

DRAFT MINUTES

Venice NC Board

April 16, 2019

1. Meeting called to order at 7:10 p.m.

Present were: Ira Koslow, George Francisco, Hugh Harrison, Justin Breshnev, Evan White, John Reed, Brad Aarons, Sonny Bak, Alex Neiman, James Murez, Matt Royce, Joslyn Williams, Michael Greco, Colleen Saro.

Absent were: Melissa Diner, Holly Stenson, Cindy Chambers, Robert Thibodeau, Ilana Marosi, Michelle Meepos, Jaime Paige.

2. Pledge of Allegiance.
3. Motion to Approve Minutes of Board meeting of March 19, 2019, was passed unanimously. [Francisco/White].
4. Motion to approved agenda was passed unanimously. [Francisco/Reed].
5. Royce disclosed conversations with applicants.
6. A. Koslow announced the live streaming of the meeting.
B. Koslow announced the Spanish interpreter was not present for this meeting.
C. No public safety announcements.
D. Ami Fields-Meyer of Mayor Garcetti's office announced that:
 - i. The mayor had announced the complete recycling of waste water by 2035.
 - ii. The mayor announced support for the closing of three natural gas plants.
 - iii. E-waste disposal would be available at Pacific Division on April 27 from 7:30 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.

Gibson Nyambura of the Department of Neighborhood Empowerment announced that the department was working on improvements to the funding and ethics portals.

Robert Thibodeau joined the meeting.

- E. Koslow announced that Yolanda Gonzalez had been appointed VNC liaison with

Southern California Gas Co.

Ivan Spiegel, Co-Chair of the Election committee:

- i. Announced the candidate orientation was well attended and productive.
- ii. Introduced candidates in attendance at the Board meeting.
- iii. Announced that there would be a question and answer for Candidates for President and LUPC Chair at Penmar Park on April 18 at 7:30 p.m.

Yolanda Gonzalez, VNC liaison with DWP, announced that there would be a No Cost Energy System program available for very low income families. Details to follow.

Harrison announced that the Budget Advocates White Paper was on the VNC web page.

F. **Did not appear.**

G. **Did not appear.**

H. Gus Malkoun, Department of Public Works, Bureau of Engineering, presented a report on the project to fix the Venice Pier which will restrict access beginning in September 2019 and should be completed by May 2020.

7. A/B. Motion to prove Monthly Expenditure Report and Expenditure to Date Report for February was passed. 14-0-1. [Harrison/Francisco]

For: George Francisco, Hugh Harrison, Justin Breshnev, Evan White, John Reed, Brad Aarons, Sonny Bak, Alex Neiman, James Murez, Matt Royce, Joslyn Williams, Michael Greco, Colleen Saro, Robert Thibodeau.

Abstain: Ira Koslow

C. Motion to approve up to \$5,200 for the creation, printing and distribution of the VNC Election Guide was passed. 14-0-1. [Harrison/White]

For: George Francisco, Hugh Harrison, Justin Breshnev, Evan White, John Reed, Brad Aarons, Sonny Bak, Alex Neiman, James Murez, Matt Royce, Joslyn Williams, Michael Greco, Colleen Saro, Robert Thibodeau.

Abstain: Ira Koslow

D. Motion to approve up to \$5,000 for outreach for the VNC Election, including but not limited to, printing of postcards and flyers, advertising, candidate forums and election materials was passed. 14-0-1. [Harrison/Francisco]

For: George Francisco, Hugh Harrison, Justin Breshnev, Evan White, John Reed, Brad Aarons, Sonny Bak, Alex Neiman, James Murez, Matt Royce, Joslyn Williams, Michael Greco, Colleen Saro, Robert Thibodeau.

Abstain: Ira Koslow

- E. Motion to approve up to \$250 for the purchase of new tablecloths with the new VNC logo was passed. 14-0-1. [Harrison/White]

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Abstain: Ira Koslow

- F. Motion to approve up to \$1,000 for two Town Halls on Emergency Preparedness was passed. 14-0-1. [Harrison/Francisco]

For: George Francisco, Hugh Harrison, Justin Breshnev, Evan White, John Reed, Brad Aarons, Sonny Bak, Alex Neiman, James Murez, Matt Royce, Joslyn Williams, Michael Greco, Colleen Saro, Robert Thibodeau.

Abstain: Ira Koslow

For: George Francisco, Hugh Harrison, Holly Stenson, Justin Breshnev, Robert Thibodeau, Sonny Bak, James Murez, Matt Royce, Joslyn Williams, Michael Greco, Jaime Paige.

Abstain: Ira Koslow, Alex Neiman.

- G. Motion to reallocate up to \$750 from Office Equipment to Community Improvement Projects and to authorize the expenditure of those funds for a New game table for Oakwood Park was passed. 14-0-1. [Harrison/Francisco]

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Abstain: Ira Koslow

8. There were public comments from Yolanda Gonzalez, Todd von Hoffman and Darryl DuFay.
9. The general consent calendar as amended was approved.

10. The LUPC consent calendar was approved.

11. A. 700 Brooks.

Motion to recommend approval of the project with the cited conditions passed.
13-0-2. [Royce/Francisco].

For: George Francisco, Hugh Harrison, Justin Breshnev, Evan White, John Reed, Brad Aarons, Sonny Bak, Alex Neiman, James Murez, Matt Royce, Joslyn Williams, Michael Greco, Robert Thibodeau.

Abstain: Ira Koslow, Colleen Saro.

12. A. Motion to Amend the motion to read as set forth below was passed.
14-0-1. [Saro/Francisco]:

Therefore, the VNC requests that CD 11, Los Angeles County and Los Angeles City Council enforce and support the Venice community and the LAPD in accordance with section 63.44 of the Municipal code in keeping all motorized vehicles, including motorize scooters, Segways and bikes, not to include ADA compliant vehicles, off the Venice Bike Path and Office Front Walk boardwalk from the Marina Apron to Washington Boulevard and West of Speedway. In addition, demand that Geo Fences be applied to all apps that within a two blocks of the designated area all above-mentioned motorized vehicles be brought to a walk only capability when utilized on Office Front Walk and/or the Bike Path.

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Abstain: Ira Koslow

Motion to approve motion as amended passed. 14-0-1. [Saro/Francisco]

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Abstain: Ira Koslow

13. A. Motion on regulation of bike share devices passed 14-0-1. [Murez/Francisco].

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Abstain: Ira Koslow

B. Motion on LAWDP Natural Gas Power Plant passed 12-0-3. [Francisco/White].

For: George Francisco, Hugh Harrison, Justin Breshnev, Evan White,
Brad Aarons, Sonny Bak, Alex Neiman, Matt Royce, Joslyn
Williams, Michael Greco, Colleen Saro, Robert Thibodeau.

Abstain: Ira Koslow, John Reed, James Murez

14. Meeting Adjourned at 8:45 p.m.