



# Venice Neighborhood Council

PO Box 550, Venice, CA 90294

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**Board of Officers Regular Meeting Agenda**  
**6:30PM Tuesday, February 18, 2025**  
**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 6:38 Start time**

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 7:30 ar	Alley Bean A	Fran Solomon	
Michael Jensen A	Clark Brown	CJ Cole	
Nico Ruderman A	Steve Bradbury	Soledad Ursua A	

Note: Robert, Christopher left at 8:30

**2. MOMENT OF SILENCE/REMEMBRANCE FOR EMILY WINTERS**

**3. APPROVAL OF PRIOR MINUTES [VNC JAN BOARD AGENDA MINUTES](#)**

Jim, Erica motion carried - request by Helen to note Clark as absent from Jan board meeting

**4. DECLARATION OF EX PARTE COMMUNICATIONS, CONFLICTS OF INTEREST OR RECUSALS Helen recusing on item 20**

**5. PUBLIC SAFETY REPORTS**

Post-Fire Beach/Ocean Water Quality Presentation and Q&A with Environmentalist Ashley Oelsen from Santa Monica's Commission on Sustainability, Environmental Justice and the Environment

**6. GOVERNMENT REPORTS**



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## 7. VNC ELECTION UPDATE

## 8. CHAIR REPORTS/UPDATES

## 9. BOARD MEMBER ANNOUNCEMENTS (1 minute)

## 10. VENICE HALF MARATHON UPDATE (2 minutes)

## 11. TREASURER'S REPORT

## 12. PRESIDENT'S REPORT

## 13. 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.

## 14. 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.

## 15. OLD BUSINESS

### NEW BUSINESS

## 16. POST-FIRE COASTAL WATER/BEACH TESTING AND CLEANUP

**Brian, Jason - Motion carries - see voting record**

Whereas the recent devastating wildfires have left the LA streets and landscape covered with a multitude of toxic chemicals, heavy metals, hazardous materials, ash and fire debris;

Whereas the EPA and FEMA, against strong public opposition, have chosen to use the beach lots along our coast to sort through the aforementioned toxic material;

Whereas the recent heavy rainstorms have washed an enormous amount of this toxic material down to our coastline;

Whereas our beaches are now covered with hazardous fire debris and black sludge;

Whereas no significant water/beach testing information has been released to the public;

The Venice Neighborhood Council strongly urges that this environmental catastrophe be taken seriously, with an immediate plan to fund, test, share information, and protect our coastal environment and the millions of people who enjoy it.

Letters will be sent to all LA City Councilmembers and Mayor Bass.

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## 17. BUDGET COMMITTEE Tima, Steve. All Motions - All Motions carried - see voting record

- A. The Venice Board approves the January 31, 2025 Monthly Expenditure Reports (MER). (See supporting documents.)
- B. VNC Board approves an Outreach expenditure of up to \$300 for promotional materials (printing of official candidate statements) for the 2/23 meet and greet candidate event. (see supporting documents)
- C. VNC Board approves an Outreach expenditure of \$400 to the Venice Heritage Museum for location staffing after hour fees and equipment use fees (chairs, tables, flat screen TV, Audio equipment, wireless mics) for the 2/23 meet and greet candidate event.
- D. VNC Board approves an Outreach Expenditure of up to \$700 for refreshments for the 2/23 meet and greet candidate event

## 18. LUPC Moved to Next months agenda

### A. 1222 Abbot Kinney (8-0-1)

**MOTION:** Conversion of an existing single-family dwelling and ground floor retail to retail only, relocate dwelling unit to a new 366 sq. ft. live/work dwelling unit at rear of property. <https://planning.lacity.gov/pdiscaseinfo/search/casenumbr/ZA2024-6672-ZV-CDP-SPPC-ADJ-MEL>

**DESCRIPTION:** The Venice Neighborhood Council LUPC recommends that the Venice Neighborhood Council supports the City's approval of a Coastal Development Permit (CDP), a Specific Plan Project Compliance Permit (SPPC) and an Adjustment (ADJ) for the project at 1222 Abbot Kinney for the remodel of an existing single-family dwelling and ground floor retail building to be retail in the front of the property, on the condition that the 311 SF live/work unit is changed to a single-family dwelling (replacing the existing garage at the rear of the property) that is a minimum of 768 SF, the size of the original building (2-story is OK), with 2 long-term and 4 short-term bicycle parking spaces provided (long-term provided in the public right-of-way) and no car parking provided (AB 2097 exemption)

(see supporting docs)

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## 19. SCHOOLS AND PARKS COMMITTEE Steve, Deborah Motion Carried See voting record

### **Venice Beach Accessibility Project (7-0-0)**

**MOTION:** Venice Neighborhood Council (VNC) supports the Venice Beach Accessibility Project which would construct either permanent or semi-permanent walkways at several locations (yet to be determined, see supporting documents attached) at Venice beaches to allow for greater accessibility to the water for everyone, with letters sent to CD11 and LA Rec and Parks.

**DESCRIPTION:** WHEREAS, Venice beaches have long stretches of sand spanning from the ocean water to the Boardwalk which results in long walk times WHEREAS, only individuals that can physically make the walk to the water can enjoy the water;  
WHEREAS, other users such as ADA impaired, senior citizens, families with young kids, bicyclists, or constituents with lots of beach items in hand to enjoy the water are unable to access the ocean water as freely or easily as they would like;  
WHEREAS, the safety of children, senior citizens, stakeholders, and visitors is compromised at the Venice ocean water due to the difficulty to run to/from perpetrators in the sand. (see supporting docs)

## 20. CIS IN SUPPORT OF COUNCIL FILE 15-1138-S42 Deborah, Steve Due to recusals, board was unable to field a quorum. No Vote was made.

**DESCRIPTION:** This motion asks for feasibility reports on developing a parking/mobility hub on LADOT Lot 731 and affordable housing on LADOT Lot 701.

**MOTION:** The VNC Board of Officers shall file a CIS in support of [LA City Council file 15 1138 S42](#) (see supporting docs)

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## 20. STANDING RULE ON VNC CIS PROCEDURE

Helen, Lisa Motion carries - see voting record

The VNC Board adopts the following standing rules regarding Community Impact Statements:

1. At the start of a new Board term, the Board will appoint the President and 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.

DESCRIPTION: 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 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 ensures that 1) incoming Boards are aware of the process and procedure; 2) eliminates confusion that previous positions and current actions taken cannot be submitted as a CIS unless the Board includes this in the motion at the time it motion was approved is resolved; 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 be sent to City Commissions City Boards and Departments.

**21. ADJOURN** 9:38 Adjourn

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	Roll Call	2. Minutes	16.Post Fire Clean-Up	Budget 17A	17B	17C	17D	S & P 19A	STANDING RULE 21A
Brian Averill	x	y	abstain	abstain	abstain	abstain	abstain	abstain	abstain
Alley Bean	absent	absent	absent	absent	absent	absent	absent	absent	absent
Tima Bell	x	y	y	y	y	y	y	y	<b>y</b>
Steve Bradbury	x	y	y	n	y	y	y	y	<b>y</b>
Clark Brown	x	y	y	y	y	y	y	y	<b>y</b>
CJ Cole	x	y	y	y	y	y	y	y	<b>absent</b>
Eric Donaldson	x	y	y	y	y	y	y	y	<b>y</b>
Helen Fallon	x	<b>abstain</b>	y	y	y	y	y	abstain	<b>y</b>
Yolanda Gonzalez	<b>x</b>	<b>y</b>	y	y	y	y	y	<b>y</b>	<b>y</b>
Bruno Hernandez	<b>x</b>	<b>y</b>	y	y	y	y	y	y	<b>y</b>
Michael Jensen	<b>absent</b>	<b>absent</b>	<b>absent</b>	<b>absent</b>	<b>absent</b>	<b>absent</b>	<b>absent</b>	<b>absent</b>	<b>absent</b>
Deborah Keaton	<b>x</b>	<b>y</b>	<b>y</b>	<b>y</b>	y	<b>y</b>	<b>y</b>	y	<b>y</b>
Erica Moore	<b>x</b>	<b>y</b>	<b>y</b>	<b>y</b>	y	<b>y</b>	<b>y</b>	y	absent
Lisa Redmond	<b>x</b>	no	<b>absent</b>	<b>y</b>	y	<b>y</b>	<b>y</b>	y	y
Jim Robb	<b>x</b>	<b>y</b>	<b>y</b>	<b>y</b>	abstain	<b>y</b>	<b>y</b>	y	<b>absent</b>
Nico Ruderman	<b>absent</b>	<b>absent</b>	<b>absent</b>	<b>absent</b>	<b>absent</b>	<b>absent</b>	<b>absent</b>	<b>absent</b>	<b>absent</b>
Fran Solomon	<b>x</b>	<b>y</b>	<b>y</b>	<b>y</b>	<b>y</b>	<b>y</b>	<b>y</b>	y	abstain
Robert Thibodeau	<b>x</b>	<b>y</b>	<b>absent</b>	<b>absent</b>	<b>absent</b>	<b>absent</b>	<b>absent</b>	<b>absent</b>	<b>absent</b>
Soledad Ursua	<b>Absent</b>	<b>Absent</b>	<b>Absent</b>	<b>Absent</b>	<b>Absent</b>	<b>Absent</b>	<b>Absent</b>	<b>Absent</b>	<b>Absent</b>
Jason Sugars	<b>x</b>	<b>y</b>	<b>y</b>	<b>y</b>	<b>y</b>	<b>abstain</b>	abstain	y	y
Christopher Lee	<b>x</b>	<b>y</b>	<b>y</b>	<b>absent</b>	<b>absent</b>	<b>absent</b>	<b>absent</b>	<b>absent</b>	<b>absent</b>
<b>TOTALS</b>	<b>17-0-0-4</b>	<b>15-1-1-4</b>	<b>14-0-1-6</b>	<b>13-1-1-6</b>	<b>13-0-2-6</b>	<b>13-0-2-6</b>	<b>13-0-2-6</b>	<b>13-0-2-6</b>	<b>10-0-2-9</b>