



Venice Neighborhood Council

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Homeless Committee Meeting Agenda

Meeting Date: Tuesday, May 30th, 2017

Meeting Time: 6:30pm

Meeting Location: Venice Public Library, 000 North Venice Blvd, Venice CA 009921

Contact: William.hawkins@venicenc.org

1. 2:00 pm – Call to Order and Roll Call

Will Hawkins (Chairman)			
Matt Shaw			
Kip Pardue			
Brian Ulf			
Sunny Bak			
Hollie Stenson			

1. 6:31pm: Approve Agenda as presented or amended

2. 6:32pm: Approve Minutes from last meeting as presented or amended

3. 6:33pm: Announcements

Thank you to Erin McGinnis of St Joseph Center for her volunteer effort in providing her expert knowledge and experience to our committee over the last four months. The community appreciates your input and we are all better for it. Also want to introduce the community to our newest member Kip Pardue.

4. 6:40pm: Public Comment

5. 6:50pm: Chair Report

6. 7:00pm: LA Shelter Vacancy Motion (William Hawkins)

Whereas: For nine years the 2008 Jones Settlement has prohibited the city of Los Angeles and LAMC to enforce 41.18 or 56.11 until there are sufficient beds made available.

Whereas: There have been growing encampments in Venice due to the lack of enforcement of those codes.

Whereas: Each day there are vacancies as high as 40% in the LA Shelters.

Whereas: There are available beds for those in need and people living on the street do have options that they are not taking advantage of.

Whereas: This is a waste of taxpayer money, a waste of city resources and the city needs to ensure that these shelters run at full occupancy.



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Therefore: The Homeless Committee propose that the VNC Board recommend to Councilman Bonin, Mayor Eric Garcetti, the Los Angeles City Council and the Los Angeles Police Department that on any given night that there are shelter beds available the city of Los Angeles needs to enforce codes 56.11 and 41.18.

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7. 7:20pm: RV Safety Motion (William Hawkins)

Whereas: The recent city council action allowing RVs to park overnight in residential areas has created unsafe conditions in the Venice community.

Whereas: The high volume of RVs parked in and around Venice has created a dangerous and volatile atmosphere that puts the safety and well-being of citizens, residents, school children and local businesses at risk.

Whereas: Uninspected RVs are a serious fire hazard, Over the last year multiple RVs have caught fire and exploded on the streets of Venice.

Whereas: Currently there are hazardous and explosive materials (such as propane) on board of these vehicles that is going unchecked by Bonin, City Council, LAFD, LAPD

Whereas: Without proper inspections there is no way of knowing what hazardous and explosive materials are stored in RVs.

Whereas: The city of Los Angeles has a responsibility to provide safety and protection to the families and children living around the perimeter of these uninspected RVs from reckless and dangerous actions.

Whereas: Unsafe and uninspected vehicles also create unsafe and volatile living conditions for the children forced to live in them.

Therefore: The Venice Homeless Committee proposes that the VNC Board recommend to Councilman Mike Bonin, Mayor Eric Garcetti, the Los Angeles City Council, the Los Angeles Police Department and the Los Angeles Fire Department that all RVs, large vans and oversized vehicles being used as temporary homes on the streets of Venice must be equipped with fire extinguishers, carbon monoxide and smoke detectors.

And, all RVs, large vans and oversized vehicles must be inspected annually by LAPD and/or LAFD and approved for these safety devices.



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And, all RVs, large vans and oversized vehicles must always display proof of inspection on windshield.

And, all large vans and oversized vehicles must provide access of their vehicles to LAPD and LAFD at their discretion to confirm that vehicle is in compliance to fire safety ordinances listed above.

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8. 7:45: New Business

9. 7:50: Presentation

a) Sofia Borges - Architect and USC Professor

10.8:15: Adjourn

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