



Venice Neighborhood Council my

PO Box 550, Venice, CA 90294 / www.VeniceNC.org

Email: info@VeniceNC.org Phone: 310-421-8627

Venice Community Resiliency Committee

Minutes of 1/14/2025

**Venice Public Library 501 S Venice Blvd, Community
Room, Venice CA,90291**

1. Convened. 6:40 PM Present were Keith Harrison, Erica Moore, Anneke Campbell, Heather Dolin, new member Sarah Mahir
2. Minutes of the previous meeting were approved. Moved: Erica Moore,
Second: Heather Dolin Vote: Yea: Harrison, Moore, Campbell, Dolin, Mahir
Nay: None Abstentions None

4. Public Comment: Sarah Mahir, speaking as a stakeholder, stated her objection to lack of what she sees is a lack of true community presence and engagement in problem solving.

5. Chair Report: Chair welcomed Sara Mahir to joining the Committee and Tatheer Adnan to the meeting.

Chair reported that the CERT program was in danger of having its budget cut and that the number of instructors be reduced from 8 to 2 or 3 thereby reducing the number of classes offered. The Neighborhood Council Emergency Preparedness Alliance is encouraging Neighbor Council to support CERT funding be maintained and not cut.

6. New Business :

Motion:

Whereas: The Venice Community is vulnerable to multiple natural, technological , national security and other human caused disasters/emergencies.

Whereas: The Community Emergency Response Team program provides critical training to empower residents and stakeholders to effectively respond to and recover from disasters/emergencies.

Whereas: Funding for this critical, life safety, program are in danger of being severely reduced, thereby drastically restricting the number of classes that can be offered throughout the city.

Whereas: The Venice Neighborhood actively supports all efforts to make our community and the City of Los Angeles disaster resilient.

Therefore Be It Resolved That:

The Venice Neighborhood Council strongly supports the successful LAFD Community Emergency Response Team (CERT) program. The CERT program trains community volunteers in best practices and how to respond in the event of earthquakes and other disasters. CERT trained volunteers are prepared to help themselves, their neighbors and their communities when an emergency happens, thus allowing the LAFD to concentrate their efforts in highest-need areas. CERT volunteers also consistently support the LAFD's responses to their routine activities. This is especially critical during emergencies. Some CERT trained volunteers can and do continue their training in hopes of joining the ranks of the Call Out teams that are especially important during emergencies. During 2024

the CERT unit has conducted the following trainings: 2,357 CERT students; 2,700 Hands-Only CPR students and 961 Fire Extinguisher students. A total of 940 hours of service has been performed by the CERT Call Out volunteers. Considering that we never know when a city-wide emergency might occur and considering that when it does the investment in the CERT program will contribute immeasurably to the resilience and recovery of the city, the Venice Neighborhood Council urges the city leaders to continue funding the LAFD CERT program.

Therefore Be It Further Resolved:

That the VNC cause that a Community Impact Statement reflecting this resolution be filed under City Council File 24 1600; that this resolution be forwarded to Los Angeles City Fire Chief Kristen Crowley, City Councilwoman, Traci Park and Mayor Karen Bass; that the VNC President and or the Venice Community Resiliency Committee Chair be authorized to speak in support of this resolution.

Passed 1/14/2025

Moved: Anneke Campbell

Seconded: Erica Moore

Yea: Anneke Campbell, Erica Moore, Heather Dolin, Keith Harrison, Sarah Mahir

Nay: 0

Abstain: 0

7. Old Business:

Emergency Preparedness Program:

- A. Anneke Reports: CERT Class at St Marks started last Wednesday and space available. Group discussed how to recruit more participation.

- B. We need to move this months Farmers Market tabling to 1/24. Chair will follow up with Market Manager.
- C. We will also table at the CERT sponsored Emergency Preparedness Workshop at Penmar Park 1/27/2025 6:00 PM-8:00 PM
- D. Chair will work with the Outreach Officer and VNC President to publicize these events.
- E. VCRC will begin the update the Emergency Preparedness Program Annual Plan at the next meeting and coordinate it with Outreach.

ADJOURNMENT : 7:30 PM

12. Next meeting will be tentatively in February depending upon member availability



Venice Neighborhood Council

PO Box 550, Venice, CA 90294 /
www.VeniceNC.org Email: info@VeniceNC.org Phone:
310-421-8627

