

# VENICE BEACH BUSINESS IMPROVEMENT DISTRICT BOARD OF DIRECTORS REGULAR MEETING AGENDA DRAFT MINUTES

Via Televideoconference pursuant to AB 361 - Virtual Meetings during a State of Emergency
Friday, July 15, 2022
Meeting Starting Time 10:00 AM

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**BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT:** 

Steve Heumann, Connie Brooks, Jack Hoffmann, Jake Mathews,

Jeff Goodman, Jeremy Weinstein

**BOARD MEMBERS ABSENT:** 

Mark Sokol, Jeff Harris

**STAFF/CONTRACTORS PRESENT:** 

Eleni Polakoff, Maria Aquino, Emeline Neau, Alan Gonzalez

**AGENDA** 

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

1. Call to Order (10:02am)

Welcome and Introductions

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2. Public Comment

No public present. Moved to after Gov't Reps, and still no public present at that time.

### 3. Government Representative Liaison Reports

a. City of Los Angeles, Recreation & Parks

**Sonya:** Introduction to new principal supervisor Robert and Leo. New full time positions filled for maintenance staff and recreation staff in Venice. RAP conducting training on Hazmat identification and unattended property with staff. Sports Day has been postponed until 2023. Wood has been ordered for Dudley pagodas to restoration. Restrooms have new steel doors and graffiti coating on building.

b. City of Los Angeles, Police Department.

**SLO Contreras**- Crime stats for the area have been very positive. Violent crime is 28% down. ADW year to year is also down. Overnight details have helped in decreasing crimes. Curfew is being enforced every night. DPH is continuing the operation with food vendors.

c. Los Angeles City Council, District 11

**Noah**- Introduction of new CD11 staff. Gave overview of sanitation operations along OFW and noted that Sanitation funding issues would mean that overnight Sanitation teams would continue only through the end of July.

d. Los Angeles County Supervisor, District 3

Unfortunately, a representative from the County was unable to attend.

#### 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

LIEBER

b. Approval of Minutes

WEINSTEIN

Steve called Item 4a and 4b and introduced Marcus Lieber. Marcus went over April '22 and May '22 Financial Statements. Steve confirmed that everyone had reviewed 4/29/22, 5/27/22, and 6/27/22 minutes.

Jeff Goodman made a motion to approve all consent items. Connie Brooks seconded. The Board voted 6-0.

## 5. Venice Beach BID Staff Reports

a. Safe Team Report

**GONZALEZ/VELA** 

Alan gave a report of Safe Team activities for April, May, and June. Noted that observation of physical violence has been down for two months.

b. Clean Team Report

**AQUINO** 

**Maria** gave a report of Clean Team activities for April, May, and June. She provided updates on weeding projects and success in graffiti removal efforts.

c. Executive Director's Report

POLAKOF

**Eleni** gave a report on proposed staff annual raise (Dispatch position), status of rental lease negotiation, and 2nd Quarter 2022 highlights.

#### 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. Brief discussion held that given current COVID circumstances, virtual meetings should continue.

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. Jeremy seconded. Vote Yes 6-0.

### b. Staff salary and annual raise

Steve called item 6b. Jake made a motion to authorize a 5% raise for the Dispatch position and hold discussion. Brief discussion held, and staff member commended for their performance. Steve seconded the motion. Vote Yes 6-0.

c. Extension of Office Lease thru 12/31/24
 Steve called item 6c. Jeremy made a motion to authorize Eleni to extend the lease based on the terms represented in this meeting and subject to the review of two additional

board members. Discussion held to approve the conditions of the authorization and that Jake and Jeff G would review the Lease. Jeff Goodman seconded. Vote Yes 5-0.

Next Board Meeting – August 26, 2022
 Next Board Meeting was updated to September 30<sup>th</sup>, 2022.

**POLAKOFF** 

8. Adjournment 11:53am

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The undersigned certify that these minutes were approved and adopted at the VBPOA Board of Directors meeting on **September 30, 2022**.

President/Steven M. Heumann

Secretary/Jeremy Weinstein