



# Venice Neighborhood Council



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## Minutes

**Schools & Parks Committee Meeting  
Venice Branch Library  
501 S Venice Blvd, Venice, CA 90291  
August 22, 2024 . 5:30pm - 6:45pm**

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| Paul Davis- y    | Eric Donaldson - n         | John Palka - y           |
| Regan Kibbee - n | Mehrnoosh<br>Mojallali - y | Robin Murez - y          |
| Julie Bean - n   | Allen Spiegler - n         | Melissa Macfadyen<br>- y |

**CALL TO ORDER AND BOARD ROLL CALL: Time 5:55pm**

- 1. APPROVAL of PRIOR MINUTES. postponed**
- 2. GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENT (Non-agenda items) - Comments from the public on non-agenda items within the Board’s subject matter jurisdiction. Each speaker will be allowed one (1) minute(s) unless adjusted by the presiding officer of the meeting.**

**Sarah Wauters of VNC Arbor Committee introduced herself.**

- 3. CHAIR REPORT**
- 4. GOVERNMENT/PUBLIC SAFETY REPORTS**

Sean Silva, CD11 Rep: Will be meeting with RAP Craig Raines, Gary Lam, Darryl Ford, Sonya Young Jimenez AND DOT Rudy Guevara AND LA Public Library John Frank & LAPL downtown folks to hear concerns re: activating Centennial Park.

Playground design (which was specifically not approved by S&P and the VNC) has been approved by RAP & CD11 and is “all but installed.” Sean thought the

design had been approved and only its location in the park was opposed. "Conceptual approval" was all that was approved.

Newest, the 3rd iteration, for Ocean Front Walk playground has been presented to some community members. Sean will send to this committee, PPP, survey & zoom participants, and all who have yet to receive it. "Minor changes can be made." Comments raised by Robin as expressed to her from community: this is much improved; would prefer blue awnings instead of green, balance rope instead of static features. Natural boulders instead of fiberglass. Does the catamaran or lifeguard boat have challenging features? Remove surfboards separating swings. Add shade over seating. Looks appropriate for 2-7 year olds. Not world class but fine.

Paul cut off discussing to advance with agenda.

## **5. OLD BUSINESS (PARKS)**

### a. Update on previous motions

- Possible motion for progress report memo to be sent to RAP - Update on Parks Capital Improvements and Maintenance.

Robin said this does not require a motion. Follow up can be done once VNC motion letter has been sent. The VNC letter does not seem to have been seen by recipients. The letter did not have the motion in the body of the letter. Robin commented that RAP and CD11 may not open links as readily as they would read a motion if it were included in the body of the letter.

- Discussion on topics to aid park liaisons in connecting with park directors/community groups.

No discussion.

Robin mentioned improvements in Linnie Park - mulch, concrete bridge aprons poured, underside parts of the bench are now bolted.

## **8. NEW BUSINESS (SCHOOLS)**

### a. Discussion on topics to aid school liaisons in connecting with school administrators/community groups (i.e. PTSAs, Parent Committees).

Paul - no new information on this.

## **9. COMMITTEE CLOSING COMMENTS ADJOURNMENT:**

Time \_\_\_6:45pm\_\_\_