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Board of Officers Regular Meeting Agenda

Westminster Elementary School (Auditorium) 1010 Abbot Kinney Blvd, Venice, 90291 Tuesday, March 19, 2019 at 7:00 PM

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

PRESENT: George Francisco, Hugh Harrison, Melissa Diner, Justin Brezhnev, Matthew Royce, Evan White, Robert Thibodeau, Brad Aarons, Alex Neiman, Josyln Williams, Jaime Paige, Holly Stenson, James Murez, John Reed, Ira Koslow (15) ABSENT: Cindy Chambers, Michelle Meepos, Colleen Saro, Michael Greco, Sunny Bak

2. <u>Pledge Of Allegiance</u> (7:01PM -- 1 minute)

3. <u>Approval of Outstanding Board minutes</u> (7:02PM – 1 minute) <u>http://www.venicenc.org/minutes-and-agendas.php</u>

GF, HS (14, 0, 1) Unanimous

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4. <u>Approval of the Agenda</u> (7:03PM – 1 minute)

GF, RT (14, 0, 1)

Unanimous

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7-0-0 Approval OFW vs 5-0-0

Also corrections for Rules and Selections

13B Recusal Jaime Paige





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Jim, John, Evan Hollie, Melissa

- 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>
- 6A <u>Live Stream of Meetings</u> (7:05PM -- 3 minutes) All VNC Board meetings are streamed live online. Please log onto facebook and share the live stream on the VNC homepage to promote community participation. Click here to share! <u>https://www.facebook.com/VeniceNC/</u>
- **6B Spanish Translation Available** (Esteban Pulido, pulido.esteban@gmail.com) Spanish Interpretation services and agendas are available with advance notice.
- 6C <u>Public Safety LAPD & LAFD Report</u> (7:08PM -- 10 minutes): Senior Lead Officers Kristan Delatori (<u>32914@lapd.lacity.org</u>), SLO Jennifer Muther 36051@lapdonline SLO Adrian Acosta -39174@lapd.online SLO Javier Ramirez - 39174@lapd.online, Venice Beach Task Force - SGT Theresa Skinner - 31142@lapd.online. *Includes a monthly Venice crime report and updates on law enforcement issues in Venice.*

LAPD Carnival coming up

- 6D <u>Government Reports</u> (7:18PM --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)

LADOT Dockless Bikes meeting DCRC 12901 Venice Blvd. 7PM Michelle Meepos arrives 7:23PM

- Congressman Ted Lieu, Representative Janet Turner, 310-496-9896 (janet.turner@mail.house.gov)
- State Senator Ben Allen, Representative Olin Wibroe (<u>Olina.wibroe@sen.ca.gov</u>)
- State Assemblyperson Autumn Burke, West Los Angeles Field Representative, Brandon Stansell, (310) 412-6400, (brandon.stansell@asm.ca.gov)
- LA County Supervisor Sheila Kuehl Westside Field Deputy Zac Gaidzik (310)231-1170, zgaidzik@bos.lacounty.gov

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Micro loans

- Mayor Eric Garcetti, Westside Deputy, Ami Fields-Meyer, 323 552-6730 (ami.fields-meyer@lacity.org)
- Empower LA Neighborhood Council Advocate, Jasmine Elbarbary, 213-978-1551 (jasmine.elbarbary@lacity.org)

6E <u>VNC Announcements and Reports</u> (7:33PM -- 5 minutes)

- President -Ira Koslow (<u>President@VeniceNC.org</u>)
 VNC Board member Sunny Bak named as Woman Of The Year for AD 62
- Vice President George Francisco (Vice <u>President@VeniceNC.org</u>)
- Westside Regional Alliance of Councils- Ira Koslow, VNC Representative (<u>Chair@westsidecouncils.org</u>),
- Los Angeles Neighborhood Council Coalition (LANCC) Ivan Spiegel (<u>Parliamentarian@VeniceNC.org</u>)
- Election Update Ivan Spiegel, Election Chair
- VNC Representative to DWP: Yolanda Gonzales
- Budget Advocates Hugh Harrison, Treasurer
- Outreach Hollie Stenson
- **6F. Presentation Herbalife24 Triathlon taking place Sunday, June 2, 2019.** (Brennan Linderer. Generic Events) Event course, event hours (6:00am 8:00am), current and planned outreach efforts. <u>www.herballife24tribe.la</u>
- 6G. Presentation Dudek Report. (7:38PM --10 minutes) (Isabelle Duvivier. CD 11 Representative to Community Forestry Advisory Committee)
 Addendum: <u>https://drive.google.com/file/d/0B8IM2U0uPEPPMFRBa0NBUnhyNzVQc1RFZUNEY2VXOWktVk1J/vi</u> ew?usp=sharing
- 7. <u>Treasurer's Report</u> (7:48PM 10 minutes) (Hugh Harrison on behalf of Budget & Finance Committee) (Treasurer@VeniceNC.org) See attached addendums at <u>http://www.venicenc.org/minutes-and-agendas.php</u> [Discussion and possible action]
- 7A. Approval Of Monthly Expenditure Report MOTION: The VNC approves the monthly expenditure report for January 2019. <u>Uploaded Documents: Download 1551835922.pdf</u> Recommended by Budget & Finance Committee; 4-0-0 on March 5, 2019
- 7B. Approval Of the Expenditure to Date Report. MOTION: The Venice NC approves the expenditure to date report for January 2019. Uploaded Documents: Download 1551836007.pdf





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HH, RT (15, 0, 1)

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OPPOSED: ABSTAIN: Ira Koslow

7C. Approval Of Funding for Sandwich Boards for Anti-theft Campaign.

MOTION: The VNC approves allocating up to \$1000 for the purchase of 10 sandwich boards promoting anti-theft messages from the police to be used in public parking in Venice. *Recommended by Budget and Finance; 4-0-0 on Mar 5, 2019; Neighborhood 9-0-1 on Feb 27, 2019*

HH, GF (15, 0, 1)

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8. <u>Announcements and Public Comment on items not on the Agenda</u> (7:58PM - 10 minutes) [No more than 1 minute per person – no Board member announcements permitted]

Peter Venice Pier Project Beach Clean up April 14

9. <u>General Consent Calendar</u> (8:08PM -- 5 minutes)

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9A. Cannabis Business License Applicants to Appear Before NCs (Cindy Chambers on behalf of Cannabis Committee cindy.chambers@venicenc.org)

MOTION: WHEREAS the Department of Cannabis Regulation (DCR) has presented the LA City Council with recommendations for amendments to the City's cannabis procedures in reports dated February 8, 2019, and March 5, 2019; and,

WHEREAS these recommendations have been sent to and reviewed by the LA City Council Rules and Regulations Committee; and

WHEREAS community input and representation are a valuable part of the applicant process for both applicants and communities;





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THEREFORE the Venice Neighborhood Council shall send a letter to the LA City Council, Councilmember Mike Bonin, and Cat Packer, executive director of the DCR, requesting that the LA City Council amend LAMC 104.05(a) to include the following language: "The Applicant shall offer to appear before the nearest Neighborhood Council and shall provide written evidence to the DCR of compliance with this section prior to the hearing before the DCR Commission." Uploaded Documents: Download 1551856865.docx

(Recommended by Cannabis Committee 7-0-0 on Mar 5, 2019)

9B. Amend Neighborhood Council Role in the Cannabis Licensing Process (Cindy Chambers on behalf of Cannabis Committee cindy.chambers@venicenc.org)

MOTION: WHEREAS the Los Angeles City Municipal Code outlines criteria upon which the Department of Cannabis Regulation (DCR) may deny, with no hearing and based upon written findings and evidence in the record, the issuance of a license where the applicant fails to meet any of the requirements of Article 5 of Chapter X of the Code; and, WHEREAS community input is a benefit for both stakeholders and applicants and

WHEREAS Venice stakeholders value the uniqueness and history of our community;

THEREFORE the Venice Neighborhood Council shall send a letter to the LA City Council, Councilmember Mike Bonin, and Cat Packer, executive director of the DCR requesting that the LA City Council amend the existing ordinance to include the language: "... including but not limited to, failure to appear in front of the nearest Neighborhood Council of the proposed location of the business premises in compliance with section 104.05(a), or the Rules and Regulations; (ix) Upon notice of Neighborhood Council opposition of an Application, the DCR Commission shall make written findings addressing the basis of the Neighborhood Council's opposition; or ...".

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(Recommended by Cannabis Committee 7-0-1 on Mar 5, 2019)

9C. Bicycle Chop Shops (George Francisco on behalf of the Neighborhood Committee vp@venicenc.org) **MOTION:** Whereas bicycle chop shops have become an increasing hazard to residents, businesses and visitors as well as a blight to the community;

Therefore the VNC recommends to Councilman Bonin, the LA City Council, the LA District Attorney and the LAPD to create an ordinance modeled on the City of San Francisco's Public Works Code Order 203-17 which prohibits the assembly, disassembly, sale, offer of sale, distribution, offer of distribution, or storage of bicycles and bicycle parts on the public right-of-ways, under certain conditions and with certain exceptions, and authorizes the removal and seizure of bicycles and bicycle parts following issuance of a notice of violation.

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(Recommended by Neighborhood Committee 9-0-1 on Feb 27, 2019)

9E. Youth Internship Program (Joe Murphy on behalf of the Discussion Forum Committee)





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MOTION: The Venice Neighborhood Council Board is supportive of efforts to investigate the creation of a Youth Internship Program.

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Recommended by Discussion Forum Committee 3-0-0 on Feb 11, 2019

APPROVED

(15, 0, 1)

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OPPOSED: ABSTAIN: Ira Koslow

10. <u>LUPC Consent</u> (8:13PM – 2 minutes) (Matthew Royce on behalf of LUPC,

Chair-lupc@VeniceNC.org)

(see project files for more detailed info at <u>http://www.venicenc.org/land-use-committee.php</u>) [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.]

10A 1604 South Pacific Ave (Great White)

Case: APCW-2018-693-SPE-SPP-CDP-CUB Applicant: Sam Trude LUPC Staff: Matthew Rovce Representative: EPG Description: A CONDITIONAL USE PERMIT TO ALLOW FOR THE SALE AND SERVICE OF ON-SITE CONSUMPTION OF A FULL-LINE OF ALCOHOL IN AN EXISTING 850 SQUARE FOOT RESTAURANT IN CONJUNCTION WITH A 74 SQUARE FOOT OUTDOOR PATIO. REQUEST FOR A COASTAL DEVELOPMENT PERMIT FOR A 274 SQUARE FOOT INCREASE OF SERVICE AREA. REQUEST FOR AN EXCEPTION FROM THE VENICE COASTAL ZONE SPECIFIC PLAN TO ALLOW ZERO PARKING SPACES IN LIEU OF THE 5 PARKING SPACES TRIGGERED BY THE INCREASE OF SERVICE AREA. **MOTION:** The VNC Board recommends approval of the project as presented for the following reasons:

1. No parking exemption from the Specific Plan should be necessary for the outdoor seating because the overall Service Floor Area has not changed

2. Parking is plentiful at night in the immediate vicinity

3. The applicant has satisfied all other concerns

Recommended by LUPC (MR/MJ 8-0-0) on 3/719





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10B 726 Howard St

Case: DIR-2017-1563-CDP-MEL

Applicant: Ridaa Murad

LUPC Staff: Mehrnoosh Mojallali

Representative: Breakform Design

Description: New Single Family Home

MOTION: The VNC Board recommend approval of the project as presented with the following reasons agreed to by the applicant

1. Entry walkway shifted to the Southwest per revised plans

2. Kitchen window raised for neighbor's privacy per revised plans

3. Landscaping shall be installed at adjoining neighbor's property line for privacy per revised plans *Recommended by LUPC (MR/MM 5-0-0) MJ Recused on 3/7/19* APPROVED

(15, 0, 1)

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OPPOSED: ABSTAIN: Ira Koslow

- 11. <u>LUPC</u> (8:15PM 0 minutes) (Matthew Royce on behalf of LUPC, <u>Chair-lupc@VeniceNC.org</u>) (see project files for more detailed info at <u>http://www.venicenc.org/land-use-committee.php</u>)
- 12. <u>Old Business</u> (8:15PM 0 minutes) See attached addendums at <u>http://www.venicenc.org/minutes-and-agendas.php</u> [Discussion and possible action]
- **13.** <u>New Business (8:15PM 35 minutes)</u> [Discussion and possible action]
- 13A. Selection to fill a vacant seat on the Land Use And Planning Committee (8:15PM -- 5 minutes) MOTION: The Venice Neighborhood Council affirms the selection of a new LUPC member as only one application was submitted.

Link to application:

https://drive.google.com/file/d/0B8IM2U0uPEPPZHBHTE4xeFhDSmcxWFJtdG83em0wTkxBcmNV/ view?usp=sharing

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OPPOSED: ABSTAIN: Ira Koslow

13B Keeping Ocean Front Walk & the Venice Bike Path Free of Motorized Scooters and Vehicles (8:20PM -10 minutes) (Colleen Saro on behalf of the Ocean Front Walk Committee

colleen.saro@venicenc.org, possible presentation by Morgan Roth, mroth@bird.co)

MOTION: Whereas motorized vehicles (scooters & bikes) are still an issue on Ocean Front Walk and the Bike Path, because these vehicles are operating on those pathways; and

Whereas, these vehicles are creating safety issues for pedestrians, locals, and tourists; and

Whereas, there is a high probability that the vehicle users are uninsured; and

Whereas, the one person rider restriction is not being enforced;

Therefore, the VNC requests that CD11 and the LA City Council ENFORCE and SUPPORT the Venice Community and LAPD in keeping ALL MOTORIZED vehicles, including motorized scooters, Segway, and bikes off the Bike Path & OFW Boardwalk from Navy to Washington and West of Speedway. **Uploaded Documents: Download 1551808372.pdf**

https://drive.google.com/file/d/0B8IM2U0uPEPPRDA3VExCVDICdjdSMXU3ek15Zlc3M094VmE4/vie w?usp=sharing

Recommended by OFW Committee 5-0-0 on Feb 28, 2019

Cindy Chambers arrives 8:20PM

MOTION TO POSTPONE

JM, GF (10, 4, 2)

FAVOR: Melissa Diner, Justin Brezhnev, Matthew Royce, Evan White, Robert Thibodeau, Brad Aarons, Holly Stenson, Michelle Meepos, James Murez, John Reed,

OPPOSED: Ira Koslow, Hugh Harrison, Alex Neiman, Josyln Williams , ABSTAIN: Ira Koslow, Cindy Chambers

13C Dell Traffic Impacts (10 minutes) (james.murez@venicenc.org)

MOTION: Whereas, public safety is at risk on Dell Ave from excessive traffic, scooters, bicycles and pedestrians; and

Whereas, the residents in the community wish to mitigate potential dangers and liabilities; Therefore, the VNC requests that LA City DOT and CD11 conduct a traffic analysis study and propose a mitigation plan, to include the following considerations:

- 1. Protect public safety
- 2. Protect the rights of the residents and owners on and around Dell Avenue and the canals.
- 3. Restrict the Waze application from directing people to use Dell as a route.
- 4. Propose solutions to ensure Scooters and Bicycles are obeying the law (including direction of travel).





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5. Regulate Vehicular traffic including speeding, impeding traffic and parking illegally. **Uploaded Documents:** Download 1551806033.docx Recommended by Parking and Transportation Committee 3-0-0 on 3/5/19

JM, JR (15, 0, 2)FAVOR: George Francisco, Hugh Harrison, Melissa Diner, Justin Brezhnev, Matthew Royce, Evan White, Robert Thibodeau, Brad Aarons, Cindy Chambers, Alex Neiman, Josyln Williams, Holly Stenson, Michelle Meepos, James Murez, John Reed, OPPOSED: ABSTAIN: Jaime Paige, Ira Koslow

13D Amend bylaws to define Board absences (5 minutes) (<u>john.reed@venicenc.org</u>) **MOTION:** The VNC Board amends the bylaws Article V. Governing Board. Section 7 as follows: For purpose of Absences, only; a full meeting's attendance by a Board member is defined as more than half the duration of the entire meeting. The Secretary shall keep a record of the arrival and departure times of all Board members.

Recommended by Rules and Selections Committee 3-0-0 on 3/11/19NOTE: Bylaws amendments require a $\frac{3}{4}$ vote of the Board members present and voting.

JR, GF (16, 0, 1) FAVOR: George Francisco, Hugh Harrison, Melissa Diner, Justin Brezhnev, Matthew Royce, Evan White, Robert Thibodeau, Brad Aarons, Cindy Chambers, Alex Neiman, Josyln Williams, Holly Stenson, Michelle Meepos, James Murez, John Reed, Jaime Paige OPPOSED: ABSTAIN: Ira Koslow

8:34PM Sonny Bak arrives

13E Compliance Request of City Charter IX, section 900 & 907 (5 minutes) (John Reed on behalf of the Rules And Selections Committee, john.reed@venicenc.org)
 MOTION: The VNC requests the City Council comply with the City Charter IX section 900 and more specifically section 907 Early Warning System, establishing procedures for receiving input from neighborhood councils prior to decisions and taking action by the City Council, City Council Committees and boards and commissions.
 Recommended by Rules and Selections Committee 3-0-0 on 2/11/19

JR, GF (16, 0, 1) FAVOR: George Francisco, Hugh Harrison, Melissa Diner, Justin Brezhnev, Matthew Royce, Evan White, Robert Thibodeau, Brad Aarons, Cindy Chambers, Alex Neiman, Josyln Williams, Holly Stenson, Michelle Meepos, James Murez, John Reed, Jaime Paige OPPOSED: ABSTAIN: Ira Koslow





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13. <u>Board Member Comments on subject matters within the VNC jurisdiction</u> (8:50PM - 5 minutes)

14. <u>Adjourn</u> (approx. 9PM) 8:41PM

List of Venice Neighborhood Council Committees & Chairs – Volunteers Welcome

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

Ad Hoc Committees

Discussion Forum - Joe Murphy Education - Justin Brezhnev 2019 Election - Ivan Spiegel Parking & Transportation - James Murez Resiliency - Keith Harrison

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