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Joint Board & Administrative Committee Agenda

Canal Club

2025 Pacific Ave, Venice, 90291

Monday, December 7th, 2015 at 7:00 PM

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ACTION: No Board quorum. Meeting proceeds as Administrative Committee meeting.

PRESENT: Mike Newhouse (MN), Marc Saltzberg (MS), Kristopher Valentine (KV), Ira Koslow (IK), Hugh Harrison (HH), Melissa Diner (MD)

ABSENT: Abigail Myers (AM), Eduardo Manilla (EM),

1. **Call to Order and Roll Call**
2. **Approval of the Administrative Committee Agenda**

ACTION: Agenda approved, HH/IK 3-0-1

FOR: MS, IK, HH

AGAINST: None

ABSTAIN: MN

3. **Approval of outstanding Administrative Committee minutes**
<http://www.venicenc.org/wp-content/uploads/2012/05/151109AdComMinutes.pdf>

ACTION: Minutes approved, IK/HH 3-0-1

FOR: MS, IK, HH

AGAINST: None

ABSTAIN: MN

Kristopher Valentine (KV) arrived.

4. **Announcements & Public Comment on items not on the Agenda**
Carolyn Rios, Yolanda Gonzalez, Ivan Spiegel
5. **Old Administrative Committee Business**
[Discussion and possible action.]



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6. New Administrative Committee Business

[Discussion and possible action.]

Melissa Diner (MD) arrived.

A Consideration and approval of December 15, 2015 Proposed Board Agenda

ACTION: Proposed board agenda approved (HH/IK 5-0-1).

FOR: MS, IK, HH, KV, MD

AGAINST: None

ABSTAIN: MN

7. Adjourn

ACTION: Meeting adjourned at 8:38PM (IK/KV 5-0-1).

FOR: MS, IK, HH, KV, MD

AGAINST: None

ABSTAIN: MN

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DRAFT Board of Officers Meeting Agenda

Westminster Elementary School (Auditorium)

1010 Abbot Kinney Blvd, Venice, 90291

Tuesday, December 15th, 2015 at 7:00 PM

BOARD MEETINGS: The Venice Neighborhood Council holds its regular meetings on the third Tuesday of the month and may also call any additional required special meetings in accordance with its Bylaws and the Brown Act. All are welcome to attend.

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ALL AGENDA TIMES ARE APPROXIMATE AND SUBJECT TO CHANGE ON THE NIGHT OF THE MEETING.

1. **Call to Order and Roll Call (7:00PM – 1 minute)**
Thank you to Whole Foods, Abbot's Habit, and Jessica Blumenthal for the food and refreshments.
2. **Pledge Of Allegiance (7:01PM -- 1 minute)**
3. **Approval of Outstanding Board minutes (7:02PM – 1 minute)**
<http://www.venicenc.org/wp-content/uploads/2012/12/151117BoardMinutes.pdf>
4. **Approval of the Board Agenda (7:03PM – 1 minute)**
5. **Declaration of Ex Parte Communications or Conflicts-Of-Interest (7:04PM -- 1 minute)**
All Board members shall declare any ex parte communications or conflicts-of interest relating to items on this meeting's agenda.
6. **Scheduled Announcements and Presentations (7:05PM – 45 minutes)**
 - A **Intro of superintendent of OFW:** Rob Davis
 - B **Public Safety - LAPD Report (10 minutes):** Senior Lead Officers Peggy Thusing (25120@lapd.lacity.org), Kristan Delatori (32914@lapd.lacity.org), Gregg Jacobus, 35162@lapd.lacity.org, Lt. Lydia Leos 23216@lapd.lacity.org , OFW Beach Detail Supervisor.
Includes a monthly Venice crime report and updates on law enforcement issues in Venice.
 - C **Government Reports (15 minutes)** (Representatives have standing place on the agenda, but are not always available to attend)
 - City Councilmember Mike Bonin, Field Deputy, Jesus “Chuy” D. Orozco, 310-568-8772 (jesus.d.orozco@lacity.org)
 - Congressman Ted Lieu, Representative Janet Turner, 310-496-9896 (janet.turner@mail.house.gov)
 - State Senator Ben Allen, Representative Fernando Morales, 310-318-6994 (fernando.morales@sen.ca.gov)
 - State Assemblyperson Autumn Burke, Rep Odysseus Bostick, 310-412-6400 (odysseus.bostick@asm.ca.gov)
 - LA County Supervisor Sheila Kuehl Westside Field Deputy Rachel Zaiden, 213-974-3333 (rzaiden@bos.lacounty.gov)
 - Mayor Eric Garcetti, Westside Deputy, Daniel Tamm, 213-978-0836 (Daniel.Tamm@Lacity.org)
 - Ejjah Cooper – Oakwood Rec Park Director, 310-452-7479 (ejjah.cooper@lacity.org)
 - Commissioner Joel Jacinto - Board of Public Works; Rep Shelley Wong (shelley.wong@lacity.org)
 - D **VNC Announcements (5 Minutes)**



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- President - Mike Newhouse (President@VeniceNC.org)
- Vice President - Marc Saltzberg (VicePresident@VeniceNC.org)
- Westside Regional Alliance of Councils- Mike Newhouse, WRAC President, Marc Saltzberg, VNC Representatives. (Chair@westsidecouncils.org),
- Los Angeles Neighborhood Council Coalition (LANCC) Ivan Spiegel (Parliamentarian@VeniceNC.org)
- VNC Representative to DWP: Dede Audet
- Venice Chamber Of Commerce: Carl Lambert, President (carl@lambertinc.com)
- VNC Elections 2016: Ivan Spiegel, Elizabeth Wright

E Great Venice Toy Drive (3 Minutes) Mariana Aguilar (thegreatvenicetoydrive@gmail.com)
 Please save the date. Sat Dec 19, 2015 10am – 2pm @ Oakwood Recreation Center, Venice, CA,
 We currently plan for the Festival to include the toy giveaway, arts and crafts, a moon bounce, face painting, a used book giveaway, free food, free photos with Santa (for at least a portion of the event), and a snow play area. Please also feel free to contact members of the committee with any questions or with any ideas you have as to how to improve the event. We will be collecting toys beginning in November, including at the November and December Board meetings.

7. Treasurer’s Report (7:50PM - 3 minutes) (Hugh Harrison on behalf of Budget & Finance Committee), (Treasurer@VeniceNC.org)
 [Discussion and possible action] **[EXHIBIT]**

A MOTION: The Venice Neighborhood Council approves the Monthly Expenditure Reports for November 2015.

B Allocation of Additional \$5000 in Budget
MOTION: The VNC shall allocate the additional \$5000 in funding from the City of Los Angeles as follows:
 1. \$2000 for Elections.
 2. \$2000 for General Outreach.
 3. \$1000 for Community Barbecue.
 RECOMMENDED BY BUDGET COMMITTEE 3-0-1

C Funding for Vera Davis Thanksgiving
MOTION: The VNC approves the additional expenditure of \$66.91 for the 2015 Vera Davis Thanksgiving turkey giveaway.
 RECOMMENDED BY BUDGET COMMITTEE 4-0-0

D Allocation of Funds for Election Manager
MOTION: The VNC approves the allocation of \$2000 for a contract with EmpowerLA for the services of an Election Manager for the 2016 Board election.
 RECOMMENDED BY BUDGET COMMITTEE 3-0-1

E Augment Toy Drive Budget



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PLACEHOLDER MOTION

ACTION: Placed on the agenda.

8. **General Consent Calendar (7:50PM -- 1 minute)**

[All agenda items on the Consent Calendar will pass when the Consent Calendar is approved. No discussion or Public Comment is allowed on any item. Items may be removed by any board member or stakeholder. Removed items will go to the end of the agenda and be treated as regular agenda items with discussion and public comment.]

9. **Land Use and Planning Committee (LUPC) Consent Calendar (7:51 PM -- 1 minute)**

[All agenda items on the Land Use and Planning Committee (LUPC) Consent Calendar will pass when the LUPC Consent Calendar is approved. No discussion or Public Comment is allowed on any item. Items may be removed by any Board member or Stakeholder. Removed items will go to the end of agenda item 11. Land Use and Planning Committee and will be treated as regular LUPC agenda items, with discussion and public comment.

A **Amendments to the Venice Land Use Plan**, Robin Rudisill, Chair (Returned by AdCom for more detailed recommendation):

MOTION: The VNC Board recommends the following changes to the certified Venice Land Use Plan:

a. Correct the definition of Remodel (the LUP definition is not the definition for the Coastal Zone as is indicated and is also not consistent with the CEQA definition, which is for minor interior or exterior alterations (which COULD be measured by assuring retention of 50% of the STRUCTURE)

b. Add SurveyLA-identified Historical and Cultural Resources

RECOMMENDED FOR APPROVAL BY LUPC on 11-30-15: 6-2-0 (RR/MK)

ACTION: Removed from consent calendar. Placed at end of LUPC business.

B **635-637 San Juan Ave (3 units); Oakwood Subarea**, RD1.5 zone, General Plan Land Use Plan designation: Multiple-Family Residential Low Medium II—3 units have been deemed Affordable by HCID; Applicant now changing to Coastal Exemption but Mello affordable unit designation is still applicable; Per Applicant, no longer doing condos.

ZA-2014-2514-CDP and ENV-2014-2515-CE or DIR-2015-3140-VSO with DIR-2015-3993-CEX

VCZSP Compliance: VSO

<http://www.venicenc.org/635-san-juan-ave/>

CITY HEARING FOR CDP CASE TOOK PLACE ON DECEMBER 18, 2014 (N/A FOR NEW CASE)

Project Description: Demo 3 apartment units & replace with 3 condo units, RD1.5-1 zone REVISED TO COASTAL EXEMPTION AND NO MELLO DETERMINATION

Applicant: Liz Jun, The Code Solution

LUPC Staff: Maury Ruano

RECOMMENDED BY LUPC on 12-7-15: x-x-x (XX/XX)

MOTION:



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10. Announcements & Public Comment on items not on the Agenda (7:53PM -- 10 minutes)
[No more than 1 minute per person – no Board member announcements permitted]

11. Old Business [Discussion and possible action] (8:03PM -- 15 minutes)

A 934 Amoroso Place, Milwood Subarea, (30 minutes) R2-1 zone, General Plan Land
Use Plan designation: Multiple-Family Residential Low Medium I
DIR-2015-2907-CDP-SPP and ENV-2015-2906-CE
VCZSP Compliance: SPP
<http://www.venicenc.org/934-amoroso-place/>

City Hearing Thursday October 26, 2015 has been CANCELLED

Project Description: *On a Walk Street*--demo of 148 sq ft of existing 833 sq ft SFD & demo of detached accessory garage; construct 1st floor addition of 169 sq ft, new 2nd floor of 1,463 sq ft, a roof deck and a new attached 2-car garage to the existing SFD. New Recreation Room. Total sq ft proposed is 2,317, on a 3,590 sq ft lot

Applicant: Bill Tsui, YU2e, Inc., LOC Equities, LLC

LUPC Staff: Gabriel Ruspini

RECOMMENDED BY LUPC LUPC on 10-5-15: 3-2-1 (GR/MK)

MOTION: The VNC Board recommends denial of the project as presented, for the following reasons:

1. The project is on a Walk Street, on the south side of the 900 block, with a predominance of original, small, 1-story buildings.
2. The proposed project is a 2-story single-family dwelling that is significantly larger than the existing structure on the site, a 1-story craftsman style bungalow circa 1921, and significantly larger than the other structures in the surrounding existing neighborhood, and as such does not meet the standards required such that Findings can be made as per Section 8. C. 1. of the Venice Coastal Zone Specific Plan, which requires: "That the Venice Coastal Development Project is compatible in scale and character with the existing neighborhood, and that the Venice Coastal Development Project would not be materially detrimental to adjoining lots or the immediate neighborhood."
3. The project does not comply with the Venice LUP Policies on Preservation of Venice as a Special Coastal Community, which require the preservation of neighborhood scale, mass and character and architectural diversity.

~~**B Request for Change in the City Attorney's Position on CUB Conditions, (20 minutes)** Sarah Blanche, Public Strategies
RECOMMENDED BY LUPC on 10-5-15: 6-0-0 (RR/KR)~~

~~**MOTION:** Whereas: The City Attorney's Office has taken a position that the City of Los Angeles does not have the authority to regulate (e.g. is preempted from regulating) retailers' alcohol sales and distribution practices, and~~

~~Whereas: An examination of legal precedent implies that the City Attorney's position overstates the breadth of the State's alcohol licensing authority, ignores recent case law, and disregards the~~



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~~practices of multiple other California jurisdictions, and~~

~~Whereas: Substantial legal precedent exists, establishing local jurisdictions' ability to impose conditions restricting or impacting the sale, use or distribution of alcohol if the conditions are reasonably tailored to address legitimate zoning/land use impacts, and~~

~~Whereas: The City Attorney's position significantly undermines local communities' ability to prevent and abate public nuisances associated with the sale of alcohol by restricting the placement of conditions on, among other examples, hours of sale of alcohol, happy hours (rules and regulations), container sizes, and types of alcohol sold~~

~~Therefore, Be It Resolved, that the VNC Board recommends that Councilmember Bonin advocate for the City Attorney's Office to change its position regarding preemption and the City's authority to regulate, i.e. condition and enforce, alcohol sales and distribution practices, to reflect that:~~

- ~~1. The City of Los Angeles is *not* preempted and therefore does have the authority to regulate retailers' alcohol sales and distribution practices.~~
- ~~2. Nuisance activities can be directly related to alcohol sales, thus establishing a clear nexus between local police/zoning powers and alcohol sales and thereby rendering admissible the placement on CUB permits of conditions restricting or impacting the sale of alcohol.~~
- ~~3. All City Personnel should allow conditions on CUB permits that regulate, i.e. condition and enforce, retailers' sales and distribution of alcohol.~~

ACTION: Removed from agenda.

- 12. **LUPC (8:30PM – 80 minutes)** Robin Rudisill on behalf of LUPC, (Chair-lupc@VeniceNC.org)
[Discussion and possible action]

A 601 Ocean Front Walk, North Venice Subarea (30 minutes), C1-1 zone, General Plan Land Use

Plan designation: Community Commercial

ZA-2015-0102-CDP-CU-SPP and ENV-2015-103-MND

VCZSP Compliance: SPP

<http://www.venicenc.org/601-ocean-front-walk/>

CITY HEARING TOOK PLACE ON December 3, 2015

Project Description: Construction of a 35' tall mixed-use building featuring 7,992 sq ft of retail, 20,000 sq ft of office, and one 800 sq ft dwelling unit, all sited on a 19,195 sq ft lot; and a conditional use to permit deviations from commercial corner establishment/mini-shopping center requirements by allowing on-site tandem parking otherwise not permitted by LAMC Section 12.22-A.23(a)(4)(i); and relief from the requirement to landscape all street frontages and perimeters as required by LAMC Section 12.22-A.23(a)(10)(i); and a VCZSP compliance review

Applicant: Glen Irani, Glen Irani Architects Inc.

LUPC Staff: Robert Aronson

RECOMMENDED BY LUPC on 11-30-15: x-x-x (XX/XX)

MOTION:

- B 310-312 Venice Way, North Venice Subarea, RD1.5-1-O, General Plan Land Use Plan designation:**



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Multiple Family Residential Low Medium II
ZA-2015-1963-ZAD and ENV-2015-1965-CE

VCZSP Compliance: none

<http://www.venicenc.org/310-312-venice-way/>

CITY HEARING Thursday December 17, 2015, 9:30 am, West L.A. Municipal Bldg, 2nd floor Hearing Room, 1645 Corinth Ave

Project Description: Zoning Administrator's Determination pursuant to LAMC Section 12.24-X, 27 to permit the continued operation of a 4,134 sq ft office building in the RD1.5-1-O zone, otherwise not permitted by LAMC Section 12.23-B, 2

Applicant: Steve Catalano for Laura Alice & Peter Scaturro

LUPC Staff: Robin Rudisill, Chair

No recommendation by LUPC on 12-7-15: x-x-x (XX/XX)

MOTION:

- C** **549 Westminster Ave, Oakwood Subarea**, RD1.5, General Plan Land Use Plan designation: Multiple Family Residential Low Medium II, CONTINUED FROM JULY 28, 2015 MEETING ZA-2015-607-CDP-ZAA-SPP-MEL and ENV-2015-608-EAF and DIR-2015-4244-VSO and ZA-2015-812-CEX (for a 6' block wall)
VCZSP Compliance: SPP
<http://www.venicenc.org/549-westminster-ave/>
CITY HEARING NOT YET SCHEDULED
Project Description: demo of existing SFD & construction of new 2,565 sq ft 1 and 2-story SFD; shared drive-way with 559 Westminster is being modified
Applicant: Nora Gordon
LUPC Staff: Mehrnoosh Mojallali
RECOMMENDED BY LUPC on 12-7-15: x-x-x (XX/XX)

MOTION:

- D** **533 Rose Ave ("Superba Snack Bar"), Oakwood Subarea**, C4-1 zone, General Plan Land Use Plan designation: Community Commercial Area of Special Interest—Oakwood Community Commercial Area (Rose Avenue between 4th and 7th Avenues, to be used for residential, neighborhood retail and services, personal services, and small scale businesses oriented to the local community)
ZA-2015-3040-CUB
VCZSP Compliance: n/a as only for a CUB
<http://www.venicenc.org/533-rose-ave-superba-snack-bar/>
CITY HEARING NOT YET SCHEDULED



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Project Description: new CUB for a full line of alcohol

Applicant: Dafne Gokcen, FE Design & Consulting

LUPC Staff: Mehrnoosh Mojallali

RECOMMENDED BY LUPC on 11-30-15: 5-3-1 (MM/RD)

MOTION:

E **330-330 ½-332-332 ½ Rennie Ave, Oakwood Subarea**, RD1.5-1 zone, General Plan Land Use Plan designation: Multiple-Family Residential Low Medium II

ZA-2014-1264-CDP-SPP-MEL and VTT-72727-SL (Vesting Tentative Tract—5+ lots) and ENV-2014-1262-MND

VCZSP Compliance: SPP (DIR for SLS/VCZSP pre-October 2014)

<http://www.venicenc.org/330-332-rennie-ave/>

CITY HEARING NOT YET SCHEDULED

Project Description: Mello Act Determination, demo of 5 existing residential units in 4 buildings on two separate lots totaling 12,700 sq ft, Small-Lot Subdivision to create 7 new record lots w/7 new individual SFD's (note: case filed on 4/10/14, accepted for review on 1/22/15)

Applicant: Brian Silveira

LUPC Staff: Robin Rudisill, Chair

RECOMMENDED BY LUPC on 12-7-15: x-x-x (XX/XX)

MOTION:

F **230 San Juan Ave, Oakwood Subarea**, RD1.5-1-O zone, General Plan Land Use designation: Multiple-Family Residential Low Medium II

ZA-2015-1261-ZAA and ENV-2015-1262-CE

VCZSP Compliance: none

CITY HEARING TOOK PLACE ON December 10, 2015

<http://www.venicenc.org/230-san-juan-ave/>

Project Description: Zoning Administrator's Adjustment to permit 1) a front yard of 5' in lieu of the 15' front yard required, 2) a 3'-6" westerly side yard & a 2'-4" easterly side yard in lieu of the 4' side yard required, & 3) a rear yard varying from 0' to 8' in lieu of the 15' rear yard required, all in conjunction with the proposed 1,159 sq ft addition to an existing 1,056 sq ft SFD & new 310 sq ft attached garage, on a 1,344 sq ft lot, resulting in a max height of 35'

Applicant: Brian Silveira for Shrigley Holdings, Inc.

LUPC Staff: Gabriel Ruspini

RECOMMENDED BY LUPC on 12-7-15: x-x-x (XX/XX)

MOTION:



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G **338 Indiana Ave, Oakwood Subarea**, RD1.5-1 zone, General Plan Land Use designation:

Multiple-Family Residential Low Medium II

ZA-2015-1389-CDP and ENV-2015-1390-CE and DIR-2012-1705-VSO-MEL

VCZSP Compliance: VSO

CITY HEARING TOOK PLACE ON December 10, 2015

<http://www.venicenc.org/338-indiana-ave/>

Project Description: construction of a 30' tall duplex sited on a vacant 5,282 sq ft lot

Applicant: Jason Berk, for Aubrey Balkind

LUPC Staff: Gabriel Ruspini

RECOMMENDED BY LUPC on 12-7-15: x-x-x (XX/XX)

MOTION:

H **658 Venice Blvd (“Extra Space Storage” expansion), Southeast Venice Subarea**, M1-1-O zone,

General Plan Land Use Plan designation: Limited Industrial, CONTINUED FROM JULY 7, 2015

MEETING

ZA-2015-2789-CEX and ZA-2014-1463-CEX and DIR-2015-3076-CEX and DIR-2015-3188-VSO

VCZSP Compliance: VSO (2015 vs. 2014?)

<http://www.venicenc.org/658-venice-blvd-extra-space-storage/>

CITY HEARING NOT YET SCHEDULED

Project Description: NEED

Applicant: James Goodman, AIA

LUPC Staff: Robert Aronson

RECOMMENDED BY LUPC on 11-30-15: x-x-x (XX/XX)

MOTION:

I **2614 Grand View Ave, Southeast Venice Subarea**, R2-1 zone, General Plan Land Use Plan

designation: Multiple Family Residential Low Medium I

ZA-2015-1138-CDP-ZAA and ENV-2015-1139-CE and DIR-2015-828-VSO

VCZSP Compliance: VSO (Note: should CEQA cases be one MND for both cases?)

<http://www.venicenc.org/2614-grand-view-ave/>

CITY HEARING TOOK PLACE ON December 3, 2015

Project Description: Construction of a 30' tall, 2,676 sq ft duplex located on a 6,634 sq ft lot and a Zoning Administrator's Adjustment per LAMC Section 12.28 to permit a 4'4" passageway between an entrance and a street in lieu of 10' as required by LAMC Section 12.21-C, 2(b)

Applicant: Laurence Tighe, for Berta Gehry

LUPC Staff: Mehrnoosh Mojallali



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RECOMMENDED BY LUPC on 11-30-15: 9-0-0 (MM/RD)

ACTION: Placed on consent calendar.

MOTION:

J 908 Harding Ave, Southeast Venice Subarea, R2-1 zone, General Plan Land Use Plan

designation:

Multiple Family Residential Low Medium I

ZA-2015-1240-CDP-F and and ENV-2015-1241-EAF and DIR-2015-827-VSO

VCZSP Compliance: VSO

<http://www.venicenc.org/2614-grand-view-ave/>

CITY HEARING TOOK PLACE ON December 3, 2015

Project Description: Construction of a 30' tall, 2,669 sq ft SFD located on a 7,463 sq ft lot and a Zoning Administrator's Adjustment per LAMC Section 12.24-X, 7 to allow the construction and continued use of a wall, landscaping, and entry gates with a maximum height of 8', in lieu of the maximum 3 1/2' in height otherwise permitted in the front yard by LAMC Section 12.21-C, 1(g).

Applicant: Laurence Tighe, for Berta Gehry

LUPC Staff: Mehrnoosh Mojallali

RECOMMENDED BY LUPC on 11-30-15: 6-1-2 (RA/MK)

MOTION: THE VNC Board recommends approval of the project as proposed, except that the front yard wall shall not be in excess of the allowable height.

ACTION: Placed on consent calendar (MD/IK 5-0-1)

FOR: MS, IK, HH, KV, MD

AGAINST: None

ABSTAIN: MN

K 505 28th Ave, Southeast Venice Subarea, R1-1-O zone, General Plan Land Use Plan designation:

Single-Family Residential Low

DIR-2015-3474-CDP and ENV-2015-3475-CE and DIR-2015-3647-VSO

VCZSP Compliance: VSO

<http://www.venicenc.org/404-28th-ave/>

CITY HEARING TOOK PLACE ON December 7, 2015

Project Description: Demo of 405 sq ft detached accessory garage, construction of 2nd floor addition of 646 sq ft & a new attached 370 sq ft garage to the existing SFD, with 3 parking spaces, 2 covered & 1 uncovered, max building height of 25' to the top edge of the flat roof and a residential floor area of 2,877 sq ft

Applicant: Robert Thibodeau, for Gavbin Dogan



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LUPC Staff: Maury Ruano

RECOMMENDED BY LUPC on 12-7-15: x-x-x (XX/XX)

MOTION:

L1 Starbucks – Evenings Program

MOTION: From Spencer Regnery spencer@gpan.com requesting motion for support of Starbucks CUB application to sell Beer & Wine at its existing Store at 4264 Lincoln Blvd, Marina Del Rey, CA Requesting a recommendation to VNC for letter of support for Starbucks proposed Evenings program that includes menu addition of Beer & Wine for interior on-site consumption.

Reference ZA-2015-3966-CUB

LUPC VOTE PENDING

L2 Amendment to Starbucks CUB motion (Melissa Diner melissa.diner@venicenc.org)

MOTION: Requesting motion for support of Starbucks CUB application to sell Beer & Wine at its existing Store at 4264 Lincoln Blvd, Marina Del Rey, CA Requesting a recommendation to VNC for letter of support for Starbucks proposed Evenings program that includes menu addition of Beer & Wine for interior on-site consumption.

In addition to this project the Venice Neighbor Council supports issuance of beer & wine liquor licenses to similar coffee house and small restaurant establishments in the area to for the sole purpose of incorporating a new revenue stream and following suite with other major cities supporting traditional and new hospitality and restaurant business models such as New York City, Las Vegas, Chicago, Seattle, Denver, Miami, and so forth.

ACTION: L1 and L2 referred to LUPC (MD/IK 5-0-1).

FOR: MS, IK, HH, KV, MD

AGAINST: None

ABSTAIN: MN

13. **New Business (8:30PM – 30 minutes)**

[Discussion and possible action]

A Support for the Los Angeles Homeless Veterans Leasing Act of 2015 (Marc Saltzberg on behalf of WRAC vicepresident@venicenc.org)

MOTION: WHEREAS, Los Angeles County has the highest number of homeless Veterans in the nation. According to the most recent homeless count conducted by the Los Angeles Homeless Services Authority, there are 4,363 homeless Veterans in the county.



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WHEREAS, in order to address this crisis, the U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) is currently implementing a Homeless Plan and developing a Master Plan which will serve as a roadmap for housing and programs at the West LA VA.

WHEREAS, the current best practices for housing homeless Veterans is to offer Permanent Supportive Housing with comprehensive services. There is strong evidence-based data confirming a high rate of success and stability using this Housing First model.

WHEREAS, the VA would like to build an appropriate number of Permanent Supportive Housing units on the West LA VA based on the needs of the most chronically homeless Veterans, including women, aging and disabled Veterans. Permanent Supportive Housing requires a vehicle called an Enhanced Use Lease. The West LA VA does not currently have Enhanced Use Leasing authority and therefore cannot build Permanent Supportive Housing.

WHEREAS, Senator Feinstein and Congressman Lieu have introduced companion bills known as the Los Angeles Homeless Veterans Leasing Acts of 2015. This Act gives the VA the authority to enter into Enhanced Use Leases for the sole purpose of providing supportive housing. The authority has a number of safeguards, including the prohibition against selling or disposing of the land for private development. There are also regular reporting requirements to Congress about the status and success of the supportive housing.

WHEREAS, we are pleased the VA is striving to transform the West LA VA into a Veteran-centric property and we support their efforts to use the property to serve our nation's Veterans.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, the Venice Neighborhood Council adopts a resolution in support of the Los Angeles Homeless Veterans Leasing Act of 2015 (S. 2013 and H.R. 3484)

ACTION: Placed consent calendar.

B **Amend 42.15 to Include Handmade Jewelry** (Melissa Diner on behalf of the Ocean Walk Front Committee melissa.diner@venicenc.org)

MOTION: The Venice Neighborhood Council supports changing 42.15 to allow handmade jewelry and instruments. The Venice Neighborhood Council further recommends the consideration of handmade jewelry and instrument sales in all parks citywide as the city continues to develop street vending standards with the following conditions: All items must be unique, one of a kind, made by the person solely selling it and within spirit of 42.15 and free speech expression. Volunteer liaisons can be outreach personnel for police force to help regulate.

RECOMMENDED BY OCEAN FRONT WALK COMMITTEE 6-2-0

ACTION: Items fails to get placed on board agenda. (MD/KV 2-3-1)

FOR: KV,MD

AGAINST: IK, HH, MS

ABSTAIN: MN

C **Pagoda Beautification Light Shows** (Melissa Diner on behalf of the Ocean Walk Front Committee melissa.diner@venicenc.org)

MOTION: The Venice Neighborhood Council supports light shows on all the Ocean Front Walk



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Pagodas every evening from 8-9pm weekdays and 9-10pm weekends in continuation of the Pagoda Beautification Project. Light will shine toward the beach.

RECOMMENDED BY OCEAN FRONT WALK COMMITTEE 6-0-2

ACTION: Placed on consent calendar

D RFI proposals Westminster Senior Center and Dog Park USES FOR ALL and alternative site for exclusive homeless storage (Melissa Diner melissa.diner@venicenc.org)

MOTION: ~~The Venice Neighborhood Council recommends that the bus depot behind the Veterans Wall between Thornton Ave and Paloma Ct East of Pacific be considered as an area for homeless storage.~~ The Venice Neighborhood Council recommends that the Westminster Dog Park not be utilized exclusively for homeless storage as the RFI specifically states "provide community services and/or of a recreational nature," for ALL. (see RFI attached.)

ACTION: Placed on consent calendar

E Evening "Art Walk, Crawl, Block," etc. event to activate Ocean Front Walk (Melissa Diner on behalf of the Ocean Walk Front Committee melissa.diner@venicenc.org)

MOTION: The Venice Neighborhood Council recommends that the Art walk, Art block, Venice Art Crawl and other interested art organizations consider collaborating on an evening event to activate Ocean Front Walk.

RECOMMENDED BY OCEAN FRONT WALK COMMITTEE 8-0-0

ACTION: Placed on consent calendar

F Protect the boardwalk and bikepath from Sand (Melissa Diner on behalf of the Ocean Walk Front Committee melissa.diner@venicenc.org)

MOTION: The Venice Neighborhood Council recommends that the City take further action to protect the recent remediation of the the grass knoll areas on Ocean Front walk by working with the County to implement sand fencing, berm sand or other deemed appropriate measures.

RECOMMENDED BY OCEAN FRONT WALK COMMITTEE 8-0-0

ACTION: Removed from the agenda. Letter to be resent.

G Grassy Knolls allowed to be maintained by community partners (Melissa Diner on behalf of the Ocean Walk Front Committee melissa.diner@venicenc.org)

MOTION: The Venice Neighborhood Council recommends permitting green areas to be redesigned and available for community space overseen by adjunct community partners.

RECOMMENDED BY OCEAN FRONT WALK COMMITTEE 7-1-0

H Sunscreen dispensers on OFW (Melissa Diner on behalf of the Ocean Walk Front Committee melissa.diner@venicenc.org)

MOTION: The Venice Neighborhood Council recommends the implementation of free sunscreen



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dispensers in designated areas on Ocean Front Walk. The SnappyScreen, Inc. has reached out and should be implemented with minimal signage similar to how Sun Shield provided sunscreen to all participants on Ciclovía Oct. 18, 2015 etc.

RECOMMENDED BY OCEAN FRONT WALK COMMITTEE 5-3-0

ACTION: Placed on agenda (MD/KV 5-0-1)

FOR: KV, MD, IK, HH, MS

AGAINST: None

ABSTAIN: MN

- I** **Allow events on piers, sand & Ocean Front Walk** (Melissa Diner on behalf of the Ocean Walk Front Committee melissa.diner@venicenc.org)

MOTION: The Venice Neighborhood Council recommends that the County of Los Angeles, the Dept. of Public Works and the City of Los Angeles allow event permits for all for all applicants, such as weddings and local concerts on Ocean Front Walk, the Sand and the Washington and Rose Ave. Pier. They further encourage, transparency in the permit process for all.

RECOMMENDED BY OCEAN FRONT WALK COMMITTEE 7-0-1

ACTION: Placed on consent calendar (MD/KV 5-0-1)

FOR: KV, MD, IK, HH, MS

AGAINST: None

ABSTAIN: MN

- J** **Banning The Use of Spray Paint in the Venice Beach Recreation Area** (Melissa Diner on behalf of the Ocean Walk Front Committee melissa.diner@venicenc.org)

MOTION: Whereas, spray paint is known to the State of California as a toxic material; and
Whereas, vendors on Venice Boardwalk have for years engaged in activities utilizing spray paint; and
Whereas, these activities are carried out in close proximity to residences and in the midst of large crowds of people milling about on the Boardwalk; and
Whereas, residents, visitors and other vendors are thus subjected daily to toxic chemical propellant fumes and toxic paint mist released from cans of spray paint; and
Whereas, these chemicals can remain airborne for up to two hours and whereas this spray painting is often repeated many times throughout the day, and thus spray paint chemicals can and do remain in the air all day long; and
Whereas, this spray painting is frequently associated with sawing and sanding of materials used in conjunction of the spray painting, causing health hazards from particulate matter being spread into the air; and
Whereas, the use of spray paint along the Boardwalk is a clear danger to the health of residents, visitors and other vendors; and
Whereas, the use of spray paint by artists and others should be confined to proper paint booths with environmental controls;

Now, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, the Venice Neighborhood Council hereby calls upon the City of Los Angeles, the Public Health Department of the County of Los Angeles and the South



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Coast Regional Air Quality Board to act to immediately prohibit the use of these toxic materials in the Venice Beach Recreation Area.
RECOMMENDED BY OCEAN FRONT WALK COMMITTEE 8-0-0

ACTION: Referred to Arts Committee (MD/MS 5-0-1)

FOR: KV, MD, IK, HH, MS

AGAINST: None

ABSTAIN: MN

K — **“Venice Sign Offs,”** (Todd Darling)

MOTION:

- ~~i. — Whereas the “Venice Sign Off” (VSO), now done solely by the Los Angeles City Planning Dept., has the effect of shielding proposed housing projects in Venice from the appropriate and legally mandated public scrutiny;~~
- ~~ii. — Whereas the VSO is done by one planner, who has stated that he does not take into consideration questions of “mass, scale and character” even though “mass, scale and character” is part of the local and state law, including the Coastal Act and the L.A. General Plan Venice Community Plan (certified) Land Use Plan;~~
- ~~iii. — Whereas the VSO allows projects to go forward without fully analyzing their impact on Affordable Housing per Los Angeles City ordinances, or analysis of their implications regarding the state’s Mello Act;~~
- ~~iv. — Whereas VSOs have not adequately considered or analyzed historically significant buildings and resources, the VSOs are causing damage to our historic heritage and possibly prejudicing our future Local Coastal Plan and any potential historic district;~~
- ~~v. — Whereas the VSO’s give exemptions to CEQA (California Environmental Quality Act) without adequate analysis, frequently without complying with the state’s requirement that no exemption be given if a development runs counter to a neighborhood’s mass, scale and character;~~
- ~~vi. — Whereas the VSO expedites development of projects without public input and therefore endangers the integrity and character of our special coastal community, and our population’s diversity, these VSOs could therefore prejudice our legally mandated “Local Coastal Plan” before it is even written;~~
- ~~vii. — Whereas the VSO Administrator also acts as the City’s Mello Act Coordinator, reducing the transparency of Mello Act Determinations for the public and creating doubt about their accuracy;~~
- ~~viii. — Whereas the City’s process for determining whether replacing low or moderate income housing is financially feasible is deeply flawed, and the processing and coordination provided by the Planning Dept. and the VSO Administrator avoids a public and transparent process;~~
- ~~ix. — Whereas only the Western Center on Law and Poverty and the Legal Aid Foundation of Los Angeles are notified about “replacement affordable units” housing determinations for proposed~~



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~~developments and those notices are not always sent to/received, or opened by those two organizations;~~

~~x. ——— Whereas the VSO allows the City's Affordable Housing law analysis to be considered separately from and prior to other aspects of proposed developments, and effectively "piece-meals" the planning and permit process, which is illegal in California, and does not serve the community interests of Venice;~~

~~xi. ——— Whereas the VSO authorizes Coastal Exemptions, it usurps the authority as well as the spirit of the California Coastal Act and the Coastal Commission and is not in the best interests of Venice; and~~

~~xii. ——— Whereas cumulatively the VSO violates the rights and equal protection due Venice residents and other landowners.~~

~~THEREFORE Be It Resolved that the VNG Board:~~

- ~~1. ——— Demand that the City of Los Angeles permanently cease issuing "Venice Sign Offs" effective immediately, as of this date, and that all projects go through a transparent, public process;~~
- ~~2. ——— Request that our City Councilman Mike Bonin immediately request a meeting with the City Attorney's office and Kevin Jones and the Planning Department to demand the immediate termination of the "Venice Sign Off" as it illegally acts to "piecemeal" the planning process, violate local and state housing law, and damage the character of a protected Special Coastal Community; and~~
- ~~3. ——— Demand that the Planning Department shall swiftly notify the Venice Land Use and Planning Committee and the general public in Venice when any proposed project may potentially impact affordable housing issues, or "Mass, Scale and Character".~~

ACTION: Removed from agenda.

L ——— 601 Ocean Front Walk, North Venice Subarea (Robin Rudisill)

~~C1-1 zone, General Plan Land Use Plan designation: Community Commercial~~

~~ZA 2015-0102-GDP-CU-SPP and ENV 2015-103-MND~~

~~VCZSP Compliance: SPP~~

~~CITY HEARING TOOK PLACE ON December 3, 2015~~

~~Project Description: Construction of a 35' tall mixed-use building featuring 7,992 sq ft of retail, 20,000 sq ft of office, and one 800 sq ft dwelling unit, all sited on a 19,195 sq ft lot; and a conditional use to permit deviations from commercial corner establishment/mini-shopping center requirements by allowing on-site tandem parking otherwise not permitted by LAMC Section 12.22 A.23(a)(4)(i); and relief from the requirement to landscape all street frontages and perimeters as required by LAMC Section 12.22 A.23(a)(10)(i); and a VCZSP compliance review~~

~~Applicant: Glen Irani, Glen Irani Architects Inc. ———~~

~~LUPC Staff: Robert Aronson~~

ACTION: Pulled from the agenda.

M Appoint community Liaison Board of Public Works (Melissa Diner melissa.diner@venicenc.org)



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MOTION: The Venice Neighborhood Council will appoint a community liaison or group of community liaisons to the Board of Public Works.

ACTION: Placed on the consent calendar.

N Venice Ice Rink Free Speech Zone (Jared Essig ben Noah jared.essig@gmail.com)

~~**MOTION:** The VNC Board continue to oppose the development of an ice rink in Venice, until every community center in Los Angeles has a functioning water fountain.~~

~~If the city continues this unwanted, decadent, unnatural development, we declare every inch of ice rink wall, interior and exterior is a Free Speech Zone available to Venice muralists, taggers, artist activists, and free range citizens. Commercial speech, being unavoidable, will have no special priority. No advertising concessions will be leased, until the city creates a non-profit corporation to receive 100% of revenue, dedicated to providing drinking fountains, and low water public showers, and public toilets.~~

~~No anti-vandalism laws will be enforced on the ice rink. It will not come under any special jurisdiction by a sponsoring entity (i.e. LA Kings) paying for advertising or sponsorship.~~

ACTION: Removed from the agenda.

14. Board Member Comments on subject matters within the VNC jurisdiction (9:38PM - 5 minutes)

15. Adjourn (approx.)

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