



Venice Neighborhood Council

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Rules & Selections Committee
Wednesday, July 24, 2024 | 6:00 PM
Extra Space Storage, 658 Venice Blvd., Venice, CA 90291

MINUTES

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Current Bylaws 7/1/2022 - <https://www.venicenc.org/assets/documents/5/committee63d2e3ea0ffff.pdf>

Current New Standing Rules 6/18/2024 - <https://www.venicenc.org/assets/documents/5/committee66946dd238d5d.pdf>

CALL TO ORDER: 6:02pm

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

Lisa Redmond, Chair	X	Bert Fallon	X	
Helen Fallon	X	Erica Moore	X	
				VNC President, ex officio

APPROVAL of PRIOR MINUTES:

<https://www.venicenc.org/assets/documents/5/meeting6640d25fd1543.pdf>

Motion for approval: H. Fallon

2nd: Moore

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GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENT: Comments from the public on non-agenda items within the Rules & Selections Committee’s subject matter jurisdiction. Each speaker will be allowed one (1) minute unless adjusted by the presiding officer of the meeting.

OLD BUSINESS:

NEW BUSINESS:



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1. Discussion and possible action regarding Standing Rule allowing for Co-Chairs of Standing and Ad Hoc Committees

- a. Item introduction/description
- b. Public comment

c. Committee discussion

c. Motion

Rationale: VNC bylaws are silent on the issue of co-chairs -- neither forbidding or permitting. Over the years, it has been the VNC practice to have co-chairs, when requested by Board Members or Stakeholders who wanted to work together and didn't want sole responsibility for running a committee. Bylaws are also silent on how the Board removes a chair. This standing rule clarifies how Co-Chairs are appointed and for what causes a Board appointed Chair or Co-Chair can be removed in order to avoid a grievance against the Board.

MOTION: The Board of Officers hereby adds the following to its Standing Rules:

Committees:

1. The VNC Board may appoint Co-Chairs to chair Standing Committees when two Board Members would like to work together as Co-Chairs. Ad hoc Committees are also permitted to operate with Co-Chairs. The resignation of one Co-Chair will only require reappointment by the Board of a replacement Co-Chair if the remaining Co-Chair requests to have another Co-Chair.
2. A committee Chair or Co-Chair appointed by the Board may be removed by majority vote of the Board for not holding active meetings, or any violations of the Bylaws and Standing Rules.

Maker: **H. Fallon**

Seconded: **B. Fallon**

Vote: 4 Yes / 0 No / 0 Abstained / Recused / Ineligible

2. Discussion and possible action regarding Standing Rule(s) for Community Impact Statements (CIS)

- a. Item introduction/description
 - all VNC Motions being CIS
 - Motion to designate CIS filers
 - CIS Filers
 - Other issues related to CIS actions/votes/motions

b. Public comment

c. Committee discussion

d. Motion

Rationale: The City Clerk accepts statements from Neighborhood Councils that have governing boards in place and have voted in a public meeting in accord with the Brown Act to: a) approve a particular CIS; or, b) authorize the President or other Board members to



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write and submit CISs expressing the Board's previously voted upon positions. Filing a CIS gives the NC a unique opportunity to give input to the City. This Standing Rule makes certain that: 1) Incoming Boards are aware of the process and procedure; 2) Confusion is eliminated and also resolves that previous positions and current actions taken cannot be submitted as a CIS unless the Board includes this in the motion at the time a motion was approved; 3) Ensures the Board can inform the City, without having to revisit a position if no Council File was available or was not known to the Board when a motion was passed; 4) Also clarifies that a CIS can not only be sent to the City Council and its Committees but can also be sent to City Commissions, City Boards and Departments.

MOTION: The Board of Officers hereby adds the following to its Standing Rules:

Community Impact Statements:

1. At the start of a new Board term, the Board will appoint the President, Secretary and up to three additional Board Members who are authorized to submit Community Impact Statements (CIS) by providing the official authorization form to Department of Neighborhood Empowerment (DONE).
2. Any advisory opinion, guidance, or recommendation adopted currently or previously by a majority vote of the Venice Neighborhood Council Board shall be considered an "Official Position" of the Council and may be submitted as a Community Impact Statement (CIS) to the City Council or the City's Commissions, Boards and Departments.
3. A current CIS must be filed within 10 business days of the Board meeting at which it was passed. In the absence of a designated filer for the CIS, the VNC Secretary is responsible for filing the CIS.

Maker: H. Fallon
Seconded: Redmond

Vote: 4 Yes / 0 No / 0 Abstained / Recused / Ineligible

3. Discussion and possible action regarding MARCH 2025 election and Report/Presentation to Board at August meeting

- a. Item introduction/description
 - Timeline
- d. Public comment
- c. Committee discussion
- e. Motion

The Rules and Selections Committee moves to have a five minute public presentation to the Board at its August 20, 2024 meeting to report on the scheduling, funding, timing and more regarding the 2025 Neighborhood Council Election.

Maker: H. Fallon
Seconded: Moore



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4. Discussion and possible action regarding Code of Conduct requirement as it applies to non-Board Stakeholder Committee members **Tabled for 8-7-2024 meeting**

- a. Item introduction/description
- b. Public comment
- c. Committee discussion
- d. Motion

Maker:
Seconded:

Vote: Yes / No / Abstained / Recused / Ineligible

5. Discussion and possible action regarding reorganization and clean up of current Standing Rules

- a. Item introduction/description
- b. Public comment
- c. Committee discussion
- c. Motion

Rationale: In an effort to clean up the current Standing Rules, many are found to be outdated, redundant and obsolete.

MOTION: The Board of Officer hereby removes the following from its Standing Rules:

- 2. Neighborhood Committee (dependent upon new Bylaws received)
- 8. Code of Ethics
- 11. Principles of Representation (1. to stay, from 2. on down)
- 12. Vacancies
- 15. Definition of Factual Basis Shareholder... (previously deleted 9.11.17)
- 17. Dispute Resolution Service
- 19. Limitation on Ratification of Bylaws Amendments
- 21. Elections, Ratifications, Referendums
- 25. Board Absences Defined
- 27. 24 Hour Notice "Special Meetings"

Maker: **H. Fallon**
Seconded: **B. Fallon**

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6. Discussion and possible action to reorganize and clearly delineate responsibilities and roles for various Board members in the Standing Rules **Tabled, waiting for new Bylaws**

c. Item introduction/description

d. Public comment

c. Committee discussion

d. Motion

Maker:

Seconded:

Vote: ____ Yes / ____ No / ____ Abstained / ____ Recused / ____ Ineligible

COMMITTEE COMMENT: Comments from committee members on items not on the agenda for future consideration, time permitting.

ADJOURNMENT: Time 8:06pm

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