



# Venice Neighborhood Council

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## Joint VNC Board & Administrative Committee Virtual Meeting Agenda Monday, August 10, 2020, 7pm via Zoom

**IN CONFORMITY WITH THE GOVERNOR'S EXECUTIVE ORDER N-29-20 (MARCH 17, 2020) AND DUE TO CONCERNS OVER COVID – 19, THIS VENICE NEIGHBORHOOD COUNCIL MEETING WILL BE CONDUCTED ENTIRELY TELEPHONICALLY**

You are invited to a Zoom webinar.

When: Aug 10, 2020 07:00 PM Pacific Time (US and Canada)

Topic: VNC Adcom Webinar, Monday, August 10, 2020, 7:00 p.m.

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**1. Call to Order and Roll Call**

**PRESENT: IK, HH, MR, MD, GF, CJC, JM,  
ABSENT: CR**

**2. Approval of the Administrative Committee Agenda**

**GF, JM**

**3. Approval of outstanding Administrative Committee minutes**

**GF, HH**

**4. Announcements & Public Comment on items not on the Agenda**

**5. Old Administrative Committee Business**

**6. New Administrative Committee Business**

**6A Consideration and approval of August 10, 2020 Draft Board Agenda**

**GF, JM Unanimous**

**7. Adjourn**

**Application period is closed for Communications Officer. 3 applicants are in and will be linked in August Agenda.**



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**You are invited to a Zoom webinar.**

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**Topic: Venice Neighborhood Council Board Webinar, Tuesday, August 18, 2020, 7:00 p.m.**

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1. **Call to Order and Roll Call (7:00 PM)**
2. **Pledge Of Allegiance (7:01PM -- 1 minute)**
3. **Approval of the Agenda ( PM – 1 minute)**
4. **Approval of Board Minutes**
- 4A **MOTION:** The VNC Board approves the Minutes of the June 2020 VNC Board meeting.
- 4B **MOTION:** The VNC Board approves the Minutes of the July 2020 VNC Board meeting.
- 5A **Declaration of Ex Parte Communications or Conflicts-Of-Interest ( PM -- 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**

## **GF, HH Unanimous**

- 6A **Previous Months Minutes have been emailed (7:15PM -1 minute)**  
Ensure the prior months minutes have been sent to ALL emails outlined by each motion writer from the previous month's motions.
- 6B **Previous Months Letters (7:16PM -1 minute)**  
Ensure all letters have been sent for each item from the previous month and if NOT announce what letters are still outstanding and what information is needed in order to have them sent out.
- 6C **Live Stream of Meetings ( PM -- 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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- 6D **Spanish Translation Available** (Esteban Pulido, [pulido.esteban@gmail.com](mailto:pulido.esteban@gmail.com))  
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- 6E **Public Safety - LAPD & LAFD Report (10 minutes):** Public Safety - LAPD & LAFD Report (10 minutes): Senior Lead Officers Monique Contreras ([38228@lapd.online](mailto:38228@lapd.online)), SLO Adrian Acosta - ([39174@lapd.online](mailto:39174@lapd.online)) SLO Javier Ramirez ([39174@lapd.online](mailto:39174@lapd.online)), SLO Karwon Villery ([38717@lapd.online](mailto:38717@lapd.online)) Venice Beach Task Force - SGT Theresa Skinner ([31142@lapd.online](mailto:31142@lapd.online)). *Includes a monthly Venice crime report and updates on law enforcement issues in Venice.*



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

Please note-- there will be no Q & A with representatives, however your welcome to email questions to representatives individually for possible consideration in their presentations.

- City Councilmember Mike Bonin  
Field Deputy, Nisa Kove [nisa.kove@lacity.org](mailto:nisa.kove@lacity.org)  
Bridge Housing Deputy  
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 Liliana Pond ([liliana.pond@sen.ca.gov](mailto:liliana.pond@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, Freddy Cupen-Ames, 213-978-1551 ([freddy.cupen-ames@lacity.org](mailto:freddy.cupen-ames@lacity.org))

**GF, HH Unanimous**

**6G VNC Announcements and Reports (5 minutes)**

- President -Ira Koslow ([President@VeniceNC.org](mailto:President@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))
- VNC Representative to DWP/Gas Company: Yolanda Gonzales
- Budget Advocates - Hugh Harrison, Treasurer
- Outreach Announcements - Sima Kostovetsky

**6H Board Member Announcements on subject matters within the VNC jurisdiction- One (1) minute per Board member (5 minutes)**

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]



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- 7A Approve Monthly Expenditure (MER) and Expenditure to Date Reports for June 2020**  
**MOTION:** The Venice NC approves the Monthly Expenditure (MER) and Expenditure to Date reports for June 2020.  
Uploaded Documents: [Download 01596563029.pdf](#) [Download 11596563029.pdf](#)  
*Recommended by Budget & Finance Committee 5-0-0 on 8/4/2020*
- 7B Approve \$250 for WRAC**  
**MOTION:** The Venice NC approves an allocation of \$250 for funding the Westside Regional Alliances of Councils (WRAC). *Recommended by Budget & Finance Committee 5-0-0 on 8/4/2020*
- 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.]*
- 10. LUPC (PM – minutes)** (Alix Gucovsky 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>)

## **GF, HH Unanimous**

### **10A 800 Main Street**

Case: DIR-2020-2180-CDP-SPP ENV-2020-2181-CE

City Hearing July 20, 2020

Applicant: Jim Murez [james.murez@venicenc.org](mailto:james.murez@venicenc.org)

LUPC Staff: Chris Zonnas

Representative: Jim Murez

City Planner: [kevin.fulton@lacity.org](mailto:kevin.fulton@lacity.org)

[Jason.p.douglas@lacity.org](mailto:Jason.p.douglas@lacity.org) [mike.bonin@lacity.org](mailto:mike.bonin@lacity.org)

Case Description:

Change of use of the ground floor and basement level of an existing Artist in Residence (AIR) dwelling unit into a 2,027 square-foot restaurant with 74 square-feet of Service Floor area. The project provides a total of four (4) parking spaces onsite.

The Director of Planning shall consider an exemption from the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) pursuant to CEQA Guidelines Section 15301 and that there is no substantial evidence demonstrating that an exception to the Categorical Exemption pursuant to CEQA Guidelines, Section 15300.2 applies;

Pursuant to Los Angeles Municipal Code Section 12.20.2, a Coastal Development Permit for the



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proposed project, located within the Single Permit Jurisdiction of the Coastal Zone. Pursuant to Los Angeles Municipal Code Section 11.5.7, a Project Permit Compliance Review for a project within the North Venice Subarea of the Venice Coastal Zone Specific Plan.

**MOTION:** The VNC Board approves the project with the following conditions:

- a. There will be no increase in service floor area
- b. There will be no CUB granted

*Recommended by LUPC 4-1-1 on 2020-7-23*

GF, HH unanimous expect:

MD abstain

JM recuse

## 10B 2424-2428 McKinley

Case: DIR 2019-3052 CDP-MEL ENV 2019 -3053 CE

City Hearing: TBD

Applicant: Venice Sunshine LLC [stuarthines37@gmail.com](mailto:stuarthines37@gmail.com)

LUPC Staff: Tim Bonefeld

Representative: Tony Russo [tony@crestrealestate.com](mailto:tony@crestrealestate.com)

City Staff: Kevin.Fulton@lacity.org Jason Douglas [Jason.douglas@lacity.org](mailto:Jason.douglas@lacity.org) Len Nguyen

[len.nguyen@lacity.org](mailto:len.nguyen@lacity.org); Mike Bonin [Mike.Bonin@lacity.org](mailto:Mike.Bonin@lacity.org) Vince Bertoni [Vince.Bertoni@lacity.org](mailto:Vince.Bertoni@lacity.org)

Case Description: Demolition of two existing one story single family dwellings to be replaced with One new 2 story single family dwelling and with a 2 story detached ADU Containing a 2 car garage and 2 car carport

**MOTION:** The VNC Board approves the project as presented.

*Recommended by LUPC 6-2-0 on 2020-7-23*

GF, HH Unanimous

## 10C Postponement of Atkins Housing Package (WRAC motion)

WRAC is an alliance of Community and Neighborhood Councils which span the entire west side of the City of Los Angeles. Our regional concerns are brought up for discussion by our board members and our board is comprised of Community and Neighborhood Council leaders appointed to our board. Our positions are adopted only after a super-majority of member councils has affirmed the position in question.

WRAC holds to the following foundational principles in the areas that we have determined to be our alliance priorities: land use and zoning, housing and homelessness, mobility and transportation, public safety, education and environment. We hold that the LA Department of City Planning and its Planning & Zoning Department adhere strictly to existing planning and zoning codes and ordinances. We urge that regulations be upheld and that communities impacted by land use and development projects be allowed ample time to review and comment on any matter seeking discretionary action that is up for review. We always urge all





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governing agencies with jurisdiction over the approval , execution or enforcement of projects to scrupulously apply applicable codes and standards to all projects.

Similarly on housing and homelessness, WRAC urges governing bodies to adhere to strict scrutiny of community plans, local character, zoning and building regulations as well as building and safety codes and zoning restrictions. We expect agencies and entities to conduct meaningful outreach to the communities represented at WRAC, through our member councils, and address housing and homelessness relief in a responsible way that is mindful of existing communities as well as the need for increased housing density.

With respect to mobility and transportation, WRAC is acutely aware of the need for new and creative solutions to gridlock and Westside mobility, as well as mass transportation. We expect research results on transit and mobility to be made available to communities impacted by pending infrastructure or mobility planning. We urge sufficient notification to all affected parties to allow them to comment on any proposed developments or transportation infrastructure proposals in areas that impact our member councils. Strict scrutiny of existing laws, regulations, ordinances and standards for infrastructure development and construction, particularly in hillside and coastal areas which disproportionately impact the Westside, be applied to transportation and the development of citywide or neighborhood mobility plans and infrastructure.

We exist to empower stakeholders, and encourage and support more transparency in City governance.

## Motion of Support of Land Use Statement:

Whereas, the statewide COVID-19 emergency, or any other emergency, reduces the action calendar time frame of the California State Legislature, and thus greatly reduces the ability of California's citizens and communities to demand greater accountability, fairness, transparency, and responsiveness from public officials in the area of land use planning;

Whereas the proposed "Atkins Housing Package" of bills has not been sufficiently vetted for integration with previously approved Regional Housing Needs Assessment legislation which modernized the methodology for anticipating growth in the State;

Whereas the proposed "Atkins Housing Package" of bills has not been sufficiently vetted for growth inducing impacts and hidden substantial state mandated costs upon: These bills include SB 902, SB 995, SB 1085, SB 1120, and SB 1385

- i. Local General Plans and Community Plans
- ii. Communities in environmentally sensitive areas such as Very High Fire Hazard zones, Coastal zones, Earthquake Fault Zones and others as listed in the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA)
- iii. Critical local infrastructures for the public health, welfare and safety, and
- iv. the impact upon under served communities and the affect of displacement upon them.

WHEREAS, the Venice Neighborhood Council recommends a postponement of action on this suite of



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housing bills until such time as the previously enacted 2018 and 2019 housing legislation has been given a chance to increase housing production as promised.

**MOTION:** ~~Not to approve the WRAC motion as presented but to send to the board for consideration.~~  
**The Venice Neighborhood Council recommends denial of the WRAC motion as presented.**  
*Recommended by LUPC NO-4 YES-2 ABSTAIN-1 on 2020-7-23*

## GF, JM Unanimous

### 10D PLACEHOLDER

#### 815 Angelus Place

Case: DIR-2019-5903-CDP-MEL

City Hearing June 15, 2020

Applicant: Allison Fister

LUPC Staff: Tim Bonefeld

Representative: Laura Donovan Architecture [ld@lauradonovanarch.com](mailto:ld@lauradonovanarch.com)

City Planner: [kevin.fulton@lacity.org](mailto:kevin.fulton@lacity.org)

[Jason.p.douglas@lacity.org](mailto:Jason.p.douglas@lacity.org) [mike.bonin@lacity.org](mailto:mike.bonin@lacity.org)

Case Description:

Demolition of a 1 story house and the construction of a new 3506 sq foot 2 story house with a roof deck and a garage.

**MOTION:**

### 10E PLACEHOLDER

#### 202 South Main Street

Applicant: Venice Wave LP, 1600 Venice LLC

LUPC Staff: Matthew Royce

Representative: Brian Silveira

City Staff: Sienna Kuo [sienna.kuo@lacity.org](mailto:sienna.kuo@lacity.org) Jason Douglas [Jason.douglas@lacity.org](mailto:Jason.douglas@lacity.org)

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Case Description: Change of use from mortuary/church/office/residence to 3 restaurant tenant spaces at ground floor with office/residence above. # of the 3 restaurants are seeking ABC licenses to serve alcohol for on-site consumption in conjunction with a bona-fide restaurant. No change to existing floor area or building envelope.

A coastal development permit pursuant to LAMC 12.20.2 to allow a change of use from mortuary/church/office and residence to three (3) restaurant tenant spaces, office, and residence. No change in floor area is proposed. The proposed restaurants will have service floor areas of 864.02 sf (Unit A), 490.46 sf (Unit B), and 659.84 sf (Unit C).

A conditional use permit pursuant to LAMC 12.24 W 1 to allow the sale and dispensing of a full line of alcoholic beverages for on-premises consumption at three new restaurants located in the M1-1 zone. The proposed establishments will have square footage of 1,361.96 sf (Unit A) and 1,157.76 sf (Unit C).



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A Variance to allow 13 parking spaces to be provided off-site via lease in lieu of covenant.

## **MOTION**

### **10F PLACEHOLDER**

#### **1440 South Lincoln Blvd.**

Case: ZA-2020-495-CUB-CDO

City Hearing July 22, 2020

Applicant: Emmanuel Dossetti Le Zinque LLC

LUPC Staff: Daffodil Tyminski

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**GF, JM**

**Unanimous**

### **11. Old Business (PM - 0 minutes)**

*[Discussion and possible action]*

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

*[Discussion and possible action]*

**GF, MD**

**Unanimous**

### **12A Sidewalks To Be Cleared if Found to be in Violation of Americans With Disabilities Act (Frank Murphy, Charles Rials on behalf of the Homeless Committee**

Therefore, be it resolved, that the Venice Neighborhood Council calls upon the City Attorney, the Police Department and the Dept of Sanitation to begin immediate enforcement of ADA civil rights laws to protect the rights of the disabled who number over a million people in the city and county, requiring that all tent encampments and other items blocking passage for the disabled, and wheelchair bound, be moved back to ensure a minimum three foot clearance as required under the Americans with Disabilities Act for walkability and wheelchair use, and that if the clearance cannot be met and is not possible, that those tent encampments be removed immediately or relocated where the City deems appropriate. Upon passage, this Resolution shall be forwarded to City Attorney Mike N. Feuer, Mayor Eric Garcetti, Councilman Mike Bonin, President of the Board of Public Works Kevin James, Police Chief Michel R. Moore, and Department of Sanitation General Manager Enrique C. Zaldivar,  
*Recommended by Homeless Committee (4,2,0) 8/7/2020*

[Link to full motion](#)



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*GF, MR Unanimous*

## **12B Appointment of Election Administrator** (Ivan Spiegel, Parliamentarian)

**MOTION:** The President shall appoint, with the consent of the VNC Board, an Election Administrator to administrate the 2021 VNC Board elections.

The Election Administrator shall have oversight over all facets of the elections in coordination with the Los Angeles City Clerk NC Elections Division. Specific responsibilities shall include line item execution of the Board-approved election budget; hiring (with approval from the Board) the Election Administrative Assistant; approval of all election outreach materials and events to recruit candidates and encourage voter participation; overseeing the smooth and effective post-election transition to the new Board; and scheduling and organizing the orientation for the new Board.

The Election Administrator shall ensure that all VNC stakeholders are fully and equally encouraged, and have equal opportunity to become candidates for the VNC Board in the 2021 Board elections, and that no VNC-sponsored outreach or event relating to the election favors a subset of candidates, and to the best of his/her ability, ensure that all candidates follow the fair practices guidelines established by the LA City Clerk.

*GF, JM Unanimous*

## **12C Closure of Traffic Lane on N. Venice Blvd. between Electric Avenue and Irving Tabor Court** (James Murez on behalf of the Parking & Transportation Committee)

**MOTION:** Whereas the sidewalk in this location is impassable for pedestrians and has been for months, and the safety of our residents and visitors is of the utmost importance; and Whereas the current condition of sidewalks forces pedestrians and bikers into the traffic lanes on Venice Blvd; and Whereasthis motion would require a change to our bylaws.this motion would require a change to our bylaws. the posted speed limit on that part of Venice Blvd. Is 40 MPH; and Whereas there is an immediate threat to the life and safety of Venice residents and visitors. Therefore be it resolved that the Venice Neighborhood Council calls for the immediate temporary closure of 1 lane vehicle traffic and posted no parking anytime signage on North Venice Blvd. Between Electric and Tabor Court. (JM, RT,5,1,0)  
*Recommended by the Parking & Transportation Committee 5-1-0*

*GF, JM Unanimous*

## **12D Masks For The Homeless** (Frank Murphy on behalf of the Homeless Committee)



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**MOTION:** Whereas, for the health of everyone in the City of Los Angeles, wearing a mask is required everywhere except in your own home and outdoors when not in close proximity to others. If your body is invaded by the virus, you become a carrier, infecting those with whom you come into contact. You may or may not become ill yourself. All but surgical masks provide one-way protection – if you are wearing it, you are preventing your breath with possible virus content from being inhaled by the people around you. Whereas only if everyone wears a mask is the community as safe as possible. Whereas not everyone, especially the homeless, can afford to buy sufficient masks so they always have a clean one to put on before leaving home. Be it resolved that the Venice Neighborhood Council, through its web site and social media, will encourage stakeholders who sew to make masks to be given to Venice’s homeless population, and the VNC Homeless Committee will set up the logistics for manufacture and delivery.

*Recommended by Homeless Committee 5-2-0 on 2020-06-11*

GF, JM Unanimous

## 12E Vote Of No Confidence (Nicholas Antonicello, [nantoni@mindspring.com](mailto:nantoni@mindspring.com))

**MOTION:** The Venice Neighborhood Council (VNC) shall formally go on the record and endorse a vote of \"No Confidence\" to LA METRO, Mayor Eric Garcetti, Councilman Mike Bonin and the administrators of both PATH & SPY for their collective failure to provide the basic services promised to the Venice neighborhood and that a Oversight Committee be created of Venice residents who live within a 500 ft. radius of the project as well as other community leaders and Bridge Home vendors so that real and reliable accountability be offered to all that includes crime statistics, duration of stay of program individuals and the percentage of those individuals who complete their time in the Bridge Housing process matriculate to permanent housing. BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that this Oversight Board be no larger than nine (9) members and that at least five members be residents within a 500 feet radius of the Bridge Home facility.

[Link to full motion](#)

GF, JM

FAVOR: GF, MR, MD, CJC, JM

AGAINST: IK, HH

12F more to 12A Elect/Select new Communications Officer

Add links to applications

2 minutes each to present



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GF, HH

Unanimous

JM Recuse

## 13. Adjourn (approx. PM)

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

<u>Standing Committees</u>	<u>Ad Hoc Committees</u>
Administrative - Ira Koslow Neighborhood - George Francisco Outreach - Sima Kostovetsky Land Use and Planning - Alix Gucovsky Budget & Finance - Hugh Harrison Rules & Selections - John Reed Arts - Bruno Hernandez Ocean Front Walk - Jim Robb	Parking & Transportation - James Murez Resiliency - Keith Harrison Discussion Forum - Joe Murphy Venice Dog Park - Jamie Paige, James Murez Verdant Venice - Isabell Duvivier, Noel Johnson Homeless - Charles Rials, Frank Murphy

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## SUBMISSIONS REFERRED TO COMMITTEES

### 1. Resurface California Avenue

Submitted by Nick Antonicello on 2020-07-06

Committee Referred To: Parking and Transportation Committee

Agenda Motion Request: WHEREAS, California Avenue runs both east and west from Lincoln Boulevard to Abbot Kinney, and WHEREAS, California Avenue is in dire need of resurfacing and another in a long line of streets that demand paving and resurfacing, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Venice Neighborhood Council request that California Avenue between Lincoln due east and Abbot Kinney due west be paved to alleviate the potholes and crushed surface that currently exists and that a letter be sent to CD-11 for their support and endorsement.

### 2. Monthly Scooter Status Report

Submitted by Nick Antonicello on 2020-06-29

Committee Submitted To: Parking & Transportation

Agenda Motion Request: WHEREAS, the neighborhood of Venice has upwards to 30,000 electric scooters within it's boundaries according to LA DOT, and WHEREAS, the volume of scooters is unregulated and generally unknown by the residents of Venice, and WHEREAS, this information is not proprietary and should be known to government entities like the Venice Neighborhood Council and the appropriate sub-committees of the same, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that a letter be sent to District Council Office #11 as well as Los Angeles Department of Transportation and that a monthly report as to the number of electric scooters be reported at the monthly general meetings of the VNC by a representative of CD-11 and that this information



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be included in the website ([www.venicenc.org](http://www.venicenc.org)) for improved transparency purposes and thus promote better regulation of these devices by the neighborhood of Venice moving forward.

### **3. Speed Bumps**

Submitted By Lisa Redmond on 2020-07-05

Committee Referred To: Parking and Transportation

Agenda Motion Request: Whereas, 3rd Street between Rose Avenue and Sunset Avenue is a large dwelling site of unhoused stakeholders in Venice, and Whereas, 3rd Street commonly has pedestrians wandering in the traffic lanes including both community stakeholders and visitors to Venice, and Whereas, there are no stop signs at both the intersections of Rose/3rd and Sunset/3rd to slow traffic thus allowing motorized vehicles to blindly accelerate with higher speeds into turns onto this particular street block, and Whereas, there are no open business fronts, merchants or resident structures yet consistent high traffic of motorized vehicles for this particular street block, and Whereas, motorized vehicles, including oversized heavy and slow-to-stop vehicles such as delivery and garbage collection trucks, more often than not use this particular street block to unnecessarily speed, and Whereas, these stated circumstances for this particular street block are a perfect recipe for a future pedestrian loss of life, now Therefore, be it resolved, that the Venice Neighborhood Council send a letter to the Department of Street Services Division recommending the installation of speed bumps for this particular high traffic street block to maintain a safe environment year round for community stakeholders and visitors to Venice alike. Send to: CD11 Venice Councilman Mike Bonin ([mike.bonin@lacity.org](mailto:mike.bonin@lacity.org)), CD11 Venice Field Deputy Nisa Kove ([nisa.kove@lacity.org](mailto:nisa.kove@lacity.org)), CD11 Mobility Deputy Alek Bartrosouf ([alek.bartrosouf@lacity.org](mailto:alek.bartrosouf@lacity.org)), Los Angeles Department of Transportation General Manager Seleta Reynolds ([seleta.reynolds@lacity.org](mailto:seleta.reynolds@lacity.org))

### **4. Closure of Venice Beach Parking Lots**

Submitted By Nick Antonicello on 2020-06-27

Committee Referred To: Parking and Transportation

Agenda Motion Request: WHEREAS, the State of California and specifically southern California has seen a continued spike in COVID-19 cases, and WHEREAS, California should not replicate the mistake of other states that re-opened too quickly and irresponsibly, and WHEREAS, the reopening of the Venice Beach parking lots will increase the overall visitation and potentially cause yet further increases of COVID-19 infections here in our neighborhood by over-populating the beaches for the summer months as we witnessed in Florida, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Venice Neighborhood Council endorse a policy of keeping the Venice Beach parking lots at the oceanfront closed for the remainder of 2020 and that a letter be sent to Mayor Eric Garcetti, Council Office #11 and to the entire Los Angeles County Board of Supervisors to ensure responsible beach visitation and avoid the lack of social distancing at the beach as well as the bike path and boardwalk

### **5. Elimination of Parking at Washington Square**

Submitted by Nick Antonicello on 2020-07-18

Committee Referred To: Parking and Transportation

Agenda Motion Request: WHEREAS, Washington Square is the area west of Pacific to the beach parking and fishing pier, and WHEREAS, the COVID-19 crisis has devastated many retailers and restaurants within the





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confines of Washington Square, and WHEREAS, in an effort to assist these businesses, the \"park let\" process be expedited and all parking in front of these businesses be eliminated for greater access for pedestrians since much of the sidewalk area has been dedicated to outside tables causing congestion for those moving about, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Venice Neighborhood Council call upon LA DOT and the City of Los Angeles to endorse the elimination of these space so that Washington Square become pedestrian friendly and easing the congestion that currently exists in lieu of the elimination of indoor dining and that a letter be sent to both LA DOT and the Mayor of Los Angeles as well as Council District #11.

## **6. Cleanup and Resurfacing of Oceanfront Walk**

Submitted by Nick Antonicello on 2020-06-29

Committee Referred To: Ocean Front Walk

Agenda Motion Request: WHEREAS, the current conditions of the Venice Boardwalk also known as Oceanfront Walk is in dire need of renovation and repaving, and WHEREAS, the Venice Boardwalk has not been repaved, power washed or renovated since the Spring of 2000, some twenty years ago, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Venice Neighborhood Council endorse the repaving and resurfacing of the area known as Oceanfront Walk from the Venice Fishing Pier south and the Santa Monica border due north and that a letter be sent urging immediate construction and renovation to Council Office #11 and the Office of Mayor Eric Garcetti for their approval of said funding.

## **7. Covid-19 Cleanup of Oceanfront Walk/Boardwalk**

Submitted by Nick Antonicello on 2020-06-29

Committee Referred To: Ocean Front Walk Committee

Agenda Motion Request: Whereas, Oceanfront Walk more commonly referred to as the \"Venice Boardwalk\" has become dirty, unsafe and in some ways uninhabitable and uninviting due to the closure of most retailers and park amenities in lieu of COVID-19 over the last four months, and Whereas, the maintenance of this tourist destination has become non-existent and a health hazard to tourists and residents alike, and Whereas, with the re-opening of the parking lots and other park offerings, the need for a comprehensive power washing and sanitizing is evident, Therefore be it resolved, that the Venice Neighborhood Council requests a comprehensive maintenance plan be implemented on a weekly basis that includes power washing and the sanitation of the rest rooms, benches, and other structures that are susceptible to the spread of COVID-19 through human transmission and that a letter requesting such action be sent to Los Angeles Parks & Recreation, Mayor Eric Garcetti and the 11th District Council Office of the City of Los Angeles.

## **8. Mandatory Mask wearing at Venice Beach**

Submitted by Nick Antonicello on 2020-07-20

Committee Referred To: Ocean Front Walk Committee

Agenda Motion Request: WHEREAS, Venice Beach is one of the most visited tourist destinations in the State of California, and WHEREAS, somewhere between 28,000 to 20,000 people visit Venice Beach each and everyday for a total of some 11,000,000 visitors annually, and WHEREAS, the COVID-19 pandemic is a job destroyer as well as a threat to the health of all, and WHEREAS, a great majority of visitors do not practice Social Distancing, the wearing of masks or gloves or any other precaution to prevent the spread or transmission of same, and WHEREAS, there is virtually no maintenance of the Venice Beach area that should



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be taking place such as the power washing of the boardwalk, paddle courts, bike path or any number of the amenities that remain unclean and still used by large numbers of visitors and tourists alike, and WHEREAS, the number of vacancies that exist at the boardwalk will continue unless a plan of strategy is implemented to make the visitation of Venice Beach a safe and healthy experience, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, the wearing of facial masks by all visitors be made mandatory for runners, bike riders, pedestrians and tourists alike as well as scooter riders and anyone else of all ages at the beach, boardwalk and bike path from the Venice Pier to the Santa Monica border north and that LAPD deploy officers to ticket violators until a flattening of the curve occurs so that mask wearing will be no longer mandatory and necessary and that an endorsement of this policy be sent to the Los Angeles County Board of Supervisors as well as the Office of the Mayor of Los Angeles and the Los Angeles City Council.

## **9. Timely Execution of VNC Correspondence to the Appropriate Parties**

Submitted by Nick Antonicello on 2020-07-08

Committee Referred To: Rules + Selections

Agenda Motion Request: WHEREAS, the Venice Neighborhood Council (VNC) passes numerous resolution(s) and motions to lobby and influence public policy while expressing the opinions and issues important to Venice Stakeholders, and WHEREAS, these resolutions/motions are a reflection of the sentiments of the Venice Community and need to be sent to the appropriate public officials, agencies and other parties to ensure our collective voices be heard, and WHEREAS, the effectiveness and influence of these passed resolutions/motions become diminished over time when the information is not distributed in a timely fashion to the appropriate policymakers, and WHEREAS, the Venice Neighborhood Council's most important tool and influence is to express its opinions in its advisory capacity to these policymakers at the local, county, state and federal levels, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Venice Neighborhood Council (VNC) upon passage of any motion or resolution that requires distribution to other governmental agencies, public officials and alike be executed and sent before the next General Meeting of this body (VNC) and that a copy of these letters and correspondence be made available as a viewable document to any interested stakeholder.

## **10. Homeless committee member participation**

Submitted by Lisa Redmond on 2020-08-04

Committee Referred To: Rules + Selections

Agenda Motion Request: WHEREAS, the most recent 2020 Homeless count shows a significant growth in the unhoused inhabitants of Venice, representing nearly five percent of the total population of the Venice Community, and WHEREAS, the Venice Neighborhood Council Homeless Committee makes decisions about its unhoused Stakeholder population, and WHEREAS, the decisions made by the Homeless Committee greatly impact the lives of those unhoused Stakeholders, and WHEREAS, the composition of the Homeless Committee making those decisions is housed Stakeholders only and is absent of an unhoused voice, and WHEREAS, the Venice Neighborhood Council tagline "It's YOUR Venice - get involved!" also applies to its large unhoused Stakeholder population, now THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Venice Neighborhood Council Homeless Committee open up and maintain at least one committee position for an unhoused Stakeholder to broaden the Committee's perspective on important policy issues, and to give voice to a constituency into decision-making that impacts them.



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## **11. Request for Updated Homeless Information**

Submitted By Nick Antonicello on 2020-06-29

Committee Referred To: Homeless

Agenda Motion Request: WHEREAS, there has been a spike in the homeless population of 14% year over calendar year, and WHEREAS, the data provided by the Los Angeles Homeless Services Authority (LAHSA) regarding the 2020 homeless count is unreliable and in all cases inaccurate given the COVID-19 crisis that broke out after this count, and WHEREAS, given the acute public interest in this issue as to the accuracy of the homeless in Venice, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Venice Neighborhood Council request from CD-11 the actual homeless counts here in Venice on a monthly basis and that this information be made available as part of the presentation made by the CD-11 representative at all future VNC meetings and that this information be posted at [www.venicenc.org](http://www.venicenc.org) when reported and updated when new statistics are submitted by CD-11.

## **12. Resolution Supporting East Grand Blvd. Community Median Garden**

Submitted By Pietro Martini

Committee Referred To: Verdant Venice

Agenda Motion Request: Resolution Supporting East Grand Blvd. Community Median Garden Whereas, the City of Los Angeles is hard pressed to maintain the many street medians and parkway areas in Venice, and Whereas, the resident group Neighbors of Grand has landscaped the southern median at the intersection of East Grand Blvd. and North Venice Blvd. at considerable time and expense, and Whereas, this community garden significantly enhances the neighborhood and this entrance to Venice, and Whereas, Neighbors of Grand is committed to continuing to water, prune and maintain the garden free from trash, Whereas, it is problematic to stretch a water hose across East Grand Blvd. each time the garden needs to be watered (one hose has already been ruined by the tires of a large truck), now, Therefore, be it resolved, the Venice Neighborhood Council recognizes and applauds the creation of the East Grand Blvd. community median garden, calls upon the Bureau of Street Services to coordinate any and all of its activities regarding the garden with the Neighbors of Grand, and asks the Bureau of Street Services to provide water to the site, from the median of Venice Blvd., in a locked box from which a drip irrigation system may be installed and administered by Neighbors of Grand to allow for the healthy growth of this garden. Upon approval this Resolution shall be forwarded to Bureau of Street Services General Manager Adel Hagekhalil at [adel.hagekhalil@lacity.org](mailto:adel.hagekhalil@lacity.org) and Councilmember Mike Bonin



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