



Venice Neighborhood Council

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Joint meeting of Public Health and Safety Committee and Board of Directors – Agenda

Meeting Date: 03/03/2021
Meeting Time: 5pm Pacific
Meeting Location: Webinar online zoom meeting
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1. **Call to Order and Roll Call (5:00pm-5:10) 5:05pm**

Soledad Ursua (Chair)	X		
Eva Greene (Co-chair)	X		
John Baginski			
Helen Fallon	X		
Allan Parsons	X		
Mark Ryavec	X	Ira Koslow (ex-officio)	

- Approval of Agenda** (Start time + 00:05) **Mover SU, Second MR. Yes 5 (SU, EG, HF, AP, MR), No 0, Absent/Abstain 1 (JB)**
- Review, Comment and Adopt Minutes from prior meeting** (2 minutes) **Tabled to next meeting. Motion to table. Mover SU, Second MR. Yes 5 (SU, EG, HF, AP, MR), No 0, Absent/Abstain 1 (JB)**
- Chair Report** (5 minutes)
- Committee Member Announcements** (5 minutes)
- Public Comment** – 30 Seconds on non-agendized items related to Public Health and Safety Committee only (10 minutes)
- LAPD Crime Report & Enforcement Discussion** (30 minutes): Includes a monthly Venice crime report and updates on law enforcement and public safety issues in Venice.



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Los Angeles Police Department, Steven Embrich (30993@lapd.online), Brian Cook (36258@lapd.online), Monique Contreras (38228@lapd.online);

8. **Testing for *E. coli* and Other Hazardous Substances from Stormwater Runoff into Ocean at Rose Ave**

- a. Item for discussion and possible action
Discussion about involving City and County partners to conduct testing for hazardous substances.
- b. Public comment – 1 minute per person (10 minutes)
- c. Committee discussion – (10 minutes)
- d. Motion: **Testing for *E. coli*, Other Pathogens and Hazardous Substances from Stormwater Runoff into the Ocean at Rose Avenue**

The VNC calls upon the Los Angeles City Council to work with appropriate governmental agencies such as the Los Angeles County Health Department and NGO's such as Heal the Bay to implement weekly testing for *E. coli*, other pathogens and hazardous chemicals, in the beach water, at the stormwater outlet and in the surrounding sand at the Rose Avenue stormwater outlet; to report the results to the public each month, and to put up public warning signs at the site if any hazards are found in the testing and/or fence off the area, as necessary to protect public health.

Mover HF, Second EV. Yes 5 (SU, EG, HF, AP, MR), No 0, Absent 1 (JB)

9. **Resolution to Retain Full Street Sweeping Services in Venice Beach**

- a. Item for discussion and possible action
- b. Venice Beach is a major tourist destination, hosting over 10 million visitors annually, which brings in significant revenue for the City of Los Angeles and should not face street sweeping disruption due to COVID19 budgetary cutbacks.
- c. Public comment – 1 minute per person (10 minutes)
- d. Committee discussion – (10 minutes)
- e. Motion: **Resolution to Retain Weekly Street Sweeping Services Near the Boardwalk and Commercial Corridors at Venice Beach**

Whereas, Venice Beach, its Boardwalk, and commercial corridors, including Rose Avenue, Abbot Kinney Boulevard, and sections of Main Street and Washington Boulevard, are major tourist destinations, hosting over 10 million visitors annually, and

Whereas, most of these millions of tourists park along commercial streets and in residential neighborhoods adjacent to these commercial corridors; and

Whereas, these visitors routinely deposit massive amounts of food waste, food wrappers and containers, and beverage bottles on city streets and in gutters next to



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where they park and along streets and gutters which are the common pathways to and from the Beach, Boardwalk, and restaurants and shops, and

Whereas, the City of Los Angeles unilaterally, without consultation with any neighborhood council, and in direct violation of the requirement contained in the Los Angeles City Charter that the city must consult with neighborhood councils in advance of significant budget decisions, has reduced street sweeping in Venice from once a week to once every two weeks; now

Therefore, be it resolved that the Venice Neighborhood Council calls upon the city to return to once-a-week street sweeping within two blocks of the Beach, the Boardwalk, commercial sections of Main Street, Rose Avenue, commercial sections of Abbot Kinney Boulevard, and commercial sections of Washington Boulevard, and

And upon passage this Resolution shall be submitted as a Community Impact Statement to Mayor Eric Garcetti (Mayor.Garcetti@lacity.org, Brad.Fingard@lacity.org), Councilman Mike Bonin (Mike.Bonin@lacity.org, Nisa.Kove@lacity.org) and General Manager Adel Hagekhalil (Adel.Hagekhalil@lacity.org).

Mover HF, Second MR. Yes 5 (SU, EG, HF, AP, MR), No 0, Absent/Abstain 1 (JB)

Meeting Adjournment 6:59pm

Questions, comments? Send us an email!
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