



Venice Neighborhood Council

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**BUDGET AND FINANCE COMMITTEE
REGULAR MEETING
DATE: September 9th, 2026 6 p.m.
Extra Space Storage Community Room
658 Venice Blvd.
MINUTES**

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CALL TO ORDER: 6:02 p.m.

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

Helen Fallon, Chair x	Crystal Lopez x	
	Robin Rudisill x	

APPROVAL of PRIOR MINUTES: Motion to approve minutes of August 12th, 2026 meeting. Lopez/Rudisill 3/0/0

GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENT: Comments from the public on non-agenda items within the Budget Committee's subject matter jurisdiction limited to 1 minute per speaker. Present Isabelle Duvivier No comments

Chair Report and Committee member Reports/updates: Chair Report: Regrettably, I accepted Lisa Redmond's resignation from the Committee. She has been an outstanding and committed member for over three years.

OLD BUSINESS:

Note: discussion of maximum NPG grants and cap on applicant's operating budget was tabled for future discussion

NEW BUSINESS:

1. Review of MER as of August 31, 2026 (see supporting documents)

Motion: The VNC Board approves the August 2026 Monthly Expenditure Report (MER). (see supporting document. Crystal Lopez/Robin Rudisill 3/0/0



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2. Discussion and possible motion to approve an NPG in the amount of \$3,914.76 to the Venice Chamber Community Foundation fiscal sponsor for Verdant Venice Group to plant 29 trees (see supporting document) \$3,800 was allocated to NPGs in the 2026-2027 admin packet. If approved, a budget adjustment of \$114.76 may need to be made (see agenda item 3)

Motion: The VNC Board approves an NPG in the amount of \$3,914.76 to plant a total of 29 trees on multiple streets in Venice including on Oakwood Broadway: (at Broadway Elementary School), Westminster Avenue (near Oakwood Park), Indiana Ave, and in East Venice: Indiana Court, Courtland Ave and Glyndon.

Crystal Lopez/Robin Rudisill 3/0/0

3. Discussion of carryover of \$4,218.19 and possible motion recommending allocation of funds (see supporting document. After discussion- and budgeting for Outreach Townhalls, recommendation was to split the remaining balance between NPGs and Election Promotion.

Motion: The VNC Board approves the following allocation of the 2025-2026 Carryover of \$4218.19 : \$1,400 to NPGs, \$1,418.19 to Election Promotion, \$1,400 to Outreach Townhalls. Helen Fallon/Crystal Lopez 3/0/0

4. Discussion and possible motion to purchase a printer for the VNC secretary and printing supplies: Duties of the Secretary include printing agendas and supporting documents for VNC Board meetings. When providing documents at board meetings wasn't happening, Lisa Redmond and Sarah Mahir volunteered to arrange printing and pick-up of Board Agendas and supporting documents from Staples. Lisa repeatedly requested that these documents be sent to her as pdfs when these documents, as required, were uploaded 72 hours before board meetings. Lisa's willingness to help out the secretary, devolved into her having to repeatedly ask for the agenda and supporting documents, being expected to download them directly from the website and receiving documents piecemeal or at the last minute. The president and secretary were notified last month that due to the on-going inability of pdfs not being provided in a timely manner and the exhaustive effort Lisa was expected to make to obtain these pdfs, coupled with a new standing rule that supporting documents need to be posted at Beyond Baroque, that Lisa would no longer be available to arrange for the printing.

The president has recommended that a printer be purchased along with paper and an extra cartridge so that Tina can print board agendas and supporting documents. VNC purchased equipment is required to be stored at Extra Space unless an NC Equipment Agreement is submitted and signed by the Secretary. The President has been asked to obtain the form from NC Funding since Board members are not allowed to directly contact City Agencies. Chair explained that until the NC Equipment Agreement is signed and approved after a BAC is submitted approving the purchase of the printer, it will have to be stored at Extra Space, or more efficiently once the agreement is signed and approved the printer can be ordered and shipped to the secretary.

Motion: The VNC Board approves the purchase of a laser printer, paper and a cartridge to be used by the VNC secretary for printing Board agendas and supporting documents, the cost not to exceed \$350. The printer is subject to approval by the NC Funding Department of an equipment agreement. Crystal Lopez/Robin Rudisill 3/0/0

5. Next meeting: Wednesday, October 14th, 2026, 6 p.m. Extra Space Community Room

Adjournment: 6:56 pm



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