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**Joint meeting of Homelessness Committee and Board of Directors – Minutes**

**Meeting Date: Tuesday, May 30, 2023**

**Meeting Time: 7:00 – 8: 00 pm**

**Meeting Location:**

**Extra Space Storage, Community Room, 658 Venice Blvd., Venice CA 90291**

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**1. 7:00 pm – Call to Order**

**2. Roll Call**

<b>Frank Murphy (chair)</b>	<b>P</b>		
<b>Colette Bailey</b>	<b>P</b>		
<b>Vicki Halliday</b>	<b>P</b>		
<b>Jodie Mortimer</b>	<b>P</b>		
<b>Stan Muhammad</b>	<b>A</b>		
<b>Pat Raphael</b>	<b>P</b>	<b>Jim Murez (ex officio)</b>	
<b>Brian Ulf</b>	<b>P</b>		
<b>Liz Wright</b>	<b>P</b>		

**3. Review, Comment and adopt minutes from April meeting**

**4. Chair Report (5 minutes).**

**5. Presentation by LAPD narcotics division focusing on homelessness and drug abuse.  
 Presenter could not attend.**

**6. Homeless Round Table – A panel of current or recent homeless people focusing on their story and their concern’s, need’s and want’s when homeless. Presentation and Committee Q&A.  
 No current or recent homeless volunteers attended.**

**7. Public comment on presentation.**

**8. Items for discussion and Possible Action – Motion**

## Item 1

Submitted by Mark Ryavec

Subject: Resolution for back-up LAMC 48.18 enforcement at Rose/Third/Hampton/Sunset Area.

Whereas, pending litigation may result in the required closure of the Venice Bridge Housing facility and the removal of its buildings as early as August 31, 2023 under Coastal Commission action of December 12, 2018 (CDP Waiver 5-18-1160-W); and,

Whereas, for over 12 years the area adjacent to Venice Bridge Housing, i.e., Third Avenue, from Rose Avenue to Sunset Avenue, and Rose Avenue itself, colloquially known as “Skid Rose,” has been the site of many violent crimes, sex trafficking, drug sales and deaths; and

Whereas, in recent years these crimes have spread to Hampton Avenue and Sunset Avenue and the broader residential neighborhood; and

Whereas, the industrial nature of the area, especially along Third Street, historically created an ungovernable environment, leading to the high crime incidence and many calls for police intervention; and

Whereas, prior to implementation of the new Inside Now program initiated by Mayor Bass, the area did not respond to any city or non-profit initiatives to house the population there, or to reduce crime, squalor, late-night noise, and conflict; and

Whereas, in the event of closure of the Bridge Housing facility it is possible that 48.18 provisions for the area adjacent to the Bridge Housing facility would lapse; and

Whereas, the same 48.18 prohibitions may be adopted for the area under Section 4 of 48.18;

Now, Therefore Be It Resolved, that the Venice Neighborhood Council calls upon councilmember Traci Park to introduce a Resolution to designate two adjacent areas under Section 4 of 41.18, one at 100 Sunset Avenue and one at the intersection of Third Street and Sunset Avenue, to approximate the same area now covered by the current “designated facility” designation, to establish for these two areas the prohibitions allowed under LAMC 48.18, and that this designation to be effective on the date that Venice Bridge Housing ceases operation.

During public comment, and continuing with committee comment, the fact that the “pending litigation” opposing continued operation of Bridge Housing was brought for the Venice Stakeholders Association. The leader of that organization is Mark Ryavec. One commentor said that, to her knowledge, there was no meeting or other query in VSA to decide what position they wanted to take regarding delayed closing of Bridge Housing. Mark is also the author of this motion. The discussion included the appropriateness of a litigant being able to claim VNC’s support. Possible uses of the property, if Bridge Housing ended as originally planned, were also discussed.

<b>Frank Murphy (chair)</b>	<b>MN</b>
<b>Colette Bailey</b>	<b>N</b>
<b>Vicki Halliday</b>	<b>N</b>
<b>Jodie Mortimer</b>	<b>N</b>
<b>Stan Muhammad</b>	<b>-</b>
<b>Pat Raphael</b>	<b>N</b>
<b>Brian Ulf</b>	<b>N</b>
<b>Liz Wright</b>	<b>SN</b>

M=made motion, S=seconded, (Yes, No, Abstain, Present) (0,7,0,0)

9. Public Comment – 1 minute on non-agenda items related to Homelessness Committee.
10. Committee Comments on items not on the agenda for consideration
11. **ADJOURN**