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Joint VNC Board & Administrative Committee Virtual Meeting Agenda Monday, August 9, 2021, 7pm via Zoom

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In conformity with the governor's executive order n-29-20 (March 17, 2020) and due to concerns over COVID-19, this Venice Neighborhood Council meeting will be conducted entirely telephonically

PUBLIC INPUT AT NEIGHBORHOOD COUNCIL MEETINGS

The public is requested dial *9, when prompted by the presiding officer, to address the Board on any agenda item before the Board takes an action on an item. Comments from the public on agenda items will be heard only when the respective item is being considered. Comments from the public on other matters not appearing on the agenda that are within the Board's jurisdiction will be heard during the General Public Comment period. Please note that under the Brown Act, the Board is prevented from acting on a matter that you bring to its attention during the General Public Comment period; however, the issue raised by a member of the public may become the subject of a future Board meeting. Public comment is limited to 30 seconds per speaker, unless adjusted by the presiding officer of the Board.

Virtual Board Meeting Rules

- Raise your hand if you have a public comment only WHEN we get to that specific item.
- After you speak, please lower your hand.
- All panelists (board members) and attendees (public) will be muted until administrator unmute you for comment.
- Board members will get one chance to speak for a max of 2 minutes per item.
- Public comment will be limited to one comment for 30 seconds per item.

- Please do not raise your hand more than once per item
- Raise your hand at the start of the items you want to speak on. We will then close public comment and announce the last person to speak a few minutes after the start of the item.
- No ceding your time to others will be allowed
- The meeting is being video and audio recorded
- The public will be able to listen and speak but their video will be disabled.

All presenters that have items to project are to send them to sec@venicenc.org & president@venicenc.org to have them shared with the meeting. Keep a copy of them on your desktop as a backup.

1. **Call to Order and Roll Call**
2. **Approval of outstanding Administrative Committee minutes**
3. **Announcements & Public Comment on items not on the Agenda**
4. **Old Administrative Committee Business**
5. **New Administrative Committee Business**
 - 5A Motion to approve Standing Committee Chair nominations, Arts, Ocean Front Walk and Rules and Selections.
 - 5b **Consideration and Approval of Ad Hoc Committee(s) Mission Statement(s)**
 - i. **Venice Community Resiliency Committee (VCRC)**
Mission: The mission of the Venice Community Resiliency Committee (VCRC) is to develop whole community planning and preparedness programs to further ensure the survival and recovery of the Venice community in times of disaster or proclaimed emergency.
 - ii. **Parking and Transportation Committee (PTC)**
Mission: The Venice Neighborhood Council, Parking and Transportation Committee (PTC) will evaluate existing and potential future conditions, relating to Parking and Transportation and issues within the public right-of-way, consider stakeholders input, and propose solutions to the Board of Directors.
 - iii. **Venice Arbor Committee (VAC)**
The Venice Arbor Committee supports and encourages the planting and maintenance of trees throughout the Venice Neighborhood and surrounding communities through advocacy, education and policy work. We work with the City and their planting partners, residents, schools, developers, non-profits and other stakeholders to create, improve, and care for the tree canopy, support and improve local biodiversity, and a healthy ecosystem. We actively enlist and encourage the local citizenry to engage in planting and caring for their own yard and parkway trees and help educate individuals on how to accomplish this.

iv. Discussion Forum Committee (DFC)

Provide a monthly forum for discussion of long-term matters affecting the Venice Community within the context of the VNC Vision Goals.

To stimulate the vitality of the VNC, the Board and VNC Committees are encouraged to consider the below VNC Vision Goals in their deliberations.

Although the VNC is a political body, and inevitably it may become embroiled in issues that divide the community, these goals are designed to promote a more proactive, collaborative vision for VNC Committees to include in their deliberations as they formulate recommendations for Board consideration. The intent is to create a working framework of integrated strategies capable of achieving, over time, broader consensus and increased: Focus on Children

Consider strategies that promote & expand opportunities for children to experience direct meaningful involvement in all aspects of the social and economic and cultural activities of the Venice Community. Include this Focus on Children as an integral part of the consideration of strategies in all of the below Vision Goals.

Participation

Consider strategies that encourage & facilitate broader involvement of stakeholders, major organizations, community groups, and government institutions, etc.

Walkability

Consider strategies that reduce the use of cars and that promote alternatives such as walking, skateboarding, biking & bike racks, circulation systems (trolleys), park & ride rather than additional parking, street-narrowing/sidewalk widening, walk/bike/skateboard lanes separated from traffic, easier neighborhood pedestrian access to commercial stores, etc.

Diversity

Consider strategies that encourage & facilitate realistic recommendations designed to increase economic diversity, including affordable housing, etc.

Creativity

Consider strategies that promote the arts, encourage & facilitate creativity. This can apply to architecture, public art, social events (neighborhood gatherings/street movies/theatre/dance/pottery/...), etc.

Collaboration

Consider strategies that encourage & facilitate 'level playing fields' for collaborative negotiation; opt for procedures & policies that 'promote flexibility & dialogue' over 'reacting defensively to rigid criteria', facilitation/mediation training, etc.

Brainstorming

Consider strategies that encourage & facilitate exploring of non-traditional options for achieving shared objectives, etc.

v. Drug Addiction and Mental Health Awareness and Solutions Committee (DAMHASC)

This is a request to form the VNC Drug Addiction and Mental Health Awareness and Solutions Committee. The mission of this Committee will be to intensify community awareness of the ever-increasing issues of both drug addiction and untreated mental illness in our neighborhoods; to find solutions in intervention and prevention for younger children and teens in our schools as well as in services and treatment for adults in our community. The Committee will bring in speakers are experts from all over the country, compile and share data on successful programs in other communities, bring intervention, education, and outreach programs to our schools (starting this Fall), and raise awareness of these issues in our community. The Committee will focus on developing actual solutions for our community that we, as compassionate and dedicated Venetians, can bring to our community and city-wide.

vi. FACILITIES FOR HOMELESS Committee (FFHC)

Mission:

1. Obtain the information Item 17C on the 7/20/21 VNC Board Agenda, entitled "Homeless Committee Information Request" requests. It states "The Venice Neighborhood Council requests that Councilman Mike Bonin, the LA City Council, and the LA City Planning Department provide its plans to Venice and all other Neighborhood Councils throughout LA as to how, when and where it proposes to provide the supply and location of permanent housing necessary to meet the demand to deal with the housing shortage which has and will, unless resolved, maintain the systemic cycle of homelessness affecting our LA Communities. If there are no such plans in existence at this time, why isn't there one and when will there be one. Notify the offices of Councilman Mike Bonin, Mayor Eric Garcetti,, Los Angeles Planning Department."

2. To the extent not covered by information provided under paragraph 1 above, the addresses and general descriptions (i.e. bedrooms and baths) of units in which the City can presently place homeless persons.

3. Any writings which summarize how the City plans to spend any monies it receives under the Homeless Housing, Assistance and Prevention Program and Project Homekey.

4. Any writings which summarize the amount and purpose of monies in the current City budget for providing housing to the homeless.

5. The name and contact information for a City employee who can provide continuing, current information about the matters described in paragraphs 1-4 above.

6. With respect to the 2 large parcels of vacant land in the attached photos which the City owns at Westchester Parkway and La Tijera Blvd. and La Cienega and Century Blvds. ("the LAX Parcels") :

(a) Request Councilman Bonin to have the City Council amend Council File No. 21-0350 entitled "Homelessness and Poverty Committee Report relative to evaluating sites feasibility and identifying funding for potential projects at various locations in order to continue to try different interventions to address homelessness" ("the Report") to add the LAX Parcels to the Report which presently only covers parking lots at Will Rogers State Beach, Dockweiler Beach and Fisherman's Village in Marina del Rey.

(b) Require the City, including but not limited to Councilman Bonin and LAWA, to produce any writings which:

(i) Support any claim they have that the City must obtain FAA approval to use the LAX parcels for homeless housing.

(ii) Evidence any plans the City has for development of the LAX parcels within the next 2 years.

(iii) Evidence the presence of electric, sewer, water and sanitation facilities within or near the LAX Parcels, which would support homeless facilities there.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT: the Task Force is further authorized to:

(i) Obtain the above information under the CPRA or otherwise.

(ii) Request others to help obtain that information.

(iii) Regularly report the results of these efforts to the Board.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT:

These Requests are authorized by Sec. 910 of the City Charter ["Sec. 910. Monitoring of City Services. Neighborhood councils shall monitor the delivery of City services in their respective areas and have periodic meetings with responsible officials of City departments, subject to their reasonable availability."] and Article IIA of the VNC By Laws [The mission of the VNC is "To improve the quality of life in Venice by building community and to secure support from the City of Los Angeles for the resources needed to achieve our goals."]

vii. Homeless Committee (VHC)

The Venice Neighborhood Council's current ad hoc Homeless Committee was approved without a specific period of service by the General Board at their October 2019 meeting. According to VNC Standing Rules, "An ad hoc committee that does not have a sunset date associated with it will automatically be given a date 12 months from the date of their approval as an ad hoc

committee by the Board of Directors." Accordingly, the current Homeless Committee is over. However, the social and humanitarian crisis of homelessness remains a large issue for Venice, and the need for an ad hoc committee to address the issues of Los Angeles homelessness and concerns of stakeholders is a necessity for the community. Explicably, there is also a direct connection between homelessness and tenant issues. Research has demonstrated multiple times over the relationship between housing affordability and homelessness. Los Angeles averages the loss of nearly five Rent Stabilization Ordinance (RSO) units a day. This alarming figure impacts the Venice community, which is made up of nearly 69% tenants, more than 2/3 of its population. Additionally, Venice is a highly lucrative tourist zone that continues to have issues with short term vacation rentals and apartment hotels, which take important housing stock off the market, particularly RSO units and lower-cost units that service workers and working class families can afford. With the Olympics headed to Los Angeles in 2028, proposed amendments to the short term ordinance are constant, require oversight, and greatly affect Venice. As the current housing crisis continues to escalate, increasingly more housing discussion topics and motions have come forward which the current iteration of the VNC's Homeless Committee is not capable of addressing. These topics are also improperly showing up at the Public Health and Safety Committee. Nor are these theory-based "housing" topics always a LUPC issue either, since LUPC traditionally addresses current applications for project permits, variances, coastal development permits and direct legislation that affects all these. An operative committee is necessary to undertake the theoretical topics of housing in areas not directly related to LUPC and its active work. THEREFORE, be it resolved, the Venice Neighborhood Council will form a new "Housing and Homelessness" ad hoc committee with the following Mission Statement: "The Housing and Homelessness Committee will serve as a liaison between relevant city agencies and service providers, and the Venice Neighborhood Council on issues and programs related to homelessness and the unhoused, and to advocate for the effective use of government programs to help address our housing crisis. The Committee will provide education on the issues of Los Angeles homelessness, tenancy, and advocacy for concerns to the Stakeholders. Additionally, the Committee will review and address topics that pertain to tenants, their rights and landlords, as well as the ongoing complexities of short term vacation rentals." FURTHER, be it resolved, the Housing and Homelessness Committee will equitably include member stakeholders who are renters/tenants and unhoused residents in order to broaden the Committee's perspective on important policy issues, and to give voice to a constituency into decision-making that impacts them.

viii. Venice Homeless Committee (VHC)

The mission of the Ad Hoc Homeless Committee shall be to analyze and address the various sides of homelessness and its effects on the Venice community. Using experience, understanding, data and inclusive resolutions, the committee will work closely with service providers, local government, enforcement agencies and most importantly Venice stakeholders, to help propose solutions that will address everyone's needs.

6. **Consideration and approval of August 17, 2021 Draft Board Agenda**

7. **Adjourn**

Note (i) The Administrative Committee does not address or consider the merits of proposed agenda items. Its function is to determine whether a proposed agenda item will be placed on the next Board meeting agenda, postponed, referred to a specific committee for review and recommendation, treated as an announcement, or considered and resolved as a non-Board administrative matter. (ii) The Administrative Committee has the discretion to reorder consideration of matters on the agenda to accommodate stakeholders or for other reasons.