



# Venice Neighborhood Council

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## **Joint VNC Board & Administrative Committee Minutes**

**Monday, October 8, 2018 at 7:00PM**

**Extra Space Storage, President's Row Room**

**658 South Venice Blvd, Venice, 90291**

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1. **Call to Order and Roll Call**
2. **Approval of the Administrative Committee Agenda**
3. **Approval of outstanding Administrative Committee minutes**
4. **Announcements & Public Comment on items not on the Agenda**
5. **Old Administrative Committee Business**
6. **New Administrative Committee Business**
- 6C **Consideration and approval of October 16, 2018 Proposed Board Agenda**
7. **Adjourn**

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## **Draft Board of Officers Regular Meeting Agenda**

Westminster Elementary School (Auditorium)

1010 Abbot Kinney Blvd, Venice, 90291

**Tuesday, October 16, 2018 at 7:00 PM**

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1. **Call to Order and Roll Call**
2. **Pledge Of Allegiance (7:01PM -- 1 minute)**
3. **Approval of Outstanding Board minutes (7:07PM – 1 minute)**  
<http://www.venicenc.org/minutes-and-agendas.php>
4. **Approval of the Agenda (7:08PM – 1 minute)**
5. **Declaration of Ex Parte Communications or Conflicts-Of-Interest (7:09PM -- 1 minute)**  
All Board members shall declare any ex parte communications or conflicts-of interest relating to items on this meeting's agenda.



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## 6. Scheduled Announcements and Presentations

### 6A Live Stream of Meetings (7:05PM -- 3 minutes)

**All VNC Board meetings are streamed live online.** Please log onto facebook and share the live stream on the VNC homepage to promote community participation. Click here to share!

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**6B Spanish Translation Available** (Esteban Pulido, [pulido.esteban@gmail.com](mailto:pulido.esteban@gmail.com))  
Spanish Interpretation services and agendas are available with advance notice.

**6C Public Safety - LAPD & LAFD Report (10 minutes):** Senior Lead Officers Kristan Delatori ([32914@lapd.lacity.org](mailto:32914@lapd.lacity.org)), acting SLO Joe Roberts - [41448@lapd.online](mailto:41448@lapd.online) SLO Adrian Acosta - [39174@lapd.online](mailto:39174@lapd.online) SLO Javier Ramirez - [39174@lapd.online](mailto:39174@lapd.online), Venice Beach Task Force - LT Michael Soliman - [32906@lapd.online](mailto:32906@lapd.online). *Includes a monthly Venice crime report and updates on law enforcement issues in Venice.*

**6D Government Reports (15 minutes)** (Representatives have standing place on the agenda, but are not always available to attend)

- City Councilmember Mike Bonin, Field Deputy Taylor Bazley, 310-568-8772 ([taylor.bazley@lacity.org](mailto:taylor.bazley@lacity.org))
- Congressman Ted Lieu, Representative Janet Turner, 310-496-9896 ([janet.turner@mail.house.gov](mailto:janet.turner@mail.house.gov))
- State Senator Ben Allen, Representative Olin Wibroe ([Olin.wibroe@sen.ca.gov](mailto:Olin.wibroe@sen.ca.gov))
- State Assemblyperson Autumn Burke, West Los Angeles Field Representative, Brandon Stansell, (310) 412-6400, ([brandon.stansell@asm.ca.gov](mailto:brandon.stansell@asm.ca.gov))
- LA County Supervisor Sheila Kuehl Westside Field Deputy Zac Gaidzik (310)231-1170, [zgaidzik@bos.lacounty.gov](mailto:zgaidzik@bos.lacounty.gov)
- Mayor Eric Garcetti, Westside Deputy,
- Empower LA Neighborhood Council Advocate, Jasmine Elbarbary, 213-978-1551 ([jasmine.elbarbary@lacity.org](mailto:jasmine.elbarbary@lacity.org))

### 6E VNC Announcements and Reports (5 minutes)

- President -Ira Koslow ([President@VeniceNC.org](mailto:President@VeniceNC.org))
- Vice President - George Francisco ([Vice President@VeniceNC.org](mailto:Vice%20President@VeniceNC.org))
- Westside Regional Alliance of Councils- Ira Koslow, VNC Representative ([Chair@westsidecouncils.org](mailto:Chair@westsidecouncils.org)),
- Los Angeles Neighborhood Council Coalition (LANCC) Ivan Spiegel ([Parliamentarian@VeniceNC.org](mailto:Parliamentarian@VeniceNC.org))
- Election Update - Ivan Spiegel, Election Chair
- VNC Representative to DWP: Yolanda Gonzales
- Budget Advocates - Hugh Harrison, Treasurer
- Outreach - Hollie Stenson



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- 6F Presentation on the State of City Street Related Infrastructure Programs** (Laila Alequresh, insert email/phone)
- 7. Treasurer's Report (10 minutes)** (Hugh Harrison on behalf of Budget & Finance Committee) ([Treasurer@VeniceNC.org](mailto:Treasurer@VeniceNC.org))  
*See attached addendums at <http://www.venicenc.org/minutes-and-agendas.php>  
[Discussion and possible action]*
- 7A Approval Monthly Expenditure Report**  
**MOTION:** The Venice NC approves the monthly expenditure report for August 2018. NOTE: Budget and Finance will not review the report until 10/3/18.  
**Uploaded Documents:**  
[Download 1538107649.pdf](#)  
*Recommended by Budget and Finance Committee 5-0-0 on 10/03/18*
- 7B Approval Monthly Expenditure to Date Report**  
**MOTION:** The Venice NC approves the expenditure to date report report for August 2018.  
**Uploaded Documents:**  
[Download 1538107763.pdf](#)  
*Recommended by Budget and Finance Committee 5-0-0 on 10/03/18*
- 8. Announcements and Public Comment on items not on the Agenda (PM - 10 minutes)**  
*[No more than 1 minute per person – no Board member announcements permitted]*
- 9. General Consent Calendar (PM -- 5 minutes)**  
*[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.]*
- 9A POW-MIA Mural Preservation** (Justin Brezhnev on behalf of the Arts Committee [justin.brezhnev@venicenc.org](mailto:justin.brezhnev@venicenc.org))  
**MOTION:** The VNC shall send a letter to CD 11 and the Metro Board recommending that any development of MTA Lot 6 include the physical preservation of the POW MIA mural either on its current location or within the proposed development.  
*Recommended by Arts Committee on 9-11-2018 4-0-0*
- 10. LUPC (PM – minutes)** (Matthew Royce on behalf of LUPC, [Chair-lupc@VeniceNC.org](mailto:Chair-lupc@VeniceNC.org))  
(see project files for more detailed info at <http://www.venicenc.org/land-use-committee.php>)
- 10A 720 Rose Ave**  
Case: CPC-2018-2140-CU-DB-CDP-SPP-MEL  
Applicant: Venice Community Housing



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LUPC Staff: Tim Bonefeld

Representative: Johnathan Lonner

Description: New mixed-use 35 Unit Permanent Supportive Housing and offices

**MOTION:** The VNC Board recommends approval of the project if the parking covenant for the Whole Foods parking lot can be legally validated.

*Recommended by LUPC 7-2-0*

## 1011 5th Avenue

Case: DIR-2018-1082-CDP-MEL, AA-2018-1081-PMLA-SL

Applicant: 1011 5th Avenue LLC

LUPC Staff: Mehrnoosh Mojalali

Representative: Breakform Design; Karen Corletto, Handleman Consulting, Inc.

Description: New 2 unit small lot subdivision

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

*Recommended by LUPC 5-2-0*

## 10B 600 Mildred Ave (Tesuque Market)

Case: DIR-2018-2031-SPP-CDP

Applicant: Michael Stein

LUPC Staff: Matthew Royce

Representative: DU Architects

Description: Change of Use from Retail Market to Restaurant

**MOTION:** The VNC Board recommends approval of the project with the following conditions:

1. verify the approved occupant load for the service floor area
2. Implement a TDM to pay for employees alternative transportation costs
3. Provide as much bike parking as is feasible at or near the site
4. Provide Valet parking during evening hours contracted for a parking lot to avoid parking in neighborhood streets.

*Recommended by LUPC 5-2-1*

## 10C 10 E Washington Blvd (The Whaler)

Case: APCW-2014-4703-SPE-SPP-PAB-PAD-CDP-PA1

LUPC Staff: Michael Jensen

Representative: FE Design

Description: Plan Approval to verify compliance for existing restaurant

**MOTION:** The VNC Board recommends approval with requested modifications to CUB conditions.

*Recommended by LUPC 8-0-0*





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## 10D 3105 Washington Blvd (Cafe Buna)

Case: ZA-2018-4364-CUB

Applicant: RMF Enterprises, Inc.

LUPC Staff: Michael Jensen

Representative: Brett Engstrom - Engstrom Planning

Description: CUB to add alcoholic beverage sales to an existing restaurant

**MOTION:** The VNC Board recommends approval as presented (applicant to provide voluntary evidence of a 500 foot radius outreach meeting and any feedback to the Board)

*Recommended by LUPC 7-0-0*

## 10E 533-537 Grand Blvd

Case: DIR-2017-3983-CDP-MEL, DIR-2017-3988-CDP-MEL

Applicant: 533 Grand LLC

LUPC Staff: Ramsey Daham

Representative: Brett Engstrom - Engstrom Planning

Description: 2 New Single Family Homes

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

*Recommended by LUPC 5-1-1*

## 11. **Old Business (PM - 0 minutes)** See attached addendums at

<http://www.venicenc.org/minutes-and-agendas.php>

*[Discussion and possible action]*

## 12. **New Business (PM – minutes)**

### 12A **LADOT Express Blue Lane Lincoln Blvd** (James Murez, [james.murez@venicenc.org](mailto:james.murez@venicenc.org))

**MOTION:** Whereas the VNC realizes the only way to make the buses attractive for riders to get out of their cars and to ride the buses is if the buses offer a better solution than single occupancy vehicles; and

Whereas Venice is heavily impacted by North/South bound commuter cut-through traffic due to the housing developments in the communities to the south and the job opportunities to the north in SMC; and

Whereas the solution which is existing in SMC has been proven to improve bus service with little to zero impact on local businesses that lose curbside parking during commuter restricted hours; and

Whereas the businesses on Lincoln Blvd need to participate in helping to solve the traffic problems all of Venice and the soundings region is feeling due to the number of cars on the roads.

Therefore be it resolved that the VNC Board shall send a request to CD 11, LADOT, and Caltrans recommending the Express Bus Lane on Lincoln Blvd., now existing in Santa Monica City, be extended to Jefferson Blvd. during the same commuter hours as posted in Santa Monica.

(Northbound traffic 7-9am M-F, Southbound 3-6pm M-F.)

*Recommended by Parking and Transportation Committee 3,0,0 on 10/01/18*



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- 12B Crosswalk at Venice Blvd & Shell Ave** (James Murez, [james.murez@venicenc.org](mailto:james.murez@venicenc.org))  
**MOTION:** Whereas, during the day, Venice Blvd. is a very busy street with cars traveling in excess of 40 mph and motorists don't see people in this popular cross walk, and  
Whereas at night it is almost impossible to cross safely due to the motorist rate of travel and the existing illumination; and  
Whereas there have been several near fatal accidents involving pedestrians using the crosswalk.  
Therefore be it resolved that the VNC Board shall send a request to CD 11 and LADOT for the addition of a crosswalk signal control at the intersection of Venice Blvd at Shell Ave.  
*Recommended by Parking and Transportation Committee 3,0,0 on 10/01/18*
- 12B Amend Definition of Undue Concentration** (Cindy Chambers on behalf of Cannabis Committee [cindy.chambers@venicenc.org](mailto:cindy.chambers@venicenc.org))  
**MOTION:** Whereas the VNC Board believes it was the intent of the City Council to preserve the status quo of locations and activities of Existing Medical Marijuana Dispensaries (EMMD) and;  
Whereas the Undue Concentration threshold for the Venice Community Plan Area is 4 retail licenses; and  
Whereas there are currently 6 retail licenses located in the 90291 zip code; and  
Whereas there are currently 2 retail licenses located in the 90292 zip code; and  
Whereas the Venice Community Plan Area is a popular destination for cannabis tourism and has attracted numerous EMMDs, who have moved licenses from other Community Plan Areas; and  
Therefore be it resolved that the VNC Board recommends amending LAMC section 104.01(a)(28), as follows [**bolded, underlined highlights recommended amendment**]:  
"Undue Concentration" means the Applicants' Business Premises is located within a higher cannabis license/population ratio within the community plan based on the 2016 American Community Survey, updated by each decennial census, than the following: ratio of one license per 10,000 residents for Retailer (Type 10); ratio of one license per 7,500 residents for Micro Business (Type 12); ratio of 1 square foot of cultivated area for every 350 square feet of land zoned M1, M2, M3, MR1, and MR2 with a maximum aggregate of 100,000 square feet of cultivated area and a maximum aggregate number of 15 Licenses at a ratio of one License for every 2,500 square feet of allowable cultivated area for Cultivation (Types 1A, 1C, 2A, 3A, 4 and 5A); and ratio of one license per 7,500 residents for Manufacture (Type 7). An EMMD is not subject to a finding of Undue Concentration, **unless the EMMD moves its location after issuance of its 2018 BTRC, in which case it will be subject to the Undue Concentration findings of a new applicant for a retail license.** A Micro Business involved in on-site retail counts towards the Undue Concentration License limits applied to Retailer (Type 10) Licenses, and a Micro Business involved in Cultivation counts towards the Undue Concentration limits applied to Cultivation Licenses (Types 1A, 1C, 2A, 3A, 4 and 5A).  
*Recommended by Cannabis Committee on 10-2-2018 7-0-0*





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**12C REPLACEMENT AND REPAIRS OF STREET SIGNS ON NORTH VENICE FROM PACIFIC TO SPEEDWAY** (Colleen Saro, [colleen.saro@venicenc.org](mailto:colleen.saro@venicenc.org))

WHEREAS, North Venice is a one-way street, and  
WHEREAS, North Venice crosses Speedway, which is a one-way street going south, and  
WHEREAS, the few street signs that are still existing are: in bad condition, turn the incorrect direction, and vandalized, and  
WHEREAS, without the proper signs facing the correct direction, cars are constantly turning north onto Speedway which is a one-way street going south, and  
WHEREAS, cars are constantly turning onto North Venice out of the parking structure next to James Beach turning right onto North Venice which is the wrong way, and  
Therefore be it resolved that the VNC recommends to Councilman Bonin, the LA Department of Transportation, the LA Department of Public Works, and the LA City Bureau of Engineering that all street signage on North Venice Blvd, west of Pacific and east of Speedway be repaired or replaced.

*Recommended by Ocean Front Walk Committee on 9-124-2018 7-0-0*

**Uploaded Documents:**

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

**14. Adjourn (approx. PM)**

### List of Venice Neighborhood Council Committees & Chairs – Volunteers Welcome

<b><u>Standing Committees</u></b>	<b><u>Ad Hoc Committees</u></b>
Administrative - Ira Koslow	Homeless - no current chair
Neighborhood - George Francisco	Venice Cityhood - Nick Antonicello
Outreach - Hollie Stenson	Discussion Forum - Joe Murphy
Land Use and Planning - Matthew Royce	2019 Election - Ivan Spiegel
Budget & Finance - Hugh Harrison	
Rules & Selections - John Reed	
Arts - Sunny Bak	
Ocean Front Walk - Colleen Saro	

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