



# Venice Neighborhood Council

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## Regular Meeting of the Preserving Public Places Committee MINUTES

**DATE:** Mar 5, 2025

**TIME:** 06:00 PM Pacific Time (US and Canada)

**LOCATION:** This meeting was held via zoom using the links on the agenda.

### **CALLLED TO ORDER AND BOARD ROLL CALL : 6pm**

Robin Murez (chair) Y	Sonya Reese Greenland Y	
Alex Webber Y	Tim Rudnick arrived at 6:30pm	
Todd Lorber Y		

Guests included: Nico Ruderman (setting up the zoom), Joe Friend, Sarah Majir, Helen Fallon, and Betsy Goldman

### **APPROVAL of PRIOR MINUTES: 5,0,0**

**GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENT** - 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..

### **COMMITTEE REPORTS:**

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

1. Review status of past motions: Dunes, Oceanarium, Lifeguard Station, Pagodas, OFW Playground, Butterfly Garden in Centennial Park, Colonnade Capitals, Grand Canal Trolley Park, Canal Greenways

Discussion: Committee and guests are extremely concerned that repairs of both the Lifeguard Station and Pagodas have not begun, despite multiple motions from this committee, adopted by the VNC Board and mailed to all relevant parties.

Suggestions are made that we try several approaches including:

(1) request VNC social media postings announcing our motions & inviting public support & action.

(2) write, call, and repeatedly contact RAP and LA County to remind them that these repairs need to be done now. Invite numerous people to do the same.



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- (2.a) Contact County Board of Supervisors. Ask Fran to contact Lindsay Horvath. Set up meetings.
- (3) Contact CD11 to ask Traci to push for this. Have numerous people do this.
- (4) Get press coverage: Westside Current, YoVenice, Argonaut, LA Times, TV news...
- (5) Stage public demonstrations
- (6) Contact City Attorney & Controller to demand that County repair the Lifeguard Station
- (7) Attend RAP's Assessment Meetings and zooms. And RAP Commission meetings. Speak up.

Suggest actions &/or motions

- a. Public Comment - above
- b. Committee discussion - above
- c. Motion(s): None at this time.

## **NEW BUSINESS:**

Agenda Item 2. Vexit - There's a new suggestion to separate Venice from the City of LA. Would it be possible? Would it help to preserve our public places. Ted Henderson is invited to present ideas.

This was not discussed.

Agenda Item 1. Request funding from VNC to print QR Code Stickers for the Discover Venice site <http://veniceca.stqry.app> which we've created. Edits and Sticker design suggestions invited.

Supporting Doc: Cost estimate

- a. Public Comment:
- b. Committee discussion: Round stickers are more expensive; are they better. Todd emphasized that round are not as easy to remove

Sarah: said round look far better. The VNC has the funds; this will be great visibility for the VNC & something the public will appreciate. We should do round stickers

Robin asked thoughts on the domain name: This morning, Robin purchased the domain name: [DiscoverVenice.org](http://DiscoverVenice.org) from GoDaddy 2 years for \$57. It is directed to our site, providing a simpler domain name for everyone to use.

Consensus: It should be used on the sticker and all printing and media.. How do we transfer it to the VNC?



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Helen suggested we contact Melvin Canas in the City to determine how best to do this. We discussed including the domain .org on our funding motion. We will do that if the City approves. If not, we will submit the motion for the domain name separately.

Suggestions are invited of edits, additions, omissions, et al re: the walking tour site.

Thanks to Paul Tanck for providing most photos and short text; thanks to Betsy Goldman for Historic Site info; Robin hired Rachel Weber for tech help. Robin has done the bulk of the work. We are lucky that the original host, Pocketsights, was purchased by Stqry. This is a much nicer site and we continue with a low \$24/mo cost. The only problem is that it requires more knowledge and time to upload all of the data.

c. Motions: See below Sticker (2 options) and Domain Name (to be amended to suit City guidelines)

Maker    R    Seconded    S   

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

Motion: The Venice Neighborhood Council authorizes the purchase of QR Code Stickers to be printed, as described below and approved by the City, for posting on permissible location throughout Venice to invite the public to Discover Venice, its historic sites, contemporary architecture, public art, parks and facilities.

Site: <https://VeniceCA.stqry.app>

Quantity: 400 stickers

Design: 4 color 4" round white stickers, see attached.

Vendor: Vista Print

Cost: Not to exceed \$425.00, see invoice attached.

Preserving Public Places Committee Vote: 5,0,0





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Motion: The Venice Neighborhood Council authorizes the purchase of QR Code Stickers to be printed, as described below and approved by the City, and [DiscoverVenice.org](http://DiscoverVenice.org) domain name for posting on permissible locations throughout Venice to invite the public to Discover Venice, its historic sites, contemporary architecture, public art, parks and facilities.

Domain: <http://DiscoverVenice.org> directed to Site: <https://VeniceCA.stqry.app>

Quantity: 400 stickers

Design: 4 color 4" round white stickers, see attached.

Vendor: Vista Print

Cost: Not to exceed \$480.00, see invoices attached.

Preserving Public Places Committee Vote: 5,0,0



Motion: The Venice Neighborhood Council authorizes the use/receipt of the domain name, DiscoverVenice.org to be used in printed materials facilitating public access to the Discover Venice walking tour site whose address is otherwise more complicated.

Domain Name: <http://DiscoverVenice.org>

Directs to our walking tour site: <https://VeniceCA.stqry.app>

Cost: transfer from R. Murez at no cost or as directed by City

Cost was \$57/2years inclusive of security protection.

Vendor: [GoDaddy.com](http://GoDaddy.com)

Link to GoDaddy's legal terms re: Transfer of Registrant Agreement: <https://www.godaddy.com/legal/agreements/change-of-registrant-agreement>

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