



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

Via Televideoconference pursuant to AB 361 - Virtual Meetings during a State of Emergency
Friday, September 30, 2022
Meeting Starting Time 10:00 AM

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BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT: Steve Heumann, Jack Hoffmann, Jeff Harris, Mark Sokol, Jeff Goodman, Jeremy Weinstein

BOARD MEMBERS ABSENT: Connie Brooks, Jake Mathews

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 (10:05am) **HEUMANN**
Welcome and Introductions

2. Public Comment

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

3. Government Representative Liaison Reports

a. City of Los Angeles, Recreation & Parks

Sonya: Provided general updates regarding equipment updates/maintenance and R&P staffing. Introduced new Rec Coord., Astrid. Upcoming events include Trunk or Treat , a Skate Board event, and statue to be erected at Muscle Beach. R&P has been collaborating with Santa Monica on beach cleanups.

b. City of Los Angeles, Police Department

SLO Contreras: Currently only 15 patrol officers and trying to increase to 26. Went over process for 41.18.

c. Los Angeles City Council, District 11

Louie Leiva: Introduced himself, new Venice Field Deputy, to the Board. Reported that he will be putting in a request for speed bumps on October 6th.

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
- b. Approval of Minutes

**LIEBER
WEINSTEIN**

Steve called Item 4a and 4b and introduced Marcus Lieber. Marcus went over June '22 and July '22 and August '22 Financial Statements. Currently outstanding assessments are Metro, LAUSD, and State. Marcus went over the Annual Financial Review for 2021 and reported that no issues were found. Steve confirmed that everyone had reviewed 7/15/22, 8/12/22, and 9/15/22 minutes.

Jeff Goodman made a motion to approve all consent items. Jeremy seconded. The Board voted 5-0.

5. Venice Beach BID Staff Reports

- a. Safe Team Report

GONZALEZ/VELA

Alan gave a report of Safe Team activities for July and August. He noted that conflict intervention was higher in August, but all other activities remained steady.

- b. Clean Team Report

AQUINO

Maria gave a report of Clean Team activities for July and August. She provided updates on major graffiti removal projects.

- c. Executive Director's Report

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Eleni gave a report on current operations and explained that due to struggles in hiring for an Ops Manager and Safe Team, that the District is currently underspent in those categories. Additionally, certain projects have been postponed. Eleni informed the Board of working on a spend down plan with the City.

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 and that there is a preference to be cautious and remaining virtual; likely through end of year.

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 5-0.

7. Closed Session

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

Mark made the motion to accept raises as outlined by the Executive Director and for Executive Director to make efforts to renegotiate labor rate. Jeremy seconded. Vote Yes 5-0.

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

No public present for report back.

8. Next Board Meeting – October 28, 2022

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9. Adjournment - 11:41a

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The undersigned certify that these minutes were approved and adopted at the VBPOA Board of Directors meeting on 10/28/2022.



President/Steven M. Heumann

Secretary/Jeremy Weinstein