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**Board of Officers
Regular Meeting Agenda
Tuesday February 15, 2022
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Location: Webinar

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4. Board members will get one chance to speak for a max of 2 minutes per item.
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2 Call To Order

3 Roll Call:

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| <input type="checkbox"/> James Murez | <input type="checkbox"/> Daffodil Tyminski | <input type="checkbox"/> Melissa Diner |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Andrea Boccaletti | <input type="checkbox"/> Vicki Halliday | <input type="checkbox"/> Bruno Hernandez |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Sima Kostovetsky | <input type="checkbox"/> Nico Ruderman | <input type="checkbox"/> James Robb |

Ansar (Stan) Muhammad

Jason Sugars

Alley Bean

Chie Lunn

Mike Bravo

Soledad Ursua

CJ Cole

Oliver Fries

Elizabeth Clay

Robert Thibodeau

Clark Brown

Attendance: 0

Quorum: 10

4 Declaration of Ex Parte Communications or Conflicts-Of-Interest

All Board members shall declare any ex parte communications or conflicts-of interest relating to items on this meeting's agenda.

5 Scheduled Announcements and Presentations

06:16

6 Public Safety - LAPD & LAFD Report

06:17

Questions to the presenter(s) will be limited to the time allotted to this item. Furthermore, all questions from the public must be submitted in writing to Secretary@VeniceNC.org no less than 72 hours prior to Page 5 of 11 the meeting. The Chair at His / Her discretion shall present questions or a summary thereof to the presenter. Questions from Members of the Body will be limited by time allotment for this agenda item following public questions.

7 Government Reports

06:33

- City Councilmember Mike Bonin, Field Deputy, Tristen Marler tristen.marler@lacity.gov
- Congressman Ted Lieu, Representative, Janet.Turner@mail.house.gov
- State Senator Ben Allen, Representative, Liliana.Pond@sen.ca.gov
- State Assemblyperson Autumn Burke, Representative Brandon.Stansell@asm.ca.gov
- LA County Supervisor Sheila Kuehl, Deputy Zac Gaidzik zgaidzik@bos.lacounty.gov
- Mayor Eric Garcetti, Deputy TBD
- Empower LA, Advocate, Freddy.Cupen-Ames@lacity.org 213-978-1551
- Westside Regional Alliance of Councils (WRAC)-James Murez,
- Los Angeles Neighborhood Council Coalition (LANCC), Ivan Spiegel
- Budget Advocates – Andrea Boccaletti

8 Committee Chair Reports

06:44

Standing Committees:

- Budget & Finance
- Land Use & Planning
- Neighborhood
- Ocean Front Walk

- Outreach & Event Planning
- Rules & Selections
- Arts

Ad Hoc Committees:

- Community Resiliency Committee
- Homelessness Committee
- Parking and Transportation Committee
- Venice Arbor Committee
- Discussion Forum Committee

President Report

Creation of Task Force to plan a Council District 11, Candidate Forum in April

9 Approval of Prior Meeting Minutes

Description:

Discussion and possible action to approve the Board of Officers, General Meeting Minutes dated 12/21/2021

Attachments: Minutes: <https://www.venicenc.org/ncfiles/viewCommitteeFile/28236>

MOTION:

Approve of December 21, 2021 Board of Officers Meeting Minutes

Maker:

Second:

Voter Tally (0): Yea:0 / Nay:0 / Abstain:0 / Recuse:0 / Ineligible:0

10 Approval of Prior Meeting Minutes

Description:

Discussion and possible action to approve the Board of Officers, General Meeting Minutes dated 1/18/2022

Attachments: Minutes: <https://www.venicenc.org/ncfiles/viewCommitteeFile/28181>

MOTION:

Approve of January 18, 2022 Board of Officers Meeting Minutes

Maker:

Second:

Voter Tally (0): Yea:0 / Nay:0 / Abstain:0 / Recuse:0 / Ineligible:0

11 Treasurer Report

12 Budget And Finance Committee Approval of MERS

Description:

Stakeholder: Andrea Boccaletti **Dated:** 2022-01-17

Approval by the board of the January Monthly Expenditure Report (MER).

Attachments: MER:<https://www.venicenc.org/ncfiles/viewCommitteeFile/28526>

MOTION:

Approval by the board of the November and December Monthly Expenditure Report (MER).

Maker:

Second:

Voter Tally (0): Yea:0 / Nay:0 / Abstain:0 / Recuse:0 / Ineligible:0

13 Announcements and Public Comment on items not on the Agenda

Public comment is limited to 1 minute per speaker with a total comment time not to exceed 20 minutes, unless adjusted by the presiding officer of the Board. No comment on Items appearing on the Agenda. No Board member announcements permitted.

NOTE: The public is strongly advised to bring comments up in committees where time restrictions are more flexible and where recommendations from the public can become the bases of action items for Board consideration..

14 Old Business

15 Homeless Encampments - Request for Reconsideration, Nico Ruderman

Description:

Motion to request use of current municipal codes to clean up encampments.

Committee:Homelessness Committee **On:**2021-11-30 **Vote:** 7-0-

MOTION:

The VNC Board shall reconsider the motion

MOTION AUTHORIZING PRESIDENT OF THE VENICE NEIGHBORHOOD COUNCIL TO SEND MEMO RE HOMELESS ENCAMPMENTS AND SUPPORTING EXHIBITS TO COUNCILMAN BONIN AND OTHERS

as approved January 18, 2022 by the Board Members as follows:

Yea-James Murez
Yea-Daffodil Tyminski
Yea-Melissa Diner
Yea-Andrea Boccaletti
Abstain-Vicki Halliday
Abstain-Bruno Hernandez
Yea-Sima Kostovetsky
Yea-Nico Ruderman
Abstain-James Robb
Yea-Alley Bean
Yea-Chie Lunn
Nay-Mike Bravo
Yea-Soledad Ursua
Yea-Oliver Fries
Yea-Elizabeth Clay
Yea-Robert Thibodeau
Yea-Clark Brown

Voter Tally (17): Yea:13 / Nay:1 / Abstain:3 / Recuse:0 / Ineligible:0

Absent:
Ansar (Stan) Muhammad
Jason Sugars
CJ Cole

Vancancy: 1 LUPC/Member

Original Motion below to be reconsidered:

MOTION AUTHORIZING PRESIDENT OF THE VENICE NEIGHBORHOOD COUNCIL TO SEND MEMO RE HOMELESS ENCAMPMENTS AND SUPPORTING EXHIBITS TO COUNCILMAN BONIN AND OTHERS

The Ad Hoc Homelessness Committee of the Venice Neighborhood Council (“the Committee”) has read, discussed and approved the Memo entitled: “Remove Homeless Encampments per City Ordinances and Relocate Occupants to Transition and Temporary Housing” addressed to Councilman Bonin with copies to Jose “Che” Ramirez, Deputy Mayor for Homeless Initiatives, Becca Doten, Deputy Executive Director, Public & Government Affairs, Los Angeles World Airports and its 8 Supporting Exhibits (collectively, “the Memo”).

The Board of the Venice Neighborhood Council (“Board”) has:(1)Read and considered the Memo.(2) Received and heard public comment thereon.

The Board hereby:

(1) Approves the Memo.

(2) Directs its President to send the Memo to the persons identified in the first paragraph above (“the Addressees”) and such other persons as he deems appropriate.

(3) Directs the Chairman of the Committee to designate such members of the Committee, as he deems appropriate, to follow up with the Addressees regarding implementation of the recommendations in the Memo.

Maker:

Second:

Voter Tally (0): Yea:0 / Nay:0 / Abstain:0 / Recuse:0 / Ineligible:0

16 General Consent Calendar - Items

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 go to the end of the agenda and be treated as regular agenda items with discussion and public comment.

17 Land Use and Planning Committee Consent Calendar - Items

All agenda items on the LUPC 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 go to the end of the agenda and be treated as regular agenda items with discussion and public comment.

18 LUPC New Business

19 New Business

20 Selection of Land Use and Planning Chair

Description:

Board of Officers to select from candidates a new LUPC Chairperson. Voting will be conducted by Rules and Selections Chair, Oliver Fries. Candidate Applications presented as attachments listed below.

Attachments: Application:<https://www.venicenc.org/ncfiles/viewCommitteeFile/28523>

MOTION:

Vote to approve and welcome Michael Jensen as Chairperson of LUPC.

Maker:

Second:

Voter Tally (0): Yea:0 / Nay:0 / Abstain:0 / Recuse:0 / Ineligible:0

21 Selection of Neighborhood Committee Member

Description:

Felicia Saltzbart has applied to be a member of the Neighborhoods Committee, to represent Subarea 3. titled "Silver Strand".

Attachments: Application:<https://www.venicenc.org/ncfiles/viewCommitteeFile/28484>

MOTION:

VNC Board selects and welcomes Felicia Saltzbart to the Neighborhood Committee

Maker:

Second:

Voter Tally (0): Yea:0 / Nay:0 / Abstain:0 / Recuse:0 / Ineligible:0

22 Boundary Adjustment along VNC and DRNC border

Description:

There is a portion of land that lies along east of Lincoln Blvd and is within the Venice Neighborhood council overlay. Del Rey Neighborhood Council has requested that we adjust the boundaries so this area lies within the Del Rey Neighborhood Council District.

NOTE: When viewing the Map Attachment, the dotted line that is defined as a Dash Dot Dash on the map shows the existing boundary prior to adjustment abutting the VNC and DRNC council regions. If motion is adopted this line will be moved to the center line of Lincoln Blvd starting at Washington Blvd and continue southward to the tip of the Venice NC, Oxford Triangle southern most boundary.

Description of adjusted Venice Boundary to mirror proposed Del Rey NC region:

Exact language TBD

The following describes the proposed Del Rey NC region.

Beginning at the centerline of Lincoln Blvd southeast along the centerline of Washington Boulevard, then at the southwesterly prolongation of the southeasterly boundary of the City of Culver City, continuing southeasterly of Washington Boulevard. Said boundary being established April 11, 1927 by ORD 56497. Thence northeasterly along said irregular jogging boundary line to the southwesterly boundary line of Culver City, southwest of Sawtelle Boulevard. Thence southeasterly along said irregular and jogging City boundary line to an irregular City boundary line, established August 28, 1952 under CF 53079,

southeasterly to the centerline projection of Emporia Avenue, thence southwesterly along the southeasterly line of Tract 16954 to the northeast property line of Mesmer Avenue, hence southeasterly along said City boundary to the northwesterly property line of Jefferson Boulevard; thence northeasterly along said City boundary to the southwesterly property line of Bankfield Avenue to a southwesterly jog in the boundary of Culver City; thence southwesterly along this City boundary line to the centerline of Centinela Avenue; hence westerly along said centerline in an arc concave southerly to its centerline intersection with Jefferson Boulevard. Thence southwesterly along the centerline of Jefferson Boulevard and Bay Street (vacated), thence northwesterly along the centerline of Bay Street to the center of the Los Angeles County storm drain easement known as Ballona Creek; thence southwesterly along the center of the creek to the centerline of Lincoln Blvd.; thence northwesterly along the centerline of Lincoln Boulevard to the corner of Washington Blvd.

Attachments: Map:<https://www.venicenc.org/ncfiles/viewCommitteeFile/28524>

MOTION:

Amend VNC Boundary to exclude lots along eastside of Lincoln Blvd. between Maxella and Washington Blvd so as to include them within the Del Rey Neighborhood Council overlay. VNC and DRNC to coordinate the boundary adjustment.

Maker:

Second:

Voter Tally (0): Yea:0 / Nay:0 / Abstain:0 / Recuse:0 / Ineligible:0

23 CIS in support of Council File 18-1104 to ban the sale of all flavored tobacco products

Description:

Stakeholder: Helen Fallon **Dated:** 2022-02-15

City Attorney has submitted an ordinance to ban ALL flavored tobacco products in order to put a stop to the nicotine-addiction epidemic these products have created. Proposed ordinance is currently stalled in committee and protecting children from nicotine-addiction should be a city council priority.

MOTION:

The Venice Neighborhood Council files a Community Impact Statement supporting Council File 18-1104 and urges that the City Council take immediate steps to enact the proposed ordinance that will ban the sale of flavored tobacco products.

Maker:

Second:

Voter Tally (0): Yea:0 / Nay:0 / Abstain:0 / Recuse:0 / Ineligible:0

24 CIS Increase Mental Health Beds and Related Staffing CF 21-0002-S195

Description:

Stakeholder: Mark Ryavec **Dated:** 2021-12-13

The concept of the Resolution below originated as a Motion in the Homeless Committee of the Westside Regional Alliance of Councils (WRAC), proposed by members Dr. Renee Sabshin and Mark Ryavec. The earlier Motion was passed by the VNC and by 2/3rds of the NCs and CCs of WRAC. RESOLUTION WHEREAS, any official position of the City of Los Angeles with respect to legislation, rules, regulations or policies proposed to or pending before a local, state or federal governmental body or agency must have first been adopted in the form of a Resolution by the City Council with the concurrence of the Mayor; and WHEREAS, a recent study by the California Policy Lab found that one in five

unhoused people engaged by outreach workers in Los Angeles County - about 7,000 - had a diagnosis of serious mental illness; and WHEREAS, studies estimate that almost 40 percent of the County jail population - about 5,000 inmates on a typical day - are in need of mental health treatment; and WHEREAS, people experiencing homelessness in Los Angeles are living on the streets with severe mental illness and are unable to avail themselves of public services, and as a result are dying in the streets; and WHEREAS, it is estimated that there are only 1,700 sub-acute beds in the County where patients can live for a few days or a few months with psychiatric care provided; and WHEREAS, this number of sub-acute beds is about a third of the number needed; and WHEREAS, clinicians are reluctant to prescribe 72-hour or longer psychiatric holds or conservatorships under the State's Lanterman-Petrus-Short Act due to this shortfall in facilities, as well as a shortage of skilled staff; and WHEREAS, it estimated that the State of California will have a \$31 billion surplus in the next fiscal year; NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, with concurrence of the Mayor, that the City Council, by the adoption of this Resolution, hereby includes in its 2021-22 State Legislative Program, SPONSORSHIP and/or SUPPORT of legislation or administrative action for the State to allocate funding to allow Los Angeles County to meet the number of beds recommended by mental health experts: 50 public beds per 100,000 residents. PRESENTED BY: JOE BUSCAINO Councilmember, 15th District SECONDED BY: JOHN LEE Councilmember, 12th District

MOTION:

Motion The Venice Neighborhood Council hereby supports the Resolution (Buscaino/Lee) to include in the city's 2021-22 State Legislative Program, SPONSORSHIP and/or SUPPORT of legislation or administrative action for the State to allocate funding to allow Los Angeles County to meet the number of mental health beds recommended by mental health experts: 50 public beds per 100,000 residents, and directs that this Motion be attached as a Community Impact Statement to CF 21-0002-S195.

Maker:

Second:

Voter Tally (0): Yea:0 / Nay:0 / Abstain:0 / Recuse:0 / Ineligible:0

25 Creation of Preserving Public Places Ad Hoc Committee(s) for a period of 1 year

Description:

Stakeholder: Robin Murez **Dated:** 2022-02-10

We would like to form a VNC Ad Hoc Committee titled: Preserving Public Places. Our Mission Statement is attached. Although many of Venice's historic places are over 100 years old, several are in need of immediate attention. This being Black History Month, forming this Ad Hoc Committee would be a great way to commemorate the observance

Attachments: untitled:<https://www.venicenc.org/assets/documents/5/request62008339375c0.pdf>

MOTION:

The VNC Board creates the Preserving Public Places Ad Hoc committee with the mission statement as approved by the Administrative Committee. Following the creation, the committee chair shall be appointed by the President.

Mission Statement: Preserving Public Places Committee is dedicated to preserving and activating Venice's renowned historic public places. Our goals are to identify, preserve, maintain, enhance, revitalize, restore, commemorate and provide an informational clearinghouse for Venice's historic public places.

Maker:

Second:

Voter Tally (0): Yea:0 / Nay:0 / Abstain:0 / Recuse:0 / Ineligible:0

26 Board of Officer Comments, Items not on the Agenda

27 Adjournment

Approximate Ending: 09:12

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