



# 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**

**DATE: May 8, 2023**

**TIME: 10am**

### **CALLED TO ORDER at 10:20am AND BOARD ROLL CALL**

Robin Murez (chair) Yes	Sonya Reese Greenland Yes	Todd Lorber Yes
Betsy Goldman Yes	Tim Rudnick Yes	
Brian Silveira No		VNC President Jim Murez, ex officio No

**APPROVAL of PRIOR MINUTES:** <https://www.venicenc.org/assets/documents/5/meeting6435e1133e0c0.pdf> **Approved 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 included:

Todd Lorber - OFW resident  
Albert Mejia, VeniceBID Operations  
Sarah Waters - Arbor Committee Chair  
Noel Johnston - Verdant Venice / Arbor Committee / OFW resident  
Fire Department Officer Takeshima (only for a minute; he thought this was a VNC Board Meeting)

Due to work load and life, Brian hasn't been able to attend our last few committee meetings. Though we want/need Brian to remain involved, in order to meet quorum, we asked Todd Lorber to replace Brian as a "voting" member. Todd accepted, effective next meeting.

### **COMMITTEE REPORTS:**

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

1. Venice Walking Tour App - Community Improvement Project  
Update: Being reviewed by City Clerk Holly Wolcott, City Attorney's office. Fingers crossed.

2. CCC Lifeguard Station Tower Waiver Invalidation Motion  
CD11 will not write CCC at this time; other larger negotiations involved & demolition halted

3. Pagodas Repairs  
Albert offered that BID can repaint, will match existing color -unanimous appreciation from all!!!



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#### 4. Historic Canal / Bridge Park Motion

New CD11 district rep not supportive; not informed. Robin talking with CD11 planning staff.

5. Colonnade Restoration - Historic Arcade District Motion <https://www.venicenc.org/assets/documents/5/committee6406d7a5b3300.pdf> <https://www.venicenc.org/assets/documents/5/committee624b185da2192.pdf>

Brian sent images of Market St project that will be built with colonnade; Robin forwarding images of the capitals.

#### 6. Site Markers / QR Code - NA

#### 7. Venice Preservationist Award

a. Public Comment:

b. Committee discussion Discussion of who & when: Jeff Stanton (historian), Rim Fay (environmentalist), Sonya Reese Greenland (cultural preservationist), Jim Murez (urban planner)...4th of July Canals event coincides with inauguration of Venice by AK. Robin will ask Canals Assn if possible.

c. Motion Motion: <https://www.dropbox.com/s/8d54wnukpxhgir9/PRESERVATIONIST%20AWARD%20Motion.pdf?dl=0>

Maker    Betsy    Seconded    Robin   

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

#### 8. Invite Council member Traci Park to Lifeguard Tower Instagram photoshoot - NA

9. Venice Lifeguard Station / Tower - DBH 4/2023 update; Building Assessment update Being commissioned by community with GoFundMe hosted by Oceanarium 501c3

#### NEW BUSINESS:

#### 1. Lifeguard Headquarters Station / Tower - review and vote on motion to Submit Landmark Application for the Venice Lifeguard Station

HCM DRAFT APPLICATION: <https://www.venicenc.org/assets/documents/5/committee6451a0b2b4af8.pdf>

HCM DRAFT Statement of Significance: <https://www.venicenc.org/assets/documents/5/committee6451a0b2b5b74.pdf>

a. Public Comment:

b. Committee discussion

c. Motion <https://www.venicenc.org/assets/documents/5/committee6451a7ae7ecb8.pdf>

Maker    Betsy    Seconded    Sonya   

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

#### 2.. Preservation of Plantings in Public Places - Several mature public trees were

recently cut down in Venice. This violates LA City code; should/ could enforcement and fines be enhanced?

a. Public Comment: Sarah presented alternative language; omits dollar amounts

b. Committee discussion - all support so long as calls for largest trees and punitive damages, if possible.



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c. Motion DRAFT: <https://www.venicenc.org/assets/documents/5/meeting64519b6f21981.pdf>

AMMENDED MOTION: <https://www.venicenc.org/assets/documents/5/meeting64597e90af3ec.pdf>

Maker Tim Seconded Betsy

Vote: ( 4 Yes / 0 No / 0 Abstained / 0 Recused / 0 Ineligible )

Meeting **ADJOURNED** at noon