



Venice Neighborhood Council

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Regular Meeting of the Preserving Public Places Committee MINUTES

You are invited to a Zoom webinar.

DATE: July 2, 2024

TIME: 11:00 AM Pacific Time (US and Canada)

LOCATION: via zoom

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IN CONFORMITY WITH THE OCTOBER 6, 2023 ENACTMENT OF CALIFORNIA SENATE BILL 411 (PORTANTINO) AND LA CITY COUNCIL APPROVAL ON NOVEMBER 1, 2023, THE_Venice NEIGHBORHOOD COUNCIL Preserving Public Places Committee MEETING WILL BE CONDUCTED VIRTUALLY.

Every person wishing to address the Committee must dial the following numbers to join the meeting. When prompted by the presiding officer, to provide public input at the Neighborhood Council meeting the public will be requested to dial *9 or use the Raise Hand option, to address the Board on any agenda item before the Board takes an action on an item. Comments from the public on agenda items will be heard only when the respective item is being considered.

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SB 411 Updates: If a Neighborhood Council has a quorum of board members in a physical location, board members who wish to join the meeting via



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teleconferencing must adhere to AB 2449 rules and regulations. If a Neighborhood Council does not have a quorum of board members in a physical location, they must adhere to SB 411 rules and regulations.

In the event of a disruption that prevents the eligible legislative body from broadcasting the meeting to members of the public using the call-in option or internet-based service option, or in the event of a disruption within the eligible legislative body's control that prevents members of the public from offering public comments using the call-in option or internet-based service option, the eligible legislative body shall take no further action on items appearing on the meeting agenda until public access to the meeting via the call-in option or internet-based service option is restored. Actions taken on agenda items during a disruption that prevents the eligible legislative body from broadcasting the meeting may be challenged pursuant to Section 54960.1.

The eligible legislative body shall not require public comments to be submitted in advance of the meeting and shall provide an opportunity for the public to address the legislative body and offer comments in real time.

Notwithstanding Section 54953.3, an individual desiring to provide public comment through the use of an internet website, or other online platform, not under the control of the eligible legislative body, that requires registration to log in to a teleconference may be required to register as required by the third-party internet website or online platform to participate.

(i) An eligible legislative body that provides a timed public comment period for each agenda item shall not close the public comment period for the agenda item, or the opportunity to register, pursuant to subparagraph , to provide public comment until that timed public comment period has elapsed.



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(ii) An eligible legislative body that does not provide a timed public comment period, but takes public comment separately on each agenda item, shall allow a reasonable amount of time per agenda item to allow public members the opportunity to provide public comment, including time for members of the public to register pursuant to subparagraph (D), or otherwise be recognized for the purpose of providing public comment.

(iii) An eligible legislative body that provides a timed general public comment period that does not correspond to a specific agenda item shall not close the public comment period or the opportunity to register, pursuant to subparagraph (D), until the timed general public comment period has elapsed.

- **CALL TO ORDER & ROLL CALL** 11am despite tech difficulties

Robin Murez (chair) Yes	Sonya Reese Greenland Yes	
Betsy Goldman Yes	Tim Rudnick Yes	
Todd Lorber Yes		

Guests: CJ Cole, Brian Averill, Alex Weber

- **Approval of the Minutes of the Regular Meeting held on April 9, 2024** Approved 5,0,0
- **Committee Chair Report** - To enable inperson meetings, following this meeting, Alex Weber will be added to the Committee and Betsy Goldman (who cannot attend in person) will resign... though she will continue to be an integral part of our existence!



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IV. GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENT ON NON-AGENDA ITEMS

Alex Weber would like to see if walk streets between Pacific & Speedway, like his, 28th Street, could be restored with brick pavers. PPP members do not believe these were ever brick. Alex will investigate. Perhaps they can be improved in some way, enhancing their historic and beautiful character.

V. OLD BUSINESS (*Items considered in prior meeting*) Updates on previous motions:

1. Butterfly & Pollinator Garden in Centennial Park - motion passed & distributed to RAP & CD11. Related VNC proposals: carousel, playground new: access, food forest, trees

2. Venice Lifeguard Station Historic Cultural Monument - Designation passed; when will repairs commence? Robin: World renown private architectural firm is considering participating

3. Venice Walking Tour App - funding renewed; sites uploaded; ready to go live
Public Comment:
Committee Discussion:
Motion:

The Board of Officers of the Venice Neighborhood Council approves the content and supports public outreach of the Venice Walking Tour App. This is to include QR code site markers and announcements via email and social media.

Supporting Documents: note: Three test sites are to be merged into one with three color coded topics - more sites to be added over time. Task force: Paul Tanck, Betsy Goldman, Robin Murez

<https://pocketsights.com/tours?search=venice+historic>

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Maker Todd Seconded Sonya

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

VI. NEW BUSINESS:

1. Venice Sand Dunes Project

Key benefits: Natural beauty, Protection against sea level rise, Enrich the environment, Provide habitat for endangered species

Proposed Location: TBD Between Rose & Brooks, 4 sections, 5 acres

Outreach / Support: Marina Peninsula opposed; had misinformation e.g. thought the height would be 7 feet obscuring view. Federally funded

Public Comment: Brian mentioned Surfing support. Wants good powerpoint presentation for Board

Committee discussion:

Motion:

The Board of Officers of the Venice Neighborhood Council supports the creation of Sand Dunes along a portion of Venice Beach as designed, built and funded by The Bay Foundation with The Venice Oceanarium as described in Supporting Documents.

Supporting Documents: Venice Sand Dunes Project

Maker Betsy Seconded Sonya

Vote: (4 Yes / 0 No / 1 Abstained / Recused / Ineligible)

VII. ADJOURNMENT (End time is approximately: 12:12pm)

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