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<u>Agenda</u>

Board of Officers Meeting Minutes

Westminster Elementary School (Auditorium)

1010 Abbot Kinney Blvd, Venice, 90291

Monday, December 15, 2014 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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- 1. <u>Call to Order and Roll Call</u> (7:00PM 1 minute) <u>Thank you to Whole Foods</u>, Abbot's Habit, and Jessica Blumenthal for the food and refreshments
- 2. <u>Pledge Of Allegiance</u> (7:01PM -- 1 minute)
- 3. <u>Approval of Outstanding Board minutes</u> (7:02PM 1 minute) http://www.venicenc.org/wp-content/uploads/2012/12/VNC141118BoardMinutesDRAFT.pdf
- 4. <u>Approval of the Agenda</u> (7:03PM 1 minute)
- 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. <u>Scheduled Announcements and Presentations</u> (7:05PM 27 minutes)
- A <u>Public Safety LAPD Report</u> (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 <u>Government Reports</u> (15 minutes) (Representatives have standing place on the agenda, but are not always available to attend)
 - City Councilmember Mike Bonin, Cecilia Castillo, Field Deputy, <u>Cecilia.Castillo@lacity.org</u> (310-568-8772)
 - Outgoing Congressman Henry Waxman, Representative Lisa Pinto; Lisa.Pinto@housemail.gov
 - State Senator Ben Allen, 310-318-6994



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- 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 <u>VNC Announcements</u> (5 Minutes)

- 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: Catherine Chevalier, President VCC (Catherine@notmaurice.com)
- D <u>The Great Venice Toy Drive is Underway!</u> (2 Minutes) (Mariana Aguilar arvinfieldmouse@gmail.com)

The VNC and Vera Davis are collecting new, unwrapped, non-violent toys at various locations in Venice through December 18, 2014. Then, on December 20, 2014, we will give the toys away to kids, during a free fun-filled day at Oakwood Recreation Center including photos with Santa, food, arts and crafts, a moon bounce, and snow!

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 <u>Streamline Process for Community Impact Projects</u> (Ivan Spiegel, VNC Community Impact Project Administrator, <u>parliamentarian@venicenc.org</u>)

MOTION: The Venice Neighborhood Council shall submit the following Community Impact Statement in support of City Council File 14-1624 which will simplify the process for the undertaking of Community Improvement Projects:

The Venice Neighborhood Council supports City Council Motion 14-1624 calling for the preparation and presentation of a report setting forth ways and means by which the City of Los Angeles may best serve community organizations seeking to undertake community improvement projects. The report should include but not be limited to a discussion of the following key elements: establishing a single point of contact for inquires and technical assistance, identifying efficiencies and streamlining of all existing processes and permits, resolution of liability responsibilities which can hinder volunteer efforts, and outreach strategy for stakeholder input.

LINK to Council Motion: http://clkrep.lacity.org/onlinedocs/2014/14-1624_mot_11-26-14.pdf



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B Kingdom Day Parade (Tommy Walker)

MOTION: The VNC supports and encourages board and stakeholder participation in the Kingdom Day Parade march on 1/19/15 @ 11AM at the corner of MLK and Vermont.

C <u>Standing Rule 29 on 24-Hour Special Meetings</u> (Ira Koslow for REC <u>ira.koslow@venicenc.org</u>)

MOTION: The VNC Board shall create the following as Standing Rule 29 : All 24 Hour Notice "Special Meetings" shall require written pre-approval by the VNC President or Vice President or a designee appointed by the President. (HH/IK unanimous)

D Denial of a Change to Standing Rule 18 (Ira Koslow for REC ira.koslow@venicenc.org)

MOTION: The Venice Neighborhood Council denies changing SR 18 to the following: The Venice Neighborhood Council MAY publicize the events, activities, announcements and information from the Departments, Agencies and Officeholders of the City of Los Angeles, the County of Los Angeles, the State of California and the Federal Government of the United States of America. Publicity of events and activities of other organizations is permitted if the event is free, open to the public, and with approval of the President of the VNC. (HH/IK denied 0-2)

E 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



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- 8. <u>Land Use and Planning Committee (LUPC) Consent Calendar</u> (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.]
- A <u>VNC De Minimis Projects</u> (Robin Rudisill on behalf of LUPC, <u>Chair-lupc@VeniceNC.org</u>)

MOTION: The VNC Board recommends approval of the following project as a VNC De Minimis Project:

<u>1774 Washington Way (duplex to SFD)</u>, Southeast Venice Subarea DIR-2014-1836-VSO-MEL <u>Applicant</u>: John Bowman APPROVED BY LUPC on 12/4/14 by a vote of 4-0-2 (MM/RD)

B <u>27-29 Lighthouse St. (change from 2 to 3 units);</u> Ballona Lagoon West Subarea CPC-2014-2654-SPE-SPP-CDP-MEL and ENV-2014-2655-MND CITY HEARING DECEMBER 15, 2014, 1645 CORINTH AVE, 2ND FLOOR Project Description: legalize conversion of storage room into 3rd unit for (E) duplex Applicant: Alvaro Ramirez & Henry Ramirez LUPC Staff: Robert Aronson & Ramsey Daham

MOTION: The VNC Board recommends approval of the project, a 441.52 sq ft grandfathered unit with 2 assigned parking spaces in the garage, with the following findings and conditions: <u>Findings:</u>

- i. The project is located at the end of an alley and this exceptional condition makes the parking availability greater and thus they could park additional cars.
- ii. The project's illegal unit has existed for at least 25 years, so there will not be any actual increase in density in the neighborhood.
- iii. The project will provide additional affordable housing where it is needed.
- iv. The project is a multi-family project in a multi-family neighborhood so there is no material increase in density and hence no detriment to the neighborhood.
- v. The project is consistent with the general goals re affordable housing.

Conditions:

- i. That the level of affordability shall be the low level, for the life of the project.
- ii. That the owner has an obligation to notify HCID within 10 days of receiving notice from the existing tenant that they will be terminating their tenancy.
- iii. That the existing tenant shall be permitted to stay even though the existing tenant may not meet the income level for the low level of affordability.
- iv. That in any proceeding where it is found that the existing tenant has vacated and that the owner has not complied with all procedures to ensure that the new tenant is eligible at the low level of affordability, that the owner shall pay all investigation and related expenses and attorney's fees to the City.

APPROVED BY LUPC on 11/25/14 by a vote of 7-0-0 (RA/MK) http://www.venicenc.org/27-29-lighthouse-st/



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C <u>627 Oxford Ave (SFD);</u> Southeast Venice Subarea

ZA-2014-2141-CDP and ENV-2014-2142-CE and DIR-2014-4314-VSO-MEL (11/18/14) CITY HEARING TOOK PLACE ON NOVEMBER 25, 2014 <u>Project Description</u>: Demo SFD/construct new 3-story SFD w/att 2-car (on lift) garage, & Mello determination, R1-1 zone <u>Applicant</u>: Matthew Royce LUPC Staff: Robert Aronson & Mehrnoosh Mojalalli

MOTION: The VNC Board recommends approval of the project in substantial conformance with the plans marked as "Exhibit A," pending receipt of the HCID Mello Act determination that no affordable units exist on the premises, by the time the ZA opinion is issued. If the determination is not timely received or if it is determined that affordable units exist on the premises, the VNC recommends denial of the project.

APPROVED BY LUPC on 12/4/14 by a vote 4-0-2 (RA/MM) Exhibit A for Motion in Supporting Documentation: http://www.venicenc.org/627-oxford-ave/

D 625 Oxford Ave (SFD); Southeast Venice Subarea

ZA-2014-2137-CDP and ENV-2014-2138-CE and DIR-2014-4316-VSO-MEL (11/18/14) CITY HEARING TOOK PLACE ON NOVEMBER 25, 2014 <u>Project Description</u>: Demo SFD/construct new 2-story SFD over basement w/att 2-car (on lift) garage & 1 uncovered parking, & Mello determination, R1-1 zone <u>Applicant</u>: Matthew Royce

LUPC Staff: Robert Aronson & Mehrnoosh Mojalalli

MOTION: The VNC Board recommends approval of the project in substantial conformance with the plans marked as "Exhibit A," pending receipt of the HCID Mello Act determination that no affordable units exist on the premises, by the time the ZA opinion is issued. If the determination is not timely received or if it is determined that affordable units exist on the premises, the VNC recommends denial of the project.

APPROVED BY LUPC on 12/4/14 by a vote 4-0-2 (RA/MM) Exhibit A for Motion in Supporting Documentation: http://www.venicenc.org/625-oxford-ave/

E Request for LA City Planning to Prepare a Cumulative Impact Study for Venice

MOTION: Whereas, development in Venice has been increasing at a significant and unforeseen pace since the environmental analysis for the Venice Coastal Zone Specific Plan was last performed, in 2004; and

Whereas, many of those developments are incompatible with and are having negative impacts on the



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existing neighborhoods; and

Whereas, the increasing rate of development now found in the Coastal Zone, is creating a serious concern within Venice neighborhoods that the cumulative impact of successive projects of the same type in the same place appear to be having a very significant adverse effect on the character, social diversity, and quality of life of the neighborhoods; and

Whereas having such a study is critically important to the analysis currently being done by the Venice Neighborhood Council with respect to approaches to be used in analyzing development projects for purposes of compatibility of character, mass and scale;

Therefore, be it resolved that the VNC Board requests the City of Los Angeles Department of Planning to prepare a cumulative environmental impact study on development in Venice and report their findings by April 30, 2015.

- 9. <u>Announcements & Public Comment on items not on the Agenda</u> (7:34PM -- 10 minutes) [No more than 1 minute per person – no Board member announcements permitted]
- **10. Old Business** [Discussion and possible action]

Motion for Reconsideration: Venice Beach Ice Skate Rink (20 Minutes) (Cecilia Castillo cecilia.castillo@lacity.org)

OLD MOTION

MOTION: The Venice Neighborhood Council supports the creation of an ice rink for the 2015/2016 season.

SUBSTITUTE MOTION

MOTION: WHEREAS, Venice Beach is the top tourist destination in the City of Los Angeles, drawing millions of people every year to its oceanfront attractions;

WHEREAS, Venice Beach and its visitors and residents will greatly benefit from an infusion of positive family friendly programing,

WHEREAS, the California Coastal Commission is reconsidering an item to allow the City to temporarily install an ice skate rink at Venice Beach for a 3 month period starting November 2015,

WHEREAS, a large portion of the proposed ice rink profits will be directed to maintenance and other necessary services at Venice Beach,

WHEREAS, the Venice Neighborhood Council had a cooperative working relationship with the City and Flightlinez when the Venice zipline was permitted and will have also have a cooperative working relationship with the Venice Beach ice skate rink when it is installed,

THEREFORE, the Venice Neighborhood Council supports the Ice Skate Rink and will work with the



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Department of Recreation & Parks and Council District 11 to ensure it is as sustainable as possible.

11. LUPC (7:44PM – 50 minutes) (Robin Rudisill on behalf of LUPC, Chair-lupc@VeniceNC.org)

A <u>710 California Ave (SFD);</u> 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 <u>Applicant:</u> 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 <u>635 San Juan Ave (3 units);</u> Oakwood Subarea (10 minutes)

ZA-2014-2514-CDP and ENV-2014-2515-CE (Condominium) CITY HEARING THURSDAY DECEMBER 18, 2014, 9:30 AM, 1645 CORINTH AVE, 2ND FLOOR <u>Project Description</u>: Demo existing 3 units & constr 24'8" 6,976 sq ft 3-unit bldg. on a 5,200 sq ft lot, RD1.5-1 zone (condominium) <u>Applicant</u>: Gary Werner <u>LUPC Staff</u>: Gabriel Ruspini & Mark Kleiman

MOTION: The VNC Board recommends denial of the project, as the City Hearing Notice was materially wrong and misleading, also resulting in the LUPC meeting Agenda (meeting notice) being materially wrong; as the case coding was incomplete; and as the project does not comply with the Venice Coastal Zone Specific Plan.



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APPROVED BY LUPC on 12/4/14 by a vote 4-0-2 (RD/TD) http://www.venicenc.org/635-san-juan-ave/

C <u>29-47 Windward (surface parking lot);</u> North Venice Subarea (20 minutes) ZA-2014-3650-CDP and ENV-2014-3651-CE

CASE NOT YET SCHEDULED FOR CITY HEARING

<u>Project Description</u>: 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 <u>Applicant</u>: 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/

D <u>55 27th Ave (SFD); North Venice Subarea</u> (10 Minutes)

ZA-2014-2356-ZAA-SPP and ENV-2014-2357-CE

CITY HEARING TOOK PLACE ON DECEMBER 4, 2014

<u>Project Description</u>: due to LADBS citation, requesting approval of unpermitted work done to convert 267 sq ft of mezzanine space into habitable rooms & change a 2-story bldg w/mezzanine to a 3-story bldg, incl ZAA for approval of bldg mods for 3' side yards instead of 4' required for 3 stories, RD1.5-1-0 zone

<u>Applicant</u>: David Zohn & Jonathan Lonner <u>LUPC Staff</u>: Gabriel Ruspini & Kathleen Rawson

MOTION: The VNC Board recommends approval of the project, for the following reasons: the project size is < 300 sq ft, the change from open mezzanine to enclosed bedrooms occurred over 25 years after the building was issued its current Certificate of Occupancy and it does not appear that there was any bad intent related to the original mezzanine structure, the outside of the building is not impacted, the building is adjacent to Pacific Ave on one side, and almost all of the neighbors have given their written support of the project.

APPROVED BY LUPC on 12/4/14 by a vote 4-0-2 (RD/RA) http://www.venicenc.org/55-27th-ave/



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- **12.** New Business (8:34PM 35 minutes) [Discussion and possible action]
- A <u>OFW Playground and Bathroom Activation</u> (5 minutes) (Melissa Diner on behalf of the OFW Committee melissa.diner@venicenc.org)

MOTION: The Venice Neighborhood Council supports the installation of lighting that would illuminate the playgrounds and bathrooms both on Rose Ave and adjacent to Park headquarters to promote a safe environment on the boardwalk and create family and children friendly activities after sunset. Shelly Motion, Melissa Second. APPROVED BY OFW COMMITTEE 2-0-1

B <u>Pavilion</u> (10 minutes) (Melissa Diner on behalf of the OFW Committee <u>melissa.diner@venicenc.org</u>)

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. Therese, Shelly APPROVED BY OFW COMMITTEE 3-0-0

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

 [Discussion and possible action]
 [EXHIBIT]

MOTION: The Venice Neighborhood Council Board approves the expenditure reports for November 2014.

APPROVED BY BUDGET COMMITTEE 4-0-0

14. <u>Board Member Comments on subject matters within the VNC jurisdiction</u> (5 minutes)

15. Adjourn (approx. 9:19PM)

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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