



Venice Neighborhood Council

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Board of Officers Regular Meeting Agenda

6:30-9:30 PM Tuesday October 17, 2023
Westminster Elementary School
1010 Abbot Kinney Blvd Venice, CA 90291
(enter from parking lot on Westminster Ave)

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1. CALL TO ORDER AND BOARD ROLL CALL **Call to order at 6:37PM**

Brian Averill	Alley Bean	Yolanda Gonzalez	Bruno Hernandez
Jim Robb	Lisa Redmond	Deborah Keaton	Jason Sugars
Helen Fallon	Robert Thibodeau	Eric Donaldson	Christopher Lee
Tima Bell	Erica Moore	Amara Hordt	
Michael Jensen	Clark Brown	CJ Cole	
Nico Ruderman	Steve Bradbury	Soledad Ursua	

All members are present. Note: Nico Ruderman is ineligible to vote & Christopher Lee is ineligible to vote on funding. Yolanda Gonzalez left 9:45

Voting will be marked as: Yea-Nea-Abstain-Absent/Ineligible/Recused (0-0-0-0) Actual member voting counts attached to the end of minutes.

2. APPROVAL of PRIOR MINUTES.

<https://www.venicenc.org/assets/documents/5/meeting6529e2b90db8e.pdf>

Alley Beal 1st, Jim Robb 2nd – Motion Carried (19-0-1-1)

3. DECLARATION OF EX PARTE COMMUNICATIONS, CONFLICTS OF INTEREST OR RECUSALS



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Brian Averill, Michael Jensen, Robert Thibodeau & Yolanda Gonzalez had Ex-Parte communication on item 15a, Helen Fallon had Ex-Parte communication on item 16, Lisa Redmond had Ex-Parte communication on item 17

4. PUBLIC SAFETY REPORTS

5. GOVERNMENT REPORTS

6. COMMITTEE CHAIR REPORTS

7. PRESIDENT'S REPORT

8. GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENT – LIMIT TO 20MIN/1MIN PER SPEAKER

Comments from the public on non-agenda items within the Board's subject matter jurisdiction. Each speaker will be allowed one (1) minute unless adjusted by the presiding officer of the meeting.

9. TREASURER'S REPORT

10. GENERAL CONSENT CALENDAR

- a. Motion: The VNC Board of Officers approves the September 2023 Monthly Expenditure Report (MER). (See supporting documents)
 - b. Motion: The VNC Board of Officers approves a reimbursement of \$53.67 to James Robb (Vice President) for printing (Fedex) for September Board meeting. (see supporting documents)
 - c. Motion: The VNC Board of Officers approves reallocating funds in the previously approved budget for the November 11th Townhall as follows: \$150 is reallocated from reusable banners to the cost of venue. (Banners is reduced to \$850 and venue rental is increased to \$300. No change to total \$1600 approved budget.)
 - d. Motion: The VNC Board of Officers approves allocating the carryover of \$3,679.67 from last fiscal year as follows: Increase NPGs by \$1,000, increase Community Improvements Grants by \$1,000 and place remaining balance of \$1,679.67 in Office supplies.
 - e. Motion: VNC Board of Officers authorizes the following Board members to SUBMIT Community Impact Statements which have been passed by a vote of the full Board: Brian Averill, James Robb, Tima Bell, Helen Fallon, Michael Jensen.
 - f. f. Motion: Ensure the bollards at Venice Beach are operational and serve as a deterrent to passenger vehicles on OFW. (OFW 6-0-0)
WHEREAS, the bollards at Oceanfront Walk at Venice Beach were installed to prevent passenger and unauthorized commercial vehicles along the boardwalk, and WHEREAS, unauthorized passenger vehicles seem to make their way to the boardwalk on a daily basis, and WHEREAS, the bollards were installed after the tragic deaths of two tourists in August of 2013, and the additional injury of 17 others, and WHEREAS, these bollards should be operational and that the appropriate government agencies and parties have immediate access to their controls, and WHEREAS, a policy exist that the bollards do what they were intended to do, and that is prevent unauthorized vehicles from gaining access to the Venice Boardwalk,
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THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, the Venice Neighborhood Council will compose a letter requesting that the current bollards be made operational, and that they be used as a deterrent to stop unauthorized vehicles from gaining access to the boardwalk, especially during peak hours and high volume activity at the beach, and that a copy of this motion be sent to the LAPD, LAFD, LADOT, the City Attorney, Street Services, Public Works, and the CD-11 Council Office.

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 be treated as regular agenda items with discussion and public comment

CJ Cole 1st, Lisa Redmond 2nd Motion carries 19-0-0-2

11. OLD BUSINESS

12. RULES AND SELECTION COMMITTEE

- a. Motion: The Board of Officers hereby adds the following to its Standing Rules: For the process of applicant-based positions within the Venice Neighborhood Council, including Board seats, and LUPC and Neighborhood Committee, the Rules & Selections Committee will be responsible for the following: All redactions. for public viewing of applications; Verifying stakeholder status; Being the point of contact for applicants from questions to application submission; Creating and/or approving changes to application forms; and, setting due by dates in agreement with the VNC President.
Helen Fallon 1st, Alley Beal 2nd Motion Carries 20-0-0-1
- b. Motion: Venice Neighborhood Council Board of Officers approves the submitted changes amending Article I: NAME of the previously adopted (7/1/22) VNC Bylaws. (See supporting documents)
Helen Fallon 1st, Brian Averill 2nd Motion Carries 20-0-0-1
- c. Motion: Venice Neighborhood Council Board of Officers approves the submitted changes amending Article II: PURPOSE of the previously adopted (7/1/2022) VNC Bylaws. (See supporting documents)
Helen Fallon 1st, Erica Moore 2nd Motion Carries 20-0-0-1
- d. Motion: Venice Neighborhood Council Board of Officers approves the submitted changes amending Article IV: STAKEHOLDERS of the previously adopted (7/1/22) VNC Bylaws. (See supporting documents)
Helen Fallon 1st, Jason Sugars 2nd Motion Carries 20-0-0-1

13. NEW BUSINESS

14. WRAC



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Brian Averill motioned to remove this item from the agenda as the report had been issued by the time of this meeting.

Brian Averill 1st, Tima Bell 2nd Motion Carries 19-0-1-1

a. ~~Motion on Short term rental enforcement~~

~~With reference to CF 14-1635-S10 (short term rental enforcement):~~

~~The Westside Regional Alliance of Councils (WRAC) is greatly concerned that the Dept. of City Planning (DCP) has not submitted a report back to the City Council as it was directed to do on April 29, 2022, with an analysis related to improving enforcement of home sharing (short term rentals) in Los Angeles—report back was due more than a year ago, on July 28, 2022. In the ensuing 15+ months, improvement in home sharing enforcement has not occurred. Many permits are held by persons who do not live in the homes being rented and merely claim that they do. In numerous other instances, housing units are on the short term rental market without permits. Much needed housing stock is being taken off the market, contributing to the short supply of affordable housing. Shootings and violence have continued to take place at short term rental units in WRAC Member Council neighborhoods. Properties continue to be rented out in violation of the home sharing ordinance and the principles underlying the ordinance. WRAC has long supported appropriate regulation of short term rentals. It is WRAC’s standing policy, held since 2016, that the City must comply with its own ordinances and laws and must immediately enforce all applicable zoning and building codes (including ordinances related to short term rentals)~~

~~Therefore, the Venice Neighborhood Council also urges the DCP to complete the report on short term rental enforcement without any further delay, in order to safeguard our housing stock, protect the safety of the public and prevent nuisance behavior with letters sent to the DCP, Mayor Bass, and Councilmember Park.~~

15. VENICE COMMUNITY PLAN/LOCAL COASTAL PROGRAM AD HOC COMMITTEE

a. Motion: The Venice Neighborhood Council approves the mission

Statement. (Submitted by Richard Stanger) The mission of the Venice Community Plan (VCP)/Local Coastal Program (LCP) Ad Hoc Committee is for the Neighborhood Council to provide the City recommendations, on behalf of Venice neighborhoods, in the updating of the VCP, which includes all of Venice, and the LCP, which includes only the Coastal Zone of Venice. The committee will review documents prepared thus far, outreach to and obtain input from the public, coordinate as necessary with other communities, and prepare recommendations derived from these efforts to the Venice Neighborhood Council board.

CJ Cole 1st, Lisa Redmond 2nd Motion Carries 19-1-0-1



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16. OUTREACH & EVENT PLANNING COMMITTEE

- a. Motion: The VNC Board of Officers approves the Outreach Committee to identify local events and venues with majority Venice Stakeholder attendance to perform Tabling Outreach utilizing handouts and VNC Branded Swag. The venue/event cost to participate, if any, will not exceed \$200.00 per tabling.

Erica Moore 1st, Steve Bradbury 2nd Motion Carries 19-0-0-2

- b. Motion: The VNC Board of Officers approves the Outreach Committee to purchase VNC branded swag items for giveaway not to exceed \$2,000.00. Board to approve actual items-cost and quantity in supporting document. **Note: Proposed items are 1000 Pens, 300 Bracelets & 500 Squeeze Balls**

Erica Moore 1st, Brian Averill 2nd Motion Carries 14-4-0-3

- c. Motion: The VNC Board of Officers approves the Outreach Committee to purchase reusable VNC branded badges with lanyards to identify VNC Board and Committee members participating in outreach opportunities not to exceed \$120.00.

Erica Moore 1st, Eric Donaldson 2nd Motion Carries 18-0-0-3

- d. Motion: The VNC Board of Officers approves expenditures not to exceed \$900.00 by the Outreach Committee to promote and implement the All Hazards Resiliency Town Hall on Saturday, January 20th 2024 for display materials, printed assets and light refreshments.

Erica Moore 1st, Alley Bean 2nd Motion Carries 17-0-0-4

- e. Motion: The VNC Board of Officers approves expenditures for the creation of three Venice themed interactive games, materials cost not to exceed a total of \$450, to be used for tabling at the Venice Chamber Holiday Lighting and other tabling events.

Erica Moore 1st, Jason Sugars 2nd Motion Carries 17-0-0-4

Motion: The VNC Board of Officers approves budget adjustments in previously approved Outreach Budget reallocating up to \$1500 from Holiday Lighting to Promotion/Supplies.

Erica Moore 1st, Alley Bean 2nd Motion Carries 17-0-0-4

17. WINDWARD PLAYGROUND AND CENTENNIAL PARK PLANS (PPP 4-0-0)

- a. Motion: The Board of Officers of the Venice Neighborhood Council requests that the Department of Recreation and Parks confer with representatives of the Venice Neighborhood Council, prior to and ongoing, to see that plans for all Recreation and Parks locations in Venice retain and incorporate important features, enhanced access, community projects, and public interests.

Currently, we specifically request that RAP meet with VNC representatives prior to undertaking any further removal of existing assets, demolition, addition of non-permit compliant elements, expenditure of public funds or construction at: Centennial Park and Ocean Front Walk Windward Playground. (see supporting docs for distribution list)



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Christopher Lee 1st, Steve Bradbury 2nd Motion Carries 19-0-0-2

18. MUSICAL EVENT PERMIT FOR THE PENMAR

- a. Motion: The Venice Neighborhood Council shall write a letter to the LAPD Police Review Panel in support of their permit to conduct musical events.

WHEREAS over 4000 community members have signed an affidavit in support of the Penmar’s Sunset Sessions musical events (see supporting docs) and WHEREAS the music is played at a reasonable volume to allow socializing and is often performed by local Venice musicians,

Brian Averill 1st, Tima Bell 2nd Motion Carries 13-6-0-2

19. BOARD MEMBER COMMENT ON NON-AGENDA ITEMS

20. ADJOURNMENT

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Roll Call		2	10	12a	12b	12c	12d	14	15a	16a	16b	16c	16d	16e	16f	17a	18a		
Brian Averill	p	y	y	y	y	y	y	y	y	y	n	y	y	y	y	y	y		
Alley Bean	p	y	y	y	y	y	y	y	y	y	y	y	y	y	y	y	n		
Tima Bell	p	y	y	y	y	y	y	y	y	y	n	y	y	y	y	y	y		
Steve Bradbury	p	y	y	y	y	y	y	y	y	y	y	y	y	y	y	y	y		
Clark Brown	p	abstain	y	y	y	y	y	y	y	y	y	y	y	y	y	y	n		
CJ Cole	p	y	y	y	y	y	y	y	y	y	y	y	y	y	y	y	n		
Eric Donaldson	p	y	y	y	y	y	y	y	y	y	y	y	y	y	y	y	y		
Helen Fallon	p	y	y	y	y	y	y	y	y	y	y	y	y	y	y	y	n		
Yolanda Gonzalez	p	y	y	y	y	y	y	abstain	y	y	absent	absent	absent	absent	absent	absent	absent		
Bruno Hernandez	p	y	y	y	y	y	y	y	y	y	y	y	y	y	y	y	y		
Amara Hordt	p	y	y	y	y	y	y	y	y	y	y	y	y	y	y	y	y		
Michael Jensen	p	y	y	y	y	y	y	y	n	y	y	y	absent	absent	absent	y	y		
Deborah Keaton	p	y	y	y	y	y	y	y	y	y	y	y	y	y	y	y	y		
Erica Moore	p	y	y	y	y	y	y	y	y	y	y	y	y	y	y	y	n		
Lisa Redmond	p	y	y	y	y	y	y	y	y	y	n	y	y	y	y	y	n		
Jim Robb	p	y	y	y	y	y	y	y	y	y	y	y	y	y	y	y	y		
Nico Ruderman	p	l	l	l	l	l	l	l	l	l	l	l	l	l	l	l	l		
Robert Thibodeau	p	y	y	y	y	y	y	y	y	y	n	y	y	y	y	y	y		
Soledad Ursua	p	y	y	y	y	y	y	y	y	y	y	y	y	y	y	y	y		
Jason Sugars	p	y	y	y	y	y	y	y	y	y	y	y	y	y	y	y	y		
Christopher Lee	p	y	l	y	y	y	y	y	y	l	l	l	l	l	l	l	y	y	
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