



# Venice Neighborhood Council

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## Regular Meeting of the Preserving Public Places Committee AGENDA

Location: ART STUDIO 412 Carroll Canal, Court D, Venice, CA 90291  
contact [PublicPlaces@VeniceNC.org](mailto:PublicPlaces@VeniceNC.org) to reserve parking if needed

DATE: June 14, 2023

TIME: 10am

### CALL TO ORDER AND BOARD ROLL CALL at 10:10am

Robin Murez (chair) yes	Sonya Reese Greenland arrived at 10:25 am	Todd Lorber yes
Betsy Goldman yes	Tim Rudnick yes	
		VNC President Jim Murez, ex officio no

**APPROVAL of PRIOR MINUTES:** <https://www.dropbox.com/s/1vacnatephvd8no/PPP%20Minutes%20May%202023.pdf?dl=0> vote: 4/0/0

**GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENT** - Comments from the public on non-agenda items within the Board's subject matter jurisdiction. Each speaker will be allowed one (1) minute(s) unless adjusted by the presiding officer of the meeting.

Guests: Yolanda Gonzales as of 10:45am

### COMMITTEE REPORTS:

**OLD BUSINESS** (*Items considered in prior meeting*) Updates on previous motions:

1. Venice Walking Tour App - Community Improvement Project - pending City approval
2. CCC Lifeguard Station Tower Waiver Invalidation Motion - CD11 bigger issues with Jt Powers Agreement/County & demolition is stopped so they don't want to send letter to CCC now
3. Pagodas Repairs - nothing new; BID repainting
4. Historic Canal / Bridge Park Motion - we need to do it: Adopt a Median or other means
5. Colonnade Restoration - Historic Arcade District Motion - Brian Silveira working with Breakform in developing 52-60 Market St. Hopefully columns will include capitals. Robin gave casting info and historic references to Brian. Shared with committee:

On Thu, Jun 8, 2023 at 2:05 PM robin murez <[robin@robinmurez.com](mailto:robin@robinmurez.com)> wrote:  
Brian,

We'd have to check on prices. \$2500/capital is the same price as the V Historical Society was quoted by another fabricator back in 2008... it's a very good price.



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The colonnade was designed for Abbot Kinney by architect C.H. Russell. I'm quite sure that all the capitals were all the same; there seems to have been 2 column heights... as still exist. I've noticed taller columns are along Ocean Front Walk.

This document describes Market Street and has a plan, together with the rest of the Windward Plaza restoration: <https://www.venicenc.org/assets/documents/5/committee624b185da2192.pdf>

Tony Bill, David Hertz, Mark Sokol or maybe Jack Hoffman would have historic pictures of Market Street. In that order.

I'll ask Betsy Goldman if she knows of any.

This from Dana Millikin on VenicePaparazzi.com:

... a number of accounts say Kinney hired Italian-born sculptor, Felix Peano, to design many of Venice's original columns and bridges. Peano was quite well known at the time and is credited with famous high relief sculpture work in Santa Monica, San Francisco, San Diego and Europe. He was also said to be good friends with novelist and social activist, Jack London. Legend says Peano used Abbot Kinney's face as the model for the male face you can still see today on the top of the columns in the colonnades. The female face on the column, so the story goes, is that of a young girl Peano "discovered" on the Venice boardwalk named Nettie Bouck.

6. Site Markers / QR Code - nothing new; coordinate with Walking Tour App once approved. Sonya asked about Historic Cultural Monument plaques. She'll check with Office of Historic Resources for her family home, just nominated; info will help us in the future.

7. Venice Preservationist Award **Motion to submit application to be heard by VNC Board this month June 20 - Hope it is heard & passed by VNC Board**  
**Tim shared info about Rim Fay; will try to reach Douglass Fay to receive award. If not, Robin asked if Tim would receive it on Rim's behalf. He agreed.**

8. Invite Council member Traci Park to Lifeguard Tower Instagram photoshoot - suggested we ask Traci instead to Preservationist Awards 4th of July and/or whenever

9. Venice Lifeguard Station / Tower - DBH 4/2023 update; Building Assessment update GoFundMe by Oceanarium had tech issues. Robin submitted a Grant to Nation Trust for Historic Preservation \$5,000 with help from LA Conservancy. Fingers crossed. Preliminary report shows repairs less than \$500,000. Final will be out soon; will clarify misinformation.

10. Lifeguard Headquarters Station / Tower - review Landmark Application for the Venice Lifeguard Station **Motion to submit application to be heard by VNC Board this month June 20 - Hope it is heard & passed by VNC Board**

11. Preservation of Plantings in Public Places **Motion to be heard by VNC Board this month June 20 - Hope it is heard & passed by VNC Board**



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## NEW BUSINESS:

1. SUGGESTIONS BEYOND FOLLOW UP ON ALL ABOVE Todd raised Beach Maintenance issue. Robin suggested he write DBH with cc to CD11

- a. Public Comment:
- b. Committee discussion
- c. Motion

Maker  Seconded

Vote: (  Yes /  No /  Abstained /  Recused /  Ineligible )

Meeting **ADJOURNED at 11:20am**