



# Venice Neighborhood Council

PO Box 550, Venice, CA 90294

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**Board of Officers Regular Meeting Agenda**  
**6:30PM Tuesday, May 20<sup>th</sup>, 2025**  
**Westminster Elementary School**  
**1010 Abbot Kinney Blvd Venice, CA 90291**  
(enter from parking lot on Westminster Ave)

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## 1. 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		

## 2. APPROVAL OF PRIOR MINUTES: [Link](#)

## 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

## 9. PRESIDENT'S REPORT

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## 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.

## 12. OLD BUSINESS

### A. 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In an effort to clean up the current Standing Rules, many are found to be outdated, redundant and obsolete.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. Limitation on Ratification of Bylaws Amendments 25. Board Absences Defined 27. 24 Hour Notice "Special Meetings"

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## **B. 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](mailto:sean.silva@lacity.org)

Traci Park [councilmember.park@lacity.org](mailto:councilmember.park@lacity.org)

Sonya Young-Jimenez [sonya.young-jimenez@lacity.org](mailto:sonya.young-jimenez@lacity.org)

## **13. NEW BUSINESS**

## **14. ARBOR COMMITTEE (5-0-0)**

### **MOTION TO RAISE AWARENESS OF CITY ASSETS AT FARMER'S MARKET PARKING LOT 701**

**MOTION:** Venice Arbor Committee - Motion to Raise Awareness of City Assets at Farmer's Market Parking Lot 701 Whereas City Council has passed a motion (Case File 15-1138-S42) to study the alternative use of Parking Lot 701 (Farmer's Market Lot) instead of Parking Lot 731 for housing along Venice Boulevard (known as the Venice Dell Community Housing Project); Whereas Parking Lot 701 possesses a large number of city assets, including a large number of Native Trees – 55 x 30 year-old Sycamores, 29 Coast Live Oaks - and forward-thinking Low Impact Development swales that carved out concrete from the greater parking lot - comprising 2240 cumulative years of tree growth; Whereas Venice community members worked together with CALTrans and received considerable grant monies to plant the tree assets now growing in Parking Lot 701, approximately 30 years ago, and are part of what comprises what is likely the largest concentration of Native Trees within Venice (the trees along Venice from Lincoln to Pacific); Whereas recent studies from USC show that the trees of Los Angeles are offsetting close to 30% of carbon emissions during the year, 60% during the summer, and any loss of offset poses a loss of important city services; Whereas construction of housing units at Parking Lot 701 would necessarily remove trees growing in the footprint of such designed building and would challenge the health of or kill trees growing in the parkway; Venice Neighborhood Council resolves to urge the city to acknowledge the tree and design assets planted and growing since approximately 30 years ago at

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Parking Lot 701, the removal of which would represent a massive loss of shade, cooling, carbon offset, property value of neighboring buildings, habitat and beauty. Venice Neighborhood Council resolves to urge that the city institute strict tree protection measures, as per section 4 of the Recreation and Parks Department tree care guidelines, such that parkway trees near Parking Lot 701 next to the construction will be fenced off and watered during construction. Following passage this Resolution shall be forwarded to Mayor Karen Bass, Councilwoman Traci Park, general managers of the Department of Public Works and the Department of Transportation, the commissioners of the Department of Public Works and the Department of Transportation. Sarah Wauters makes motion, Barry Campion seconds it. 5-0-0.

**DESCRIPTION:** This is a motion to include the consideration of city urban canopy assets in the parking lot that is being researched for housing. Full verbiage of the motion is attached.

## **15. OPPOSITION TO COMMERCIAL ADVERTISING ON BILLBOARDS ON COUNTY LIFEGUARD STATIONS (STAKEHOLDER ROBIN RUDISILL)**

**MOTION:** the Venice Neighborhood Council strongly opposes any commercial advertising and signs/billboards in the beach areas and therefore requests that the City Councilmembers for the beach areas, Councilmember McOskey and Councilmember Park, strongly oppose the proposed Coastal permit amendment to expand the number, size and locations of this commercial advertising sign/billboard program.

**DESCRIPTION:** Whereas, L.A. County is requesting “after-the-fact” approval of an amendment to a Coastal Development Permit (CDP), permit no. 5-02-009-A1, to modify certain aspects of an existing permit related to advertising signage on 111 lifeguard stations, from Will Rogers State Beach to Cabrillo Beach, spanning multiple cities and planning jurisdictions; Whereas, such amendment includes a doubling of the number of signs on each lifeguard station from one to two, a doubling of the size of the signs to a width of 5 feet and a height of 4 feet, as well as an increase in the number of permitted locations to now include Cabrillo Beach and other areas that were not included in the 2002 CDP; Whereas, the California Coastal Act affirms the right of the public to enjoy access to the coast and to experience it in its natural state but commercial signage, by its very nature, runs counter to that mission; the beach is not a marketplace, it is not a billboard, but rather it is a public sanctuary that belongs to everyone, not to advertisers; allowing this kind of visual commercial intrusion undermines public trust and sets a dangerous precedent for further commercialization of our shared coastal spaces; Whereas, the County General Plan explicitly says “Prohibit outdoor advertising and billboards along scenic routes, corridors, waterways, and other scenic areas,” and the City’s General &

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Specific Plans protect the scenic and open space areas, including beaches, from billboards; Whereas, even though the County has represented that 100% of the advertising revenue will be used for funding existing, expanded, or new recreational and educational beach and ocean youth programs, that isn't an excuse to violate the Coastal Act by degrading our precious open space/beaches as there are any number of worthy programs; and Whereas, the local jurisdictions where these billboards will be located were not notified of this program and the CDP amendment.

## 16. LUPC

### **825 Hampton - CPC-2024-2450-DB-CDP-SPPC-CUB-VHCA-MEL (5-0-1)**

MOTION: to approve as presented.

DESCRIPTION: Demolition of all existing commercial structures and construction of a new 4-story mixed use 36,716 sq. ft. building comprised of 30 dwelling units (incl. 3 Very-LowIncome Units) and 3416 sq. ft. of ground floor commercial uses. The project includes 50 parking spaces within 3 subterranean parking levels. <https://planning.lacity.gov/pdiscaseinfo/search/casenumber/CPC-2024-2450-DB-CDP-SPPC-CUB-VHCA-MEL>

## 17. BUDGET COMMITTEE

- a. The VNC Board approves the April 2025 Monthly Expenditure Report. (see supporting document)
- b. 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.
- c. The VNC Board appoints Board Member Lisa Redmond as a credit card holder effective June 21st (replacing out-going Board member CJ Cole).

## 18. RULES AND ELECTIONS

### **A. Presentation of Election Performance Findings**

The Rules + Elections Committee will be presenting results from their performance audit led by Board Member Steve Bradbury. (Supporting documents)

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## **B. Incoming Board First Meeting Requirements (5-0-0)**

**MOTION:** As a Standing Rule, the agenda of the first Board meeting of each administration must include the following AFTER the new Board is sworn into office: 1. Information about open Board seats and how to apply for them, included in the President's Report. 2. Appointment of chairs of the Standing

Committees whose chairs are not set by the VNC Bylaws. The Bylaws set chairs for Budget and Finance, Communications, Land Use and Planning, and Outreach. 3. Evaluation of requests to extend termination date for ad hoc committees that requested an extension and appoint chair. 4. Adoption of the June Monthly Expenditure Report. 5. Adoption of the Fiscal Year Administrative Packet. 6. Selection the Community Officers who will be on AdCom. 7. If the President has selected a Parliamentarian, that person is officially appointed now. (The Parliamentarian is placed on the Board email list and is given an email address.)

**DESCRIPTION:** A lot of actions must occur at the first Board meeting of each administration. To ensure a smooth transition between the outbound board and the incoming Board, a set of clear actions for the first meeting

## **C. Committee Chair Succession Planning (5-0-0)**

**MOTION:** As a Standing Rule, no VNC committee may have co-chairs. All committees, excluding those whose chairs are elected, may have vice-chairs. Vice chairs shall be awarded that status in the same manner as committee chairs. In event the chair does not continue in that function until the next administration or the termination of the committee, the vice-chair shall become the chair and a new vice-chair will be appointed.

**DESCRIPTION:** Whereas the VNC bylaws do not mention "co-chair", there is no automatic successor if one of the co-chairs ceases in that function. Robert's Rules recommends permitting vice-chairs.

## **D. Modification to Standing Rule 31. Budget Approval (4-1-0)**

**MOTION:** The VNC approves the following modification of Standing Rule Section 31: Section 31: Motion Budget Approval: "If a proposed motion requires VNC financial expenditure, prior to being placed on a VNC board agenda by the appropriate committee or community member, it shall be reviewed by the Budget & Finance Committee solely to (1) confirm funds are available within the VNC budget, whether currently allocated or requiring a transfer from another line item, and where appropriate, (2) ensure total compliance with all Department of Neighborhood Empowerment (Department) and Los Angeles City requirements."

**DESCRIPTION:** Section 31 of the VNC Standing Rules states: "All financial

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items must be vetted by the Budget & Finance Committee prior to being placed on a VNC Board agenda.” The term “vetted” is defined as making a careful and critical examination, assessing suitability or conducting a structured process of appraisal. According to the VNC Bylaws, the role of the Budget & Finance Committee is “to ensure total compliance with all Department of Neighborhood Empowerment (Department) and Los Angeles City requirements.” The Budget &

Finance Committee does not have the authority to consider the merits of any proposed agenda item submitted by any other committee. Further, all motions with a financial component should be submitted to the VNC Board by the committee from which it has been generated.

## **E. Roberts Rules Standing Rule (5-0-0)**

**MOTION:** Effective July 1, 2025, all current Venice Neighborhood Council board members and VNC Committee chairs shall be required to become conversant in Roberts Rules. VNC committee members who are not on the VNC board may, optionally, also complete this training. This required training shall be completed within 45 days of (re) joining the VNC Board or being confirmed as Chair of a committee. Failure to do so will result in the loss of your right to submit, propose, second and/or vote on any motion whether in committee or at a board meeting until the training(s) are completed. Participants shall notify the VNC Secretary via email they have completed the training.

**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.” However, continuing conflict among Board members during meetings has become problematic and led to unnecessary delays, conflict and disrespectful interactions often in conflict with Article XIV, Section 1, Code of Civility.

## **19. MOTION FOR PROMPT AND EFFECTIVE CITY ACTION ON UNHOUSED PERSONS, RVS AND OVS ON WASHINGTON BETWEEN ABBOT KINNEY AND BEACH (CLARK BROWN)**

Whereas,

(1) For many months unhoused persons have illegally parked their RVs and OV's on both sides of Washington Blvd between Abbot Kinney and Beach.

(2) Residents and businesses, including The Kinney, Hangers, Marina del Rey Cleaners, the Marina del Rey Liquor Mart, the owners of apartments on the north side of Washington and residents of those apartments state RVs and OV's are parked continuously on both sides of Washington Blvd and are moved only for street sweeping.

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2 huge OV's parked in front of the Kinney have been there for 3-4 years. The residents complain the vehicles deprive the residents of parking for themselves and their guests. They complain the vehicles' generators create noise, their occupants dump trash and human waste in the gutters, enter private property for water, paint graffiti on utility poles, have short term visitors who apparently are dealing drugs, are an eyesore and impinge on the residents' sense of privacy.

(3) The occupants of these vehicles live for free on Washington Blvd without paying taxes for the City services the City provides to the Blvd. By contrast the residents and owners of property on Washington Blvd. do pay taxes for those services either directly or indirectly.

(4) On 4/30/24 on the North side of Washington Blvd between Abbot Kinney and Beach there were 15 oversized vehicles, 7 were dilapidated and 4 had expired tags. On the South side of Washington Blvd there were 7 oversized vehicles, 5 were dilapidated, and 3 had expired tags.

(5) Vehicle Code sec. 22651(j)(k) and 22669(d) authorize the City to remove vehicles parked over 72 hours on in violation parking restriction signs or which don't bear current license tags or are unsafe.

(6) LAMC secs. 11.00(l) and 91.9002 authorize the City to abate and arrest persons committing any nuisance which includes any violation of law and "loitering, excessive littering, illegal parking, excessive loud noises (especially in the late night or early morning hours)...."

## NOW THEREFORE:

The City should forthwith aggressively ticket and tow all vehicles parked on both sides of Washington Blvd. between Abbot Kinney and Beach which are continuously parked over 72 hours in violation of posted signs or do not bear current license tags or which are unsafe.

Upon passage and finalization of this Motion, the Secretary of the Venice Neighborhood Council shall forthwith forward it to Councilperson Traci Park, the Mayor, the City Attorney and the City Administrative Officer.

## 20. ADJOURN

As a covered entity under Title II of the Americans with Disabilities Act, the City of Los Angeles does not discriminate on the basis of disability and upon request will provide reasonable accommodation to ensure equal access to its programs,

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services, and activities. Sign language interpreters, assistive listening devices, or other auxiliary aids

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