



Venice Neighborhood Council

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Joint meeting of Parking and Transportation Committee and Board of Directors – Agenda

Location: Zoom online meeting

02-06-2024

6:30PM-8:30PM

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CALL TO ORDER AND BOARD ROLL CALL

Robert Thibodeau (Chair)		Elizabeth Clay	
Evan Corrigan (Co-Chair)		Selena Inouye	
Alyson Wilson		Brian Averill (ex-officio)	

APPROVAL of PRIOR MINUTES.

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NEW BUSINESS:

1. Discussion with Sean Silva, CD11, Venice Deputy

a. **Item description:**

General updates and discussion regarding:

- i. Rose Ave Street improvements (East of Lincoln)
- ii. Abbot Kinney Street Improvements
- iii. Plan for community feedback regarding Venice westbound left turn barrier on Glyndon Ave
- iv. Towing of RVs and Campers, current state of affairs
- v. Speedway safety concerns

b. Public Comment:

c. Committee discussion:

d. **Motion:**

Distribution List:

Maker ___

Seconded ___

Vote: (___ Yes / ___ No / ___ Abstained / ___ Recused / ___ Ineligible)

2. Discussion and possible action regarding Metro Traffic Reduction Study

a. **Item description:**

b. Public Comment:

c. Committee discussion:

d. **Motion:**

Distribution List:

Maker ___

Seconded ___

Vote: (___ Yes / ___ No / ___ Abstained / ___ Recused / ___ Ineligible)



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3. Resolution to Return to Weekly Street Sweeping Services Near the Boardwalk and Commercial Corridors at Venice Beach

a. **Item description:**

Whereas, Venice Beach, its Boardwalk, and commercial corridors, including Rose Avenue, Abbot Kinney Boulevard, and sections of Main Street, Venice Boulevard, 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 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, reduced street sweeping in Venice from once a week to once every two weeks; and,

Whereas, the city's pandemic emergency order has been officially voided and Venice can expect that warmer weather this spring and summer will bring a return of tens of thousands of visitors to our beach and community;

b. Public Comment:

c. Committee discussion:

d. **Motion:**

Now, Therefore Be It Resolved, that the Venice Neighborhood Council calls upon the city to return to once-a-week street sweeping within three blocks of the Beach, the Boardwalk, commercial sections of Main Street, Rose Avenue, commercial sections of Abbot Kinney Boulevard, and commercial sections of Venice Boulevard and Washington Boulevard, and

And upon passage this Resolution shall be submitted as a Community Impact Statement to Mayor Karen Bass (Mayor.Bass@lacity.org) and Councilmember Traci Park (Councilmember.Park@lacity.org).



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Distribution List:

e. **Possible presentation by Mark Ryavec**

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Seconded ___

Vote: (___ Yes / ___ No / ___ Abstained / ___ Recused / ___ Ineligible)

4. **Resolution to Prioritize Towing of RVs and Campers near Residences, Schools, Child Care Centers, Parks, Post Offices, Libraries and Senior Centers**

a. **Item description:**

Whereas, Venice is currently the unwanted host to over 100 RVs, campers and vans used as dwellings; and

Whereas, many of these vehicles have been parking in the same location, within several feet of residences, for months, in some instances for years; and

Whereas, the city of Los Angeles has unconscionably established a regulatory straitjacket for itself that unnecessarily limits its ability to enforce many existing parking regulations, including the Venice-specific "No Oversize Vehicles 2-6AM" ordinance (OVO), the 72-hour rule requiring all vehicles parked on city streets to move after this period, and the requirement to move on days of street sweeping, and

Whereas, this city policy straitjacket:

- i. Puts a priority on citing and towing vehicles that create traffic hazards, environmental or public health hazards (read: obviously leaking sewage to the street), obstruct city services, and/or are inoperable or unregistered.*
- ii. While it established (though not by ordinance) a lengthy internal city process of engagement and attempts at voluntary compliance, which accepts and enables continued vehicle dwelling in the city of Los Angeles, while all the cities and county incorporated territory near Venice completely ban vehicles over 7 or 8 feet tall at night on city streets (without a city permit) and enforce all their parking ordinances.
- iii. And ignores the serious burden placed on residents by the policy, which allows for occupied vehicles to remain within feet of residents and significant spaces and facilities used by the public for years at a time, robbing residents and their guests of street parking, while also



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permitting ceaseless accumulation of trash, bikes and bike “chop shops,” and food waste, discharge of human sewage to gutters, the storm drain system and Venice beach waters, and frequent late-night noise, preventing residents’ “quiet enjoyment of their homes;” and

Whereas, these policies were requested and put in place by former city councilmember Mike Bonin in his capacity as chair of the city council’s Parking and Transportation Committee; and

Whereas, the voters of Council District 11, which includes Venice, elected Traci Park as councilmember specifically to reverse the misguided policies of Mr. Bonin, especially in the city’s approach to public safety, homeless encampments and resident quality-of-life; and,

Whereas, during the pandemic, the city enforced none of the parking regulations cited above, and saw a steep increase in the number of vehicles used as dwellings, which was not mirrored in nearby cities, and the city allowed its contracted ability to tow and store and dismantle oversize vehicles to atrophy and has proved incompetent at increasing these capabilities over the time since the pandemic emergency order was repealed;

- b. Public Comment:
- c. Committee discussion:
- d. **Motion:**

Now, Therefore Be It Resolved, that the Venice Neighborhood Council calls upon councilmember Traci Park to immediately introduce a Motion to establish, at least in CD 11, that the city prioritize citing and towing of all vehicles violating any of the three regulations above – OVO, 72 hour rule, street sweeping – parked on city streets within 75 feet of a residentially-occupied structure, a school, a child care center, park, library, post office, or senior center, regardless of whether they are used as dwellings or not.

Upon passage this Resolution shall be transmitted to the Council District 11 councilmember.

*CF- 21-0956, Adopted 4/06/22, in pertinent part: The LADOT is committed to ensuring the health and safety of our public streets and roadways while connecting unhoused Angelinos with critical support services. Vehicles that create traffic hazards, environmental or public health hazards, obstruct City services, and/or are inoperable or unregistered will be subject to citation and tow. If a vehicle that shows evidence of active living meets any of these criteria, LADOT traffic officers will first seek willing compliance with the posted regulations and all applicable City ordinances. If an officer encounters an illegally-parked, occupied vehicle clearly used as a dwelling, he or she will first



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request that the vehicle occupant(s) move their vehicle and direct people to move to a location where they may legally park. If the motorist refuses to move their vehicle, the officer will provide a report to UHRC and LAHSA staff. These homeless services partners will work with other relevant City Departments, such as the Bureau of Sanitation (BOS), and other homeless services agencies to respond to the location and offer supportive services. If an officer cannot achieve compliance and notifies UHRC or LAHSA, LADOT will consider vehicles outlined below eligible for citation, relocation, or removal. Prioritizing these locations will help inform outreach to the unhoused community. After further consideration and having provided an opportunity for public comment, the Committee moved to recommend approval of the recommendations contained in the LADOT report, as amended, and detailed in the above recommendations.

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Maker

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