



# Venice Neighborhood Council

PO Box 550, Venice, CA 90294

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**Board of Officers Regular Meeting Agenda**  
**6:30PM Tuesday, July 15th , 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	Richard Stanger
Gary Pearl	Lisa Redmond	Joseph Garcia	Jason Sugars
Helen Fallon	Jim Fitzgerald	Sarah Mahir	Christopher Lee
Tima Bell	Alley Bean	Fran Solomon	
Mark Mack	Clark Brown	Brennan Lawson	
Nico Ruderman	Steve Bradbury	Kenya Lee	

## 2. SWEARING IN OF THE BOARD BY DR NAOMI NIGHTINGALE

## 3. REMEMBRANCE/MOMENT OF SILENCE FOR MARC SALTZBERG

## 4. APPROVAL OF PRIOR MINUTES: (A) MAY, (B) JUNE BOARD, AND (C) JUNE SPECIAL MEETING

## 5. DECLARATION OF EX PARTE COMMUNICATIONS, CONFLICTS OF INTEREST OR RECUSALS

## 6. PUBLIC SAFETY REPORTS

## 7. GOVERNMENT REPORTS (2 min each)

## 8. CD11 REPORT (5 Min)

## 9. CHAIR REPORTS

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## **10. BOARD MEMBER ANNOUNCEMENTS (1 Min)**

## **11. TREASURER'S REPORT**

## **12. PRESIDENT'S REPORT**

## **13. 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

## **14. 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.

## **RULES AND ELECTIONS**

### **A. STANDING RULE FOR SCHEDULING COMMITTEE MEETINGS (4-0-0)**

**MOTION:** The Board of Officers hereby adds the following to its Standing Rules:  
Meetings: All Committees are required to establish a regular periodic meeting date and post on the VNC website calendar. Committee Chairs will coordinate with the Vice President to ensure there is no overlap between Committee meetings. No Committee meeting will conflict with an Administrative Committee or Board meeting. Standing Committee scheduling takes priority over Ad Hoc Committees.

**DESCRIPTION:** On regular occasion, VNC Committee meetings overlap, leading to confusion and frustration for Stakeholders and Board members who regularly attend Committee meetings. This Standing Rule will keep that from occurring.

### **B. STANDING RULE REGARDING CODE OF CONDUCT REQUIREMENT AS IT APPLIES TO NON-BOARD STAKEHOLDER COMMITTEE MEMBERS (4-0-0)**

**MOTION:** The Board of Officers hereby adds the following to its Standing Rules:  
Code of Conduct: The Rules and Elections Committee will be the centralized tracking and verification to ensure all VNC Stakeholder Committee Members are in compliance of their required training. All Committee Chairs are responsible for ensuring their Committee members' Code of Conduct is current. Committee Chairs will distribute and collect signed Code of Conduct forms, and forward to the Rules

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and Elections Committee. Rules and Elections will post the Code of Conduct tracking form on their webpage to provide transparency.

**DESCRIPTION:** DONE now requires non-Board Stakeholder Committee members to sign a Code of Conduct. NCs must collect and verify those Code of Conducts, and submit the information to DONE. This Standing Rule clarifies how that will be managed within the VNC.

## 15. OLD BUSINESS

### PARKING AND TRANSPORTATION

#### A. CROSSWALKS AT RIVIERA AND WINDWARD (3-0-0)

**MOTION:** The VNC supports the installation of crosswalks at Riviera and Windward, for the purpose of increasing public safety around the post office.

**DESCRIPTION:** Stakeholder request for crosswalks at Riviera and Windward.

#### B. OPPOSITION TO 24/7 BUS LANES ON LINCOLN (3-0-0)

**MOTION:** Whereas Lincoln Blvd. is a home to many local businesses and service providers that rely on street parking for their customers, the VNC opposes Cal Trans plans for 24/7 bus only lanes along Lincoln Blvd. in Venice.

**DESCRIPTION:** Cal Trans is currently exploring options for dedicated bus lanes along Lincoln Blvd. One option being considered is 24/7 bus only

### RULES AND ELECTIONS

#### 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.

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**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 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. ROBERT'S 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

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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.

## OUTREACH COMMITTEE

### F. VNC BOARD MEMBER SWITCH OVER SUMMER EVENT OR TOWN HALL

**MOTION:** The VNC Board approves scheduling a VNC Board Member Event or Town Hall to foster effective understanding of our roles and engagement. I will provide the vote count and adjusted motion verbiage after our meeting if applicable. Venice Neighborhood Council PO Box 550, Venice, CA 90294  
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**DESCRIPTION:** Exploration of fostering connection and information to support the Venice Neighborhood Council and its Stakeholders as we forge ahead with a new ensemble of Board Members. I will provide adjusted information/details after our meeting if applicable.

## NEW BUSINESS

### 16. APPOINTMENT OF NEW CHAIRS (Each requires board approval)

- A. Homelessness Committee - Alley Bean
- B. Arts Committee - Brennan Lawson
- C. Ocean Front Walk - Fran Solomon
- D. Rules and Elections - Christopher Lee
- E. Public Safety - Jim Fitzgerald
- F. Parking, Transportation & Infrastructure - Richard Stanger

### 17. ELECTION OF 4 COMMUNITY OFFICERS TO THE ADMINISTRATIVE COMMITTEE (BOARD VOTE)

The Administrative Committee is comprised of the 4 Executive Officers and 4 Community Officers. After nominations the board will vote to fill the 4 Community Officer seats. DONE rep, Vincent Auterio will administrate.

### 18. APPOINTMENT OF CIS FILERS

**Motion:** The VNC appoints the following CIS filers: the 4 Executive Officers and the Communications Chair.

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## 19. NEW WRAC REPRESENTATIVES

WRAC Board - Nico Ruderman

WRAC Transportation - Selena Inouye

WRAC Homelessness - Brian Ulf

## 20. LUPC APPLICATIONS

Land Use and Planning Committee Applications are opening. Application will be posted on the VNC website.

## 21. BUDGET AND FINANCE

**A. MOTION:** The VNC Board approves the June 2025 Monthly Expenditure Report (MER). (see supporting documents)

### **B. DISCUSSION AND APPROVAL OF 2025-2026 BUDGET/ ADMINISTRATIVE PACK**

**MOTION:** The VNC Board approves the 2025-2026 Administrative Packet and confirms the existing credit card holders, Lisa Redmond and Erica Moore and 2<sup>nd</sup> signer Lisa Redmond. (see supporting documents)

**C. MOTION:** The VNC Board approves the Outreach Committee to identify local events and venues with majority Venice Stakeholder attendance in order to perform Tabling/community engagement, using handouts, small banner insert panel, VNC branded swag and/or light refreshments. Total cost per tabling will not exceed \$150 and the total annual cost will not exceed \$1500.

## 22. LAND USE AND PLANNING COMMITTEE

### **A. 1709 LINCOLN BLVD. (5-0-0)**

**MOTION:** to approve project as presented

**DESCRIPTION:** Case No. ZA-2025-607-CUB. Specialty market with Type 21 ABC license and Type 86 ABC license (see supporting docs)

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## **B. 807 6TH AVE. (4-2-0)**

**MOTION:** Approve on condition (i) moving elevator to center mass of building; (ii) elevator placement to allow use by main home and ADU; and (iii) reduce roof deck area by 50%.

**DESCRIPTION:** DIR-2025-412-CDP-MEL-HCA single-family home and ADU (see supporting docs)

## **23. MOTION TO ADOPT STANDING RULES OF DECORUM (Nico Ruderman)**

**MOTION:** That the Venice Neighborhood Council hereby adopts the following Standing Rules of Decorum, which shall apply to all General Board Meetings and Committee Meetings, effective immediately upon adoption and remaining in force until amended or repealed by a majority vote of the Board.

### **DESCRIPTION**

- Neighborhood Council meetings exist to serve the community through respectful, civil, and efficient deliberation; and
- Some recent meetings of the Venice Neighborhood Council have become contentious, with repeated personal conflicts, disruptive conduct, and excessive commentary interfering with the Council's ability to complete its business; and
- In the interest of both decorum and timeliness, it is necessary to establish clear expectations and procedures to ensure that meetings are conducted efficiently and do not unreasonably burden this volunteer board and the public; and
- The Board has a responsibility to set clear standards of conduct and procedures to ensure all participants—Board Members and members of the public—can be heard without intimidation or disruption;
- **See Supporting Documents**

## **24. MOVE BOARD MEETINGS TO PENMAR REC (Lisa Redmond)**

**MOTION:** The Venice Neighborhood Council moves to hold its monthly Board of Officers regular meetings at the Multipurpose Center located at the Penmar Recreation Center for the remainder of the 2025-26 fiscal year.

**DESCRIPTION:** The Los Angeles budget crisis has trickled down to Neighborhood Councils and the allotted \$32,000 annual budget for the last several years has now been reduced to \$25,000 for this new fiscal year, which began July 1, 2025. A loss of \$7,000 is palpable and the Venice Neighborhood Council (VNC) needs to assemble immediate costs savings to force the reduced budget to stretch.

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The VNC has previously allotted \$2,700 for Board meeting facility fees (Westminster Elementary), one of its largest yearly expenses and now more than 10% of the yearly budget. Most Neighborhood Councils meet at city-owned facilities at zero cost to not pay meeting facility fees, thereby allowing for more funds to be used in the community.

Venice does have options. The Multipurpose Center ("little gym") at the Penmar Recreation Center would provide an equitable meeting location to the elementary school in similar size and with a parking lot.

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

and/or services may be provided upon request. To ensure availability of services, please make your request at least 3 business days (72 hours) prior to the meeting by contacting the Department of Neighborhood Empowerment by calling (213) 978-1551 or email: [NCsupport@lacity.org](mailto:NCsupport@lacity.org)

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### **Public Access of Records -**

In compliance with Government Code section 54957.5, non-exempt writings that are distributed to a majority or all of the board in advance of a meeting may be viewed at our website: [www.VeniceNC.org](http://www.VeniceNC.org) or at the scheduled meeting. In addition, if you would like a copy of any record related to an item on the agenda, please contact the VNC Secretary, email at: [Secretary@VeniceNC.org](mailto:Secretary@VeniceNC.org).

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## **Reconsideration and Grievance Process**

For information on the NC's process for board action reconsideration, stakeholder grievance policy, or any other procedural matters related to this Council, please consult the NC Bylaws. The Bylaws are available at our website [venicenc.org](http://venicenc.org).

