

BUDGET AND FINANCE COMMITTEE
REGULAR MEETING
August 13, 2025 , 6 p.m.
Extra Space Storage Community Room
658 Venice Blvd.

MINUTES

CALL TO ORDER: 6:08 PM.

ROLL CALL: Present: Helen Fallon (Chair) Members: Lisa Redmond, Crystal Lopez, Robin Rudisill
Absent: Eric Hartnack

APPROVAL OF PRIOR MINUTES: Motion to approve minutes of July 9, 2025 meeting.
Motion made: Crystal Lopez, 2nd Robin Rudisill, 4/0/0

GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENT: None-no members of public present Note: Bd Members Gary Pearl and Erica Moore arrived later

CHAIR REPORT: The Walking Tour App was not approved by the City Funding Department who stated there were potential conflicts for committee and board members, both past and current. Apparently, anyone affiliated with the VNC as past or current board or committee members, associated with any of the public art, architecture, historic venues featured on the Walking Tour is considered by the city as having a conflict. The VNC was refunded for the July payment and the Walking Tour was transferred to and is now being maintained by Robin Murez.

A proposed Standing Rule to allow funding motions to be submitted by other committees was sent back by the Board to the Rules and Elections Committee where the committee rejected/denied the motion during their July 27 meeting.

OLD BUSINESS:

Re possible bulletin board at the library. I reached out to the Senior Librarian John Frank. He'll have to discuss this with "downtown" and has not yet gotten back to me. I am also going to follow up with the Board of Neighborhood Commissioners (BONC) regarding DONE stating that agenda posters do not have to actually prove they posted their agenda when the bulletin board is open and not locked because someone might have removed the agenda. Does this mean that BONC/DONE should require locked bulletin boards? Does this mean that taking a picture when posting is not sufficient?

NEW BUSINESS:

1. Motion: The VNC Board approves the July 2025 Monthly Expenditure Report (MER).
(see supporting documents) Moved by Crystal, 2nd by Robin, 4/0/0
2. Discussion of NPG and possible motion submitted by Beautify LA
Motion to deny because NPG is incomplete, budget is vague without any timeline other than this would happen between 9/1/25 and 6/1/26, contains misinformation (e.g. city does not provide free trees any longer), asks for staff pay, duplicates existing city services, no evidence that organization has carried out any of these tasks even though they apply to multiple NPGs including Tarzana and Mar Vista with the identical projects and budget. Moved by Crystal, 2nd by Lisa. 4/0/0
Crystal volunteered to prepare a list of questions that the applicant should address.
3. Discussion and possible motion about when to publicize availability of NPGs for 2025-2026 fiscal year.
Conclusion: Lisa will write something in November or December that will be sent out in January. Possible application deadline would be around 3/15/26.
4. Establish regular meeting date: Agreed that Wednesday before Thursday's Adcom meetings works for everyone. Next meeting is set for 9/10/25 6 p.m.

ADJOURN: 6:50 p.m.