



Venice Neighborhood Council

PO Box 550, Venice, CA 90294

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Board of Officers
Regular Meeting Agenda
ROUGH DRAFT
6:30-9:30 PM Tuesday,
July 16, 2024
Westminster Elementary School
1010 Abbot Kinney Blvd Venice, CA 90291
 (enter from parking lot on Westminster Ave)

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1. CALL TO ORDER AND BOARD ROLL CALL

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

2. APPROVAL OF PRIOR MINUTES - JUNE

3. DECLARATION OF EX PARTE COMMUNICATIONS, CONFLICTS OF INTEREST OR RECUSALS

2. PUBLIC SAFETY REPORTS

3. GOVERNMENT REPORTS

4. TREASURER'S REPORT

5. PRESIDENT'S REPORT



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6. 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 unless adjusted by the presiding officer of the meeting.

7. GENERAL CONSENT CALENDAR

GENERAL CONSENT CALENDAR Items deemed to be routine, non controversial. Any board member or stakeholder can ask a clarifying question instead of, or before, moving items to the end of the general agenda.

8. OLD BUSINESS

ARBOR COMMITTEE

Comprehensive Plan For All Elements in Centennial Park (4-0-0)

MOTION: tie together all elements proposed for Centennial Park into one comprehensive plan.

DESCRIPTION: MOTION REGARDING CENTENNIAL PARK Whereas the VNC Board has supported several different elements to be added to Centennial Park; Whereas the Venice Arbor Committee wishes to tie together all the proposed plans into one cohesive plan, add necessary and desirable shade trees and native plantings, and has produced the attached drawing to express the placement of all the various elements; The VNC board of officers supports the planting of large trees and native understory, a previously supported pollinator garden, a shaded playground space, a native food and food forest as well as a previously supported Flying Carousel as expressed in the attached landscape plan.

NEW BUSINESS



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9. ADDRESS THE ONGOING SEWAGE SPILLS INTO SANTA MONICA BAY

Whereas accidental raw sewage spills into Santa Monica Bay are now a semi-regular occurrence and;

Whereas official LA County Department of Public Health ocean water warnings have been issued at over a dozen different beaches and piers this month alone;

Therefore, the Venice Neighborhood Council strongly requests that the LA City Council, the LA County Board of Supervisors, the Mayor's Office, and the LA Department of Sanitation coordinate and formulate a real plan that will make actual, measurable progress and begin taking the policy and infrastructure steps needed to remediate this very serious issue.

Letters will be sent to all of the above.

10. BUDGET AND FINANCE

Monthly Expenditure Report (MER)

MOTION: The Venice Neighborhood Council Board of Officers approves the Monthly Expenditure Report (MER) for June 2024 (see supporting documents)

11. CIS IN OPPOSITION TO COUNCIL FILE [21-0329-S5](#) (WRAC)

MOTION: The Venice Neighborhood Council, a member of the Westside Regional Alliance of Councils (WRAC), opposes the motion in CF 21-0329-S5, which makes implementation of LAMC Sec. 41.18 unnecessarily and unreasonably complicated and needlessly involves county agencies in city policy. The Venice Neighborhood Council supports LAMC Sec. 41.18, which has been effectively implemented in Council District 11 and other areas of Los Angeles to protect public health and safety and preserve the use of our public spaces for all constituents.



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12. VENICE COMMUNITY PLAN COMMITTEE

INTERIM REPORT

The Venice Neighborhood Council approves the attached Interim Report on City Planning's Proposed Venice Community Plan/Local Coastal Program, dated July 10, 2024, prepared by the Community Plan/Local Coastal Program Ad Hoc Committee, which includes interim recommendations to City Planning for Policy Considerations and Changes to Land Use Designations and Zoning (Report will be attached in Supporting Docs)

13. HOMELESSNESS COMMITTEE

A. DEDICATED CIRCLE TEAM PHONE NUMBER

MOTION: A dedicated direct phone number for the CIRCLE Team in Venice.

DESCRIPTION: 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.

B. ADVERSE WEATHER SHELTER

MOTION: Create an on-the-ready adverse weather shelter for Venice

DESCRIPTION: 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.



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14. BOARD COMMENT ON NON-AGENDIZED ITEMS

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