



# Venice Neighborhood Council

PO Box 550, Venice, CA 90294

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## Board of Officers Regular Meeting Agenda

**6:30 PM Tuesday July 18, 2023**  
**Westminster Elementary School**  
**1010 Abbot Kinney Blvd Venice, CA 90291**  
(enter from parking lot on Westminster Ave)

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### 1. SWEARING IN OF THE NEW BOARD

Dr. Naomi Nightingale to swear in new board.

### 2. A MOMENT OF SILENCE FOR Chris "Spanto" Printup

### 3. CALL TO ORDER AND BOARD ROLL CALL

Brian Averill	Alley Bean	Yolanda Gonzalez	Bruno Hernandez
Jim Robb	Lisa Redmond	Deborah Keaton	
Helen Fallon	Robert Thibodeau	Eric Donaldson	
Tima Bell	Erica Moore	Amara Hordt	
Michael Jensen	Clark Brown	CJ Cole	
Nico Ruderman	Steve Bradbury	Soledad Ursua	

### 4. APPROVAL OF PRIOR MINUTES

<https://www.venicenc.org/assets/documents/5/meeting6499e97954d3b.pdf>

### 5. DECLARATION OF EX PARTE COMMUNICATIONS, CONFLICTS OF INTEREST OR RECUSALS

### 6. PUBLIC SAFETY REPORTS

- a. LAPD
- b. LAFD

### 7. GOVERNMENT REPORTS



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## 8. PRESIDENT'S REPORT

APPLICATIONS OPEN FOR SUBMISSION

### OPEN BOARD SEATS

OUTREACH CHAIR <https://www.venicenc.org/assets/documents/5/committee64b32dbab2408.pdf>

COMMUNITY OFFICER <https://www.venicenc.org/assets/documents/5/url62c747df280ce.pdf>

### COMMITTEE SEATS

LUPC APPLICATIONS – <https://www.venicenc.org/assets/documents/5/committee64b325f4477a9.pdf>

NEIGHBORHOOD COMMITTEE APPLICATIONS - <https://www.venicenc.org/committees/viewCommitteeFile/238>

## 9. STANDING COMMITTEE CHAIRS - BOARD VOTE

- OCEAN FRONT WALK – DEBORAH KEATON / NICO RUDERMAN (CO-CHAIRS)
- ARTS – AMARA HORDT
- RULES AND SELECTION – CJ COLE / LISA REDMOND (CO-CHAIRS)

## 10. GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENT – LIMIT TO 20MIN/1MIN PER SPEAKER

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.

## 11. TREASURER'S REPORT

### 12. MONTHLY EXPENDITURE REPORT

Motion: The VNC Board of Officers approves the June 2023 Monthly Expenditure Report (MER) See supplemental document.

Note: Approved by budget committee 2-0-0

### 13. ADOPTION OF THE ADMINISTRATIVE PACKET FOR 2023-24

Motion: The VNC Board of Officers approves the Administrative Packet for 2023-2024 (Including budget and appointments of 2nd signer and credit card holder) See supplemental document.

Note: Approved by budget committee 2-0-0

### 14. ALLOCATION FOR WALKING TOUR APP

Motion: The VNC Board approves the allocation of \$500 from the Outreach budget for the Walking Tour App approved in February of the last fiscal year.

Note: Approved by budget committee 2-0-0

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## 15. GOOGLE INVOICE FOR JUNE

Motion: The VNC Board of Officers approves the payment of \$171.09 to Google for the June invoice.

Note: Approved by budget committee 2-0-0

## 16. CONSTANT CONTACT INVOICE FOR JUNE

Motion: The VNC Board of Officers approves the payment of \$125.00 to Constant Contact.

Note: Approved by budget committee 2-0-0

## 17. OLD BUSINESS

## 18. NEW BUSINESS

## 19. EXPLORE BOARD MEETING SECURITY OPTIONS

Motion: The VNC board of officers will explore the feasibility and cost of private security for the monthly board meetings

## 20. REPLACEMENT OF FOUR PUBLICLY-OWNED MATURE TREES AT VENICE BLVD AND LINCOLN BLVD

(SUBMITTED BY THE VENICE ARBOR COMMITTEE) / 3 Min Presentation / Clarifying Questions

Whereas trees reduce Carbon Dioxide in the environment, eliminate dust in the atmosphere, reduce traffic noise, retain and filter water in the soil, provide shade which cools the city, provide homes to the myriad birds and creatures essential to biodiversity and beautify our urban environment; and

Whereas the owner and or developer/contractor/construction company of the House of Pies construction site has removed and destroyed 4 mature trees from City of Los Angeles property at the southwest corner of Venice and Lincoln Boulevard, which constitutes a prominent entry into the Venice Neighborhood, without obtaining a permit and in contradiction to representations made to the VNC;

Whereas these trees were 30 years old, of substantial size and installed, tended and watered by Venice community members in conjunction with the City, State and non-profit organizations including Tree People with our tax dollars and grant funding;

THEREFORE: The Venice Neighborhood Council requests that the city ask the proper enforcement agencies, including but not limited to the Department of Public Works, the Department of Building and Safety, the California Coastal Commission, and any other relevant agency, to levy fines against this developer that are sufficient to replace the trees 2 to 1 with 48" box Sycamores, including removal of stumps, enlargement of the tree wells, widening of the

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sidewalk and maintenance of the trees to maturity (10 years). We further ask that this owner and developer's Certificate of Occupancy and building permits be withheld until the completion of the planting of the new trees is accomplished.

## **21. REQUEST THAT THE CITY OF LOS ANGELES DESIGNATE THE VENICE LIFEGUARD STATION AS AN HISTORIC CULTURAL MONUMENT** (Submitted by Tim Rudnick, Todd Lorber, Sonya Reese Greenland, Robin Murez, and Betsy Goldman) / 3 min Presentation / Clarifying Questions

DESCRIPTION: Whereas the iconic, architecturally, culturally and historically significant Venice Lifeguard Headquarters Tower located at 2300 Ocean Front Walk is a 3 story building, built in 1968, is owned by the City of Los Angeles, within Council District 11 and leased to the County of Los Angeles Department of Beaches and Harbors for use by the Los Angeles Lifeguards through a Joint Powers Agreement;

Whereas the building is identified as historic by the Office of Historic Resources, Los Angeles Office of Planning with QQQ designation, indicating that comparable lifeguard sites must be identified to complete the full Historic Cultural Monument designation;

Whereas, the office of District 11 of the Los Angeles City Council and the Los Angeles Department of Recreation and Parks, in agreement with the Los Angeles County Board of Supervisors, have notified the Los Angeles County Department of Beaches and Harbors that no demolition is to be conducted to any portion of the historic Lifeguard Station including its tower;

Whereas, the Los Angeles Conservancy has requested that the California Coastal Commission rescind the de minimis waiver it issued to the County in July 2022, to demolish the tower, only, erroneously stating County ownership and authority to demolish;

Whereas overwhelming community support, including signatures of over 1,500 neighbors and the unanimous motion of the Venice Neighborhood Council for saving and, if not needed for lifeguard services, repurposing the tower portion as a community asset. Repurposing the Lifeguard Tower as a community asset would create an exceptional cultural enrichment, environmental and educational venue for the entire community, including residents and visitors of all ages and cultural heritages. The Tower provides an outstanding, and unmatched, expansive view of Santa Monica Bay;

MOTION: The Venice Neighborhood Council, Board of Officers requests that the City of Los Angeles designate the Venice Lifeguard Station as an Historic Cultural Monument under Section 22.171.10 of the Administrative Code. Application for nomination is being prepared to be submitted by the Venice Neighborhood Council with the Los Angeles Conservancy.

SUPPORTING DOCUMENTS:

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DRAFT Historic Cultural Monument Motion: <https://www.venicenc.org/assets/documents/5/committee64346c4a55fe0.pdf>

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

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

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## 22. APPOINTMENTS

- WRAC Land Use – Michael Jensen
- WRAC Mobility & Transportation – Selena Inouye
- DWP – Yolanda Gonzalez

## 23. SELECTION OF ADMINISTRATIVE COMMITTEE

Nominations and selection from the Board of Officers for the four (4) Administrative Committee (AdCom) seats that are filled by Community Officers.

## 24. ADHOC COMMITTEE SUBMISSIONS AND GUIDELINES

If you wish to be considered for the August meeting, mission statements need to be submitted by 8/6/23.

## 25. ADJOURNMENT

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