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**AdCom/Board Draft
 Regular Meeting Minutes
 Tuesday July 19, 2022
 Start Time: 06:00 PM**

Location: Webinar

When: Jul 19, 2022 06:00 PM Pacific Time (US and Canada)

Topic: Board

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1 Call To Order

2 Roll Call:

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Attendance: 6 **Quorum: 4**

3 Introduction and Rules

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2. After you speak, please lower your hand.
3. All panelists (board members) and attendees (public) will be muted until the administrator unmutes you for comment.
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5. Public comment will be limited to one comment for 30 seconds per item.
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8. No ceding your time to others will be allowed.
9. The meeting is being video and audio recorded.
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All presenters that have items to project are to send them to Secretary@VeniceNC.org and President@VeniceNC.org to have them shared with the meeting. Keep a copy of them on your desktop as a backup.

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, Isabella.Dennis@lacity.org
- Congressman Ted Lieu, Representative, Janet.Turner@mail.house.gov
- State Senator Ben Allen, Representative, Liliana.Pond@sen.ca.gov
- State Assemblyperson Autumn Burke, Representative ? @asm.ca.gov
- LA County Supervisor Sheila Kuehl, Deputy Zac Gaidzik zgaidzik@bos.lacounty.gov
- Mayor Eric Garcetti, Deputy, Vishesh.Anand@lacity.org
- Empower LA, Advocate, Freddy.Cupen-Ames@lacity.org 213-978-1551
- Westside Regional Alliance of Councils (WRAC)-Jim Murez,
- Los Angeles Neighborhood Council Coalition (LANCC), Ivan Spiegel
- Budget Advocates – vacant

8 Presentation on L.A. County's Safe Clean Water Program

Mikaela Randolph is a senior watershed specialist with Heal the Bay and serves as a watershed coordinator for L.A. County's Safe Clean Water(SCW) program. <https://safecleanwaterla.org/> In this role, she educates communities within the Central Santa Monica Bay watershed area <https://safecleanwaterla.org/central-santa-monica-bay-watershed-area/> about the program and potential projects that may be of interest to the community. The presentation is scheduled to be about 15 minutes. Questions may be submitted in advance to Secretary@VeniceNC.org or after the meeting, no questions will be taken from the floor.

9 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
- Preserving Public Places
- Social Justice and Equity

President Report

Board vacancy treasurer and community officer applications are open along with an opening on LUPC.

2023 VNC Elections, Request for Proposal, all interested persons wanting to submit a proposal of how the VNC should conduct the 2023 elections are invited to submit their ideas. RFP's should include timeline of actions, any resources needed, a detailed budget and type of outreach to occur, any events to be held, and should the formation of committee or task force be made. A brief overview and reasoning of concepts and merits will help in the decision making process. The Rules committee will review all submissions and make a recommendation of how to proceed.

10 Approval of prior Board Minutes

Description:

Discussion and possible action, prior Minutes from meeting dated 6/16/2022

Attachments: Minutes: <https://www.venicenc.org/assets/documents/5/meeting62b288a2684e9.pdf>

MOTION:

Board of Officers approves the Minutes dated 6/16/2022 as presented.

1-11 md/ab yes by all

Maker:

Second:

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

11 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..

12 Treasurer Report

13 Motion to approve our June Monthly Expenditure Report (MER)

Description:

Committee: Budget & Finance Committee **On:** 2022-07-14 **Vote:** (0/0/0)

MOTION:

Board of Officers approves the June Monthly Expenditure Report as presented.

Maker:

Second:

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

14 Old Business

15 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.

16 Land Use and Planning Committee Consent Calendar - Items

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17 2801 Ocean Ave

Description:

Committee: Land Use & Planning Committee **On:** 2022-06-30 **Vote:** 6-0-0-0

LUPC Consent calendar Project Description: GARAGE CONVERSION INTO 365 SQ.FT ADU; NEW LIVING ROOM; KITCHEN AND BATHROOM

MOTION:

VNC recommends President transmit de minimus letter.

jh/ab yes by all

Maker:

Second:

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

18 LUPC New Business

19 Erehwon - 585 Venice Blvd

Description:

Committee: Land Use & Planning Committee **On:** 2022-06-30 **Vote:** 6-0-0-0

Case No. ZA-2021-10671-CUB Description: A CUP FOR THE SALE AND SERVICE OF BEER & WINE FOR OFF-SITE CONSUMPTION WITH AN EXISTING MARKET Staff: Andrew Mika Staff Report: <https://www.venicenc.org/assets/documents/5/meeting62cc61243ca7a.pdf>
Planning Case: <https://planning.lacity.org/pdiscaseinfo/caseid/MjUzNzk40>

Attachments: untitled:<https://www.venicenc.org/assets/documents/5/request62cc621164984.pdf>

MOTION:

Motion to approve the project as presented.

ab/jh yes by all

Maker:

Second:

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

20 New Business

21 CIS Council File 18-0510-S2, Renewal of Lease on Bridge Housing

Description:

Committee: Homelessness Committee **On:** 2022-06-28 **Vote:** 4-1-0

Community Impact Statement Council File 18-0510-S2 City renewal of lease on Bridge Housing. The VNC submits this CIS objecting to the renewal of the City's lease to Bridge Housing.

Community Impact Statement Council File 18-0510-S2

Whereas: The community was told the facility would be temporary, and few of the promises made by the City to area residents were fulfilled. The City promised it would be designed to fit Venice, that residents of ABH would be good neighbors, nearby areas would be cleaned up, and there would be extra LAPD protection.

These promises still appear on the 11th Council District's website, see link below

None of these promises took place.

Area sidewalks still contain encampments, public landscaping ruined, sidewalk sanitation often lacking and a special LAPD patrol was defunded.

Chain link fencing is not fitting for a residential neighborhood. Zero beautification was made. Zero sound proofing was made.

Holes are often cut in the fencing at the Southern end of the site for exit and entry without using the security gate.

There are instances of residents of bridge housing also maintaining tents and encampments on nearby streets and there is no containment of these dual residences.

Comprehensive clean ups have stopped on Hampton near the facility. Encampments still exist in what was designated as the SecZ area.

There was no opportunity given for area residents to discuss rules that might be needed for the site beyond the initial meetings held prior to the opening.

We do not believe the facility has met its commitments to 'protect neighbors from any nuisance' nor have the promised number of housing placements taken place.

The blame cannot be put on the pandemic. The facility has not met its goal of integrating into the surrounding community. In fact, the adjacent walk streets and other areas became magnets for ABH residents' recreation.

The facility is a disaster for the area attracting drug dealers, unhoused who are not in the ABH program, and friends of the ABH residents who 'hang' in the neighborhood.

Attachments: CD11 <https://11thdistrict.com/ahttps://11thdistrict.com/a-bridge-home/venice-faqbridge-home/venice-faq>
Link: <https://11thdistrict.com/ahttps://11thdistrict.com/a-bridge-home/venice-faqbridge-home/venice-faq>

MOTION:

The Venice Neighborhood Council objects to the lease renewal and services contract extension for A Bridge Home, located at 100 Sunset, Venice, California 90291.

20-21 md/ab yes by all

Maker:

Second:

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

22 motion below

Description:

Stakeholder: clark **Dated:** 2022-06-03

MOTION TO: (1) USE 2 VACANT PARCELS OF LAND NORTH OF LAX FOR SAFECAMPING SITES FOR THE HOMELESS. (2) REQUEST THE CITY AND COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES TO GIVE RESIDENCE PRIORITY TO VENICE HOMELESS IN 2 HOTELS THE CITY AND COUNTY ARE BUYING IN WESTCHESTER. (3) DETERMINE IF THERE ARE ANY PUBLICLY OWNED VACANT LOTS IN WEST LOS ANGELES SUITABLE AS SAFECAMPING SITES FOR HOMELESS PERSONS.

MOTION:

For (1) and (2) above the Motion and Resolution are the first pages to parts (1) and (2) of the supporting documents under cover of my letter to Jim Murez, Daffodil Tyminski and Melissa Diner which I emailed to them on 5/31@ 4:36 pm

from my Outlook account and on 6/2 @ 10:41 am from my VNC Gmail account. Both emails had 3 attachments entitled Supplemental Materials. For (3) above use the language above for the Motion I could not upload the Supplemental Materials because this program said they were too large

md/dt yes by all

Maker:

Second:

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

23 Creation of Ambassador Network at Oceanfront Walk

Description:

Stakeholder: Nicholas Antonicello **Dated:** 2022-06-30

WHEREAS, Venice's Oceanfront Walk has suffered severely due to COVID-19, a struggling economy and in lieu of the homeless encampments that has decreased tourist visitation and increased crime, and WHEREAS, Oceanfront Walk is now a damaged economic engine for the Venice neighborhood and community that needs to be repaired, and WHEREAS, as the summer is now here, a re-branded presence at the beach is required to draw back tourism and commerce, and WHEREAS, a civilian-style network of Ambassadors directing tourists regarding location of restaurants, points of interest and general information for visitors presents a more friendly and inviting first impression of Venice as a continuing and preferred tourist destination,

MOTION:

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that an Ambassador Network of Volunteers similar to those at The Third Street Promenade be created and fall under the auspices of the Venice BID that will fill this welcoming void that currently exists, especially on the weekends and holidays and that a copy of this request be sent to CD-11, the LAPD Pacific Division, the Venice BID as well as the Mayor's Office to implement this tourist-friendly concept to our Venice Beach in a real effort to change the current perception of Oceanfront Walk as unsafe and uninviting to locals and tourists alike.

forward to OFW to consider being on their agenda

Maker:

Second:

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

24 Appoint a second Zoom Administrator

Description:

Stakeholder: jay handal **Dated:** 1969-12-31

Whereas the Board of Governors has already approved funding for a second zoom license with DONE, its is important to have the board appoint someone to be the 2nd license holder, and advise DONE.

MOTION:

Motion: The VNC hereby appoints _____ to be the second license holder for NC zoom calls and meetings.

Jim appoints Vicki (Communications Officer)

Maker:

Second:

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

25 Budget Approval

Description:

Committee: Rules and selections **Dated:** 2022-06-24 **Vote:** 6-0-0

The board to approve a procedure to address how items are vetted by the budget and finance committee prior to any board action. This will be considered by the Rules and Selections Committee to be adopted into the standing rules.

MOTION:

All financial items must be vetted by the Budget & Finance Committee prior to being placed on a VNC Board agenda.

Maker:

Second:

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

26 New Ad Hoc Committees

Description:

Committee: Rules and Selections **Dated:** 2022-06-24 **Vote:** 6-0-0

Discussion about when an Ad Hoc committee shall begin and timeline for naming the ad hoc committee chair.

MOTION:

“The Venice Neighborhood Council hereby adds the following to its standing rules: Each VNC ad hoc committee shall begin its existence immediately following its creation by the Board of Officers, and the VNC President shall name the ad hoc committee’s chair within 31 days of its creation.”

25-26 jh/ab yes by all

Maker:

Second:

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

27 Venice Auxiliary Pumping Plant Project

Description:

Stakeholder: Jim Kennedy **Dated:** 2022-07-19

Community briefing by LA City Bureau of Sanitation on the design of the Venice Auxiliary Pumping Plant Project (VAPP.) <https://eng.lacity.org/about-us/divisions/environmental-management/projects/venice-auxiliary-pumping-plant-project> The Venice Auxiliary Pumping Plant (VAPP) is one of four projects that will create redundancy, increase capacity, and ensure the resiliency of the City’s wastewater system. VAPP is the final project in the series of projects required to meet these needs. The existing Venice Pumping Plant has five pumps, which are

currently at full capacity during peak flow. VAPP is urgently needed to prevent potential sewage spills into the Venice canal and area waterways during extreme wet weather events by providing additional pumping capacity, redundancy to the pumping capacity to improve system reliability, and allow for regular service and maintenance activities.

Attachments: link:<https://eng.lacity.org/about-us/divisions/environmental-management/projects/venice-auxiliary-pumping-plant-project>

MOTION:

dt/md postpone yes by all

Jim murez to reach out to Jim Kennedy

Maker:

Second:

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

28 secure lockers for the safe storage of important documents and items of the venice unhoused populations.

Description:

Committee: Homelessness Committee **On:** 2022-06-27 **Vote:**

Many of Venice unhoused population are hindered from improving their situations by not having the documents or important items that are required. I personally have met many of these individuals and the common response when asked for a solution was a secure locker or cage located within community.

MOTION:

pull until resubmitted

Maker:

Second:

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

29 Not sure

Description:

Stakeholder: Gregory Harris **Dated:** 2022-06-14

Hello , I'm Greg Harris with Live 2 Give Community Foundation . We're a 501c3 nonprofit organization here in Los Angeles, mid Wilshire area and we work with a lot of homeless outreach centers, drop in centers, wrap around programs, etc. we're involved in the tiny homes movement for the unhoused. We've also made it possible for the everyday individual , as well as corporations and nonprofits to aid and assist with the homeless plight through marketing and donors. (we feel that it will take all of us to overcome homelessness). We're presently slated to house up to 100 people in the high desert along with Scientology's assistance (grateful) . We started this project last year (2021 ,May) and since then, people have shown that they'd like to help. We're in touch (personally) with many shelters and outreach centers that can also take on the unhoused. I feel that we can assist with the good work that you're already doing within different communities.. And you guys can assist us with sponsoring and placing the tiny homes in the places they're needed the most. We need your help. If possible, I'd like to set up a meeting regarding this serious situation My phone number is 747-777-0942 Email glive2give@gmail.com thank you . Gregory Harris / founder Website <https://donatetinyhomes.org/>

MOTION:

refer to homelessness committee

Maker:

Second:

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

30 Board of Officer Comments, Items not on the Agenda

31 Adjournment

Concluded At: 07:20 PM

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