



Venice Neighborhood Council

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HOMELESSNESS COMMITTEE REGULAR MEETING

Date: June 25, 2024 | Time: 6:00 – 7:45 P.M.
Location: Venice – Abbot Kinney Memorial Branch Library
501 S. Venice Blvd., Venice, CA 90291

MINUTES

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CALL TO ORDER Time: 6:03PM

ROLL CALL WITH DECLARATION OF EXPARTE COMMUNICATIONS AND CONFLICTS OF INTEREST if any:

Alley Bean, Chair	X	Christina Tullock	X	
Lisa Redmond	X	Judy Goldman	6:09	
Naomi Nightingale	A	Alfie Jones	6:06	VNC President, ex officio

APPROVAL of PRIOR MINUTES: March 28, 2024 **vote not taken**

OLD BUSINESS:

NEW BUSINESS:

1. Discussion with Casey Pratts, CD11 Homelessness & Housing Coordinator

Q & A with Casey Pratts, the Homelessness & Housing Coordinator for CD11,
casey.pratts@lacity.org

Limited to 7:00 p.m.

- a. Q & A with Stakeholders to 6:45
- b. Q & A with Committee to 7:00



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2. Discussion and possible action regarding direct Phone number for CIRCLE Team

- a. Item introduction/description
- b. Public comment
- c. Committee discussion
- d. Motion

In order to respond quicker for the benefit of Venice Stakeholders, both housed and unhoused, the Venice Neighborhood Council requests CD11 to work with the necessary agencies to create and publicly circulate a dedicated telephone number for the CIRCLE Team in Venice for all incidents not involving a weapon.

Letters sent to:

- Traci Park, CD11 Council Member, traci.park@lacity.org
- Shannon Prior, Director of Alternative Response Initiatives, Office of the Mayor, shannon.prior@lacity.org
- Lourdes Castro Ramirez, Chief Housing and Homelessness Officer, Office of the Mayor, lourdes.ramirez@lacity.org
- Dominic Choi, Chief of the Los Angeles Police Department, 32350@lapd.online

Distribution list:

Maker: **Tulloch**

Seconded: **Goldman**

Vote: 5 Yes / 0 No / 0 Abstained / 0 Recused / 0 Ineligible

3. Discussion and possible action regarding Adverse Weather shelters

- a. Item introduction/description
- b. Public comment
- c. Committee discussion
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The Venice Neighborhood Council requests the Emergency Management Department, with assistance from CD11 and LAHSA, and in consultation with the Mayor's Office, to create an Adverse Weather Shelter program for Oakwood Recreation Center, as well as to determine other possible settings in CD11 (i.e. Penmar Recreation Center, Westminster Senior Center, Vera Davis Center), to better manage weather-related emergencies, including, but not limited to extreme rain, and cold and hot temperatures. This would include:

- A clear delineation of responsibilities for major weather emergency preparation and response, including which City departments are involved in the decision-making process for an Oakwood Shelter activation;
- Identification of communication channels for critical safety information between City departments and non-City entities, including how and when an Oakwood activation is communicated, including unhoused clients;
- An emergency plan for augmenting outreach or other staffing capacity during periods of an Oakwood activations during weekends and holidays; and
- Other lessons learned pertaining to the activation of the Oakwood program during the February 2024 rains.

Letters sent to:

- Traci Park, CD11 Council Member, traci.park@lacity.org
- Carol P. Parks, General Manager, Emergency Management Department, carol.parks@lacity.org
- Va Lecia Adams Kellum, Chief Executive Officer, Los Angeles Homeless Services Authority (LAHSA), lflores@lahsa.org
- Lourdes Castro Ramirez, Chief Housing and Homelessness Officer, Office of the Mayor, lourdes.ramirez@lacity.org

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Maker: **Tullock**

Seconded: **Jones**

Vote: 5 Yes / 0 No / 0 Abstained / 0 Recused / 0 Ineligible

4. Discussion and possible action regarding 55 year affordable covenant for Oakwood apartment community

- a. Item introduction/description
- b. Public comment
- c. Committee discussion **discussion and motion started until meeting time ran out**
- d. Motion

Given the extreme loss of affordable housing in Venice, the VNC requests CD11 support the work of tenants to extend the covenant of Holiday Venice, known as Brisas Del Mar,

Distribution list:

Maker:

Seconded:

Vote: Yes / No / Abstained / Recused / Ineligible

5. Discussion and possible action regarding Venice Sunset ABH lease/closure

- a. Item introduction/description
- b. Public comment
- c. Committee discussion
- d. Motion

Distribution list:

Maker:

Seconded:

Vote: Yes / No / Abstained / Recused / Ineligible

6. Discussion and possible action regarding Mobile mental health units for Venice

- a. Item introduction/description
- b. Public comment
- c. Committee discussion
- d. Motion

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Maker:

Seconded:

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GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENT: Comments from the public on non-agenda items within the Homelessness Committee's subject matter jurisdiction. **Three commenters**

COMMITTEE COMMENT: Comments from committee members on items not on the agenda for future consideration, time permitting.

ADJOURNMENT : Time 7:55PM

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