



Venice Neighborhood Council

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Board of Officers Meeting Minutes **Westminster Elementary School (Auditorium)** **1010 Abbot Kinney Blvd, Venice, 90291** **Tuesday, October 21, 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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6:45 PM: Venice High School Choir Performance

1. **Call to Order and Roll Call (7:00PM – 1 minute)**

PRESENT: Mike Newhouse (MN), Marc Saltzberg (MS), Helen Stotler (HS), Hugh Harrison (HH), Sylvia Aroth (SA), Robin Rudisill (RR), Jed Pauker (JP), Mike Bravo (MB), George Gineris (GG), Matt Kline (MK), Ira Koslow (IK), Eduardo Manilla (EM), Joe Murphy (JM), Abigail Myers (AM), Max Sloan (MSLO), Bud Jacobs (BJ)

ABSENT: Erin Darling (ED), Melissa Diner (MD), George Francisco (GF), Tommy Walker (TW), Kelley Willis (KW)

2. **Pledge Of Allegiance (7:01PM -- 1 minute)**

3. **Approval of Outstanding Board minutes (7:02PM – 1 minute)**

<http://www.venicenc.org/wp-content/uploads/2012/12/VNC-140916-Board-Minutes.pdf>

ACTION: Minutes approved, HH/IK, 15-0-1

FOR: MS, HS, HH, SA, RR, JP, MB, GG, MK, IK, EM, JM, AM, MSLO, BJ

AGAINST: NONE

ABSTAIN: MN

4. **Approval of the Agenda (7:03PM – 1 minute)**

ACTION: Agenda approved, IK/JM, 15-0-1

FOR: MS, HS, HH, SA, RR, JP, MB, GG, MK, IK, EM, JM, AM, MSLO, BJ

AGAINST: NONE

ABSTAIN: MN



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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 – 40 minutes)**
[No discussion or Public Comment]
- 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, Sgt. Theresa Skinner, Lt. Lydia Leos, OFW Beach Detail Supervisor. *Includes a monthly Venice crime report and updates on law enforcement issues in Venice.*
None.
- 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); **Board of Public Works meeting with respect to budget at Mar Vista Rec Center on 10/27 at 7 pm.**
 - 1. **LA County Department of Beaches & Harbors: OFW Safety**, John Kelly 310-305-9532 **None.**
 - 2. **NONE Congressman Henry Waxman**, Representative Lisa Pinto; Lisa.Pinto@housemail.gov
None.
 - ← **State Senator Ted Lieu**, 310-318-6994, **Representative reports 100% rating from Sierra Club and that Sen. Lieu visited Venice Chamber meeting last week.**
 - **State Assemblyperson Steve Bradford** 310.412.6400 **Matt Stauffer and Assemblyperson Bradford** Matt.Stauffer@asm.ca.gov **New Assemblymember coming after December 1.**
 - **LA County Supervisor Zev Yaroslavsky**, Maria Chong mccastillo@bos.LACounty.gov **None.**
 - **Mayor Eric Garcetti**, Westside Deputy, Daniel Tamm, (Daniel.Tamm@Lacity.org) 213-978-0836 **MN reports that mayor is in DC meeting with Chinese trade reps.**
 - **Venice Abbot Kinney Memorial Branch Library**, Rachel Bindman, Librarian (rbindman@lapl.org)
None.
- ED arrived.**
- C **VNC Announcements (5 Minutes)**
- **President - Mike Newhouse** (President@VeniceNC.org) **Announced new BONC Rep, Eli Lipmen.** Announced need to plan events very early now due to new regulations by DONE. Reminder that agenda requests from committees must include the committee vote and date.
 - **Vice President Marc Saltzberg** (VicePresident@VeniceNC.org) **None.**
 - **Westside Regional Alliance of Neighborhood Councils-** Mike Newhouse, WRAC President, Marc Saltzberg, VNC Representatives. (chair@westsidecouncils.org) **Marlene Savage announced 11/2, 9 am, meeting with Director of Planning for Land Use at Municipal Building in back of building up the ramp.**
 - **Los Angeles Neighborhood Council Coalition (LANCC)** Ivan Spiegel (Parliamentarian@VeniceNC.org) **10/23, hearing on appeal of decision stating that Venice Specific Plan overrides the Small Lot Subdivision ordinance.**
 - **VNC Representative to DWP:** Dede Audet **Please conserve water.**



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- **Venice Chamber Of Commerce:** Catherine Chevalier, President VCC (Catherine@notmaurice.com)
Eduardo Manilla, (eduardo.Manilla@VeniceNC.org) **MN announces Venice Sign Lighting, December 5.**
- D City of LA Department of Public Works -- Power Point presentation on current status of Venice Dual Force Main project** (Danielle Sevilla, danielle.sevilla@gmail.com) (5 Minutes) **Fernando Gonzalez presented.**
- E Recreation & Parks Presentation on New Decorative Bollards on Ocean Front Walk** (Cecilia Castillo, cecilia.castillo@lacity.org) (5 Minutes)

The Department of Recreation and Parks will install new decorative fixed bollards at the Ocean Front Walk end of walk-streets and streets that do not require emergency vehicle access. They will present the design and locations.

Jenny Lacey [sp?] presented. Installation starting in New Year.

GF arrived.

- F Bureau of Engineering Rose Ave Restroom Renovation Presentation** (Cecilia Castillo, cecilia.castillo@lacity.org) (5 Minutes)

At the request of Council District 11, the Department of Recreation & Parks submitted an application for a proposition K grant to restore the Rose Ave restroom on Venice Beach. The purpose of this renovation is to make the restrooms more reliable and easier to maintain. The Bureau of Engineering has completed the design and will present it to the Venice Neighborhood Council.

Bill Lee with Bureau of Engineering presented.

- 7. Selection and Swearing-In of New Board Secretary (7:45 – 5 minutes)**
ACTION: Kristopher Valentine elected, HS/MK, 17-0-1
FOR: MS, HS, HH, SA, RR, JP, MB, ED, GF, GG, MK, IK, EM, JM, AM, MSLO, BJ
AGAINST: NONE
ABSTAIN: MN

MD arrived.

- 8. General Consent Calendar (7:50PM -- 1 minute)** *[All agenda items on the Consent Calendar will pass when the Consent Calendar is approved. No discussion or Public Comment is allowed on any item. Items may be removed by any board member or stakeholder. Removed items will go to the end of the agenda and be treated as regular agenda items with discussion and public comment.]*

- A Los Angeles Fire Department Hiring** (George Francisco, gianfrancisco@hotmail.com)

MOTION: Whereas the annual reduction of LAFD firefighters due to retirement, injury and death is over 100 firefighters and;

Whereas the LAFD has not hired new firefighters since 2008 and;



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Whereas such a structural deficit in personnel adversely affects the public safety of the citizens of Los Angeles and the financial health of the LAFD due to increased overtime budget costs necessary to allow for the current number of firefighters to fulfill the basic responsibilities of the LAFD;

Therefore, the VNC Board directs the City of Los Angeles to adequately fund the recruitment, hiring and training of new firefighters by April 1, 2015 and to evaluate alternate policies and practices in order to assist in achieving such an increase in personnel.

B Motion with respect to People Street Project (Marc Saltzberg on behalf of WRAC, VicePresident@venicenc.org) Background at <http://www.venicenc.org/?p=25281>

MOTION: The VNC urges the Mayor, LADOT and the City Council to amend the process for consideration of design and location of L.A. People St. projects (including Plazas, Parklets and Bicycle Corrals) to include a requirement for advance notice to and consultation with Neighborhood and Community Councils. To the extent applicable, designs and locations should comply with local Specific Plans. We also urge the program to comply with CEQA, as applicable.

C "Walk Venice" Promotion (George Francisco, gianfrancisco@hotmail.com)

Whereas the Vision Goals of the Venice Neighborhood Council include considering strategies to reduce the use of cars and promote alternates such as walking;
Therefore the Venice Neighborhood Council supports promoting December 5th, 2014 as a day to encourage residents and stakeholders to walk throughout the community to enjoy ordinary and scheduled events to take place that day.

D Limit Tobacco Advertising Signs (Dennis Hathaway, venicedd@gmail.com)

MOTION: Whereas signs advertising cigarettes and tobacco products have become endemic in Venice, especially in the beach area and at gas stations and convenience stores and

Whereas some signs have been placed on public property, and others are within close proximity of schools and other places where young people congregate and

Whereas it is the Venice community's interest to discourage tobacco use, particularly by young people

Therefore, the Venice Neighborhood Council requests that the City survey the community and cite illegally placed signs. Furthermore, the VNC seeks the aid and cooperation of the CD11 office in working with local businesses to limit tobacco advertising signs, particularly in places of exposure to young people.



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E 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.

ACTION: Consent Calendar approved, HH/GF, 16-0-2

FOR: MS, HH, SA, RR, JP, MB, ED, GF, GG, MK, IK, EM, JM, AM, MSLO, BJ

AGAINST: NONE

ABSTAIN: MN, KV

8.1 Land Use and Planning Committee (LUPC) Consent Calendar (7:51 PM -- 1 minute) (Robin Rudisill, Chair, on behalf of LUPC, Chair-lupc@VeniceNC.org) *[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 VNC De Minimis Projects

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

343 28th Ave.—DIR-2014-698-VSO

Approved by LUPC on 9/30/14 by a vote of 6-0-0 (RD/TD)

2608 Ocean Ave.—DIR-2014-2652-VSO

Approved by LUPC on 10/7/14 by a vote of 8-0-0 (RR/MK)

**~~B~~ 672 Brooks Ave; (2 SFDs/Small Lot Sub), Oakwood Subarea
ZA-2014-1088-GDP-ZAA-MEL and AA-2014-1086-PMLA-SL and ENV-2014-1087-MND**

C 1235, 1237, 1239 Abbot Kinney Blvd. (“Feed,” aka Boost Kitchen, LLC), North Venice Subarea
Case No: ZA-2014-2224-CUB and ENV-2014-2225-CE

CITY HEARING: October 23, 2014, 10 am

Project Description: CUB for sale of a full line of alcoholic beverages, modification of hours of operation to 11 am to 2 am daily, addition of live, entertainment to existing restaurant, and CUP for hours beyond those permitted for a commercial corner establishment/mini-shopping center, for an existing 2,535 sq ft restaurant with 790 sq ft patio, with 38 interior and 32 outdoor seats

MOTION: The VNC Board recommends approval of the project as presented, except that from Sunday through Thursday (except holidays) the patio shall close and the live entertainment shall end at midnight; and the live entertainment shall be acoustic, non-amplified and performed inside the premises only (not on the patio).



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Applicant: Eddie Navarrette

LUPC Staff: Maury Ruano

Approved by LUPC on 9/30/2014 by a vote of 6-0-0 (MR/MK, as amended by MK/TD)

LUPC Staff Report and Supporting Documentation:

<http://www.venicenc.org/1235-1237-1239-abbot-kinney-blvd-feed/>

D **454-456 Venice Blvd. (2-unit condominium), North Venice Subarea**
ZA-2014-1543-CDP-MEL and AA-2014-1540-PMLA and ENV-2014-1542-MND (publication date for CEQA/ENV case ends 9-29-14)

CITY HEARING: not yet scheduled, AA case “accepted for review” on 7-23-2014

Project Description: CDP in the Dual Permit Jurisdiction Coastal Zone for demo of (E) 2-story duplex, subdivision of 3,350 sq ft lot & construction of a 3-story, 2-unit condominium, height 35 ft, with 2 parking spaces each (1 covered & 1 uncovered) in the R-3 Zone; Mello determination; Preliminary Parcel Map; & consideration of the MND

MOTION: The VNC Board recommends approval of the project, only if the design is substantially different from 458 Venice Blvd. and if the trees are replaced with trees of equal height and maturity and if the Applicant makes their best efforts to secure the City’s involvement in placing sycamore trees in the public right-of-way.

Applicant: Patrick Killen

LUPC Staff: Kathleen Rawson & Mehrnoosh Mojallali

Approved by LUPC on 10/7/2014 by a vote of 8-0-0 (KR/RR)

LUPC Staff Report and Supporting Documentation: <http://www.venicenc.org/454-456-venice-blvd/>

E **458 Venice Blvd. (2-unit condominium), North Venice Subarea**
ZA-2013-3894-CDP-MEL and AA-2013-3892-PMLA and ENV-2013-3893-MND

CITY HEARING TOOK PLACE ON OCTOBER 8, 2014

Project Description: CDP in the Dual Permit Jurisdiction Coastal Zone for demo of (E) SFD, subdivision of 3,389 sq ft lot & construction of a 3-story, 2-unit condominium, height 35 ft, with 2 parking spaces each (1 covered & 1 uncovered) in the R-3 Zone; Mello determination; Preliminary Parcel Map; & consideration of the MND

MOTION: The VNC Board recommends approval of the project, only if the design is substantially different from 454-456 Venice Blvd. and if the trees are replaced with trees of equal height and maturity and if the Applicant makes their best efforts to secure the City’s involvement in placing sycamore trees in the public right-of-way.

Applicant: Patrick Killen

LUPC Staff: Kathleen Rawson & Mehrnoosh Mojallali

Approved by LUPC on 10/7/2014 by a vote of 8-0-0 (KR/RR)

LUPC Staff Report and Supporting Documentation:

<http://www.venicenc.org/458-venice-blvd/>



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- F** **21 Voyage St. (duplex), Marina Peninsula Subarea**
APCW-2014-0364-SPE-SPP-CDP and ENV-2014-0365-MND
CITY HEARING (Kevin Jones for APC) TOOK PLACE ON September 29, 2014, APC HEARING TO BE SCHEDULED FOR NOVEMBER 19 OR DECEMBER 3, 2014
Project Description: CDP in the Dual Permit Jurisdiction Coastal Zone, SPP determination, SPE to allow 3 dwelling units vs. 2 for R3 zone, 6 parking spaces vs. 7 required & 1,137 sq ft per dwelling unit vs. 1,200 sq ft required re. conversion of rec room into dwelling unit in the R-3-1 Zone. Applicant is looking into affordable housing options for new unit.

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

Applicant: Henry Ramirez
LUPC Staff: Gabriel Ruspini
Approved by LUPC on 10/7/2014 by a vote of 8-0-0 (GR/MK)
LUPC Staff Report and Supporting Documentation: <http://www.venicenc.org/21-voyage-st/>
- G** **1235 Vienna Way (fence/gate ht), Venice Community Plan**
ZA-2014-1748-F and ENV-2014-1749-CE
CITY HEARING: October 23, 2014, 1645 Corinth, 2nd floor, 1:30 pm
Project Description: ZAA for over-height wall, pedestrian gate, and automobile driveway gate, with max ht of 7'11" vs. required 3'6", in conjunction with occupancy of a SFD on a 10,891 sq ft lot in the R1-1VLD Zone

MOTION: The VNC Board recommends denial of the project, based on it being out of character with the neighborhood, as the comps/precedent provided were determined to be not applicable, as no unique hardship or extraordinary circumstances were found, and as over-height fences and walls diminish safety and hinder law enforcement duties.

Applicant: Jay McDonald
LUPC Staff: Gabriel Ruspini
Approved by LUPC on 10/10/2014 by a vote of 6-0-0 (GR/MK)
<http://www.venicenc.org/1235-vienna-way/>
- H** **Certified Neighborhood Council (CNC) Report Project Descriptions**
MOTION: The VNC Board recommends that the City Planning Department include the height of the proposed building, including the height of the non-contiguous heights if there is more than one peak, and whether the roof is a Varied Roofline or a Flat Roof, in the CNC report project description field.

Approved by LUPC on 9/30/2014 by a vote of 4-0-2 (RR/MK)
- I** **City Planning Processes for VSO's and Coastal Exemptions**
MOTION: The VNC Board recommends that Venice Coastal Zone Specific Plan Exceptions, aka Venice Sign Offs, (VSO's), Coastal Exemptions (CEX) issued by the City, and Coastal Exemptions issued by the State Coastal Commission shall be provided to the VNC, the Council Office, the



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Coastal Commission (for Coastal Exemptions issued by the City), and City Planning (for Coastal Exemptions issued by the State Coastal Commission) within 24 hours of approval; and they shall also be posted to the City Planning system of record within 24 hours of approval, with public access to a hyperlink to a digital copy for download, searchable via either a numerical search or a property search. Access for separate and secure posting to the City Planning system of record for State-issued Coastal Exemptions (and permits) shall be provided to the applicable, assigned State Coastal Commission Staff (only). Also, City Planning personnel shall make it clear in the related approval document that these VSO and CEX exception actions are processing exceptions only, not exceptions for adherence to the applicable laws, and that the underlying projects must comply with all applicable provisions of the Venice Coastal Zone Specific Plan Ordinance and the California Coastal Act (Venice Land Use Plan and Chapter 3 policies of the California Coastal Act). The procedures for requesting revocation due to incorrect or incomplete information (VSO) and inconsistency with local land use regulations, project description not in conformance with the actual project to be constructed, or nonconformance with Section 30610 of the California Coastal Act (CEX) shall also be made clear in the related approval document. The subject for the CEX shall be changed to “Coastal Exemption (CEX)—available for Single Permit Jurisdiction Zone projects only.” Coastal In addition, a copy of the complete inventory of all VSO’s and Coastal Exemptions issued (by both City and State) shall be provided to the VNC, Council Office, and Coastal Commission, and documentation explaining compliance/processing requirements for CEQA with respect to these exemptions shall be made clear in the related approval documents.

Approved by LUPC on 10/7/2014 by a vote of 8-0-0 (RR/KR)

J — Short-term Rental Data

**ACTION: Items B and J pulled from LUPC Consent Calendar. RR/IK 17-0-2.
Items A, C, D, E, F, G, H, I passed.**

FOR: Marc Saltzberg, Hugh Harrison, Robin Rudisill, Jed Pauker, Sylvia Aroth, Mike Bravo, Erin Darling, Melissa Diner, George Francisco, George Gineris, Matt Kline, Ira Koslow, Eduardo Manilla, Joe Murphy, Abigail Myers, Max Sloan, Bud Jacobs

AGAINST: NONE

ABSTAIN: Mike Newhouse, Kristopher Valentine

9. Announcements & Public Comment on items not on the Agenda (7:52 PM -- 10 minutes)
[No more than 1 minute per person – no Board member announcements permitted]
Mariana Aguilar on Venice Toy Drive, Ted Grose – Candidate for 62nd Assembly District, Yolanda Gonzalez, Nick Antunicello, Keeley Smith for Proposition P
10. Old Business (8:02 PM -- 0 minutes) *None.*



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11. Land Use and Planning Committee (LUPC) (8:02 PM – 40 minutes) (Robin Rudisill, Chair, on behalf of LUPC, Chair-lupc@VeniceNC.org)

A 665 Vernon Ave. (2 SFDs/Small Lot Sub), Oakwood Subarea (5 minutes)

ZA-2014-1084-CDP-ZAA-MEL and AA-2014-1082-PMLA-SL and ENV-2014-1083-MND

CITY HEARING: not yet scheduled, Deputy Advisory Agency waiting for VNC recommendation letter

Project Description: CDP in the Single Permit Jurisdiction Coastal Zone for a 2 lot small-lot subdivision in the RD1.5-1 Zone; Mello determination; Preliminary Parcel Map; & consideration of the MND

MOTION: The VNC Board recommends denial of the project, based on it being incompatible with the character, scale and mass of the immediate neighborhood, as it casts shadows on the adjacent property to the east most times of the day, and as it is too tall for the immediate neighborhood and adjoining lots.

Applicant: Robert Thibodeau

LUPC Staff: Mehrnoosh Mojallali

Approved by LUPC on 10/7/2014 by a vote of 3-2-3 (RA/MK)

LUPC Staff Report and Supporting Documentation: <http://www.venicenc.org/665-vernon/>

ACTION: Motion fails RR/JP 9-9-1. Board takes no position on the project.

FOR: Marc Saltzberg, Hugh Harrison, Robin Rudisill, Jed Pauker, Sylvia Aroth, Mike Bravo, Erin Darling, George Gineris, Bud Jacobs,

AGAINST: Mike Newhouse, Melissa Diner, George Francisco, Matt Kline, Ira Koslow, Eduardo Manilla, Joe Murphy, Abigail Myers, Max Sloan,

ABSTAIN: Kristopher Valentine

B 416 Grand Ave., North Venice Subarea (SFD) (5 minutes)

ZA-2014-1356-CDP and ENV-2014-1357-MND (associated DIR-2013-2903-VSO-MEL dated 9-17-13 approving demo of (E) duplex & constr of new SFD)

CITY HEARING TOOK PLACE ON OCTOBER 2, 2014

Project Description: CDP in the Single Jurisdiction Coastal Zone for demo of (E) duplex & constr of new, 2-story 1,425 sq ft SFD, height 23 ft, w/attached 2-car garage; consideration of the MND

MOTION: The VNC Board recommends approval of the project as presented, subject to review and satisfaction re. the Mello Determination and Rent Stabilization.

Applicant: Melinda Gray/Rosario Perry

LUPC Staff: Ramsey Daham

Approved by LUPC on 9/30/2014 by a vote of 3-1-1 (RD/MK)

LUPC Staff Report and Supporting Documentation: <http://www.venicenc.org/416-grand-ave/>



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- C** **418–422 Grand Ave. (SFD), North Venice Subarea (5 minutes)**
ZA-2014-1358-CDP and ENV-2014-1357-MND (same CEQA/ENV case as project at B above)
CITY HEARING TOOK PLACE ON OCTOBER 2, 2014
Project Description: CDP in the Single Permit Jurisdiction Coastal Zone for demo of (E) duplex & constr of new, 3-story 5,183 sq ft SFD, height 35 ft, w/attached 2-car garage in the RD1.5-1-0 Zone; & consideration of the MND
- MOTION:** The VNC Board recommends approval of the project, subject to payment of \$400,000 in Mello Act in lieu fees for each of the four units at 416, 418, 420, and 422 Grand that were determined to be “affordable units” as per the Mello Act Determination dated June 27, 2013.
- Applicant: Melinda Gray/Rosario Perry
LUPC Staff: Ramsey Daham
Approved by LUPC on 10/7/2014 by a vote of 5-0-2 (RA/MK)
LUPC Staff Report and Supporting Documentation: <http://www.venicenc.org/418-422-grand-ave/>
- Public Comment: Carolyn Rios**
- ACTION: Motion to postpone items B & C until November meeting approved. ED/HH 16-0-3**
FOR: Marc Saltzberg, Hugh Harrison, Robin Rudisill, Jed Pauker, Sylvia Aroth, Mike Bravo, Erin Darling, Melissa Diner, George Francisco, George Gineris, Matt Kline, Ira Koslow, Eduardo Manilla, Abigail Myers, Max Sloan, Bud Jacobs
AGAINST: NONE
ABSTAIN: Kristopher Valentine, Joe Murphy, Mike Newhouse
- D** **1697 Pacific Ave. (“Hotel Erwin”), North Venice Subarea (10 minutes)**
APCW-2008-317-SPE-CUB-ZV-CDP-SPP-PA1 and ENV-2014-0115-CE
CITY HEARING: November 5, 2014, West L.A. Area Planning Commission, 4:30 pm, Henry Medina West L.A. Parking Enforcement Facility, 2nd Floor, Roll Call Room, 11214 W. Exposition Blvd. (at Sepulveda Blvd.)
Project Description: A Plan Approval proceeding to evaluate the Hotel’s compliance with the existing conditions of approval, and to determine whether the conditions should be modified to be more effective in accomplishing their objectives, particularly noise, traffic, and parking issues. The Plan Approval process allows the Applicant to ask for an expansion of up to 20%, and the Hotel is asking to approximately double the size of its rooftop bar/restaurant, from 2,700 square feet to 5,000 square feet. The Hotel is seeking to provide no additional parking for this increase. In support of the request for reduced parking, the Hotel submitted a letter in July 2014, which summarizes a parking utilization study, and has proposed to add approximately 90 bicycle parking spaces on Hotel property along the alley known as Windward Court. Applicant proposes to eliminate the existing condition that prohibits a Happy Hour or reduced priced drinks at any time. Applicant also proposes to expand the hours of operation by eliminating the current distinction of Fall/Winter hours of operation, and Spring/Summer hours of operation, so that the expanded rooftop bar/restaurant can stay open one hour later, from 7 am to 12:30 am Sunday through Thursday, and from 7 am to 1:30 am on Friday and Saturday.



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MOTION: The VNC Board recommends approval of the Plan Approval for expansion of the rooftop deck, with the conditions of approval as indicated below, ~~and recommends denial of the request to expand hours of operation in conjunction with the rooftop deck expansion, as follows:~~

- ~~1. The hours of operation for both the existing and expanded areas of the rooftop bar/restaurant shall remain as currently specified in the original grant, based on impacts on the surrounding neighborhood for the current rooftop deck, prior to expansion.~~
2. Seating and spaces between seating, including fixed planters and gates, shall be installed and maintained as set forth in the lower drawing of the page entitled "Decks" on the attached Exhibit "A" (available at link to VNC website below).
3. As it is essential to reduce noise from people congregating outside of the rooftop seating areas, no customer may be served at a counter or bar, and customers may only be served, by a server, while sitting inside of the seating areas designated in the lower drawing on Exhibit "A" (available at link to VNC website below).
4. To encourage employees and customers to use the hotel parking garage and to reduce the hotel's impact on street parking, Applicant shall provide free on-site parking for all employees, hotel guests, and persons who come to the hotel to attend weddings, events, and private parties, free on-site validated parking for a reasonable time for bar/restaurant customers; and shall offer free bus passes to all employees; and Applicant shall install prominent signage visible from the street to inform the public that there is free parking with validation.
5. Applicant shall record all concerns and complaints in a written Complaint Log.
6. Awnings, enclosures, covers, railings, wind screens, heat lamps, plants, trees, hedges, and umbrellas on the roof shall be distributed/distributed so as to not in essence further increase the height or massing of the building.
- ~~7. Applicant shall file for a plan approval with a public hearing, within 2 years after the Certificate of Occupancy is issued for the expanded rooftop bar/restaurant but not prior to operating through a full spring/summer period, in order that data on noise, parking and community impacts are available for review.~~
8. Applicant shall not accept any deliveries from delivery vehicles parked anywhere on 17th Avenue.
9. For purposes of both increased safety and control over noise impacts, Applicant shall provide a roaming security guard on 17th Avenue and on Speedway adjacent to the hotel for at least 30 minutes, commencing at the closing time of the rooftop bar/restaurant.

Applicant: Mark Sokol, Clare Bronowski, Jonathan Lonner

LUPC Staff: Robert Aronson

Approved by LUPC on 10/7/2014 by a vote of 5-0-2 (RA/RD)

LUPC Staff Report and Supporting Documentation: <http://www.venicenc.org/1697-pacific-ave/>

Public Comment: Liz Wright, Gabriel Ruspini, Yolanda Gonzalez

ACTION: Motion to strike Item 1 to expand full spring/summer hours to year round approved.
EM/MK 16-1-2

FOR: Marc Saltzberg, Hugh Harrison, Robin Rudisill, Sylvia Aroth, Mike Bravo, Erin Darling, Melissa Diner, George Francisco, George Gineris, Matt Kline, Ira Koslow, Eduardo Manilla, Joe Murphy, Abigail Myers, Max Sloan, Bud Jacobs,

AGAINST: Jed Pauker

ABSTAIN: Mike Newhouse, Kristopher Valentine,



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Motion to strike Item 7 approved EM/MK 15-1-3

FOR: Hugh Harrison, Jed Pauker, Sylvia Aroth, Mike Bravo, Erin Darling, Melissa Diner, George Francisco, George Gineris, Matt Kline, Ira Koslow, Eduardo Manilla, Joe Murphy, Abigail Myers, Max Sloan, Bud Jacobs

AGAINST: Marc Saltzberg

ABSTAIN: Mike Newhouse, Kristopher Valentine, Robin Rudisill

Motion passed as amended RR/ED 15-2-2

FOR: Marc Saltzberg, Hugh Harrison, Robin Rudisill, Sylvia Aroth, Mike Bravo, Erin Darling, Melissa Diner, George Francisco, Matt Kline, Ira Koslow, Eduardo Manilla, Joe Murphy, Abigail Myers, Max Sloan, Bud Jacobs,

AGAINST: Jed Pauker, George Gineris,

ABSTAIN: Mike Newhouse, Kristopher Valentine

E 920 Superba Ave. (SFD), Milwood Subarea (10 minutes)

ZA-2014-1710-CDP and ENV-2014-1711-CE

CITY HEARING TOOK PLACE ON OCTOBER 9, 2014

Project Description: CDP in the Single Permit Jurisdiction Zone for demo of (E) SFD & constr new approx. 3,326 sq ft 2-story, SFD w/att 2-car garage & rooftop deck in the R2-1 Zone. Height = 25'.

Special request of Applicant: prior to the VNC Board meeting, Applicant to provide LUPC Chair a sun/shade study and information on length of ownership of the prior owner (for Mello determination review).

MOTION: The VNC Board recommends denial of the project, based on it being incompatible with the character, scale and mass of the surrounding neighborhood.

Applicant: Mike Poirier, Jesse Reyes

LUPC Staff: Kathleen Rawson

Approved by LUPC on 10/10/2014 by a vote of 3-1-2 (MK/TD)

LUPC Staff Report and Supporting Documentation: <http://www.venicenc.org/920-superba-ave/>

Public Comment: Mike Jolly (Developer), Sue Kaplan (Against), Mary Jack (Against)

ACTION: Motion approved, RR/SA 12-4-3

FOR: Marc Saltzberg, Hugh Harrison, Robin Rudisill, Jed Pauker, Sylvia Aroth, Mike Bravo, Erin Darling, George Gineris, Ira Koslow, Eduardo Manilla, Abigail Myers, Bud Jacobs,

AGAINST: Melissa Diner, George Francisco, Matt Kline, Max Sloan,

ABSTAIN: Mike Newhouse, Kristopher Valentine, Joe Murphy,



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F 1515 Pacific Ave. (WTF), North Venice Subarea (5 minutes)

ZA-2004-7596-CU-PA3

CITY HEARING: October 23, 2014, 1645 Corinth, 2nd floor, 1:00 pm

Project Description: Plan Approval to modify (E) rooftop TWF replacing 3 (E) antenna w/6 new antenna, associated screening structures, install 2 new equipment cabs & 2 new utility cabs on ground floor w/associated fencing, new cable tray, all within a 42' tall building; and request for determination to permit a max height of 51' 4" for the modified WTF in lieu of the VCZSP height limit of 30 feet in the C2-1-CA Zone

MOTION: The VNC Board recommends denial of the project as presented, as according to the Venice Land Use Plan this building is within the boundaries of the Windward Historic Arcade, which has been identified as a significant architectural, historical and cultural landmark in the Venice Coastal Zone and as such the WTF screens should be moved to a location where they cannot be seen from the street.

Applicant: Suzanne Iselt

LUPC Staff: Mark Kleiman

Approved by LUPC on 10/10/2014 by a vote of 4-1-1 (MK/GR)

LUPC Staff Report and Supporting Documentation: <http://www.venicenc.org/1515-pacific-ave/>

ACTION: Motion approved, RR/IK 13-2-3

FOR: Marc Saltzberg, Hugh Harrison, Robin Rudisill, Jed Pauker, Mike Bravo, Erin Darling, George Francisco, George Gineris, Ira Koslow, Eduardo Manilla, Joe Murphy, Abigail Myers, Bud Jacobs,

AGAINST: Sylvia Aroth, Melissa Diner,

ABSTAIN: Mike Newhouse, Kristopher Valentine, Max Sloan

G 672 Brooks Ave; (2 SFDs/Small Lot Sub), Oakwood Subarea

ZA-2014-1088-CDP-ZAA-MEL and AA-2014-1086-PMLA-SL and ENV-2014-1087-MND

CITY HEARING: not yet scheduled, Deputy Advisory Agency waiting for VNC recommendation letter

Project description: Demo existing single-family residence and studio above garage, subdivide lot & replace with 2 SFR ("Small Lot Subdivision"), each with 3 BR, 2.5 BA, 2,400 sq ft. home facing the street is 2-story with roof deck, rear home is 30' high, with sloped roof (at VSP limit); 21' separation between homes and 5 parking spaces, as per VSP for multi-units (6th space can be located within the setback area). ZAA for 15' front yard setback reduced by 7' to 8' to be in line with existing neighboring buildings.

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

Applicant: Robert Thibodeau

LUPC Staff: Mehrnoosh Mojallali

Approved by LUPC on 8/26/2014 by a vote of 6-2-1 (MM/MK)

LUPC Staff Report and Supporting Documentation: <http://www.venicenc.org/672-brooks/>

Public Comment: Sue Kaplan



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ACTION: Item B pulled from Consent Calendar.

Motion passes, RR/AM 8-6-5

FOR: Marc Saltzberg, Melissa Diner, George Francisco, Ira Koslow, Eduardo Manilla, Abigail Myers, Max Sloan, Bud Jacobs,

AGAINST: Hugh Harrison, Jed Pauker, Sylvia Aroth, Mike Bravo, Erin Darling, George Gineris,

ABSTAIN: Mike Newhouse, Kristopher Valentine, Robin Rudisill, Matt Kline, Joe Murphy,

H Short-term Rental Data

MOTION: 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.

Approved by LUPC on 10/7/2014 by a vote of 7-1-0 (RR/KR)

Public Comment: Carolyn Rios, Gary Harris, Judy Goldman

ACTION: Item J pulled from Consent Calendar

Motion passes, RR/SA 17-0-2

FOR: Marc Saltzberg, Hugh Harrison, Robin Rudisill, Jed Pauker, Sylvia Aroth, Mike Bravo, Erin Darling, Melissa Diner, George Francisco, George Gineris, Matt Kline, Ira Koslow, Eduardo Manilla, Joe Murphy, Abigail Myers, Max Sloan, Bud Jacobs,

AGAINST: NONE

ABSTAIN: Mike Newhouse, Kristopher Valentine,

12. New Business (8:42 PM – 20 minutes)

A Citywide Street Vending Districts (George Francisco, gianfrancisco@hotmail.com) (10 minutes)

MOTION: Whereas the Los Angeles City Council currently has Motion 13-1493 in discussion in an effort to adopt a city-wide street vending program and;
Whereas this motion endeavors to implement and regulate Special Sidewalk Vending Districts citywide and;

Therefore, the Board of the Venice Neighborhood Council opposes Motion 13-1493 as currently constructed, because this motion does not include studies regarding the impact of Special Sidewalk Vending Districts on residential areas or on existing local brick and mortar businesses;

Public Comment: Carolyn Rios, Yolanda Gonzalez

ACTION: Motion approved as amended, GF/MD 17-0-2

FOR: Marc Saltzberg, Hugh Harrison, Robin Rudisill, Jed Pauker, Sylvia Aroth, Mike Bravo, Erin Darling, Melissa Diner, George Francisco, George Gineris, Matt Kline, Ira Koslow, Eduardo Manilla, Joe Murphy, Abigail Myers, Max Sloan, Bud Jacobs,

AGAINST: NONE

ABSTAIN: Mike Newhouse, Kristopher Valentine



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B Public Sanitation Improvements (George Francisco, gianfrancisco@hotmail.com) (10 minutes)

MOTION: Whereas the lack of adequate numbers of public toilet facilities and public trash receptacles presents a dangerous health and safety issue for the residents, stakeholders and visitors to Venice;

Therefore, the VNC Board recommends the Office of Councilman Mike Bonin to increase the number of public toilets and public garbage receptacles in Venice.

ACTION: Motion approved, GF/EM 18-0-1

FOR: Marc Saltzberg, Hugh Harrison, Robin Rudisill, Jed Pauker, Sylvia Aroth, Mike Bravo, Erin Darling, Melissa Diner, George Francisco, George Gineris, Matt Kline, Ira Koslow, Eduardo Manilla, Joe Murphy, Abigail Myers, Max Sloan, Bud Jacobs, Kristopher Valentine

AGAINST: NONE

ABSTAIN: Mike Newhouse

13. Treasurers Report (9:02 PM -- 10 minutes) (Hugh Harrison on behalf of Budget & Finance Committee, Treasurer@VeniceNC.org)

A MOTION: The Venice Neighborhood Council Board approves the expenditure report for September 2014 [See expenditures to date: <http://www.venicenc.org/?p=25282> and September monthly expenditure report: <http://www.venicenc.org/?p=25283>]

Approved by the Budget Committee on October 7, 2014 by a vote of 4-0-0

ACTION: Motion approved, HH/JM 17-0-2

FOR: Marc Saltzberg, Hugh Harrison, Robin Rudisill, Jed Pauker, Sylvia Aroth, Mike Bravo, Erin Darling, Melissa Diner, George Francisco, George Gineris, Matt Kline, Ira Koslow, Eduardo Manilla, Joe Murphy, Abigail Myers, Max Sloan, Bud Jacobs,

AGAINST: NONE

ABSTAIN: Mike Newhouse, Kristopher Valentine

B MOTION: The Venice Neighborhood Council allocates \$500 from Board Community Improvement Projects to the Vera Davis Thanksgiving event.

Approved by the Budget Committee on October 7, 2014 by a vote of 4-0-0

ACTION: Motion approved, HH/IK 17-0-2

FOR: Marc Saltzberg, Hugh Harrison, Robin Rudisill, Jed Pauker, Sylvia Aroth, Mike Bravo, Erin Darling, Melissa Diner, George Francisco, George Gineris, Matt Kline, Ira Koslow, Eduardo Manilla, Joe Murphy, Abigail Myers, Max Sloan, Bud Jacobs,

AGAINST: NONE

ABSTAIN: Mike Newhouse, Kristopher Valentine



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- C MOTION:** The Venice Neighborhood Council allocates \$1000 from Board Community Improvement Projects to the Venice Toy Drive.

Approved by the Budget Committee on October 7, 2014 by a vote of 3-0-1

ACTION: Motion approved, HH/IK 17-0-2

FOR: Marc Saltzberg, Hugh Harrison, Robin Rudisill, Jed Pauker, Sylvia Aroth, Mike Bravo, Erin Darling, Melissa Diner, George Francisco, George Gineris, Matt Kline, Ira Koslow, Eduardo Manilla, Joe Murphy, Abigail Myers, Max Sloan, Bud Jacobs,

AGAINST: NONE

ABSTAIN: Mike Newhouse, Kristopher Valentine

- D MOTION:** The Venice Neighborhood Council requests cash to be allocated to its NC checking account for November 2014 in the following amounts:

<u>VNC Budget Item</u>	<u>DONE</u>	<u>Vendor (if Known)</u>	<u>Amount</u>	<u>Recurring</u>
Office Supplies/Copies	OFF	Office Depot	\$50.00	
Staffing-LUPC	TAC	Apple One	250.00	Yes
Refreshments	EVE	Smart & Final	50.00	
Web Site/E-Mail	WEB	I Power/Constant Contact	120.00	Yes, \$ 95.00
General Outreach	OUT		300.00	
Storage	FAC	Extra Space Storage	233.00	Yes
Meeting site rental	FAC	LAUSD	180.00	Yes
Neighborhood Committee Cards	OUT	Office Depot	560.00	
Postal Box Rental	MIS	USPS	266.00	
Retreat	EDU	Mindy Staley	100.00	
		Costco	200.00	
		Office Depot	100.00	
Toy Drive	CIP		1000.00	
Vera Davis Thanksgiving Event	CIP	Ralphs	500.00	
Hot Meals Program	CIP	Smart & Final	2,000.00	
Total			\$ 5,909.00	

Approved by the Budget Committee on October 7, 2014 by a vote of 4-0-0

ACTION: Motion approved, HH/JP 17-0-2

FOR: Marc Saltzberg, Hugh Harrison, Robin Rudisill, Jed Pauker, Sylvia Aroth, Mike Bravo, Erin Darling, Melissa Diner, George Francisco, George Gineris, Matt Kline, Ira Koslow, Eduardo Manilla, Joe Murphy, Abigail Myers, Max Sloan, Bud Jacobs,

AGAINST: NONE

ABSTAIN: Mike Newhouse, Kristopher Valentine

- 14. **Board Member Comments on subject matters within the VNC jurisdiction (9:12 PM -- 5 minutes)**

- 15. **Adjourn**

ACTION: Meeting adjourned, JP/IK 19-0-0

FOR: Marc Saltzberg, Hugh Harrison, Robin Rudisill, Jed Pauker, Sylvia Aroth, Mike Bravo, Erin Darling, Melissa Diner, George Francisco, George Gineris, Matt Kline, Ira Koslow,



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**Eduardo Manilla, Joe Murphy, Abigail Myers, Max Sloan, Bud Jacobs, Mike Newhouse,
Kristopher Valentine
AGAINST: NONE
ABSTAIN: NONE**

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