



**MEETING MINUTES
VENICE BEACH BUSINESS IMPROVEMENT DISTRICT
BOARD OF DIRECTORS
REGULAR MEETING**

Via Televideoconference pursuant to AB 361 - Virtual Meetings during a State of Emergency
Friday, October 29, 2021
Meeting Starting Time 10:00 AM

Join Zoom Meeting

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BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT: Steve Heumann, Connie Brooks, Jack Hoffmann, Jeff Harris, Jake Mathews, Jeremy Weinstein

BOARD MEMBERS ABSENT: Mark Sokol

STAFF/CONTRACTORS PRESENT: Eleni Polakoff, Nisa Kove, Alan Gonzalez, Azucena Vela, Maria Aquino, Kendra Jones, Emeline Neau

AGENDA

(Please note that Agenda Items may be reordered during the meeting at the discretion of the Board.)

1. Call to Order **HEUMANN**
Welcome and Introductions

The meeting was called to order at 10:04am

2. Public Comment

Cari made public comment, stating she wants to sit in on the meeting because it affects the street she lives on.

3. Government Representative Liaison Reports

- a. City of Los Angeles, Recreation & Parks – *Sonya Young-Jimenez*

Sonya gave updates on hiring, events and projects. She noted that the Rose Ave bathrooms are an issue - people breaking into restrooms and harassing Rec & Parks employees, including assault, so they are working with LAPD to keep everyone safe.

- b. City of Los Angeles, Police Department - *Captain Embrich/Captain Muniz/SLO Contreras*

No LAPD representative was available for this meeting

- c. Los Angeles City Council, District 11 – *Tristen Marler*

Tristen, CD 11 Field Deputy, provided updates on 41.18, letting the board know that no locations designated in CD11 just yet. She stated that City Council still has to determine a street engagement strategy to give people access to shelter before enforcement. Tristen provided updates on local events and infrastructure improvements in the area.

She provided updates regarding Sanitation cleanings scheduled throughout the district and nearby. Tristen announced that the bollard project is almost complete along Ocean Front Walk.

- d. Los Angeles County Supervisor, District 3 – *Zachary Gaidzik*

No LA County SUP 3 representative was available for this meeting

- e. LADWP

Mark Patterson presented about Speedway project: installing new water pipes along speedway (ERDIP) Between Barnard & 17th Ave. Replaces 10,500 linear feet. LADWP is coordinating with Street Services, Bureau of Engineering, LA Fire Department, CD11, BID. All efforts will be made to mitigate access issues during the construction. The project will be performed in 4 phases (phase 1 - January 2022 to May 2022) (phase 2 June-Sept), (phase 3 Oct-Jan), (Phase 4 Feb-May). Work hours 8am-4pm. No Saturdays during Summer months. For more information: 213-367-1225 LADWP Project Hotline

4. Consent Items

All matters listed on the consent calendar are considered to be routine and will be enacted by one roll call vote.

- a. Financial Reports
- b. Approval of Minutes

**LIEBER
WEINSTEIN**

Steve called Item 4a and 4b and introduced Marcus Lieber. Marcus went over the July '21, August '21 and October '21 Financial Statements.

Jeremy made a motion to approve all consent items. Connie Brooks seconded. The Board voted 5-0. (Jake Mathews left meeting right before vote)

5. Venice Beach BID Staff Reports

- a. Safe Team Report

GONZALEZ/VELA

Alan reported that there had been a noticeable drop in call volume following the completion of Encampment to Home on Ocean Front Walk. He reported that his team had over 100 engagements this month. Alan explained the MOAB (Management of Aggressive Behavior) training that all team members took part in recently.

- b. Clean Team Report

AQUINO/NEAU

Emeline introduced Kendra Jones, who is the new Director of Operations for Chrysalis. She also introduced Maria Aquino, the new Contract Manager for Venice and Head of Clean Team.

- c. Executive Director's Report

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Eleni further introduced Maria and her role on the team. Eleni shared that the BID successfully renewed and the new BID cycle will start 1/1/22 thru 12/31/26.

6. New Business

- a. Consideration of Current Circumstances of the Existing State of Emergency and Local COVID Mitigation Rules: Determine whether it is safe to resume in-person Brown Act meetings of the BID or to continue remote meeting attendance for the next 30 days.

Steve called item 6a. He states that he believes we should continue with virtual meetings given circumstances. He asks for discussion.

Steve made a motion to continue remote meetings for the next 30 days, in consideration of their continuing to be concerns with Covid-19 and in-person meetings. Having considered the circumstances of the existing state of emergency regarding Covid mitigation and that state and local officials are still recommending social distancing, Steve moved that the Board find that these circumstances continue to directly adversely impact the ability of the BID to conduct meetings safely indoors in person and thus that all BID meetings subject to the Brown Act shall be conducted by remote access for the next 30 days. Jack seconded. Vote Yes 5-0.

- b. 2022 Budget

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Steve called Item 6b. Eleni went over the 2022 Budget. She noted that there are minor changes to the category percentages. Steve noted that surplus funds are used in the 2022 budget to offset rising costs, with no raises in assessments in 2021 or 2022. A spend down plan will be presented at future meeting. Steve asked for questions and discussion. Eleni noted that the 2022 Budget had already been included in the MDP which was part of the vote for renewal.

Connie made a motion to approve the budget. Jeremy seconded. Vote Yes 5-0.

7. Closed Session

Eleni explained that for the virtual closed session, Board members would turn off their cameras and mics to enter another "virtual room." The main Zoom would remain open to the public until the Board members returned from closed session.

- a. The Board will convene in closed session to discuss and decide on possible Safe Team rate adjustments

Jeff made a motion to accept raises as outlined in the proposed contract amendment and for the contract to be amended as such. Jack seconded. Vote Yes 5-0.

- b. The Board will convene in closed session to discuss BID Staff salary matters.

Connie made a motion to approve 7.75% raise in BID Staff salaries. Jack seconded. Vote Yes 5-0.

- c. The Board will resume the public session to report on closed session

Steve reported the foregoing closed session actions to the public still present.

8. Next Board Meeting – December 10, 2021

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Eleni noted that a "Special Meeting" will be scheduled within 30 days to evaluate the continuance of virtual meetings.

9. Adjournment – 12:20pm


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The undersigned certify that these minutes were approved and adopted at the VBPOA Board of Directors meeting on _____.



President/Steven M. Heumann



Secretary/Jeremy Weinstein