



Venice Neighborhood Council

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Rules & Selections Committee
Wednesday, September 27, 2023, 6:00 PM
Extra Space Storage, 658 Venice Blvd, CA 90291

MINUTES

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Comments from the public on other matters not on the agenda that are within the Rules & Selections Committee's jurisdiction will be heard during the General Public Comment period. Please note that under the Brown Act, the Board is prevented from acting on matters that you bring to its attention during the General Public Comment period; however, the issue raised by a member of the public may become the subject of a future Committee meeting. Public comments limited to one (1) minute per speaker, unless adjusted by the presiding officer of the Committee.

Current Bylaws 7/1/2022 - <https://www.venicenc.org/assets/documents/5/committee63d2e3ea0fff.pdf>

Current Standing Rules 3/14/2017 - <https://www.venicenc.org/assets/documents/5/committee6361686a6d150.pdf>

CALL TO ORDER AND ROLL CALL – 6:05 pm

CJ Cole, Co-Chair	X	Christopher Lee	A
Lisa Redmond, Co-Chair	X		
Helen Fallon	X		Brian Averill ex officio

APPROVAL OF PRIOR MINUTES

July - <https://www.venicenc.org/assets/documents/5/meeting65079ec71da0f.pdf>

MOTION: Helen SECOND: CJ Vote: 3-0-0-1

August - <https://www.venicenc.org/assets/documents/5/meeting6507a28746e84.pdf>

MOTION: Helen SECOND: Lisa Vote: 3-0-0-1

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

GUEST PRESENTATION: Freddy Cupen-Ames, Neighborhood Empowerment Advocate, Department of Neighborhood Empowerment

1. TOPICS:

- a. General process for updating/modifying our bylaws
- b. DONE requirements for defining Board Officer positions and voting parameters
- c. Other NCs Board makeups and voting
- d. Board questions
- e. Public comment
- f. Committee Discussion

OLD BUSINESS:

2. VNC Officer Duties and Responsibilities

- a. Purpose: For the updating of the bylaws and standing rules
- b. Current duties & responsibilities from the current bylaws & standing rules
<https://www.venicenc.org/assets/documents/5/meeting650f6d82b52f4.pdf>



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- c. Public Comment
- d. Committee Discussion/Vote

Discussion

NEW BUSINESS:

3. Make-Up of the Board of Officers

- a. Current
- b. Possible scenarios
 - i. Neighborhoods/Districts
 - ii. Representatives (residential, business, organization, youth/senior, education, etc.)
 - iii. Other NCs Board makeups:
<https://www.venicenc.org/assets/documents/5/meeting650f57f9d2cea.pdf>
- c. Public Comment
- d. Committee Discussion/Vote

Discussion

4. Increasing the Stakeholder Franchise from One (1) to Thirteen (13) or Less for the Position of Community Officer

- a. Submitted by stakeholder Nick Antonicello
- b. 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,
- c. **MOTION: 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.**
- d. Public Comment
- e. Committee Discussion/Vote

Motion to postpone. MOTION: Helen SECOND: CJ Vote: 3-0-0-1

5. VNC Committee Meeting Spaces Standing Rule

- a. Keeping in mind encouragement of stakeholder participation and due to lack of/cost of public parking; ambient noise; business distraction/alcohol consumption; potential attendee expense; unfair bias supporting specific businesses; need for ADA accessibility, and inability to handle oversize participation if necessary, local restaurants and residential homes/businesses are not acceptable locations to hold public VNC committee meetings. To support this, a list of possible locations that meet the criteria for public committee meetings and do not have a charge for use will be compiled by the Vice President within 30 days.
- b. **MOTION: The Board of Officers hereby adds to its Standing Rules: VNC Committee Meetings shall not be held in restaurants or private residential homes/businesses, and only held in no cost public meeting spaces, unless there is a board-voted exception, that meet requirements of ADA access and have plentiful and accessible free public parking. Businesses with a free private meeting room and free public parking may be deemed acceptable.**
- c. Public Comment
- d. Committee Discussion/Vote

**Motion to postpone pending further information from the City.
MOTION: Helen SECOND: Lisa Vote: 3-0-0-1**



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6. Proposed Bylaws Modifications to Article V

- a. Submitted by Helen Fallon
- b. <https://www.venicenc.org/assets/documents/5/meeting650f715871649.pdf>
- c. **Motion: The VNC Rules and Selections Committee approves the Proposed Bylaws Modifications to Article V and request the Board to place on the next for consideration/acceptance.**
- d. Public Comment
- e. Committee Discussion/Vote

Discussion

7. Proposed Special Public Meeting/Townhall for Elections

- a. Purpose
- b. Dates/Locations
- c. Public Comment
- d. Committee Discussion/Decision

Discussion

Motion to adjourn. MOTION: Helen SECOND: CJ Vote: 3-0-0-1

ADJOURNMENT: 8:21pm

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