



# Venice Neighborhood Council

PO Box 550, Venice, CA 90294

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**Board of Officers  
Regular Meeting Agenda  
6:30-9:30 PM Tuesday Oct. 15th, 2024  
Westminster Elementary School  
1010 Abbot Kinney Blvd Venice, CA 90291  
(enter from parking lot on Westminster Ave)**

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**1. CALL TO ORDER AND BOARD ROLL CALL**

Brian Averill	Alley Bean	Yolanda Gonzalez	Bruno Hernandez
Jim Robb	Lisa Redmond	Deborah Keaton	Jason Sugars
Helen Fallon	Robert Thibodeau	Eric Donaldson	Christopher Lee
Tima Bell	Erica Moore	Fran Solomon	
Michael Jensen	Clark Brown	CJ Cole	
Nico Ruderman	Steve Bradbury	Soledad Ursua	

**2. APPROVAL OF PRIOR MINUTES**

<https://www.venicenc.org/assets/documents/5/meeting670af3857071b.pdf>

**3. DECLARATION OF EX PARTE COMMUNICATIONS, CONFLICTS OF INTEREST OR RECUSALS**

**4. PUBLIC SAFETY REPORTS**

**5. GOVERNMENT REPORTS**

**6. BOARD ANNOUNCEMENTS (1 min)**

**7. TREASURER'S REPORT**

**8. PRESIDENT'S REPORT**

**9. PUBLIC HEALTH & SAFETY CHAIR APPOINTMENT (BOARD VOTE) - YOLANDA GONZALES**



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## **10. GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENT – LIMIT TO 20MIN/1MIN PER SPEAKER**

Comments from the public on non-agenda items within the Board's subject matter jurisdiction. Each speaker will be allowed one (1) minute(s) unless adjusted by the presiding officer of the meeting.

## **11. GENERAL CONSENT CALENDAR**

All agenda items on the Consent Calendar will pass when the Consent Calendar is approved. No discussion or Public Comment is allowed on any item. Items may be removed by any board member or stakeholder. Removed items will be treated as regular agenda items with discussion and public comment.

## **12. OLD BUSINESS**

LUPC: PRESERVE AND CREATE NEW URBAN GREEN SPACE IN VENICE (5-0-1)

Motion: The VNC recommends that the City of Los Angeles: 1. Survey and catalog current tree cover and health of green space in Venice. Using current internet maps and manual surveys to identify current tree cover and the lack of it. 2. Identify city-owned and other public land where urban forest can be introduced. For instance, many easements along Venice boulevard belonging to the city or Caltrans can be made accessible to the public, some of which already have tree cover and permeable surfaces. Many traffic islands and other left-over spaces could be unsealed and converted into green islands or connected with a continued tree-lined path. 3. Identify streets and alleys that would allow more tree planting in parkways or in medians. Coordinate with the recent Parking Study conducted in Venice to designate more streets as one-way or parking streets. Wide streets like Venice Way and other streets that used to be canals could be designated as Tree-lined Streets leading shaded pathways to the beach and around the neighborhood. 4. Identify current parks and parking lots in which urban forest cover can be increased. 5. Create an Urban Forest Management Plan for Venice that betters that of the city of Los Angeles. Set quantified urban tree canopy targets, identify resources to meet those targets, and adopt best urban forestry practices being followed by other leadership cities. (background info in supporting docs)

## **13. NEW BUSINESS (BOARD COMMENT WILL BE LIMITED TO 90 SECONDS)**

## **14. RULES AND ELECTIONS COMMITTEE**

**Presentation on the VNC 2025 Election Timeline (10 min)**

## **15. AD HOC ARBOR COMMITTEE RENEWAL (BOARD VOTE)**

Mission Statement: The Venice Arbor Committee supports and encourages the planting and maintenance of trees and understory plants, especially Southern California native species, throughout the Venice Neighborhood and surrounding communities through advocacy, education and policy work. We work with the City and their planting partners, residents, schools,

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developers, non-profits and other stakeholders to create, improve, and care for the tree canopy, support and improve local biodiversity, and a healthy ecosystem. We actively enlist and encourage the local citizenry to engage in planting and caring for their own yard and parkway trees and help educate individuals on how to accomplish this.

## **16. AD HOC ARBOR COMMITTEE CHAIR APPOINTMENT - Sarah Wauters and Andreas Kemkes**

## **17. AD HOC SCHOOLS AND PARKS COMMITTEE RENEWAL (BOARD VOTE)**

Mission Statement: The mission of the Schools and Parks Committee is to promote opportunities for children and all others to grow and thrive, experiencing safe and meaningful engagement in the diverse and creative social, economic, and cultural activities of the Venice Community. In carrying out our work we will focus on schools, parks and other related venues.

## **18. SCHOOLS AND PARKS CHAIR APPOINTMENT - Eric Donaldson & Paul Davis**

## **19. BUDGET COMMITTEE**

- a. A. The VNC Board approves the Monthly Expenditure Report (MER) for September 2024 (see supporting documents).
- b. The VNC Board approves the following budget adjustments: allocate \$5,200 from the carryover from last fiscal year to Elections and \$67.07 from the carryover to Office Expense/Constant Contact
- c. The VNC Board approves an annual expenditure of \$1,830 to Web Corner for maintenance of the VNC website (previously approved by the Board in the 2024-2025 Administration Packet).
- d. The VNC Board approves the Outreach Committee to identify local events and venues with majority Venice Stakeholder attendance in order to perform Tabling/community engagement, using handouts, small banner insert panel, VNC branded swag and/or light refreshments. Total cost per tabling will not exceed \$200 and the total annual cost will not exceed \$2,000.
- e. The VNC Board approves \$2,400 for Outreach Tabling equipment: 4 low profile folding chairs, one additional folding 6 foot table and a customized durable, high quality VNC Branded Tent which includes 3 sidewalls, accessories to secure and increase the durability and longevity of the Tent. The traditional VNC logo design and colors will be used. (see supporting documents).

## **20. NPG FOR JAZZ FESTIVAL AT THE BEACH**

MOTION: The VNC approves the application for the Azz-Is Jazz Festival at the beach from the applicant Oakwood Preservation Coalition for \$3500. (See supporting documents)

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## 21. PARKING AND TRANSPORTATION

### A. WESTSIDE MOBILITY PROJECTS (4-0-0)

MOTION: The VNC requests that LADOT present their plans for Westside Mobility Projects, specifically Santa Monica to Ballona creek to the Venice Community and collect community feedback.

DESCRIPTION: Mobility Projects proposed by LADOT: <https://ladotlivablestreets.org/projects/westside>

### B. BUS LANE VIOLATION ENFORCEMENT PILOT PROGRAM / CITY REVENUE / SPENDING PLAN PROPOSAL (4-0-0)

MOTION: The Venice Neighborhood Council supports Council File: 24-1151 with the following changes to ensure that funds are dedicated specifically for safety and mobility initiatives:

“Returning a percentage of the revenue to Council Districts with bus lines participating in the Bus Lane Enforcement Pilot Program in order to implement safety and mobility initiatives.”

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“Allocating a percentage of the revenue to Council Districts with bus lines participating in the Bus Lane Enforcement Pilot Program that must be used to implement safety and mobility initiatives.”

DESCRIPTION: Council File: 24-1151 Bus Lane Violation Enforcement Pilot Program / City Revenue / Spending Plan Proposal / Core Services and Programs

### C. CIS IN SUPPORT OF CF 24-0925 FOR BETTER PARKING ENFORCEMENT (4-0-0)

MOTION: The VNC supports CF 24-0925

DESCRIPTION: See Link for Supporting Document of [CF-240925](#)

[https://clkrep.lacity.org/onlinedocs/2024/24-0925\\_misc\\_8-09-24.pdf](https://clkrep.lacity.org/onlinedocs/2024/24-0925_misc_8-09-24.pdf)

### D. CIS IN SUPPORT OF CF 23-0002-S152 (4-0-0)

MOTION: The VNC supports council file: [23-0002-S152](#), that is in opposition to AB 1082

DESCRIPTION: See Link for Supporting Document of AB1082

<https://legiscan.com/CA/text/AB1082/id/2837197>

## 20. RESILIENCY COMMITTEE

### CERT TRAINING (4-0-0)

**MOTION:** VNC Approves: Community Emergency Response Team Training

**DESCRIPTION:**

WHEREAS: Venice vulnerable to multiple types of natural and human caused emergencies/ disasters.

WHEREAS: Individual and community training and preparedness are essential components of community disaster resiliency.



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WHEREAS: Community Emergency Response Team (CERT) training provides essential emergency response skills to

WHEREAS: The Venice Community Resiliency Committee ( VCRC) has and continues to work with Los Angeles Fire Department CERT Coordinators to provide CERT training at venues within or immediately accessible to Venice.

Therefore Be it resolved that: The Venice Neighborhood Council officially authorizes the VCRC to work with LA City to host CERT training in Venice at venues convenient to Venice. The VCRC will work to provide two CERT training classes the first in January 8th thru February 19th 2025 or at the first practical dates , at St. Marks Catholic Church Hall , or other suitable location and the second in May 2025 or first practical date tentatively at Oakwood Recreation Center or other suitable location. Therefore Be it further resolved: The VCRC Chair will coordinate with the VNC President and Outreach Officer to avoid event conflicts. Additionally that VNC will publicize these training events.

## 21. HOMELESSNESS COMMITTEE

MOTION: The VNC urges the City of Los Angeles to promptly establish a new central Homeless Reporting Dashboard on the City's website with real time information that is clear, open, honest, transparent and easily accessible by the public. The VNC further requests that Councilwoman Park take appropriate action to effectuate establishment of such a new Central Homelessness Reporting Dashboard in Los Angeles.

## 22. ADJOURNMENT

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