



# Venice Neighborhood Council

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## Board of Officers Regular Meeting Agenda 6:30-9:30 PM Tuesday, Dec 17, 2024

### ZOOM WEBINAR

**When: Dec 17, 2024 06:30 PM Pacific Time**  
**Topic: VNC December 17th Board Meeting**

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IN CONFORMITY WITH THE OCTOBER 8, 2023, ENACTMENT OF CALIFORNIA SENATE BILL 411 (PORTANTINO) AND BY RESOLUTION OF THE VENICE NEIGHBORHOOD COUNCIL, THIS VENICE NEIGHBORHOOD COUNCIL COMMITTEE MEETING WILL BE CONDUCTED ENTIRELY WITH A CALL-IN OPTION OR INTERNET-BASED SERVICE OPTION. Every person wishing to address the Board must dial telephone number listed above, and enter the above Meeting Id number and then press # to join the meeting. When prompted by the presiding officer, to provide public input at the Neighborhood Council meeting the public will be requested to dial \*9 or use the Raise Hand option, to address the Board on any agenda item before the Board takes an action on an item. Comments from the public on agenda items will be heard only when the respective item is being considered. Comments from the public on other matters not appearing on the agenda that are within the Board's jurisdiction will be heard during the General Public Comment period. Please note that under the Brown Act, the Board is prevented from acting on a matter that you bring to its attention during the General Public Comment period; however, the issue raised by a member of the public may become the subject of a future Board meeting. Public comment is limited to 30 seconds per speaker, unless adjusted by the presiding officer of the Board. In the event of a disruption that prevents the eligible legislative body from broadcasting the meeting to members of the public using the call-in option or internet-based service option, or in the event of a disruption within the eligible legislative body's control that prevents members of the public from offering public comments using the call-in option or internet-based service option, the eligible legislative body shall take no further action on items appearing on the meeting agenda until public access to the meeting via the call-in option or internet-based service option is restored. Actions taken on agenda items during a disruption that prevents the eligible legislative body from broadcasting the meeting may be challenged pursuant to Section 54960.1.(C) The eligible legislative body shall not require public comments to be submitted in advance of the meeting and shall provide an opportunity for the public to address the legislative body and offer comments in real time. Notwithstanding Section 54953.3, an individual desiring to provide public comment through the use of an internet website, or other online platform, not under the control of the eligible legislative body, that requires registration to log in to a teleconference may be required to register as required by the third party internet website or online platform to participate. (E) (i) An eligible legislative body that provides a timed public comment period for each agenda item shall not close the public comment period for the agenda item, or the opportunity to register, pursuant to subparagraph (D), to provide public comment until that timed public comment period has elapsed. (ii) An eligible legislative body that does not provide a timed public comment period, but takes public comment separately on each agenda item, shall allow a reasonable amount of time per agenda item to allow public members the opportunity to provide public comment, including time for members of the public to register pursuant to subparagraph (D), or otherwise be recognized for the purpose of providing public comment. (iii) An eligible legislative body that provides a timed general public comment period that does not correspond to a specific agenda item shall not close the public comment period or the opportunity to register, pursuant to subparagraph (D), until the timed general public comment period has elapsed.

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## 1. CALL TO ORDER AND BOARD ROLL CALL

Brian Averill	Erica Moore	Yolanda Gonzalez	Bruno Hernandez
Jim Robb	Lisa Redmond	Deborah Keaton	Jason Sugars
Helen Fallon	Robert Thibodeau	Eric Donaldson	Christopher Lee
Tima Bell	Alley Bean	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/meeting6740cd2d84f87.pdf>

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

## 4. PUBLIC SAFETY REPORTS

## 5. GOVERNMENT REPORTS

## 6. BOARD MEMBER ANNOUNCEMENTS (1 MIN)

## 7. 2025 VNC ELECTION UPDATE

## 8. TREASURER’S REPORT

## 9. PRESIDENT’S REPORT

## 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 unless adjusted by the presiding officer of the meeting.

## 11. GENERAL CONSENT CALENDAR

GENERAL CONSENT CALENDAR Items deemed to be routine, non-controversial. Any Board member or stakeholder can ask a clarifying question instead of, or before, moving items to the end of the general agenda.



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## 12. OLD BUSINESS

### A. HOMELESSNESS COMMITTEE

#### CENTRAL HOMELESS REPORTING DASHBOARD (5-1-0)

**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.

### B. SCHOOLS AND PARKS COMMITTEE

#### SECURITY AND ORDINANCE ENFORCEMENT NEEDED AT PENMAR RECREATION CENTER (5-0-0)

**DESCRIPTION:** WHEREAS, Security and enforcement of public park rules and regulations and of city ordinances such as no camping, no overnight sleeping, no overnight parking in the parking lot, no storage of personal possessions and bulky items, no defecation/urination, no off leash dogs and all other related ordinances at Penmar Recreation Center (a designated drug free zone LAMC 63.46) is inconsistent and, WHEREAS, The safety of children, senior citizens, stakeholders and visitors is compromised on a daily basis and, WHEREAS, Penmar Recreation Center continues to be occupied by unhoused living in cars and vans, that occupy the Penmar Park parking lot on Lake St. and surrounding streets of Penmar Ave. and Rose Ave. and, WHEREAS, the Park Rangers from the City of Los Angeles Recreation and Parks division have consistently dismissed and not acted on our requests for enforcement of ordinances in the park, like LAMC 63.44, prohibiting overnight camping in the park and storage of bulky items, and their own posted park rules and regulations, and, WHEREAS, Penmar Recreation Center continues to be illegally used as an off-leash dog park at all hours and the dogs dig holes and relieve themselves in the sports fields, jeopardizing our youth and, WHEREAS, residents and visitors to the park, most importantly seniors and children, feel threatened by the existence of homeless encampments in the park and off leash dogs in the park, many of them large breed and, WHEREAS, there have been multiple incidents of dog fighting in the park, (between both dogs and their owners) and, WHEREAS, there have been multiple incidents of the unhoused occupying the park for long periods of time, refusing to leave without police;

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**MOTION:** Venice Neighborhood Council shall send a request to the Department of Recreation and Parks, LAPD, Los Angeles Animal Services and Councilwoman Traci Park's office, asking for consistent, genuine enforcement of city ordinances, specifically LAMC 63.44, related to camping, overnight sleeping, storing of personal possession, storing of bulky items, defecation, urination, overnight parking, off-leash dogs and all related ordinances in Penmar Recreation Center.

## **NEW BUSINESS**

### **13. APPOINTMENT OF CHRISTOPHER LEE TO RULES/ELECTIONS CHAIR**

MOTION: The VNC board approves Christopher Lee as Rule/Elections Chair.

### **14. RULES & ELECTION COMMITTEE (4-1-0)**

MOTION: The VNC Board approves the 2025 election postcard mailer.

(see supporting docs)

### **15. BUDGET COMMITTEE**

- A. The Venice Neighborhood Council Board approves the October 31, 2024 and November 30, 2024 Monthly Expenditure Reports (MER). See supporting documents
- B. The Venice Neighborhood Council Board approves the inventory report as of December 2024. See supporting documents.
- C. The Rules and Elections committee requests up to \$2,500 for Printing Expenditure (printing 5x7 Pieces) through Next Day Flyers as related to election expenditures. See supporting documents for details
- D. The Rules and Elections committee requests up to \$6,800 for Mailing Expenditure (mailing 30,000 5x7 pieces) through United States Postal Service, Every Door Direct Mailer service as related to election expenditures. See supporting documents for details.

### **16. VENICE COMMUNITY PLAN COMMITTEE UPDATE (5 MIN)**

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## 17. PARKING AND TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE (3-0-0)

### A. METRO TRANSPORTATION NETWORK (TCN) CIS

**MOTION:** The VNC will file a CIS in opposition to City Council File 22-0392

**DESCRIPTION:** Refers to City Council file 22-0392 Note: As explained in the Background document above, the TCN program DEIR originally considered 4 planned installations for the 405/10 interchange area: 2 very large freeway facing (FF) digital billboards, and 2 smaller non-freeway facing (NFF) digital billboards. We are now advised that the 2 smaller NFF billboards were removed before final approval of the TCN program, i.e., they are no longer pending. Installation of the 2 large FF billboards is still pending as part of the approved TCN program. See the City Council-approved Ordinance, pp. 14 and 21. See also prior WRAC positions opposing the Metro TCN program and supporting a ban on new digital signs: WRAC letters of December 3, 2020, September 7, 2023, and December 13, 2023.

<https://westsidecouncils.com/motion/oppose-metro-tcn-structures-along-the-405/>

### B. E-BIKE AND E-SCOOTER REGULATION IN VENICE

**MOTION:** request that Councilwoman Traci Park and the LA City Council Transportation Committee propose a motion to the City Council for an ordinance banning E-bikes and E-scooters from being used on city sidewalks, bike paths, Ocean Front Walk, walk streets or other pedestrian oriented walkways.

### C. E-BIKE SAFETY PROGRAM - AB 2234

**MOTION:** The VNC requests that Councilwoman Traci Park and the LA City Transportation Committee introduce a motion to enact a Los Angeles Electric Bicycle Safety program, similar to the San Diego Electric Bicycle Safety Program

**DESCRIPTION:** The VNC asks Traci Park and the LA City Transportation Committee to enact a Los Angeles Electric Bicycle Safety Pilot Program, similar to the San Diego Electric Bicycle Safety Program that the State Assembly passes and was signed into law in September 2024.

[https://leginfo.legislature.ca.gov/faces/billTextClient.xhtml?bill\\_id=202320240AB2234](https://leginfo.legislature.ca.gov/faces/billTextClient.xhtml?bill_id=202320240AB2234)

## 18. ADJOURN

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