



Venice Neighborhood Council

PO Box 550, Venice, CA 90294

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Rules & Elections Committee Meeting - Agenda

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Tuesday, March 25, 2025

5:00 PM to 6:30 PM

Extra Space Storage

658 Venice Blvd

Venice, CA

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CALL TO ORDER & ROLL CALL 5:01 PM

Christopher Lee, Chair x	Steve Bradbury x	CJ Cole x
Liz Wright x	Kenya Lee	

APPROVAL OF PRIOR MINUTES

03/04/24 Minutes

<https://www.venicenc.org/assets/documents/5/meeting67dbadec3cca5.pdf>

Made by CHRISTOPHER Second STEVE

Vote Yes / No / Abstain / Absent **4 - 0 - 0 - 1**

CHAIR REPORT

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.

OLD BUSINESS

NEW BUSINESS

1.) Motion for increasing VNC meeting efficiency

a.) **Item introduction/description:** The Venice Neighborhood Council Bylaws state in Article XII: "The Board shall use Robert's Rules of Order (current version) as the Governing Parliamentary Authority of the VNC." Yet continuing conflict amongst the Board during meetings with regards to Robert's Rules is problematic and has led to unnecessary infighting, disorder, ineffective use of meeting time, and uncivilized interactions amongst Board members.

b.) **Public comment**

c.) **Committee discussion**



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d.) Motion: The Venice Neighborhood Council instructs the VNC President, with the assistance of the Department of Neighborhood Empowerment and other City departments as appropriate, to report back to the VNC Board in 30-days at the next regularly scheduled meeting, with agendized board discussion for the option of creating a motion, regarding what alternatives are available to ensure the running of efficient meetings. Options to be looked at include, but are not limited to, appointing a non- biased volunteer Parliamentarian, using funds for non-biased Parliamentarian honorariums, or required training for all Board members.

Made by CJ
Second LIZ
Vote Yes / No / Abstain / Absent **1 - 3 - 0 - 1**

2.) Discussion and possible action regarding reorganization and clean up of current Standing Rules

a.) **Item introduction/description:** In an effort to clean up the current Standing Rules, many are found to be outdated, redundant and obsolete. This was previously heard by the Rules + Elections Committee under a previous chair and passed 4-0-0 in July 2024.

b.) **Public comment**

c.) **Committee discussion**

d.) **Motion:** The Board of Officer hereby removes the following from its Standing Rules:

- 2. Neighborhood Committee (dependent upon new Bylaws received)
- 8. Code of Ethics
- 11. Principles of Representation (1. to stay, from 2. on down)
- 12. Vacancies
- 15. Definition of Factual Basis Shareholder... (previously deleted 9.11.17)
- 17. Dispute Resolution Service
- 19. Limitation on Ratification of Bylaws Amendments
- 21. Elections, Ratifications, Referendums
- 25. Board Absences Defined
- 27. 24 Hour Notice "Special Meetings"

Made by CJ
Second STEVE
Vote Yes / No / Abstain / Absent

LIZ - remove 'dependent on bylaws from Neighborhood, keep number 21; STEVE - second 3 - 1 - 0 - 1; 4 - 0 - 0 - 1

3.) Discussion and possible action to reorganize and clearly delineate responsibilities and roles for various Board members in the Standing Rules

a.) **Item introduction/description:** In an effort to clarify roles and responsibilities of the VNC Board and its members, clearer delineations must be made regarding what each officer and committee are responsible and accountable for.

b.) **Public comment**

c.) **Committee discussion**

d.) **Motion:**

Made by CJ - aligning Standing Rules to By Laws structure wise
Second CHRIS
Vote Yes / No / Abstain / Absent **3 - 1 - 0 - 1**



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4.) VNC 2025 election audit and possible motions

a.) **Item introduction/description:** In an effort to constantly improve the VNC election so that it increases engagement with shareholders and drives greater candidate registration, ballot requests, and ballot returns, it is necessary to audit all election actions taken to determine their financial and performance viability for future election cycles.

b.) **Public comment**

c.) **Committee discussion**

d.) **Motion:** **NO MOTION MADE - STEVE conducting audit**

Made by _____

Second _____

Vote _____ Yes / _____ No / _____ Abstain / _____ Absent

5.) VNC 2025 election voter information request

a.) **Item introduction/description:** In an effort to continuously engage interested and participating stakeholders, it is possible to request NC voter contact information through the City Clerk.

b.) **Public comment**

c.) **Committee discussion**

d.) **Motion:** The Venice Neighborhood Council instructs the VNC President to request the available voter contact information from the 2025 NC Election cycle to incorporate those interested stakeholders into VNC communications about future elections within the next 30 days.

Made by **NOT HEARD** _____

Second _____

Vote _____ Yes / _____ No / _____ Abstain / _____ Absent

6.) Consideration of new VNC logo and/or name

a.) **Item introduction/description:** In an effort to better inform stakeholders in the VNC boundaries, it may be necessary to update the VNC logo to include a geographic representation of the VNC's boundaries. In addition, it may better inform stakeholders, especially in the Marina peninsula, that the VNC does include the Marina if the Venice Neighborhood Council were to change its name to the Venice-Marina Neighborhood Council.

b.) **Public comment**

c.) **Committee discussion**

d.) **Motion**

Made by **NOT HEARD** _____

Second _____

Vote _____ Yes / _____ No / _____ Abstain / _____ Absent



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7.) VNC election recommendations to the City Clerk

a.) **Item introduction/description:** In an effort to improve future NC election cycles, the VNC has collected input from stakeholders and made the following determinations:

- A visual example ballot **MUST** be provided to the VNC prior to the City Clerk mailing ballots to stakeholders to allow for correction of errors or addition of clarifying information
- Inclusion of a visual geographic map on the ballot will better inform stakeholders if they are in the NC area
- A single election date for ALL NC elections may assist both the City and NCs in driving interest and engagement by creating an opportunity for consolidated, coordinated information campaigns City-wide
- IF an election must be VBM only, a clear public statement is requested from the City stating their exact reasoning for the choice, along with contact information for stakeholders who have questions or concerns about the VBM process

b.) **Public comment**

c.) **Committee discussion**

d.) **Motion**

Made by NOT HEARD
 Second _____
 Vote _____ Yes / _____ No / _____ Abstain / _____ Absent

ADJOURNMENT 6:32PM

Made by STEVE
 Second CHRIS

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(E) (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 (D), to provide public comment until that timed public comment period has elapsed.

(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.