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Budget & Finance Committee

Joint With

Board of Officers

Special Meeting (24 Hour Notice) Agenda

Thursday May 26, 2022

Start Time: 10:00 AM

Location: Webinar

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When: May 26, 2022 10:00 AM Pacific Time (US and Canada)

Topic: Budget

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2 Call To Order

3 Roll Call:

Jay Handal

James Murez

Daffodil Tyminski

Sima Kostovetsky

Ivan Spiegel

Helen Fallon

Attendance: 0

Quorum: 3

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.

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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..

6 Approval of Monthly Expenditure Report (MER) and Expenditure to Date Report

Description:

Discussion and possible action re: MER (not yet received from the City).

MOTION: The Budget Committee moves to approve the April 2022 MER.

Maker:

Second:

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

7 Approval of the 2022-23 Administrative Packet

Description:

Discussion and possible action re: 2022-23 Administrative Packet.

MOTION:

The Budget Committee moves to approve the 2022-23 Administrative Packet.

Maker:

Second:

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

8 Old Business

9 Reconsideration, Jim Murez: NPG - Request Coeur d'Alene

Description:

Friends of Coeur d'Alene request Neighborhood Purpose Grant funds for improvements to the School. \$5000 requested

Attachments: Application:<https://www.venicenc.org/assets/documents/5/meeting628c5387c7301.pdf>

MOTION:

The Budget Committee moves to approve the NPG Request by Friends of Coeur d'Alene.

Maker:

Second:

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

10 LA Neighbors for Neighbors NPG (by Lisa Redmond)

Description:

Committee: Budget & Finance Committee **On:** 2022-05-14 **Vote:** (3-1-0)

An NPG for LA Neighbors for Neighbors to fund hard supplies to accommodate the growth of its monthly Resource Center, and also allow it to expand with further services. \$2,765 requested

Attachments: Application:<https://www.venicenc.org/assets/documents/5/meeting6280216de5ddf.pdf>

Budget:<https://www.venicenc.org/assets/documents/5/meeting6280216de6724.pdf>

IRS:<https://www.venicenc.org/assets/documents/5/meeting6280216de6a2c.pdf>

W8:<https://www.venicenc.org/assets/documents/5/meeting6280216de6fab.pdf>

TaxReg:<https://www.venicenc.org/assets/documents/5/meeting6280216de72ee.pdf>

MOTION:

The Budget Committee recommends the Board of Officers approves this Request with clarification of the following items:

Clarify - Non-profit identify where equipment that will be purchased with these funds will be stored?

What is the estimated results (number of people served) of service to be performed during the the period of this project? (Breakdown Venice serviced vs other areas)

What is the length of this project?

Has the funding for these items on this application been requested from any other NC's?

Maker:

Second:

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

11 CIP, Fabrication of Colonnade Capitals from Mold

Description:

Committee: Budget & Finance Committee **On:** 2022-05-14 **Vote:** 5/0/0

Several of the original iconic historic Italian columns that Abbot Kinney created for Windward Avenue, Market Street and Ocean Front Walk are completely missing, in need of proper capitals, or repairs. To get the refurbishment project started, we need to have a reusable mold created that will enable the casting of the capitals. This is the first step in securing the participation of adjacent property owners, to enable as many of the 40 missing columns to be replaced. Los Angeles Historic-Cultural Monument #532 designated in 1991 - Venice Arcades, Columns and Capitals. \$5000 requested

Attachments: Application: <https://www.venicenc.org/assets/documents/5/meeting627eb6fe91eab.pdf>

MOTION:

The Budget & Finance Committee recommends the Board of Officers approves a Community Improvement Project grant of \$5000 as described above and in the attached project application.

Maker:

Second:

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

12 CIP, Casting of Colonnade Capitals

Description:

Committee: Budget & Finance Committee **On:** 2022-05-14 **Vote:** 5/0/0

Request: Several of the original iconic historic Italian columns that Abbot Kinney created for Windward Avenue, Market Street and Ocean Front Walk are completely missing, in need of proper capitals, or repairs. To start the refurbishment project, we will have two (2) sample fiberglass capitals cast from the mold which we will have had fabricated. (see Fabrication of Capital Mold CIP). The 2 samples will enable demonstration of attaching capitals in different situations as are required by the existing site: on existing columns and where columns do not now exist. These samples are "proof of concept" to demonstrate to the community and secure their support to enable as many of the 40 missing columns, as possible, to be replaced. Several adjacent property owners have expressed their interest in replacing the Colonnade. They have asked for samples to demonstrate how this can be accomplished. Los Angeles Historic-Cultural Monument #532 designated in 1991 - Venice Arcades, Columns and Capitals \$5000 requested

Attachments: Application: <https://www.venicenc.org/assets/documents/5/meeting627eb6e668774.pdf>

MOTION:

The Budget & Finance Committee recommends the Board of Officers approves a Community Improvement Project grant of \$5000 as described above and in the attached project application.

Maker:

Second:

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

13 New Business

14 CIP - Site Markers, Preserving Public Places Committee

01:19

Description:

Committee: Budget & Finance Committee **On:** 2022-05-14 **Vote:** 4/0/0

The PPP Committee request \$1000 in funding for neighborhood Site Markers with etched photographic imagery of the associated historic sites, which will tell the colorful stories of Venice history. They can stand alone, or, with the use of a QR code, the site markers will compliment and invite users to our free mobile Venice tour App. Venice has an abundance of multi-cultural historic sites that could receive markers. They include significant architectural sites including, the 100 year old Short Line Trolley Bridge, The Venice West beat poet landmark, the Ocean Front Walk Pagodas, the iconic Italian Colonnade.

Attachments: Application: <https://www.venicenc.org/assets/documents/5/meeting627be60bd953f.pdf>

MOTION:

The Budget Committee recommends the Board of Officers approves the requested proposal described above and with the application link.

Maker:

Second:

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

15 CIP Self-Guided Tours, Preserving Public Places Committee

Description:

PROJECT DESCRIPTION: Using <https://pocketsights.com/> software we will create a mobile app that enables users to take free self-guided tours or to randomly discover and roam sites throughout Venice using GPS on either Android or IOS platforms. PocketSights has been in use, worldwide, by cities, universities, arboretums and more, since 2014. It has a 5 star rating.

There are several tours in the L.A. area, including of architecture, lost tunnels, cultural and historic sites in Downtown L.A. We've tested it by taking a tour created by UCLA of their campus.

See: <https://pocketsights.com/tours?search=los+angeles>

With the App, we can identify points of interest anywhere — along streets or off the beaten path, at the beach, down alleyways, in parks, through the canals, and beyond. Simple drag & drop site building, lets us include text, images, sound, and video for each site. We enrolled in a 30 day free trial to try our skills at building a site. It's easy and flawless. See Exhibits, below.

Within our App, we can create unlimited Tours, such as for Historic Landmarks, Public Art, Movie Locations, Famous People, Black History, or Trees & Gardens. Our committee, inviting input from all Venice "historians," will begin with Historic Landmarks. Other committees, such as The Neighborhoods Committee, might add way finding sites to public facilities and services in Venice. The software enables us to grow with our needs and to have unlimited users. Our sites will pop up automatically on our App. We'll start now, enhancing Venice for all residents and visitors. When the Olympics come to town, tourists will enjoy navigating and discovering the wonders of Venice.

OPTION 1: CONTENT CREATOR(S) While we will invite content from everyone, and a tremendous amount is available for free in the public domain, if funds are available, in the future we may propose that retaining a "content creator," would be helpful in rapidly uploading information to our App. Our recommendation, if he agrees to accept, is Venice's own most knowledgeable and tech savvy historian, Jeffrey Stanton.

OPTION 2: SITE MARKERS Though not essential to this project, we plan to create complementary Site Markers which include imagery and a QR code to further engage the public and invite users to our App. See: Site Markers, Community Improvement Projects Funding Request **PUBLIC BENEFIT:** Venetians and visitors alike will have easy, on the spot, access to discover, explore, learn and enjoy stories of Venice's colorful history, fascinating culture and cool contemporary life. This will enrich the knowledge of locals, increase cultural understanding, strengthen community pride and enhance tourism. By facilitating tourism, the App will also bolster our economy. The navigation component provides users with directions and the confidence to explore and discover the places they might otherwise never find. The "roaming" option let's users move about however they like, discovering sites in their immediate location, or they can jump on a designated "tour" route. The App will also help visitors find essential public facilities and services, whether they're walking, biking, skating, on public transportation or from everywhere a GPS signal is found.

BUDGET: We have a couple options for subscribing to the App. We can start with the "Enterprise" level which lets us create our tours on the PocketSights App. Ultimately, we'll want to be a "White Label" subscriber. That enables us to have our own App identity, with our own name, which can be discovered and advertised independent of PocketSights, but is also found on their platform. Both are reasonably priced, function in the same way and have 5 star reviews from users.

Enterprise and White Label features are listed below and at <https://pocketsights.com/tour-builder>. If the funds are available now, White Label is the way to go. If not, we can start with Enterprise and upgrade later. Our data will transfer over. CHOOSE FROM TWO OPTIONS White Labeled Branded APP

- Free Trial 30 days
- US \$5,000 for both iOS & Android - a one-time setup fee
- Option to renew \$1,000 annually in first 2 years; \$499 annual renewal thereafter One time setup cost Unlimited tours per app Dedicated account support Unlimited downloads Enhanced user permissions Create password-protect tours Test tours privately Single organization Custom App development App Store and Google Play hosting Examples of White Labeled Tours in other cities and places: <https://pocketsights.com/tour-guide-app/whitelabel> -OR- Enterprise APP
- Free Trial 30 days
- US\$499 annually with option to renew \$499 annually
- No setup cost
- Unlimited tours per App
- Online support
- Unlimited downloads
- Basic user permissions
- Single organization Either platform allows us to create unlimited tours and have unlimited users.

We can add YouTube links and SoundCloud Audio as part of our tours along with photos and text, and our tours will be featured on the PocketSights Tour Guide Apps on the App Store and the Google Play Market.

PROJECT TIMELINE: Start date: __06 / __01 __ / __2022__ Date

Funds Required: _06__ / _01__ / _2022__

Expected Completion Date: Phase one - creating a tour of Historic Landmarks in Venice __12__ / __31__ / __2022__

TOTAL FUNDS REQUESTED: Our committee asks the VNC Board to select one of the following options:

White Label Option: \$5,000 subscription (optional annual renewals \$1,000 first two years then \$499 thereafter)

OR

Enterprise Option: \$499 annual with optional annual renewal \$499 (can be upgraded in the future to White Label for \$7,000 one time plus the same annual \$499).

MOTION:

The Budget Committee moves to approve this Request.

Maker:

Second:

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

16 CIP Request for Walking Tour App, Neighborhood Committee

Description:

The Neighborhood Committee requests CIP funding to create a walking tour app for Venice. See attached application. \$4000 requested

Attachments: CIP <https://www.venicenc.org/assets/documents/5/meeting627be43b72a7f.pdf>
Application:

MOTION:

The Budget Committee moves to approve this request.

Maker:

Second:

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

17 CIP Los Angeles Pickleball Association, Neighborhood Committee

Description:

The West Los Angeles Pickleball Association wishes to build out Pickleball courts at Penmar Park. See attached CIP Application. \$10,000 requested

Attachments: Pickleball <https://www.venicenc.org/assets/documents/5/meeting627be291b79f3.pdf>
CIP
Application:
Petition:<https://www.venicenc.org/assets/documents/5/meeting627be291b560b.pdf>

MOTION:

The Budget Committee moves to approve this request.

Maker:

Second:

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

18 Reallocate Budget Line Items

Description:

To allow the proposed Community Improvement Projects and or NPG's to be funded, the Budget needs to have funds from line items reallocated.

MOTION:

Committee: Budget & Finance Committee **On:** 2022-05-14 **Vote:** 4/0/0

The Budget & Finance Committee recommends the Board of Officers moves \$735 from line item "Neighborhood Purpose Grant" into line item "Community Improvement Project" and move \$265 from "Outreach" line item into "Community Improvement Projects" line item.

Maker:

Second:

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

19 Budget Adjustment

Description:

Committee: Budget & Finance Committee **On:** 2022-05-14 **Vote:** (4-0-0)

Move Budget funds from NPG line item into line item CIP to allow the recommended projects have ample funding.

MOTION:

The Budget & Finance Committee recommends the Board of Officers moves \$2500 from line item "Neighborhood Purpose Grant" into line item "Community Improvement Project".

Maker:

Second:

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

20 Committee Comment on Items Not on the Agenda

21 Adjournment

Concluded At: 03:37 PM

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