



Venice Neighborhood Council

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Joint Board & Administrative Committee Agenda

Canal Club

2025 Pacific Ave, Venice, 90291

Monday, January 12, 2015 at 7:00 PM

Note (i) The Administrative Committee does not address or consider the merits of proposed agenda items. Its function is to determine whether a proposed agenda item will be placed on the next Board meeting agenda, postponed, referred to a specific committee for review and recommendation, treated as an announcement, or considered and resolved as a non-Board administrative matter. (ii) The Administrative Committee has the discretion to reorder consideration of matters on the agenda to accommodate stakeholders or for other reasons.

1. **Call to Order and Roll Call**
2. **Approval of the Administrative Committee Agenda**
<http://www.venicenc.org/wp-content/uploads/2012/12/141208AdComMinutes.pdf>
3. **Approval of outstanding Administrative Committee minutes**
4. **Announcements & Public Comment on items not on the Agenda**
5. **Old Administrative Committee Business**
[Discussion and possible action.]
- A **Approval of Mission Statement for proposed Ocean Front Walk Free Expression Advisory Board Ad Hoc Committee** (Melissa Diner melissa.diner@venicenc.org)

MOTION: The Administrative Committee approves the following Mission Statement for the proposed Ocean Front Walk Free Expression Advisory Board Ad Hoc Committee:

MISSION STATEMENT: The purpose of this committee is to ultimately create a self-regulating body to handle all boardwalk relations as they pertain to 42.15. Present your product to be approved if there is any question, if you have had a problem on the boardwalk and have a question or if there is a group with the same issue this would be the conversation starting point. Committee would be made up of:

- 1.) OFW Free Speech expressionists
- 2.) 3 OFW artists
- 3.) 1 OFW or OFW walk street resident
- 4.) LAPD member
- 5.) 1-art committee member
- 6.) 1-ofw-committee member
- 7.) OFW Business owner
- 8.) A Venice resident lawyer

6. **New Administrative Committee Business**
[Discussion and possible action.]
- A **Conduct of Public Attendees at Board Meetings** George Francisco
gianfrancisco@hotmail.com



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B Consideration and approval of January 20th, 2015 Proposed Board Agenda

7. Adjourn

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DRAFT Board of Officers Meeting Agenda **Westminster Elementary School (Auditorium)** **1010 Abbot Kinney Blvd, Venice, 90291** **Tuesday, January 20th, 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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PUBLIC COMMENT: The public is requested to fill out a "**Speaker Card**" to address the Board on any Old or New Business item on the agenda and the Treasurer's Report. Comments from the public on these agenda items will be heard only when that item is being considered. Comments from the public on other agenda matters or on matters not appearing on the agenda but within the Board's subject matter jurisdiction will be heard during the Public Comment period. Public comment is limited to one (1) minute per speaker, unless modified by the presiding officer of the Board. No new speaker cards will be accepted once Public Comment has begun.

COMMUNITY IMPACT STATEMENTS: Any action taken by the Board may result in the filing of a related CIS

DISABILITY POLICY: See last page.

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. Condolences to Kris Valentine on the passing of his grandfather over the Christmas holiday.

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/2012/05/141215BoardMinutes.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 – 27 minutes)

A Public Safety - LAPD Report (5 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.*

B Government Reports (15 minutes) (Representatives have standing place on the agenda, but are not always available to attend)

- City Councilmember Mike Bonin, Cecilia Castillo, Field Deputy, Cecilia.Castillo@lacity.org (310-568-8772)
- Congressman Ted Lieu, Representative _____



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- State Senator Ben Allen, 310-318-6994
- State Assemblyperson Autumn Burke, Rep Odysseys Bostick 310.412.6400
- LA County Supervisor Sheila Kuehl
- Mayor Eric Garcetti, Westside Deputy, Daniel Tamm, (Daniel.Tamm@Lacity.org) 213-978-0836

C VNC Announcements (5 Minutes)

- President - Mike Newhouse (President@VeniceNC.org)
Cancellation of Spaghetti on OceanFront Walk CIP
- 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: Catherine Chevalier, President VCC (Catherine@notmaurice.com)

D 2015-2016 CIP Applications (5 minutes) Ivan Spiegel parliamentarian@venicenc.org

The applications for the 2015-2016 Community Improvement Projects are now available.

E BONC Code of Conduct (Ivan Spiegel parliamentarian@venicenc.org)

All Board members shall sign the new BONC Code of Conduct

F Airport Committee Report on Environmental Impact (Abigail Myers abigail.myers@venicenc.org)

7. General Consent Calendar (7:32PM -- 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.]

A Green Venice Expo Town Hall (Sylvia Aroth chair.outreach@venicenc.org)

MOTION: The VNC Board approves a Town Hall: Green Venice Expo to be held on February 28, 2015.

B Community Improvement Project extension (Ivan Spiegel, Program Administrator parliamentarian@venicenc.org)

MOTION: The VNC Board grants Kiss The Ground an additional 60 days to acquire a permit so that the project can move forward. If the applicant does not receive their permit within the next 60 days the funding allocation will expire.



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8. **Land Use and Planning Committee (LUPC) Consent Calendar (7:33 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.]
9. **Announcements & Public Comment on items not on the Agenda (7:34PM -- 10 minutes)**
[No more than 1 minute per person – no Board member announcements permitted]
10. **Old Business** *[Discussion and possible action]*
- A **Pavilion (10 minutes)** (Melissa Diner on behalf of the OFW Committee melissa.diner@venicenc.org)
MOTION: The Venice Neighborhood Council supports the installation of a permanent pavilion on Windward Plaza that can be used for multiple activities including dance hall, ice rink, roller rink, central market, movies etc.
APPROVED BY OFW COMMITTEE 3-0-0
- B **Pagoda Beautification** (Melissa Diner melissa.diner@venicenc.org)
MOTION: Whereas, the Venice artist community is thriving and public murals have evolved into a way to tie the Venice aesthetic with improving public spaces while creatively engaging residents and visitors; and
Whereas, Venice deals with the impacts of new art vending regulations and the polarization among many of its residents regarding the evolution of the boardwalk and its role in serving the larger needs of the entire Venice neighbors and boardwalk businesses by giving artists more public space to create on the boardwalk; and
Whereas, the most ideal spaces for more public art are the pagodas along the boardwalk which currently serve as a gathering place for a wide range of locals and tourists and function as a true community amenity that could be improved by hosting local artists as muralists who adopt the space on a rotating basis;
Therefore, be it resolved that the Venice Neighborhood Council supports the formation of an “Adopt-A-Pagoda” and adjacent benches project. Artists would cover the entire pagoda space and surrounding mini wall surrounding mini walls with their work and coordinate with Venice arts organizations and the VNC Arts and OFW Committees to feature their installations as a focus for events like the Venice Art Crawl. Murals in the Pagoda spaces would also beautify the boardwalk, add to Venice’s uniqueness, and create options cross-collaborative partnering among neighborhood artists, businesses and residents. Concepts must be presented and approved by Arts Committee & OFW Committee and Venice Neighborhood Council prior to installment.

APPROVED BY OFW COMMITTEE (Shelly Motion, Gail second) 5-0-0
LINK:https://docs.google.com/forms/d/1z_L30UwJaa7Rrq0h0XcNlsxX9a8T6WTVoW8rp2RXgPI/viewform?usp=send_form
11. **Old LUPC Business (7:44PM – 50 minutes)** (Robin Rudisill on behalf of LUPC, Chair-lupc@VeniceNC.org)



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A 710 California Ave (SFD); Milwood Subarea; (10 Minutes)

ZA-2014-2135-CDP

CITY HEARING TOOK PLACE ON NOVEMBER 20, 2014

Project Description: Demo (E) SFD & construct /new 3-story SFD with accessory living quarters above garage

Applicant: Matthew Royce

LUPC Staff: Todd Darling & Maury Ruano

NOTED FOR FUTURE:

Both Public and Committee members were very concerned about the errors discovered in the City's Hearing Notice and it was requested that in future Applicants inform the VNC/LUPC of such errors so that they can inform interested parties. In this case the errors were in indicating project specifications that were in excess of standards, so it was decided that a revised hearing notice and hearing would not be necessitated, but had the errors been such that the hearing notice indicated compliance and in fact the project was out of compliance, a revised hearing notice and hearing must be provided by the City.

MOTION: The VNC Board recommends approval of the project at 710 California Ave, assuming a maximum height of 25', a compliant Roof Access Structure of no more than 100 sq ft in size and 10' in height, side yard setbacks of a minimum of 4', and compliant in all other applicable ways with the Venice Coastal Zone Specific Plan.

APPROVED BY LUPC on 11/25/14 by a vote of 5-0-2 (RA/MR)

<http://www.venicenc.org/710-california-ave/>

B 29-47 Windward (surface parking lot); North Venice Subarea (20 minutes)

ZA-2014-3650-CDP and ENV-2014-3651-CE

CASE NOT YET SCHEDULED FOR CITY HEARING

Project Description: add 30 automated/hydraulic car lifts (11'9.75" X 8'3" and 14' high, including auto height) to a surface beach parking lot, increasing capacity of lot from 38 to 68 spaces, C2 zone, Dual Permit Jurisdiction Coastal Zone

Applicant: Clare Bronowski & Dillon Johnson

LUPC Staff: Gabriel Ruspini & Kathleen Rawson

MOTION: The VNC Board recommends approval of the project as presented.

APPROVED BY LUPC on 12/4/14 by a vote 3-2-1 (RD/MM)

<http://www.venicenc.org/29-47-windward-ave/>



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12. **New Business (8:34PM – 35 minutes)**

[Discussion and possible action]

A Definition and rules applying to subcommittees Marc Saltzberg vicepresident@venicenc.org

MOTION: Please create a standing rule that defines subcommittees and a procedure for setting them up. My initial suggestions are:

Per the City Attorney:

Sub-committees of the VNC's standing and ad-hoc committees **MUST** comply with the Brown Act, including 72hr advance posting of Agendas, substantive agendas that list the subject matter to be discussed and acted upon, and posted minutes of the meetings.

A committee or sub-committee is any body that:

- a. Is recognized by the board or one of it's committees as having subject matter jurisdiction over an area of interest to the VNC.
- b. Makes non-procedural decisions and / or motions regarding its subject matter that may appear on a committee or board agenda
- c. Consists of more than one voting member

To be clear:

If a group is doing research only and does not formulate or recommend motions or make decisions about subject matter, then it does not function as a committee or subcommittee and does not need to comply with the Brown Act.

Subcommittees must follow the same operational rules that the VNC applies to ad hoc committees except that they report to their parent body, not the VNC Board.

This means that the parent body must make motions that create sub-committees; define their subject matter (and or mission if a mission statement is necessary) and duration; and dissolve them when necessary if they are not term-limited. Committee chairs are responsible for any subcommittees created by their committees. They report to the Board and take responsibility for subcommittee activities in the same way the President and Vice President are responsible for committees. From the Board's perspective, the activities of the subcommittee are the activities of the parent committee. In no case will a sub-committee exceed the term of the VNC Board or survive if its parent body is dissolved (either by board-action or term limits).

The VNC strongly suggests that a subcommittee have a chair to enforce rules of order, our codes of ethics and civility, and ensure agendas, minutes and other organizational / administrative details are properly handled. The VNC strongly suggests that the Chair (or at least one co-chair of the sub-committee if co-chairs are appointed) is a member of its parent body.

B Support for Short Term Vacation Rentals Motion in City Council Marc Saltzberg and Amanda Seward marc.saltzberg@venicenc.org

MOTION: The Venice Neighborhood Council supports Los Angeles City Council motion 14-1635 requesting that the Council direct the City Administrative Officer and the Chief Legislative Analyst, in conjunction with the relevant City Departments and the City Attorney to work with stakeholder groups to make recommendations for an ordinance regulating the legal operation of short-term rentals in Los Angeles that (a) protects residential neighborhoods from large numbers of or a concentration of short term rentals in any particular neighborhood at a given time; (b) provides for collection of the Transit Occupancy Tax; and (c) prohibits the removal of large numbers of units from the City's stock of rental or affordable housing. We agree that it makes sense to examine the experience of other states and



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municipalities in developing such regulations.

The VNC urges LA City to compile more information on the number of short-term rentals in residential zones throughout the City, and in Venice in particular. The VNC passed the following motion on 10/21/2014: The VNC Board shall request the CAO to compile and provide information on the number of short-term rentals in Venice, including the number of single-family dwellings where only one dwelling unit exists on the lot, the number of multi-family dwellings, including duplexes and condominiums, and the number of listings, whether registered or unregistered properties, that fall under the Rent Stabilization Ordinance.

Per our request to involve stakeholder groups, the VNC sent a letter to the Los Angeles City Council on September 24, 2014 regarding Council File Council File 14-0593, which created the Sharing Economy Work Group. The letter stated, in part: "the Venice Community deserves to be included in preparing the Work Group's report and recommendation to the City Council; and that the VNC Board recommends that... the Work Group focus on the positive and negative impacts of the recent exponential expansion of the short-term rental market on Venice..., and that they carefully research and analyze the impact of non owner-occupied short-term rentals on the availability of longterm housing stock in Venice, the number of rent controlled units in Venice, and on the quality of life and socio-economic diversity in Venice's residential neighborhoods (including commercial zones with rent-controlled properties).

We also wish to remind the Los Angeles City Council that on August 8, 2014, the VNC submitted a CIS re: Council File Council File 14-0593 requesting that Sharing Economy Working Group consider a report dated Nov. 7, 2013 by the VNC Neighborhood Committee regarding Short Term Vacation Rentals. The report can be found at <http://www.venicenc.org/wp-content/uploads/2012/09/Short-Term-Vacation-Rental-Report.pdf>).

In the meantime, the VNC urges the City to enforce current laws to protect our communities.

- C** **Housing and Caring for Homeless Veterans** (Ivan Spiegel on behalf of LAANC Ivan Spiegel on behalf of LAANC parliamentarian@venicenc.org)

MOTION: Whereas, Los Angeles has the largest homeless Veteran's population in the United States, and
Whereas, Los Angeles also has the largest VA Veteran's Home property in the United States, and
Whereas, Mayor Garcetti has pledged to end Veteran homelessness in Los Angeles by the end of 2015 without ever mentioning the utilization of nearly 400 acres of land at the West LA VA property as a solution, and
Whereas, the challenge to end Veteran homelessness in less than 12 months must require immediate supportive housing and healthcare which can only happen at the WLA VA property where there is plenty of space and an existing VA hospital
Therefore be it resolved that the Venice Neighborhood Council joins other Los Angeles Neighborhood Councils in recognizing that Los Angeles is in a "state of emergency" for homeless Veteran and hereby requests that the Los Angeles City council direct the City of Los Angeles, with all of its resources, and the Veteran's Administration to unify and open a large-scale Crisis Humanitarian Relief Project on VA land to immediately house and care for the thousands upon thousands of disabled homeless Veterans in the City of Los Angeles.



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D **Support for Turning LA’s Streets into the World’s Largest Public Arts Gallery** (Eduardo Manilla on behalf of the Arts Committee eduardo.manilla@venicenc.org)

MOTION: Whereas, Los Angeles, America's second largest city, has over 6,000 miles of road and 4,400 traffic signal boxes; and
 Whereas, Los Angeles, America's most creative city, has over 300 museums, 200 art galleries, thousands of artists, and hundreds of professional arts organizations and nonprofits; and
 Whereas, Los Angeles, America's largest provider of arts education, has hundreds of schools teaching the arts and thousands of students studying the arts; and
 Therefore be it resolved, that the City of Los Angeles supports The Power of Art's efforts to empower our artists and arts institutions to create 'mini-murals' on every street corner by decorating every traffic signal box.
 VOTED 4-0-0

E **Installation of Topiary Sculptures at Westminster Elementary School** (Eduardo Manilla on behalf of the Arts Committee eduardo.manilla@venicenc.org)

MOTION:The Venice Neighborhood Council shall provide a Letter of Support for the installation of Venice Camel Group Topiary Sculptures at the entry of Westminster Avenue Elementary School on Abbot Kinney Boulevard.
 The Sculptures bring to life a colorful story of Venice’s history. They will surprise, delight, and inspire community pride in the children of Westminster and engage the public in the dialog. The Topiaries are a “green,” living, sculptural installation by Venice’s own public artist, Robin Murez. No funding is requested; it has been secured by the Artist.
 VOTED 4-0-0

F **Approval in concept of Walkability Impact Disclosure Ordinance** Joe Murphy joedmur@gmail.com

MOTION: The VNC Board endorses in concept and encourages implementation of the below proposal contained in the Discussion Forum Committee’s VNC Vision Goals Idea Matrix:

Idea	Submitted by Joe Murphy (310-305-1444 joedmur@gmail.com)	Suggested Implementation Strategy	Generated while Brainstorming
Walkability Impact Disclosure Ordinance (WIDO)	Require government departments to prepare & publish a report indicating the impact of their proposed actions on the walkability of the communities in which the actions are to be implemented. Currently, many government departments act without being required to consult a community & without regard to impacts of their actions on community walkability such as: (i) Cutting down trees;	Create committee with the necessary expertise to: · Draft & lobby Walkability Impact Disclosure Ordinance (WIDO) into all applicable ordinances · Arrange for easy community monitoring of	Focus on Children Participation Walkability Diversity Creativity Collaboration Brainstorming



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	(ii) Installing street-lights & telephone poles & bus-stops in sidewalks; (iii) Widening streets; (iv) Unknowns.	compliance of all departments with the WIDO	
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APPROVED unanimously (6-0-0) by the Discussion Forum Committee 12/9/2014

- 13. Treasurers Report (9:09PM - 10 minutes)** (Hugh Harrison on behalf of Budget & Finance Committee, Treasurer@VeniceNC.org) **[EXHIBIT]**
 [Discussion and possible action]

A MOTION: The Venice Neighborhood Council approves the attached Monthly Expenditure Reports for December 2014.
 APPROVED by Budget and Finance Committee 4-0-0 on 1-6-15

B MOTION: The Venice Neighborhood Council approves the expenditure for and requests cash to be allocated to its NC checking account in the following amounts for February 2015 to cover the expenses of the Green Venice Town Hall 2014:

VNC Budget Item	DONE	Vendor (if Known)	Amount
Facility rental	OUT	LAUSD	\$ 500.00
Water	OUT	Smart & Final	\$ 20.00
Printing	OUT	Office Depot	\$ 100.00
Total			\$ 620.00

APPROVED BY Budget and Finance Committee 4-0-0 on 1-6-15

- 14. Board Member Comments on subject matters within the VNC jurisdiction (5 minutes)**

15. Adjourn

List of Venice Neighborhood Council Committees & Chairs – Volunteers Welcome

Administrative	Mike Newhouse	Communications	Jed Pauker
Arts	Eduardo Manilla	Discussion Forum	Joe Murphy
Budget & Finance	Hugh Harrison	Business	George Francisco
Education	Bud Jacobs	Housing	Abigail Myers, Helen Stotler
Land Use and Planning	Robin Rudisill	Mass/Scale/Character	Sue Kaplan
Neighborhood	Marc Saltzberg	Parking/Transportation	Abigail Myers
Ocean Front Walk	Melissa Diner	Public Safety	George Francisco
Outreach	Sylvia Aroth	Santa Monica Airport	Laura Silagi, Abigail Myers
Rules & Election	Ira Koslow		
Environmental	Abigail Myers, Erin Sullivan-Ward, Barbara Lonsdale		

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