John Palka, information about new Children's Park located at the Lutheran Church site which was recently opened to public use.
- Preserving Public Places

**Election Report:** Michael Lynn, Elections@VeniceNC.org

### President Report:

Returning to live meetings April 1st  
Seeking Community Officer to Chair for Rules and Selections  
Seeking Board Member to Rep CPAB  
Candidate Forums 3/22 & 3/23  
VNC Elections 3/26 Oakwood Rec Center, 10a - 6p (ID Required)

## 9 Approval of prior Board Minutes

### Description:

Discussion and possible action, prior Minutes from meetings dated 2/21/2023 linked below.

**Attachments:** Minutes: <https://www.venicenc.org/assets/documents/5/meeting63f6319598cd9.pdf>

### MOTION:

Board of Officers approves the Meeting Minutes of 2/21/2023 as presented.

**Maker:**

**Second:**

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

## 10 Treasurer Report

Below are the current and projected numbers for the VNC.

Budget Amount  
\$42,000.00  
Budget: \$32,000.00  
Adjustments: \$10,000.00

Expense-to-Date  
\$24,078.05  
Funding Requests: \$9,283.05  
Credit Card: \$14,795.00

Total Outstanding  
\$6,423.53  
Commitments: \$421.58  
Pending Payments: \$6,001.95

Net Available  
\$11,498.42  
Cash Balance: \$17,921.95

Financial Report  
<https://www.venicenc.org/assets/documents/5/meeting641462c3ab8c5.pdf>

1/2023 MER and Receipts  
<https://www.venicenc.org/assets/documents/5/meeting6414636b7573c.pdf>

## 11 Monthly Expenditure Report(s)

**Description:**  
The document linked below is the January Monthly Expenditure Reports.

**Attachments:** MER: <https://www.venicenc.org/assets/documents/5/meeting641464575b9ab.pdf>

**MOTION:**  
Board of Officers approves the January Monthly Expenditure Reports.

**Maker:**

**Second:**

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

## 12 General Consent Calendar - Items 13-15

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## 13 SUPPORT BUS LANE VIOLATION ENFORCEMENT (CF 21-1224)

**Description:**  
**Committee:** Parking and Transportation Committee **On:** 2023-02-13 **Vote:** 5/0/0

Use of automated cameras to enforce parking violations in bus lanes

**MOTION:**

Refers to City Council file 21-1224

Board of Officers supports Council File 21-1224 regarding Bus Lane Violation Enforcement.

**Maker:**

**Second:**

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

**14 IKE INTERACTIVE KIOSK PROGRAM**

**Description:**

**Committee:** Parking and Transportation Committee **On:** 2023-02-06 **Vote:** 4/0/0

IKE is the City's plan to install hundreds of digital ad structures on City sidewalks. The IKE 8-foot tall, two-sided digital advertising structures are being billed as a means of assisting tourists in navigating the City.

**MOTION:**

Refers to City Council file 22-1154 VNC PTC recommends Venice NC opposes the IKE program as present in Council File 22-1154 for the following reasons: There is no local competitive bidding process. This project needs a financial analysis, as it is using public space to generate revenue. This project has negative environmental impacts and there is no environmental review (CEQA). This project creates visual pollution and takes away space on the sidewalk that could be used for trees. This project is a source of driver distraction, which is contrary to the City's Vision Zero policy.

**Maker:**

**Second:**

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

**15 Community Assistance Parking Program (CAPP)**

**Description:**

**Committee:** Homelessness Committee **On:** 2023-01-31 **Vote:** 6/0/0

WHEREAS: - there is a growing population of Venice residents making long-term use of vehicle dwelling as their solution for housing, and, in some instances, this population represents a less visible sub-group of unhoused in Venice, and may have less contact with aid and service agencies, - in addressing the precarious nature of this type of shelter solution, a major jeopardy is vehicles being towed by the city due to parking tickets or registration issues. - the (CAPP) is a solution currently available where, in limited circumstances, a program of community service in lieu of fines is available to neighbors who qualify. - there is currently limited Westside service providers with whom community service hours can be completed, even though many service providers have operations in the West Side.

**Attachments:** CAPP:<https://ladotparking.org/operations-support/capp-info/>

**MOTION:**

The Board of Officers sends a letter to CD11 requesting that service providers such as St. Joseph's, S.P.Y., PATH, OPCC, The Circle Team, and etc.to explore the viability of becoming a community service to neighbors who seek to use Community Assistance Parking Program.

**Maker:**

**Second:**

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

## 16 Old Business

## 17 Land Use and Planning Committee Consent Calendar - Items

All agenda items on the LUPC 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.

## 18 LUPC New Business

### 19 1338 Electric Ave.

**Description:**

**Committee:** Land Use & Planning Committee **On:** 2023-02-02 **Vote:** Yes 8-0-0-0

PARTIAL DEMO AND ADDITION OF 2 STORY. CHANGE OF USE TO ADD ADU  
\*According to Applicant, ADU is no longer being sought. LUPC motion expressly excludes from recommendation. See Staff Report for additional information and case materials.

**Attachments:** plans:<https://www.venicenc.org/assets/documents/5/meeting63deee41d8517.pdf>

**MOTION:**

LUPC recommends approval of the project without an ADU and with the following findings: (a) that while site characteristics or existing improvements make strict adherence to the zoning regulations impractical or infeasible, the project nonetheless conforms with the intent of those regulations; (b) that in light of the project as a whole, including any mitigation measures imposed, the project's location, size, height, operations and other significant features will be compatible with and will not adversely affect or further degrade adjacent properties, the surrounding neighborhood, or the public health, welfare, and safety; and (c) that the project is in substantial conformance with the purpose, intent and provisions of the General Plan, the applicable community plan and any applicable specific plan.

**Maker:**

**Second:**

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

## 20 New Business

## 21 RESOLUTION TO IMPLEMENT VENICE OVERSIZE VEHICLE ORDINANCE

**Description:**

**Committee:** Parking and Transportation Committee **On:** 2023-03-13 **Vote:** 3/2/0

WHEREAS, in November, 2010, the Los Angeles City Council prohibited the overnight parking of oversize vehicles; i.e., over 22 feet in length or 7 feet in height during the hours of 2am to 6am, with the passage of Ordinance 181413 (Venice Oversize Vehicle Ordinance (OVO)) in Venice in the area described in Section 1 of said ordinance; and

WHEREAS, the ordinance may be enforced on those streets where the appropriate signs stating the prohibition have been installed; and

WHEREAS, "The Los Angeles Department of Transportation (LADOT) shall place signs giving notice of the parking prohibition that is established in Section 1 of the Ordinance upon receipt of a letter signed by the Council member of the Eleventh Council District identifying the street segments located in" Venice; and

WHEREAS, a petition from residents or property owners is not required by said ordinance for installation of the signs; and

WHEREAS, the Venice Neighborhood Council is the elected representative of the residents of Venice and routinely speaks for the Venice community on various matters, including traffic, parking, and community safety; and

WHEREAS, several areas of Venice continue to suffer from harm from the 24/7 presence of oversize vehicles; e.g, loss of street parking for residents, beachgoers, and retail patrons, parking of commercial vehicles in residential areas, overtaking of adjacent sidewalks, trash and debris left by oversize vehicle owners, and draining of untreated sewage to storm drains, and directly to Venice Beach during rains;

**MOTION:**

Now, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, the Venice Neighborhood Council calls upon Councilmember Traci Park to issue to the LADOT letters directing the installation of the required signage to effectuate the prohibition of oversize vehicles from parking from 2 to 6 AM on all Venice streets as defined by Section 1 of Ordinance 181413 , commercial and residential, that do not now have such signs, to accomplish the underlying objective of the OVO ordinance.

**Maker:**

**Second:**

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

## 22 2028 LA OLYMPICS SKATE VENUE

**Description:**

**Committee:** Ocean Front Walk Committee **On:** 2023-03-13 **Vote:** placeholder

Whereas, Venice Beach is recognized around the world as a visitor destination;

Whereas, outdoor recreational roller skating and skateboarding began at Venice Beach as far back as the 1960's;

Whereas, Venice is home to many internationally recognized skaters, manufacturers, and retail businesses;

Whereas, Venice's Ocean Front Walk recreation park has 238 acres of open space in which to create a skateboard venue and includes over 2000 parking spaces contained in five LADOT lots;

Whereas, the Venice region has ample mass transportation which presently includes two Metro bus routes, two Big Blue bus routes and one Culver Green bus line, plus an ever expanding network of bike lanes including the Marvin Braude Coastal Bike Route which extends 22 miles from Palos Verdes to Pacific Palisades; and

Whereas the Venice business and tourism industry took a heavy beating during COVID-19 and an early decision to locate the LA28 Skateboard Venue in Venice will provide an economic boost to the region;

**MOTION:**

Therefore, the Board of Officers moves to send a letter to Mayor Bass, Councilwoman Park and the Ad Hoc Committee on the 2028 Olympic and Paralympic Games requesting the LA28 Skateboard Venue be located in Venice



and furthermore, requests that these individuals make a formal request to the LA28 Olympic Organizing Committee.

**Maker:**

**Second:**

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

### 23 METRO BIKE SHARE SITING AT WALGROVE AND VENICE BLVD

**Description:**

**Committee:** Parking and Transportation Committee **On:** 2023-03-13 **Vote:** 5/0/0

Metro Bike Share has a few stations in storage that they are attempting to site. They are interested in siting a station on Venice Blvd at Walgrove Ave, coordinates 33.997244554242585, -118.44672894067506, next to the existing red curb in the street. This station will close a gap between the two existing stations along Venice Blvd at Beethoven St and Lincoln Blvd, a current distance of almost a mile.

**MOTION:**

The Board of Officers of the Venice Neighborhood Council supports Metro Bike Share siting a station at the intersection of Walgrove and Venice Blvd with proper community outreach.

**Maker:**

**Second:**

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

### 24 RESOLUTION TO ENFORCE EXISTING OVO SIGNS

**Description:**

**Committee:** Parking and Transportation Committee **On:** 2023-03-13 **Vote:** 5/0/0

Enforcing existing Oversized Vehicle Ordinance (OVO) posted signage.

WHEREAS, oversize vehicle regulations are currently in place on some of the Venice streets defined by Section 1 of Ordinance 181413; and

WHEREAS, parking enforcement currently requires stakeholders to call during the enforcement hours of 2am to 6am

**MOTION:**

THEREFORE, The Board of Officers of the Venice Neighborhood Council requests that the council office either directs parking enforcement to enforce OVO signs within Venice during the hours of 2am to 6am without the need of residents to call in, or to allow stakeholders to call outside of enforcement hours to request enforcement during enforcement hours.

**Maker:**

**Second:**

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

### 25 SUPPORT ENDING AUTOMATIC STREET DEDICATIONS

**Description:**

**Committee:** Parking and Transportation Committee **On:** 2023-03-21 **Vote:** 4/0/1

The draft motion (City Council file 22-1476) moves that City Council instruct the BOE in consultation with City Planning and LADOT to recommend a reform of

Right-of-Way Dedication process. This process has often been mis-interpreted as a Roadway Dedication by the Bureau of Engineering and has forced “spot widenings” throughout Los Angeles which have caused unnecessary hardship on developers and diminished the quality of our streetscapes. In fact, the City’s General Plan Mobility Element and the Complete Streets Design Guide are two policies that outline exceptions to the roadway dedication policy. Unfortunately, “spot widenings” have prevailed for too long, and continue to marginalize sidewalks and emphasize vehicle travel irrespective of legal authority.

**MOTION:**

Refers to City Council file 22-1476 The Board of Officers of the Venice Neighborhood Council files a CIS supporting ending automatic street dedications, as present in Council File 22-1476 for the following reasons: - Spot widening leads to poorly designed, incoherent streets - Spot widening often converts greenery to impermeable asphalt. - Widening can add hundreds of thousands of dollars to the cost of a housing development, as it may include utility relocation, moving street lights and signal boxes, and tree replanting.

**Maker:**

**Second:**

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

**26 OVERNIGHT VEHICLE ORDINANCE**

**Description:**

**Committee:** Parking and Transportation Committee **On:** 2023-02-06 **Vote:** 5/0/0

Neighbors near Brooks (around Main and Pacific) are having problems with RVs and Vans parking on the street. They are asking for more information on the OVO and signage. Whereas as neighbors have documented an increase in oversized commercial and recreational vehicles.

**MOTION:**

The board of officers write a letter to CD11 in support of the neighbors efforts to obtain OVO parking signage, in conformance with (LAMC 80.69.4), on all east west streets that are narrow and non conforming, between Main and Pacific, that do not currently have signage.

**Maker:**

**Second:**

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

**27 LA28 Funding Request to provide for Youth Sports Programs in Venice**

**Description:**

**Committee:** Neighborhood Committee **On:** 2023-03-13 **Vote:** 7-0-0

WHEREAS, Los Angeles will host the Olympic Games in 2028;

WHEREAS, the City, the United States Olympic Committee (“USOC”), and LA28 executed a Memorandum of Understanding to support youth sports programming, including funding up to \$160,000,000 to significantly enhance access to sports for the City’s youth over the years leading up the 2028 Games (the “Youth Sports Commitment”); and

WHEREAS, on April 7, 2022, the RAP Board approved an amendment to the YSA to expand access and flexibility for use of YSP funds provided by LA28, including allowing for to directly support and increase citywide youth participation in quality sport and fitness programming by removing financial barriers limiting access to participation. See link below

**Attachments:** see: [https://clkrep.lacity.org/onlinedocs/2015/15-0989-s19\\_rpt\\_BRPC\\_01-19-23.pdf](https://clkrep.lacity.org/onlinedocs/2015/15-0989-s19_rpt_BRPC_01-19-23.pdf)

**MOTION:**

The Venice Neighborhood Council moves to submit a CIS Statement In Support of Council File 15-0989-S19, in which: The Board of Recreation and Park Commissioners (Board) respectfully requests City Council to: (i) Authorize the Department of Recreation and Parks (RAP) Approve RAP's FY2023-24 Project Plan; and (ii) Authorize RAP to accept and receive a funding allocation from the Los Angeles Organizing Committee for the 2028 Olympic and Paralympic Games (LA 2028) in the amount of Eighteen Million, Four-Hundred Sixty- Five Thousand, Eight Hundred Two Dollars (\$18,465,802), as outlined in the FY2023-24 Project Plan.

**Maker:**

**Second:**

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

**28 Request that the Council Office Consider Sites for Olympic Activities in Venice**

**Description:**

**Committee:** Neighborhood Committee **On:** 2023-03-13 **Vote:** 7-0-0

WHEREAS, Councilwoman Park has established a working group to explore CD11's role in the 2028 Olympics; and

WHEREAS, previously no sites in Venice had been identified as locations for LA28 Olympic Activities.

**MOTION:**

The Venice Neighborhood Council requests that the CD11 Olympic working group look at siting LA28 activities in Venice.

**Maker:**

**Second:**

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

**29 Garden Tours in Venice**

**Description:**

**Committee:** Neighborhood Committee **On:** 2023-03-13 **Vote:** 7-0-0

WHEREAS, for many years, the group of Venetians ran a successful home and garden tour to support a local non-profit ; and

WHEREAS, no home and garden tours not been done in several years.

**MOTION:**

The Board of Officers approves the Neighborhood Committee to outreach to the Venice community to seek participation and organization to create a home and garden tour.

**Maker:**

**Second:**

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

**30 Proper recording of attendance in minutes**

**Description:****Stakeholder:** Lisa Redmond **Dated:** 2023-03-16

In a democratic society, voters have the privilege of holding the powers that be to task, and to scrutinize their elected officials. One way stakeholders can demand accountability of Neighborhood Council Board officers is through attendance and time at required meetings. For that reason, the Board of Neighborhood Commissioners (BONC) established a policy of what minutes shall contain, and in regards to attendance records, it states the roll call of Neighborhood Board members shall be taken as well as noting the time of any members who arrive after the meeting is called to order, or who leave after the adjournment of the meeting. Yet the Venice Neighborhood Council does not keep attendance records in the minutes of when Board members arrive or leave as required, and has ignored repeated requests by stakeholders to do so. (page 2)

**Attachments:** policy:<https://empowerla.org/wp-content/uploads/2016/04/Minutes-Policy-Resolution1.pdf>**MOTION:**

THEREFORE, the Venice Neighborhood Council directs its Secretary, or designated minute taker in the secretary's absence or inability, to record attendance as required according to BONC policy.

**Maker:****Second:****Voter Tally ( 0 ): Yea:0 / Nay:0 / Abstain:0 / Recuse:0 / Ineligible:0****31 Motion to correct prior minutes****Description:****Stakeholder:** Lisa Redmond **Dated:** 2023-03-11

Venice Neighborhood Council Board member Zachary Best, appointed to the Board on August 16, 2022, never took any of the required training before he was removed from the Board due to multiple absences on February 21, 2023, and for that reason was ineligible to vote on ALL agenda items for the few meetings he attended. The Funding training for Board member Robert Thibideau expired on September 28, 2022, and was not renewed until February 16, 2023, and for that reason was ineligible to vote on Funding agenda items between those dates. Yet, despite constant communication to all VNC Board members from DONE, these two Board members were allowed to vote over the last several months even though their proper training as required was not in place. The votes, and for that reason the minutes, require amending.

**MOTION:**

THEREFORE, the Venice Neighborhood Council directs the Secretary in the next 14 days to amend the below listed minutes with corresponding item numbers, and change these Board member votes to "Ineligible:" October 18, 2022 – Regular Board meeting – Thibideau: items #15, #16 November 15, 2023 – Regular Board meeting – Best: items #9, #18, #19, #21, #23 (both original and alternate), #24 (alternate only), #26 (both original and alternate), – Thibideau: item #24 (alternate only) December 20, 2022 – Regular Board meeting – Thibideau: items #5, #6 January 9, 2023 – Special Board meeting – Best: item #7 – Thibideau: item #7 The amended minutes will be placed on the next following regular (expected April 18, 2023) Board of Officers agenda for ratification by the Board.

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

## 32 VNC Financial Transparency

### Description:

**Stakeholder:** Lisa Redmond **Dated:** 2023-03-16

Neighborhood Council fiscal transparency informs stakeholders how government and tax revenues are spent, and is a critical element of effective public financial management. As well, transparency provides stakeholders a window into neighborhood council budgets and those stakeholders, in turn, are able to hold their neighborhood council accountable. However, a dearth of fiscal transparency exists within the Venice Neighborhood Council. Stakeholders are lacking opportunity to provide input into finances and/or review financial matters, primarily because the VNC's standing Budget & Finance Committee does not meet on a regular basis in violation of the Board of Neighborhood Commissioners (BONC) and Los Angeles City Charter Plan for a Citywide System of Neighborhood Councils. Regularly scheduled Budget & Finance Committee meetings will allow stakeholders the opportunity to provide input, ask questions, or point out inconsistencies in MERs and the Treasurer's report, ideally ratified by the Budget & Finance Committee, before submission to the Board of Officers. Additionally, a book of accounts is required to be open to all stakeholders for inspection, along with an established process for stakeholders to review. [https://empowerla.org/wp-content/uploads/2012/03/Rules-Standards-and-Best-Practices-final\\_0925122.pdf](https://empowerla.org/wp-content/uploads/2012/03/Rules-Standards-and-Best-Practices-final_0925122.pdf) (page 5) [https://empowerla.org/wp-content/uploads/2012/12/Plan\\_Amended\\_12-18-131\\_edit.pdf](https://empowerla.org/wp-content/uploads/2012/12/Plan_Amended_12-18-131_edit.pdf) (page 7)

### MOTION:

THEREFORE, the Venice Neighborhood Council directs its Treasurer, in conjunction with the Budget & Finance Committee, to establish and commence regularly scheduled meetings as required by BONC and the City Charter. As well, the Budget & Finance Committee will define its book of accounts and establish, and publish, its process for review, also in compliance with BONC and City Charter requirements.

**Maker:**

**Second:**

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

## 33 Board of Officer Comments, Items not on the Agenda

## 34 Adjournment

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