

Submitted items for 2023 September Agenda

VENICE DELL MEDIAN PROJECT

Whereas, over the past several years the Venice Neighborhood Council has approved multiple motions recommending denial of the Venice Dell Median project; and

Whereas, since that time, due to substantial unresolved environmental issues, the Coastal Commission has not accepted the developers' application for a state Coastal Development Permit and has now issued four (4) Notifications of Incomplete Application;

Therefore, the Venice Neighborhood Council continues to recommend the denial of the Venice Dell Median project and asks that Mayor Bass, City Attorney Feldstein-Soto, and Councilmember Park thoroughly examine the multiple well-documented issues related to this project.

ADMINISTRATIVE

- Nominations/election of new Administrative Committee member
- Description: Due to lack of/cost of parking, ambient noise, and potential attendee expense, local restaurants are not acceptable locations to hold public VNC committee meetings. To support this, a list of all locations, other than restaurants, that meet the criteria for public committee meetings and do not have a charge for use be compiled.
 - Motion: VNC Board and Committee Meetings shall not be held at local restaurants.
- Description: Appoint up to five authorized CIS Filers
 - Motion: The VNC Board of Officers appoints/authorizes the following Board Members to be able to file Community Impact Statements

RULES & SELECTION

- Description: Defining the role the Rules & Selections Committee plays when it comes to open Board-elected positions.
 - Motion: The Board of Officers hereby adds the following to its Standing Rules: For the process of applicant based positions within the Venice Neighborhood Council, including Board seats, and LUPC and Neighborhood Committee, the Rules & Selections Committee will be responsible for the following: All redactions for public viewing of applications; Verifying stakeholder status; Being the point of contact for applicants from questions to application submission; Creating and/or approving changes to application forms; and, Setting due by dates in agreement with the VNC President.
- Description: Bylaws Changes to Articles I, II, IV

- Motion: The Venice Neighborhood Council Board of Officers approves the submitted changes amending ARTICLE I:
- Motion: The Venice Neighborhood Council Board of Officers approves the submitted changes amending ARTICLE II
- Motion: The Venice Neighborhood Council Board of Officers approves the submitted changes amending ARTICLE IV
- Description: WHEREAS, the current stakeholder franchise is limited to just one (1) ballot selection in the biannual Venice Neighborhood Council elections, yet thirteen (13) are elected, and ' WHEREAS, stakeholders are only participating in electing less than half the entire board, and WHEREAS, nearly every elected board member supported revising the community officer selection/election process, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Rules & Selections Committee amend the current election procedures for Community Officer beginning with the 2025 elections and that all stakeholders can now select up to thirteen (13) community officers or less, thus maximizing the stakeholder franchise and ensuring a one-man, one-vote compliance.
 - Motion: Increasing the Stakeholder franchise from one (1) to thirteen (13) or less for the position of Community Officer
- Description: Request the Board to direct the Rules & Selections Committee to bring forward proposals to revise the Board Community Officer Composition.
 - Motion: VNC Rules & Selections Committee to research and present possible scenarios for the Board to consider with respect to the Board Community Officer Composition.
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OUTREACH & EVENT PLANNING

- Description:
 - Motion: The Outreach Committee of the Venice Neighborhood Council recommends a Town Hall to be scheduled regarding the City's Community Plan as it applies to Venice to be held in the 4th quarter of 2023.

BUDGET AND FINANCE

- Description: required approval of August 2023 MER
 - Motion: The VNC Board of Officers approves the August 2023 Monthly Expenditure Report (MER).
- Description: Placeholder for Outreach Expenditure
 - Motion to approve expenses for November town hall dealing with Coastal and Local land use plans

- Description: NPG
 - Motion: NPG

PARKING AND TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE

- Description: Refers to City Council file 23-0360 The Venice Neighborhood Council, a member of the Westside Regional Alliance of Councils, is concerned about the passage of CF 23-0360, which nullifies Sections 22.482(a) and 22.602 of the Administrative Code and changes the parking space replacement policy when LADOT parking facilities with spaces greater than 25 are transferred to the Housing Department for redevelopment as affordable or supportive housing. The Venice Neighborhood Council is sensitive to how difficult it can be to develop affordable and supportive housing in Los Angeles. We recognize there is a shortage of affordable and supportive housing and believe that Los Angeles would benefit from making it easier to build such housing. Until now, when LADOT-managed parking facilities have been redeveloped, all the parking spaces had to be replaced, increasing the cost of the development. With the passage of CF 23-0360, the spaces will no longer be required to be replaced. However, we believe that the needs of small businesses, including the need for parking for their customers, have not been adequately considered with the nullification of Administrative Code Sections 22.482(a) and 22.602 and establishment of the new parking space replacement policy. In particular, The Venice Neighborhood Council is concerned about the promised replacement parking at the Venice Dell Project site, formally known as the The Reese Davidson project, located at 2102-2120 S Pacific Avenue, 116-302 E North Venice Boulevard, 2016-2116 S Canal Street and 319 E South Venice Boulevard.
 - Motion: Therefore, we respectfully request that Councilmembers representing WRAC member councils who are also members of the City Council Transportation Committee – Councilmembers Park, Yaroslavsky, Raman and/or Hutt – bring a motion in Los Angeles City Council forthwith to further amend the Administrative Code to include concessions for small businesses by replacing the new parking space development footprint. The City should determine how much parking to replace by using a sliding scale for parking replacement based on prior utilization, as well as the availability of nearby public parking, rather than never requiring any replacement..
- Description: Refers to City Council file 22-0392 The VNC, a member of the Westside Regional Alliance of Councils (WRAC), has significant concerns about process and substance related to the Metro Transportation Communication Network (TCN) program, including the fact that: * the program moved forward without notice to or substantive community input from stakeholders prior to implementation of an EIR process; this is in contravention of expected norms as well as WRAC’s Statement of Principles (Standing Rule 4 of the WRAC Bylaws), which calls for advance notice and ample time to review and comment by WRAC’s member councils on all proposed public infrastructure or other public property developments; * the City ceded its power as lead agency for EIR purposes to the Metro board, which approved the EIR for Metro TCN on consent overriding considerations with impacts on City resources; * Metro TCN is a digital billboard advertising program with moving images that will: (1) distract drivers and create dangerous situations which will undermine the City’s Vision Zero goals, and (2) blight the visual environment of 22 Community Plan areas in Los Angeles; * Metro TCN in substance contravenes longstanding WRAC positions opposed to digital billboards (outside of sign districts in areas already zoned

as regional/commercial) and to digital advertising in the public right of way (proposed “IKE” kiosks);

- Motion: he Venice Neighborhood Council opposes the City’s participation in the Metro TCN program and specifically opposes adoption of the proposed City ordinances that would fast track implementation of the Metro TCN program within the City of Los Angeles.

RESILIENCY

- Description: Whereas: Venice is vulnerable to multiple hazards both natural and human caused, including but not limited to earthquakes, flooding, Tsunami, Hazardous Materials Incidents, Targeted Violence and Terrorism Whereas: In order to successfully respond and recover from emergencies/disasters stemming from these hazards Venice as a community must become Disaster Resilient. Whereas: Individual, family, business, and community wide training ,planning and preparedness are essential elements of Disaster Resilience. Be it Resolved that The Venice Neighborhood Council support the 2024 Disaster Resilient Venice Program initially consisting of an All Hazard Disaster Resiliency Town Hall in January 2024 and a Community Emergency Response Team Training beginning in February 2024 or as soon as practicable. Be it Further Resolved that the VNC will provide outreach and logistics support as is determined in coordination with the Treasurer, Outreach Officer and the VNC Board of Officers as details are determined.
 - Motion: VNC Board to support a Disaster Resilient Town Hall January 2024 and Community Emergency Response Team Training February 2024

OLD BUSINESS

MOTION: CITIZEN TASK FORCE ON LAX PARCELS - STAKEHOLDER PETITION
(submitted by Clark Brown)