



Venice Neighborhood Council

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BUDGET AND FINANCE COMMITTEE REGULAR MEETING

Date: May 17, 2025 Time: 9 A.M.

**Location: Community Room-Extra Space Storage
658 S. Venice Blvd.**

AGENDA

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CALL TO ORDER Time:

ROLL CALL WITH DECLARATION OF EXPARTE COMMUNICATIONS AND CONFLICTS OF INTEREST if any:

Helen Fallon, Chair	Crystal Lopez	
Lisa Redmond		
Eric Hartnack		VNC President, ex officio

APPROVAL of PRIOR MINUTES: Motion to approve April 5, 2025 minutes.

GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENT: Comments from the public on non-agenda items within the Budget Committee's subject matter jurisdiction.

CHAIR REPORT AND COMMITTEE MEMBER REPORTS/UPDATES:

Two announcements were sent out regarding availability of NPGs. The submission deadline was 5/8.

City funding deadlines: June 1st for check requests which means any NPG must be approved at our May Board meeting and June 20th last date for credit card payments (June Board meeting is the 17th). The Committee's NPG checklist was approved by the Board and posted to our webpage.

OLD BUSINESS: None

NEW BUSINESS:

1. Discussion and review of April MER and Excel spreadsheet and motion to approve April MER.

Motion: The Venice Board approves the April 30th Monthly Expenditure Reports (MER). (See supporting documents-excel spreadsheet and MER.

2. Discussion of City's proposal to reduce the NC funding for fiscal year 2025-2026 and possible motion to file CIS:

Motion: The VNC Board supports Council File 25-0600 if the budget proposal for the FY 2025-2026 is amended to include no reduction to the current annual NC budget. (Current proposal is to reduce the \$32K budget to \$25K.) (see supporting document)



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3. Discussion re need to replace credit card holder before year end to ensure smooth transition between fiscal years. Operational expenses are currently charged to outgoing Board Member CJ Cole's card.

Motion: The VNC Board appoints Board Member Lisa Redmond as a credit card holder effective June 21st (replacing out-going Board member CJ Cole).

4. Review, discussion and possible motions for the following NPGs that have been submitted during the last month to the VNC. (see supporting documents) NPGs are reviewed for availability of funds and if they meet the City's funding guidelines and regulations.

- a. Venice Chamber Community Foundation, fiscal sponsor for Verdant Venice Group \$3501.02 for replacement of trees at Centennial Park and on 5th Avenue.

Motion:

- b. Friends of the Venice Library \$2,404.89 for 3 speech Tablets including software for special needs library patrons especially children and teens.

Motion:

- c. Venice Heritage Museum \$5,008 for archivist, photographer etc.

Motion:

- d. Friends of Westminster \$4,005 for trees on Abbott Kinney, soil for school garden, refreshments for volunteers, solar batteries etc.

Motion:

5. Set Date for June budget meeting:

ADJOURNMENT :



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