



Neighborhood Council

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Board of Officers Meeting Agenda

Westminster Elementary School (Auditorium)

1010 Abbot Kinney Blvd, Venice, 90291

Tuesday, July 18, 2017 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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DISABILITY POLICY: See last page.

ALL AGENDA TIMES ARE APPROXIMATE AND SUBJECT TO CHANGE ON THE NIGHT OF THE MEETING.

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

PRESENT: George Francisco, Hugh Harrison, Melissa Diner, Matthew Royce, Evan White, Sunny Bak, Brads Aarons, William Hawkins, Cayley Lambur, Stephen Livigni, Ilana Marosi, Hollie Stenson, Michelle Meepos, James Murez, John Reed, Colleen Saro, Matt Shaw, Robert Thibodeau,

ABSENT: Matt Kline

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

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

May <http://www.venicenc.org/docs/34484160-6769.pdf>

MS, SB (15, 2, 1)

FAVOR: Hugh Harrison, Melissa Diner, Matthew Royce, Evan White, Sunny Bak, Brad Aarons, William Hawkins, Cayley Lambur, Stephen Livigni, Holly Stenson, Michelle Meepos, James Murez, John Reed, Matt Shaw, Robert Thibodeau,

OPPOSED: Ilana Marosi, Colleen Saro,

ABSTAIN: George Francisco,

June <http://www.venicenc.org/docs/34484160-6769.pdf>



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MS, MM (14, 1, 2)

FAVOR: Hugh Harrison, Melissa Diner, Matthew Royce, Evan White, Brad Aarons, William Hawkins, Cayley Lambur, Stephen Livigni, Holly Stenson, James Murez, John Reed, Colleen Saro, Matt Shaw, Robert Thibodeau,

OPPOSED: Ilana Marosi,

ABSTAIN: George Francisco, Sunny Bak,

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

EW, HH (17, 0, 1)

FAVOR: Hugh Harrison, Melissa Diner, Matthew Royce, Evan White, Sunny Bak, Brads Aarons, William Hawkins, Cayley Lambur, Stephen Livigni, Ilana Marosi, Hollie Stenson, Michelle Meepos, James Murez, John Reed, Colleen Saro, Matt Shaw, Robert Thibodeau,

OPPOSED:

ABSTAIN: George Francisco,

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)

6A Public Safety - LAPD Report (10 minutes): Senior Lead Officers Peggy Thusing (25120@lapd.online), Kristan Delatori (32914@lapd.online), Joe Roberts (Acting) (41448@lapd.online), Lt. Michael Soliman Beach Detail Supervisor (32906@lapd.online). *Includes a monthly Venice crime report and updates on law enforcement issues in Venice.*

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

- City Councilmember Mike Bonin, Field Deputy Taylor Bazley, 310-568-8772 (taylor.bazley@lacity.org)
- Congressman Ted Lieu, Representative Janet Turner, 310-496-9896 (janet.turner@mail.house.gov) **Congressional App Contest, Military Academy Applications**
- State Senator Ben Allen, Representative Fernando Morales, 310-318-6994 (fernando.morales@sen.ca.gov)
New rep Stephanie B. Cohen, Scohen@bos.lacounty.gov
- State Assemblyperson Autumn Burke, Rep Mark Weber, 310 412-6400
Mark.Weber@asm.ca.gov
- LA County Supervisor Sheila Kuehl Westside Field Deputy, Stephanie Cohen (310)231-1170 (scohen@bos.lacounty.gov) **Grant available for 501c3 link**
- Mayor Eric Garcetti, Westside Deputy, Daniel Tamm, 213-978-0836 (Daniel.Tamm@Lacity.org)



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

- President - Ira Koslow (President@VeniceNC.org)
- Vice President - George Francisco (VicePresident@VeniceNC.org)
 - Westside Regional Alliance of Councils - Ira Koslow, VNC Representative (Chair@westsidecouncils.org),
- Los Angeles Neighborhood Council Coalition (LANCC) Ivan Spiegel (Parliamentarian@VeniceNC.org)
- VNC Representative to DWP: Yolanda Gonzales
 - Budget Advocates - Hugh Harrison, Treasurer

MATT KLINE ARRIVES 7:38

6D **Lava Mae Presentation ~~Jasmin Mouflard-Kozowy~~, Leah Filler LA Branch Director, Lava Mae (10 minutes)**

7. **Treasurer's Report (7:45PM -- 15 minutes)** (Hugh Harrison on behalf of Budget & Finance Committee) (Treasurer@VeniceNC.org)
*See attached addendums at <http://www.venicenc.org/minutes-and-agendas.php>
[Discussion and possible action]*

- 7A **Report on Changes to the Neighborhood Council Funding Program**
A brief report on the new processes established by the City Clerk for NC funding and budget.

- 7B **Expenditure Reports**
MOTION: The VNC approves the attached Monthly Expenditure Report [MER].
Recommended by Budget and Finance 3-0-1 on July 5, 2017

- 7C **Expenditure to date Report**
MOTION: The VNC approves the attached Expenditure to Date report for June 2017.
Recommended by Budget and Finance 3-0-1 on July 5, 2017.

7B and C HH, EW (18, 0, 1)

FAVOR: Hugh Harrison, Melissa Diner, Matt Kline, Matthew Royce, Evan White, Sunny Bak, Brad Aarons, William Hawkins, Cayley Lambur, Stephen Livigni, Ilana Marosi, Holly Stenson, Michelle Meepos, James Murez, John Reed, Colleen Saro, Matt Shaw, Robert Thibodeau,

OPPOSED:

ABSTAIN: George Francisco,

7D **Self-Assessment**

MOTION: The VNC approves the attached self-assessment of 2016-2017 for the 2017-2018 budget. Recommended by Budget and Finance 4-0-0 on July 5, 2017



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HH, EW (14, 1, 4)

FAVOR: Hugh Harrison, Melissa Diner, Matthew Royce, Evan White, Brad Aarons, William Hawkins, Cayley Lambur, Stephen Livigni, Holly Stenson, Michelle Meepos, James Murez, John Reed, Matt Shaw, Robert Thibodeau,

OPPOSED: Colleen Saro,

ABSTAIN: George Francisco, Matt Kline, Sunny Bak, Ilana Marosi,

7E Motion to Approve Funds for Abbot Kinney Festival

MOTION: The VNC shall allocate up to \$500 for the purchase of a outreach table for the 2017 Abbot Kinney Festival. Recommended by Budget and Finance 3-0-1 on July 5, 2017.

MK, MM (17, 1, 1)

FAVOR: Hugh Harrison, Melissa Diner, Matthew Royce, Evan White, Sunny Bak, Brad Aarons, William Hawkins, Cayley Lambur, Stephen Livigni, Ilana Marosi, Holly Stenson, Michelle Meepos, James Murez, John Reed, Colleen Saro, Matt Shaw, Robert Thibodeau,

OPPOSED: Matt Kline,

ABSTAIN: George Francisco,

8. Announcements and Public Comment on items not on the Agenda (8:00PM -- 10 minutes)

[No more than 1 minute per person – no Board member announcements permitted]

9. General Consent Calendar (8:10PM -- 5 minutes)

[All agenda items on the Consent Calendar will pass when the Consent Calendar is approved. No discussion or Public Comment is allowed on any item. Items may be removed by any board member or stakeholder. Removed items will go to the end of the agenda and be treated as regular agenda items with discussion and public comment.]

9A Repainting Numbers and Adding Corresponding Streets on Lifeguard Stands

(Colleen Saro on behalf of OFW Committee colleen.saro@venicenc.org)

MOTION: The VNC recommends enlarging, repainting numbers and adding corresponding street names on the Venice Beach lifeguard stands so that they will be visible to beach goers who are in between towers and from as far away as possible in case of an emergency to inform emergency personnel of location.

Recommended by Ocean Front Walk Committee on June 26, 11-0-0

9B Town Hall Regarding the Venice Boulevard “Great Street” Program (submitted by James Murez on behalf of the PTC, james.murez@venicenc.org)

MOTION: Whereas, the Venice Blvd. “Great Street” pilot project has recently been implemented, including several changes to the roadway between Beethoven Ave. and Inglewood Blvd, and



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Whereas, the changes include removing one traffic lane in each direction to accommodate a buffer zone for on-street passenger loading of parked vehicles (rather than from the sidewalk) and widening of the bicycle lane, and

Whereas, Council District 11 circulated surveys to very small minority of community members (approximately 450 total surveys, many to students who don't drive) and extrapolated "community-driven" support for many elements of the "Great Street", yet the surveys did not specifically ask the community about the lane reduction element of the program or obtain any feedback from the vast majority of those who use Venice Blvd on a daily basis, and

Whereas, the increased traffic on Mar Vista roadways has had an adverse impact on emergency response times of Fire and Police Department

Now therefore, be it resolved that the VNC requests Councilman Mike Bonin to hold a Town Hall on this issue and respond to Venice residents about the Mar Vista and Playa Del Rey street projects. We suggest that this meeting be held prior to August 1st so that the Board will have sufficient time to make recommendations at its August 15 meeting.

Recommended by the Parking and Transportation Committee on July 5, 3-0-0

PASSED BY CONSENT

10. **LUPC (8:15PM –60 minutes)** (Matthew Royce on behalf of LUPC, Chair-lupc@VeniceNC.org)
(see project files for more detailed info at <http://www.venicenc.org/land-use-committee.php>)
[Discussion and possible action]

10A 2416 Frey Avenue (20 minutes)

DIR-2016-22143-CDP-MEL

Applicant: 2416 Frey, LLC

LUPC Staff:

Representative: Ben Buckalew, Breakform Design

Description: new two-story single family residence with rooftop to replace existing building.

Zoning is R1-1.

MOTION: The VNC Board approves the project as presented.

Recommend by LUPC June 29, 2017 5-0-0

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MR, MM (16, 0, 3)

FAVOR: Hugh Harrison, Melissa Diner, Matt Kline, Matthew Royce, Evan White, Sunny Bak, Brad Aarons, William Hawkins, Cayley Lambur, Stephen Livigni, Holly Stenson, Michelle Meepos, James Murez, John Reed, Matt Shaw, Robert Thibodeau,

OPPOSED:

ABSTAIN: George Francisco, Ilana Marosi, Colleen Saro,

10B 210 San Juan Avenue/213 Horizon Avenue (20 minutes)

DIR-2016-2172-CDP-MEL

Applicant: Lion Horizon 26, LLC

LUPC Staff:

Representative: Breakform Design

Description: Three-story new single family residence. Zoning is RD1.5-1.

MOTION: The VNC Board approves the project as presented.



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Recommend by LUPC June 29, 2017 5-0-0

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Jim Murez and George Francisco

Applicant would like to Postpone

MOTION to Postpone MR, MS (16, 0, 0)

FAVOR: Hugh Harrison, Melissa Diner, Matt Kline, Matthew Royce, Evan White, Sunny Bak, Brad Aarons, William Hawkins, Cayley Lambur, Stephen Livigni, Ilana Marosi, Holly Stenson, Michelle Meepos, John Reed, Colleen Saro, Matt Shaw , Robert Thibodeau,

OPPOSED:

ABSTAIN:

10C 506 Westminster Ave (20 minutes)

ZA-2014-4139-CDP, AA-2014-4137-PMLA-SL

Applicant: FMB Development

LUPC Staff: Ramsey Daham

Representative: Handelman Consulting

Description: New 2 unit small lot subdivision

MOTION: The VNC Board recommends approval if the applicant provides a Mello letter

Recommended by LUPC (RD/TB 6-1-0)

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MR, SL (15, 2, 2)

FAVOR: Melissa Diner, Matt Kline, Matthew Royce, Evan White, Sunny Bak, Brad Aarons, William Hawkins, Cayley Lambur, Stephen Livigni, Ilana Marosi, Holly Stenson , Michelle Meepos, James Murez, Matt Shaw , Robert Thibodeau,

OPPOSED: John Reed, Colleen Saro,

ABSTAIN: George Francisco, Hugh Harrison,

11. **Old Business (9:15PM - 0 minutes)** See attached addendums at

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

[Discussion and possible action]

12. **New Business (9:15PM –125 minutes)**

[Discussion and possible action] See attached addendums at <http://www.venicenc.org/minutes-and-agendas.php>

Matt Royce leaves meeting



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Colleen Saro left the meeting

12A Recommendations from VNC Commercial Cannabis Task Force (Cindy Chambers on behalf of Commercial Cannabis Task Force, chambers.cindy@gmail.com) (45 minutes)

MOTION: The VNC Board approves the recommendations from the VNC Commercial Cannabis Task Force as stated in the Task Force Report. [Please note: Report contains a brief overview and includes specific section recommendations for approximately six (6) key areas and one (1) request for clarification from the City.]

http://www.venicenc.org/productphotos/VNC%20Commercial%20Cannabis%20Task%20Force%20Report_FINAL_20170713.pdf

MK, MD Original MOTION (11, 3, 3)

FAVOR: Hugh Harrison, Melissa Diner, Matt Kline, Evan White, Sunny Bak, Brad Aarons, Cayley Lambur, Ilana Marosi, Holly Stenson, Michelle Meepos, James Murez,

OPPOSED: Stephen Livigni, John Reed, Robert Thibodeau,

ABSTAIN: George Francisco, William Hawkins, Matt Shaw,

Amendment: Indoor Cannabis Activity section Page 8 add "In conjunction with retail use"

JM, EW (4, 10, 3) MOTION FAILS

FAVOR: Hugh Harrison, Brad Aarons, James Murez, Matt Shaw,

OPPOSED: Melissa Diner, Matt Kline, Evan White, Sunny Bak, Cayley Lambur, Stephen Livigni, Holly Stenson, Michelle Meepos, John Reed, Robert Thibodeau,

ABSTAIN: George Francisco, William Hawkins, Ilana Marosi,

Amendment: RT, JR (4, 11, 2) MOTION FAILS

Remove Number 5 on Page 7 Strike "No on site consumption."

FAVOR: Stephen Livigni, John Reed, Matt Shaw, Robert Thibodeau,

OPPOSED: Hugh Harrison, Melissa Diner, Matt Kline, Evan White, Sunny Bak, Brad Aarons, William Hawkins, Cayley Lambur, Holly Stenson, Michelle Meepos, James Murez,

ABSTAIN: George Francisco, Ilana Marosi,

12B Selection of Community Interest Stakeholder to fill the vacant Community Interest Board seat. (John Reed, Rules and Selections Committee) (10 minutes)

MOTION: The VNC Board shall fill the vacant Community Interest Officer Board seat from qualified applicants. According to the VNC Bylaws, the qualifications for this Community Interest seat are Stakeholders who do not live, work, or own real property within the VNC boundaries, who are 16 years or older, and who affirm a substantial and ongoing participation within the Neighborhood Council's boundaries, and who *may* be in a community organization such as, but not limited to, educational, non-profit and/or religious organizations.

Applications have been submitted by: **Dax Kimbrough won** and Diana Pollard. They may be viewed at: http://www.venicenc.org/readpost.php?news_id=286



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12C Multiple Committee Jurisdiction Stand Rule 31 (John Reed on behalf of Rules and Selections Committee) **(10 minutes)**

MOTION: The Venice Neighborhood Council hereby creates the following standing rule as Standing Rule 31: ‘When topics arise that cross multiple committee jurisdictions, the Vice President shall determine which committees have jurisdiction or whether there should be a joint committee meeting to vet or discuss the topic.’ Recommended by Rules and Selections Committee on July 9, 5-0-0

JR, BA (16, 0, 1)

FAVOR: Hugh Harrison, Melissa Diner, Matt Kline, Evan White, Sunny Bak, Brad Aarons, William Hawkins, Cayley Lambur, Stephen Livigni, Ilana Marosi, Holly Stenson , Michelle Meepos, James Murez, John Reed, Matt Shaw , Robert Thibodeau,

OPPOSED:

ABSTAIN: George Francisco,

12D Modify Metro Bike Share CDP Application (submitted by James Murez on behalf of the Parking and Transportation Committee james.murez@venicenc.org) **(20 minutes)**

MOTION: The VNC adopts the recommendations of the VNC Parking and Transportation Committee in reference to Coastal Development Permit No. 5-17-500 and requests the California Coastal Commission to do likewise. The VNC does not support removing any public on-street parking spaces as proposed by the LADOT application. The VNC is furthermore concerned about the livelihood of the existing bike rental shops in our community and the proximity of the proposed Metro Stations in the application to these historic visitor serving businesses. Recommended by Parking and Transportation Committee on July 5, 3-0-0.

Recommendations may be viewed at:

http://venicenc.org/productphotos/CDP_UnofficialCopy_PagesReordered.pdf

<http://venicenc.org/productphotos/StationEvaluationRecomendations.pdf>

Matt Recused

JM, JR (12, 2, 1)

FAVOR: Hugh Harrison, Melissa Diner, Evan White, Sunny Bak, Brad Aarons, Cayley Lambur, Stephen Livigni, Holly Stenson , Michelle Meepos, James Murez, John Reed, Matt Shaw ,

OPPOSED: William Hawkins, Ilana Marosi,

ABSTAIN: George Francisco,

MOTION to not hear this item

IM, FAILS for lack of second

12E Non-support of Transportation Projects (submitted by James Murez on behalf of the PTC, james.murez@venicenc.org) **(30 minutes)**

MOTION: The VNC does not support any transportation projects that negatively impact traffic conditions in Venice.

Recommended by the Parking and Transportation Committee on July 5, 3-0-0



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MM, HH (8, 3, 1)

FAVOR: Hugh Harrison, Melissa Diner, Sunny Bak, Brad Aarons, Stephen Livigni, Ilana Marosi, Holly Stenson , Matt Shaw ,

OPPOSED: Matt Kline, Evan White, William Hawkins,

ABSTAIN: George Francisco,

Substitute MOTION:

IM, HH (5, 6, 2)

The Venice Neighborhood Council hereby urges the city of LA to reverse the lane reduction and return Venice Blvd to the 3 Lane configuration.

FAVOR: Hugh Harrison, Sunny Bak, Stephen Livigni, Ilana Marosi, Robert Thibodeau,

OPPOSED: Melissa Diner, Matt Kline, Evan White, Brad Aarons, William Hawkins, Holly Stenson ,

ABSTAIN: George Francisco, Matt Shaw ,

12F People St Plaza Project at Dudley (Ilana Marosi on behalf of the Ocean Front Walk Committee) (10 minutes)

MOTION: Whereas a requirement for advance notice to and consultation with Neighborhood and Community Councils in considering the People St Projects, and further recommended that to the extent applicable, designs and locations of People St Projects should comply with local and Specific Plans and CEQA, as applicable; and

Whereas, on May 17, 2017, the VNC passed a MOTION supporting the submissions of applications for People St Plaza Projects on Venice streets between Ocean Front Walk (OFW) and Speedway, subject to VNC final approval and

Whereas, the Venice Neighborhood Council supports public outreach and input on People St Projects:

Therefore, be it resolved, that the Venice Neighborhood Council recommends an independent traffic study be undertaken by any applicant of People St Plaza Projects in Venice to determine the impacts of any proposed project on transportation systems in the surrounding community and further directs the Ocean Front Walk (OFW) Committee of the VNC to consider any pending or proposed application for a People St Plaza Project on any street between OFW and Speedway at a properly noticed meeting with outreach to applicable street residents and businesses and the surrounding community prior to the VNC final approval of any People St Plaza Project.

Recommended by OFW Committee on June 26, 2017--7-0-2

IM, HH (1, 11, 1)

FAVOR: Ilana Marosi,

OPPOSED: Hugh Harrison, Melissa Diner, Matt Kline, Evan White, Sunny Bak, Brad Aarons, William Hawkins, Stephen Livigni, Holly Stenson, James Murez, Matt Shaw ,

ABSTAIN: George Francisco,



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13. **Board Member Comments on subject matters within the VNC jurisdiction (11:20 PM - 5 minutes)**

14. **Adjourn (approx. 11:25 PM)**

List of Venice Neighborhood Council Committees & Chairs – Volunteers Welcome

Standing Committees

Administrative - Ira Koslow
Neighborhood - George Francisco
Outreach - Matthew Kline
Land Use and Planning - Matthew Royce
Budget & Finance - Hugh Harrison
Rules & Selections - John Reed
Arts - Sonny Bak
Ocean Front Walk - Colleen Saro

Ad Hoc Committees

Public Safety - Matt Shaw & Will Hawkins
Homeless - Will Hawkins
Parking & Transportation - Jim Murez
Venice Cityhood - Nick Antonicello
Discussion Forum - Joe Murphy

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