

Venice Homeless Committee
Meeting Jan 26th

Called to order 6:08 roll call

Board Members Present: Ally Bean, John Reimers, Pat Raphael, Naomi Nightingale, Sarah Mehir, Julie Bean, Lisa Redmond

Declaration of ex parte communications/conflict of interest

Pat Raphael affirmed he lives in his car

Ally Bean described conversations with board members not subject to conflict of interest

Approval of Previous Meetings Minutes

Naomi Nightingale moved to approve minutes; Sarah Mehir seconded; minutes approved

Chair Welcome

Chair Ally Bean explained purpose of meeting; to discuss proposed town hall on RV dwelling

Selena Inouye from Parking Committee town hall meeting made motion regarding town hall meeting to VNC; approved unanimously

CD11 will be there; mayor's office; LADOT, LAPD, etc

Health and Public Safety and Homeless Committee and Outreach Committee will collaborate on what to cover, how to organize, etc.

Public Comment

For items not on the agenda

— first commenter unidentified; Venice gentrified; moving people along... 'jihad' against homeless alleged

— Lydia announcing 'Crushing Wheelchairs' (?) movie? Will be hosted at Beyond Baroque; also to be shown at UCLA; dates TBA

Agenda Item VNC Downhill on RV Dwelling

6. PRESENTATION: Panel Discussion on upcoming VNC Town Hall on RVs in Venice Panelists Include: Officer Gil (LAPD), Casey Pratts (CD11), Erica Moore (Outreach Chair), Jim Fitzgerald (Public Health & Safety), Selena Inouye (Parking, Transportation & Infrastructure) and the Homelessness Committee

Ally read the text of motion; Selena corrected; motion is just RVs parked on streets of Venice

Selena: idea is to get questions from stakeholders; moderated discussion; questions culled by chairs of homeless, parking, and PHS, from survey of all stakeholders; panelists receive questions ahead of time;

Questions to be resolved: in person or on zoom or hybrid? One or several meetings?

Survey for questions ahead of time?

BOARD COMMENTS

— Ally not a fan of survey for questions; Sarah agreed concerns about data gathering, etc, imp to allow unvetted questions, etc; Lisa suggest subcommittee on format; agreed survey not necessary; Jim Fitzgerald agreed many questions need to be informational;

Many comments generally agreeing questions must be permitted unvetted at the meeting; support for a subcommittee;

Selena: question about HOW town hall will be organized/structured/who makes the decisions

Erica: outreach committee does the structure; committees handle the content

Lisa: unique situation; 3 committees involved; perhaps outreach hosts the planning meetings.

Discussion re whether or not a subcommittee can decide logistics; questions about what constitutes logistics; Selena agreed subsequent planning meetings could be public easily; Selena reviewed potential survey

PUBLIC COMMENT on question of survey

- Lydia lot of ppl don't know services that exist; can provide workshops on what's available; dialogue
- Gary clarification Selena not relevant to Brown Act; 1. Outreach committee pls clarify: what are they doing? Who is creating information flow? 2. Which body is the formal host?
- Nick. Shorten survey; ;put in yes/no/undecided formal; create fact sheet
- Manny. Survey important as many cannot attend; limit characters to keep questions short; support for committee to do logistics
- 310 ...521. Survey not beneficial. Response bias in surveys a problem Brown Act pertains
- Clark. Re panelist invitations: ample law exists re OV and RV; issues are obstacles to enforcement; panel should be restricted to obstacles of enforcement: Traci Park; Brian Hale DOT; LAPD; Dept of Sanitation
- Angela. Survey is necessary; pare it down; included opportunity to ask open-ended questions
- Steve. Survey must be statistically relevant. Leichardt format? No open ended questions on the survey. Important to explain basic relevant LAMC codes
- Naomi asked about how data will be analyzed; Selena responded with organization that does this sort of thing (garbled) but 10k...asks for volunteers re compilation, etc
- CC. Survey a good start; Support public asking of questions in the meeting
- Yolanda. Lots of complaints about who is getting tickets; what is the enforcement; ppl want solutions. Specify only for RVs.

QUESTIONS FROM THE CHAT

Just to clarify for the record: is the committee's position that conflicts of interest are determined solely by a member's personal belief that they can be impartial, regardless of public advocacy, outside affiliations, or the appearance of bias? Or are there any objective or recusal standards that apply - and if so, where are those standards documented?

- Lisa, Sarah, Ally responded that committee members are all able to

In person, zoom, or hybrid

- Selena has volunteer who can set up a hybrid meeting. Selena does not have strong position. Expenses are real: LAPD must be paid.
 - LAPD Officer Gill asked what are the expenses; responded that LAPD would be panelists; other officers would be invited and act as panelists/security
 - Erica responded that things can get bad; physical altercation at a board meeting; bad choice can be made.
- Board comments: Pat: more value to in person; hybrid as necessary; John agrees; Lisa extremely important to have people in person, feel heard, etc. Most important to be IN PERSON for stakeholders; Sarah agrees every person w concerns can get them to the right person in question; Jim Fitzgerald agrees; hoping for an 'information rich' meeting which can be recorded for others to see; in person and publish online after
- Julie. Reach out to neighbors, get questions. Agree in person
 - Ally. Agrees. In person and recording.
 - Erica. Essential to record for educational purposes
 - Pat. Questions on open-ended issues outstanding; pending items; how will these be addressed?

- Erica. Meeting will not be the final meeting. Urgency is due to controversy; things brought to many committee; issue needs to be addressed. All questions can be revisited. Can do workshops going forward regarding the law, etc. This does not have to be the last town hall
- Selena. AB 630 is the big controversy at the moment.
- Lisa. Re Pat Raphael: all have different opinions, etc. Conflict of interest would arise if we were voting on a law directly relevant
- Jim: CD11 reps will likely have updates regarding status of the laws.

PUBLIC COMMENT ON IN PERSON V HYBRID

- Ian. Support in person. AB 630, LAMC 41.18 not the law; public policy; LA will be sued
 - Nick. Mtg will be at least 2 hours; moderator must be strong
 - CCI. Conflict of interest. CD11 Coalition law suit? Advocating delay of the meeting?
- What's
- Lydia. Mansplaining. In person. Asks for identifying pedophiles.
 - Pat. Rumor mill. Not aware of any lawsuit.
 - Helen. Conflict of interest: applies to Board Members; conflict of interest issues do not apply to the committee
 - Yolanda. Recommend moderator: David Perez late of CBS
 - Selena. Good first meeting despite unusualness...planning can begin in earnest. Happy to be working w Ally and Jim. Contact Ally, Jim or Selena if interested in being part of the planning.

FROM THE OUTREACH COMMITTEE: The upcoming VNC Town Hall on RVs in Venice is Town Hall brings together Venice stakeholders, city representatives, experts and Neighborhood Council committees to examine the realities of RV living in Venice. We will explore impacts to residents inside and outside, businesses, public health, and safety, while also addressing housing insecurity, legal constraints, enforcement, and successful pilot programs from other communities.

- Erica. Meeting to come.

9. GENERAL COMMITTEE COMMENT: Non-agenda items within our subject matter jurisdiction. Each member will be allowed one (2) minute(s) unless adjusted by the chair of the meeting.

- Erica thanks all for commitment and participation
- Pat affirmed importance of meeting
- Sarah thanks Selena for coming and all the hard work put into the meeting. Look forward to getting stakeholders some answers.
- Lisa concurs
- CC. Thanks to Ally; Town Hall will not be the end of it
- Ian. Town Hal may be the end of it if requests are illegal, etc Any subcommittee should be approved by the board
- Ally thanks to all;

ADJOURNMENT Meeting adjourned at 8:05pm.