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Board of Officers Virtual Meeting Agenda 6:30PM Tuesday, April 15, 2025

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When: Apr 15, 2025 06:30 PM Pacific Time

Topic: VNC April Board Meeting

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IN CONFORMITY WITH THE OCTOBER 8, 2023, ENACTMENT OF CALIFORNIA SENATE BILL 411 (PORTANTINO) AND BY RESOLUTION OF THE VENICE NEIGHBORHOOD COUNCIL, THIS VENICE NEIGHBORHOOD COUNCIL COMMITTEE MEETING WILL BE CONDUCTED ENTIRELY WITH A CALL IN OPTION OR INTERNET BASED SERVICE OPTION.

Every person wishing to address the Board must dial telephone number listed above, and enter the above Meeting Id number and then press # 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. Comments from the public on other matters not appearing on the agenda that are within the Board's jurisdiction will be heard during the General Public Comment period. Please note that under the Brown Act, the Board is prevented from acting on a matter that you bring to its attention during the



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1. REMEMBRANCE/MOMENT OF SILENCE FOR HAL FREDERICK

2. CALL TO ORDER AND BOARD ROLL CALL



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| 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 | | |

3. APPROVAL OF PRIOR MINUTES: N/A

4. DECLARATION OF EX PARTE COMMUNICATIONS, CONFLICTS OF INTEREST OR RECUSALS

5. PUBLIC SAFETY REPORTS

6. GOVERNMENT REPORTS

7. CHAIR REPORTS

8. BOARD MEMBER ANNOUNCEMENTS (1 Min)

9. TREASURER’S REPORT

10. PRESIDENT’S REPORT

11. 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.

12. OLD BUSINESS

OFW/BIKE PATH MOTORIZED VEHICLE ORDINANCE ENFORCEMENT

DESCRIPTION: In 2022, in recognition of the significant dangers created by operating and renting motorized vehicles to be operated on Ocean Front Walk, the Boardwalk and the Bike Path, the City of Los Angeles enacted ordinances with penalties for businesses or individuals violating these laws. The fine for the first infraction is \$100. Subsequent infractions are \$250 or prosecution as a



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misdeemeanor or more. LAPD has not been enforcing these ordinances and the number of motorized vehicles operating and being rented to operate on the Boardwalk and Bike Path has increase exponentially. Enforcement of these laws with notice to the public and to businesses is essential to the safety of all visitors to Venice Beach. With even sporadic weekly enforcement, the problem can be eliminated. The cost of LAPD attention to this will be offset by the fines collected from violators. Due to the serious danger that violations present, we recommend that the first infraction fine for violating the motorized vehicle ordinances be raised to \$250. (Note that this is the fine for the less dangerous activity of walking a dog on leach on the beach.) In lieu of fining non-resident rental customers, the fine could be levied against the rental company. As the law describes, it is the duty of the rental company to warn its customers that motorized vehicles may not be operated at Ocean Front Walk, the Boardwalk or Bike Path. The solution to this problem is NOT to add barriers, fencing or obstacles to our crowded Boardwalk. That would create new dangers for all pedestrians, including ADA accessibility, on the Boardwalk and it would do nothing, or would likely increase the problem on the Bike Path.

MOTION: The Board of the Venice Neighborhood Council requests that the Los Angeles Police Department give notice and enforce all laws and ordinances which preclude the use and rental of all motorized vehicles on Ocean Front Walk, the Boardwalk and the Bike Path per Los Angeles Municipal Code Section 63.44, Ordinance No.187667, an ordinance adding Section 71.31 to Article 1, Chapter VII of the Los Angeles Municipal Code and any and all other controlling ordinances. We recommend that the first infraction be increased to \$250.00 We request that that the Department of Recreation and Parks, the Business Improvement District, Council District 11 and the Venice Neighborhood Council each assist in amplifying notice to the Venice community, to visitors on Ocean Front Walk, and to all rental businesses of this law and its enforcement.

NEW BUSINESS

13. 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.



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14. 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 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

15. BUDGET COMMITTEE (3-0-0)

- A. The VNC Board approves a \$4,000 Budget adjustment from Office and Election Funds to Neighborhood Purpose Grants.
 - B. The Venice Board approves the March 31, 2025 Monthly Expenditure Report (MER) -see supporting documents
 - C. The VNC Board approves the purchase of Canva (software license) from the Department of Empowerment not to exceed \$140.- see supporting documents
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- D. 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.
- E. 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.
- F. 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.

16. ADMINISTRATIVE COMMITTEE

A. TEMPORARY HOLD ON TORREY PINES NPG

MOTION: The Venice Board shall place a temporary hold on the funding for the Torrey Pines portion of the NPG for Venice Verdant in order to allow for further community outreach by the VNC Ocean Front Walk Committee and Verdant Venice to stakeholders.

17. LUPC (See Supporting Docs)

A. 2308 Pisani PI

Case No. DIR-2024-7409-CDP-MEL-HCA

Description: To convert existing 5-car garage into an ADU and add two new attached ADUs to an existing developed site.

Staff: Mark Mack

Motion: Approve as presented

Link: <https://planning.lacity.gov/pdiscaseinfo/search/casenumber/DIR-2024-7409-CDP-MEL-HCA>



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B. 1842 Washington Way

Case No. DIR-2024-8140-CDP-SPPC

Description: Renovation to existing interior & exterior of a commercial/residential building, conversion of 510 sf of existing residential to retail and new restaurant in rear of the property.

Staff: Todd Lorber

Motion: Approve as presented

Link: <https://planning.lacity.gov/pdiscaseinfo/search/casenumbe/DIR-2024-8140-CDP-SPPC>

18. 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:

An effort to clean up the current Standing Rules, as 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 Officers 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. Limitation on Ratification of Bylaws Amendments 25. Board Absences Defined 27. 24 Hour Notice "Special Meetings"



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19. ELECTION AUDIT MOTION (STAKEHOLDER STEVE BRADBURY)

ELECTION ACCOUNTING REPORT

MOTION: The VNC President shall promptly assign one or more Venice community members to conduct a complete accounting of funds potentially available vs actually allocated to the 2025 VNC elections, the results of which shall be presented to the VNC board at a future meeting.

DESCRIPTION: On March 18, 2025, the VNC Board passed a motion that read, in part: "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." To accelerate the previously approved financial audit, the following revised motion is respectfully submitted.

20. GEO-FENCING E-VEHICLES (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:

- Sean Silva sean.silva@lacity.org
- Traci Park councilmember.park@lacity.org
- Sonya Young-Jimenez sonya.young-jimenez@lacity.org

21. _ADJOURN



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