



# Venice Neighborhood Council

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## Homeless Committee Minutes

Meeting Date: Tuesday, February 11, 2020

Meeting Time: 6:15-7:30

Meeting Location: Venice Library, Community Room, 501 Venice Blvd., Venice CA 90291

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### 1. 6:15 pm - Call to Order and Roll Call

Frank Murphy (Co-Chair)	X		
Charles Rails (Co-Chair)			
Brian Ulf	X		
Mike Rapkin			
Liz Wright	X		
		Ira Koslow (ex-officio)	

### 2. 6:15 pm - Approve Agenda as presented or amended

**Motion to approve as presented, Brian Ulf. Second, Liz Wright. Passed unanimously**

### 3. 6:17 pm — Approve Minutes of last meeting as presented or amended

**A member of the audience expressed disappointment that at the last meeting the motion specifying where all homeless cannot be, the committee considered it only as a whole and not item-by-item within it. Another member of the audience presented a written correction to the minutes stating that 1 speaker opposed instead of 5 speakers opposed. It was reviewed and deemed correct. Motion to accept with revision, Brian Ulf. Second, Liz Wright. Passed unanimously.**

### 4. 6:20 pm – ANNOUNCEMENTS - None

### 5. 6:22 pm - PUBLIC COMMENT — 1 minute on non-agendized items related to Homeless Committee only - None

### 6. 6:35 pm — Presentation by Allison Wilhite, Venice Bridge Home Deputy, of Venice Bridge Home project – A copy of the presentation will be made available through the VNC web site. It generated a lot of thoughtful, civil discussion.

### 7. 6:55 pm - Items for Discussion and Possible Action — Motion

#### a, Venice Community Homeless Resources Contact Sheet — for discussion and action

-Whereas the homeless situation in Venice continues to worsen and many neighbors are unsure how to deal with various situations presented on a day-to-day level.

-Whereas the Venice Homeless Committee seeks to streamline and publish contact information for area service providers, local non-profits and government agencies that provide assistance to both the housed and unhoused of Venice.

-Whereas the Venice Homeless Committee seeks to distribute this contact information in both printed form through mailed brochures and/or door hangers to home owners, pass out cards to homeless, and also posted on the VNC Website.

-Therefore we ask the VNC to fund the printing and distribution of the information stated above. **Motion to accept as presented, Brian Ulf. Second, Liz Wright. Passed unanimously.**



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## b. Bathroom Access at Night - Motion

-Whereas there are no public bathroom access hours at nighttime resulting in unsanitary conditions on the streets.

-Whereas the public sanitation and safety concerns are at an all high due to spreading viruses and bacteria.

-Therefore we ask the VNC to recommend to the City of LA and the County of LA that access to the beach bathrooms be available until midnight and that the LA City provide either permanent or mobile showers for the homeless. **The room had to be vacated, so this motion was postponed to the next meeting. Motion to postpone Brian Ulz. Second Liz Wright. Passed unanimously.**

B. 7:25 pm — COMMITTEE COMMENTS — Comments by Committee Members on subject matters within the jurisdiction of the Homeless Committee but not on the Agenda 9. 7:30 pm – **None**  
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