



# Venice Neighborhood Council

PO Box 550, Venice, CA 90294

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**Board of Officers Regular Meeting Agenda  
6:30PM Tuesday, April 15, 2025  
Westminster Elementary School  
1010 Abbot Kinney Blvd Venice, CA 90291  
(enter from parking lot on Westminster Ave)**

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**1. REMEMBRANCE/MOMENT OF SILENCE FOR HAL FREDERICK**

**2. 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	Fran Solomon	
Michael Jensen	Clark Brown	CJ Cole	
Nico Ruderman	Steve Bradbury	Soledad Ursua	

**2. APPROVAL OF PRIOR MINUTES: xxxx MINUTES**

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

**4. PUBLIC SAFETY REPORTS**

**5. GOVERNMENT REPORTS**

**6. CHAIR REPORTS**

**7. BOARD MEMBER ANNOUNCEMENTS (1 Min)**

**8. TREASURER'S REPORT**



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## 9. PRESIDENT'S REPORT

## 10. 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.

## 11. 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.

### **GEO-FENCING E BIKES (NOEL JOHNSTON)**

Whereas the north end of the Venice Boardwalk and the private property and right-of-way adjacent has been inundated with e-scooters and e-bikes, primarily Veo, Spin and Gcoo, the VNC Board of officers asks that CD11 and LA Rec & Parks request of these companies that all such vehicles be geofenced immediately on all of Ocean Front Walk starting at the Marine Apron (located to the immediate north of 101-103 Ocean Front Walk) and extending south to the Washington border and that e-bikes and e-scooters are not left on the Bike Path, Ocean Front Walk, or the Marine Apron, with letters sent to:

1. Sean Silva [sean.silva@lacity.org](mailto:sean.silva@lacity.org)
2. Traci Park [councilmember.park@lacity.org](mailto:councilmember.park@lacity.org)
3. Sonya Young-Jimenez [sonya.young-jimenez@lacity.org](mailto:sonya.young-jimenez@lacity.org)

### **OLD BUSINESS**

### **NEW BUSINESS**

## 12. PARKING AND TRANSPORTATION

### **A. Bus Lane Violation Enforcement Pilot Program: CIS to Council Files: 24-1151 and 21-122 (3-0-1)**

#### **MOTION:**

The Venice Neighborhood Council, a member of the Westside Regional Alliance of Councils (WRAC), opposes the allocation of revenues from the Bus Lane Violation Enforcement Pilot Program to items that are not specifically related to public transit. We therefore oppose using these funds for "Transportation improvements and

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temporary staffing related to the 2028 Olympic and Paralympic games.” A \$200 million federal grant is already in the works to help with the proposed use of public buses at the 2028 Games.

**DESCRIPTION:** This motion is to support a WRAC motion, listed above, that objects to certain specific language regarding spending of monies gathered via the Bus Lane Enforcement Program

## **B. Protected bike lanes on Washington BLVD west of Oxford (3-1-0)**

### **MOTION:**

The VNC supports the creation of protected bike lanes along Washington Blvd, west of Oxford to Dell Ave as proposed by the surrounding neighbors to increase bicycle safety, reducing illegal RV parking and vehicular speeding. This proposal would include no tradeoffs in parking and travel lanes by swapping the existing bike lanes with parking.

**DESCRIPTION:** presentation by stakeholder M. Osborne

## **13. ENSURE IN-PERSON SAME DAY VOTING FOR NC ELECTIONS (Nick Antonicello)**

**MOTION:** Request that Empower LA, Councilwoman Traci Park and the Los Angeles City Clerk ensure all future NC elections are in-person, same day events.

**DESCRIPTION:** Whereas, the recently completed NC elections here in Venice had historically low stakeholder turnout, and whereas, the decrease was across the board in Region 11 as the decrease in Venice was 54%, and whereas, the VNC lacked the resources, professional assistance, and plan from city officials to conduct a election without an in-person, same day component, and whereas, the return rate of ballots was a paltry 41%, when the LA City Clerk's office could have mailed every registered voter a ballot, therefore be it resolved that all future NC elections be conducted in-person, with a priority on same voting ensuring a reasonable and legitimate participation by the some 34,000 residents of Venice.

## **13. BUDGET COMMITTEE (3-0-0)**

The VNC Board approves a \$4,000 Budget adjustment from Office and Election Funds to Neighborhood Purpose Grants.

- a. The Venice Board approves the March 31, 2025 Monthly Expenditure Report (MER) -see supporting documents



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b. The VNC Board approves the purchase of Canva (software license) from the Department of Empowerment not to exceed \$140.- see supporting documents

c. The VNC Board approves the Outreach Committee purchase of an additional 8 foot Reusable Banner using the same pre-approved artwork from previous banners for placement in larger areas to create greater visibility for VNC events, cost not to exceed \$500. (Banner to be used between Palm trees on Venice Blvd.) -see supporting documents.

d. The VNC Board approves the Outreach Committee purchase of replacement patches to increase the size of the current VNC website address and add a permanent QR code for the three VNC reusable VNC banners-cost not to exceed \$200. -see supporting documents.

e. The VNC Board approves the Budget and Finance Committee's VNC checklist for NPGs. The checklist will be posted on the Budget and Finance Committee page-see supporting documents.

## 14. LUPC PLACEHOLDER

## 15. RULES AND ELECTIONS

Reorganization and clean up of current Standing Rules (4-0-0)

**MOTION:** The Board of Officer hereby removes the following from its Standing Rules:

- 2. Neighborhood Committee
- 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
- 25. Board Absences Defined
- 27. 24 Hour Notice "Special Meetings"

### DESCRIPTION:

In an effort to clean up the current Standing Rules, many are found to be outdated, redundant and obsolete. This motion was previously heard by the Rules + Elections Committee under a previous chair and passed 4-0-0 in July 2024. Originally, the motion stated: 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" The motion was amended during the 3/25/25 Rules + Elections Committee (3/1/0) to read as: The Board of Officer hereby removes the following from its Standing Rules: 2. Neighborhood Committee 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.

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## 16. ELECTION AUDIT IMPACT MOTION (STEVE BRADBURY)

**DESCRIPTION:** On March 18, 2025, the VNC Board passed the following two motions:

15.b. The VNC Board approves a \$4,000 Budget adjustment from Office and Election Funds to Neighborhood Purpose Grants. (Total NPG funds after adjustment will be \$8,000). Simultaneous to this transfer of funds, the VNC President shall promptly assign one or more board members, not associated with either the Rules & Elections or Outreach Committees, to audit VNC financial records and deliver, at the next board meeting, a complete accounting of funds potentially available vs actually allocated to the 2025 VNC elections.

15.c. The VNC Board approves a Neighborhood Purpose Grant (NPG) to Verdant Venice (fiscal sponsor Venice Chamber Community Fund) in the amount of \$4,862.00. Since that time, the VNC Treasurer has not released the funds to Verdant Venice in a timely manner due to a perceived conflict with Motion 15.b. To avoid any further confusion as well as to accelerate the previously approved financial audit, the following motion is respectfully submitted:

**MOTION:** The VNC Treasurer shall immediately release the NPG funds approved for Verdant Venice in the March 18, 2025 motion without regard to the status of the approved election financial audit. Regarding the audit itself, the VNC President shall promptly assign one or more Venice community members to conduct this audit, the results of which shall be presented to the VNC board at a future meeting.

## 17. ADJOURN

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## **Reconsideration and Grievance Process -**

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