



Venice Neighborhood Council

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BUDGET AND FINANCE COMMITTEE REGULAR MEETING

Date: December 14, 2023 | Time: 5:45 P.M.

Location: Extra Space Storage Community Room, 658 S. Venice Blvd.
Minutes

CALL TO ORDER Time: 5:50 p.m.

ROLL CALL WITH DECLARATION OF EXPARTE COMMUNICATIONS AND CONFLICTS OF INTEREST if any:

Helen Fallon, Chair	x	
Lisa Redmond	X arrived 5:55	
Eric Hartnack	x	VNC President, ex officio

APPROVAL of PRIOR MINUTES: Motion to approve minutes of November 9th committee meeting.
LR-Moved, HF 2nd: LR: Y, HF: Y, EH: Abstain. 2/0/1

GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENT: Comments from the public on non-agenda items within the Budget Committee's subject matter jurisdiction. **None (Also attending Fran Solomon, Erica Moore)**

OLD BUSINESS: Chair Report Reports/updates: application submitted to use Westminster School for Jan-June Board meetings (expense is within approved budget) Empower is currently in discussion with the Los Angeles Unified School District (LAUSD) to explore how Neighborhood Councils (NCs) can optimize their use of LAUSD facilities for meetings. Will continue to follow up on this and the \$90 admin fee LAUSD is charging. No progress has been made to replace Constant Contact with a less expensive vendor. Status of Venice Heritage Museum NPG: entity is still listed as delinquent on Attorney General's Charity Registry-see November agenda/minutes for further details, this NPG will remain on hold until this issue is resolved. Board Approved NPG for Verdant Venice and LA City Clerk also approved and issued check.

HF reported on Budget Advocates- Eric Hartnack expressed interest in Budget Advocates-and volunteered to be appointed as 2nd Budget Advocate-President will be asked to make appointment

NEW BUSINESS:

1. Review of MER and Excel Budget Spreadsheet-see supporting documents
2. Motion: The VNC Board of Officers approves the November 2023 Monthly Expenditure Report (MER). (See supporting documents) **HF: Motion, EH 2nd, Approved: 3/0/0**
3. Discussion and possible motion to have VNC Board support Empower budget proposal to provide LA City-provided public email addresses for all NC board members and file a CIS when Council file is available. This proposal is included in Empower's Budget proposal for Fiscal Year 2024-2025 These addresses would be Google GSuite addresses, so that they can be used with the Gmail desktop or mobile app. According to Empower, these emails would give credibility to NC messaging, and would allow NC members to be protected from phishing and spam. VNC currently spends approx.\$220/month for 35 e-mail accounts.

Motion: The VNC Board of Officers supports Empower's budget proposal to provide LA City-provided public email addresses for all NC board members and authorizes the filing of a CIS when the Council file is available. HF: Motion, LR: 2nd. Approved: 3/0/0

4. Discussion: How/when to publicize NPG/CIP money, when to calculate our projected carryover based on savings and how much to recommend as a carryover in to election year. **At next Committee meeting 1/11/24 will review projected "carryover" and make recommendation/motion to allocate. Will ask that in February and March-Outreach will publicize funding available for NPGs and CIPs.**



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Additional Business for 1/11/24 Committee meeting: Lisa to write a motion regarding increasing NC Funding during Election years to be used exclusively for Elections

Eric to follow-up on possible focus for NPGs/CIPs: Venice wide street and sidewalk cleaning.

.ADJOURNMENT : Time: 6:36 p.m.