



Venice Neighborhood Council

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Board of Officers Regular Meeting Agenda

Westminster Elementary School (Auditorium)
1010 Abbot Kinney Blvd, Venice, 90291
Tuesday, June 18, 2019 at 7:00 PM

1. Call to Order and Roll Call by the outgoing Board (7:00 PM)

PRESENT: Ira Koslow, George Francisco, Melissa Diner, Evan White, Robert Thibodeau, Brad Aarons, Cindy Chambers, Alex Neiman, Jaime Paige, Ilana Marosi, Holly Stenson, James Murez, Colleen Saro,

ABSENT: Hugh Harrison, Justin Brezhnev, Matthew Royce, Joslyn Williams, Michelle Meepos, John Reed, Michael Greco, Sunny Bak,

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

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

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

GF, EW (13, 0, 1)

FAVOR: George Francisco, Melissa Diner, Evan White, Robert Thibodeau, Brad Aarons, Cindy Chambers, Alex Neiman, Jaime Paige, Ilana Marosi, Holly Stenson, James Murez, Colleen Saro,

OPPOSED:

ABSTAIN: Ira Koslow

4. Seating of the New Board (7:03PM -- 33 minutes)

PRESENT: Ira Koslow, George Francisco, Melissa Diner, Theresa White, Robert Thibodeau, James Murez, Jaime Paige, Alex Neiman, CJ Cole, Brian Averill, Matt Fisher, Alix Gucovsky, Bruno Hernandez, Nisa Kove, Charles Rials, Jim Robb, Mark Ryavec, Christian Wrede,

ABSENT: Hugh Harrison, John Reed, Sima Kostovetsky,

4A Certificates of Appreciation to the Outgoing Board (5 minutes)

4B Swearing in of 2019-2021 VNC Board Of Officers (13 minutes)

Oath of Office administered by previous VNC Board Presidents. Photos of outgoing and new board members.

4C New Venice Anthem by chanteuse Suzy Williams accompanied by Brad Kaye (5 minutes)

4D Roll Call of New Board (2 minutes)

4E Dedication by Election Committee (5 minutes)

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4F **Signing of the Code of Civility (3 minutes)**

5. **Approval of the Agenda (7:36PM – 1 minute)**

GF, MD (17, 0, 1)

FAVOR: George Francisco, Melissa Diner, Theresa White, Robert Thibodeau, James Murez, Jaime Paige, Alex Neiman, CJ Cole, Brian Averill, Matt Fisher, Alix Gucovsky, Bruno Hernandez, Nisa Kove, Charles Rials, Jim Robb, Mark Ryavec, Christian Wrede,

OPPOSED:

ABSTAIN: Ira Koslow

6. **Declaration of Ex Parte Communications or Conflicts-Of-Interest (7:37PM -- 1 minute)**

All Board members shall declare any ex parte communications or conflicts-of interest relating to items on this meeting's agenda.

JP Jaime Page Recusal 13K

MF Matt Fischer Recusal 10C 13K

7. **Scheduled Announcements and Presentations**

7A **Live Stream of Meetings (7:38PM -- 1 minute)**

All VNC Board meetings are streamed live online. Please log onto facebook and share the live stream on the VNC homepage to promote community participation. Click here to share!

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7B **Spanish Translation Available (7:39PM -- 1 minute)** (Esteban Pulido, pulido.esteban@gmail.com) Spanish Interpretation services and agendas are available with advance notice.

7C **Public Safety - LAPD & LAFD Report (7:40PM -- 10 minutes)**: Senior Lead Officers Kristan Delatori (32914@lapd.lacity.org), 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.*

7D **Government Reports (7:50PM -- 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)
- State Senator Ben Allen, Representative Olin Wibroe (Olin.wibroe@sen.ca.gov)
- State Assemblyperson Autumn Burke, West Los Angeles Field Representative, Brandon Stansell, (310) 412-6400, (brandon.stansell@asm.ca.gov)



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- LA County Supervisor Sheila Kuehl Westside Field Deputy Zac Gaidzik (310)231-1170, zgaidzik@bos.lacounty.gov
- 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)

7E **VNC Announcements and Reports (8:05pm -- 5 minutes)**

- President -Ira Koslow (President@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)
- Election Update - Ivan Spiegel, Election Chair
- VNC Representative to DWP/Gas Company: Yolanda Gonzales
- Budget Advocates - Hugh Harrison, Treasurer

September 19, 2019 Congress of Neighborhood Councils open to public and board members

- 7F **Road to 2020 Census Presentation (8:10PM -- 10 minutes)** (Mariecris Treece, Partnership Specialist Los Angeles Regional Census Center, U.S. Census Bureau 424-581-9579 E-mail: mariecris.d.treece@2020census.gov census.gov) This presentation will offer valuable material regarding the Census Bureau's upcoming activities

8. **Treasurer's Report (8:20PM -- 10 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]*

8A **Approval of Monthly Expenditure Report**

MOTION: The Venice NC Board approves the attached Monthly Expenditure Report for April 2019.
Recommended by Budget & Finance Committee 4-0-0 on 6-3-2019
Uploaded Documents: [Download 1559607074.pdf](#)

8B **Approval of Expenditure To Date Report**

MOTION: The Venice NC Board approves the attached Expenditure to Date Report.
Recommended by Budget & Finance Committee 4-0-0 on 6-3-2019
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GF, JM (13, 0, 1)



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OPPOSED:

ABSTAIN: Ira Koslow,

Alex Neiman, Sima Kostovetksy, Charles Rials, Nisa Kove, Burno Hernandez not eligible

A & B

8C Approval of the 2019-2020 Administrative Packet

MOTION: The Venice NC approves the attached Administrative Packet for the 2019-2020 fiscal year.

Uploaded Documents: [Download 1559607350.pdf](#)

Recommended by Budget & Finance Committee 4-0-0 on 6-3-2019

GF, RT (13, 0, 1)

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OPPOSED:

ABSTAIN: Ira Koslow,

Alex Neiman, Sima Kostovetksy, Charles Rials, Nisa Kove, Burno Hernandez not eligible

9. Announcements and Public Comment on items not on the Agenda (8:30PM - 10 minutes)

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

10. General Consent Calendar (8:40PM -- 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.]

10A Request For Election Registration Forms (Ivan Spiegel on behalf of the 2019 Election Committee)

MOTION: The Venice Neighborhood Council shall send a letter to the Office Of The City Clerk requesting that the registration forms from the 2019 Election be turned over to the VNC for purposes of outreach. VNC Secretary is designated to pick up the forms.

PULLED

GF, CJ COLE (8, 5, 3)

FAVOR: George Francisco, Melissa Diner, Theresa White, James Murez, Jaime Paige, CJ Cole, Bruno Hernandez, Christian Wrede,



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OPPOSED: Brian Averill, Matt Fisher, Alix Gucovsky, Charles Rials, Jim Robb,

ABSTAIN: Ira Koslow, Alex Neiman, Nisa Kove,

10B Bimonthly Planning Report Description(s) (James Murez, murez@venice.net)

MOTION: The VNC Board shall send a request to the head of LA Dept. of Building & Safety asking all data entry staff to provide more complete descriptions of the proposed project. The bi-monthly Planning report is the community's first line of defense and missing or inaccurate data is not in compliance with MOU under Chapter IX of the city Charter. The attached was published on the Planning report dated 5/28/2019

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PULLED

JM, MD

AG, AN to refer to LUPC

(10, 5, 1)

FAVOR: George Francisco, Alex Neiman, Brian Averill, Matt Fisher, Alix Gucovsky, Bruno Hernandez, Nisa Kove, Charles Rials, Jim Robb, Christian Wrede,

OPPOSED: Melissa Diner, Theresa White, James Murez, Jaime Paige, CJ Cole,

ABSTAIN: Ira Koslow

June 27, 2019 LUPC meeting

10C No Film Permits in Relation to Scooters on the Boardwalk and Bike Path (Colleen Saro on behalf of the Ocean Front Walk Committee colleen.saro@venicenc.org)

MOTION: WHEREAS, per 63.44, motorized devices, except ADA compliant devices are prohibited on the Bike Path & OFW Boardwalk; and

WHEREAS, advertising media shows devices on the Bike Path, which is against 63.44; and

WHEREAS, as of Memorial Day 2019, DOT & LAPD are enforcing geo-fencing for no motorized devices on the Venice Bike Path & OFW Boardwalk,

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Venice Neighborhood Council shall send letters to the City of LA, CD11, Film LA & County Supervisor 3rd District urging them to not allow filming with motorized devices with the exception of ADA on the Bike Path and OFW Boardwalk, for any reason, to help prevent misinformation regarding motorized vehicles being allowed.

Recommended by the Ocean Front Walk Committee 4-0-1 on 5/29/2019

PULLED

MD, JR (11, 3, 1)



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FAVOR: George Francisco, Melissa Diner, Theresa White, CJ Cole , Brian Averill, Alix Gucovsky, Bruno Hernandez, Nisa Kove, Charles Rials, Jim Robb, Christian Wrede,

OPPOSED: James Murez, Jaime Paige , Alex Neiman,

ABSTAIN: Ira Koslow

10D Remove, Replace, or Repair The Venice Lifeguard Tower (Colleen Saro on behalf of the Ocean Front Walk Committee colleen.saro@venicenc.org)

MOTION: WHEREAS, the deteriorating structure at 2300 Ocean, known as The Venice Lifeguard Tower, has been unoccupied and unusable for the past 4 years; and WHEREAS, Supervisor Keuhl’s office has recently been granted 50,000.00 for a Feasibility Study and the community looks forward to answers and action.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Venice Neighborhood Council urge the City of Los Angeles and CD11 in cooperation with Beaches & Harbors, and County Supervisor 3rd District LA County, to remove the top level of the Lifeguard Tower to resolve this issue.

Recommended by the Ocean Front Walk Committee 6-0-0 on 5/29/2019

10E Joining the Neighborhood Council Sustainability Alliance (George Francisco on behalf of the Neighborhood Committee vp@venicenc.org)

MOTION: Whereas the Neighborhood Council Sustainability Alliance advances sustainability and resilience across Los Angeles through advocacy, sharing of best practices, and community action; Therefore the VNC formally agrees to be a member of the Neighborhood Council Sustainability Alliance.and to appoint Isabelle Duvivier as our representative for the 2019-2021 Board term.

Recommended by the Neighborhood Committee 10-0-1 on 5/29/2019

10 D & E Approved
(16, 0, 1)

FAVOR: Theresa White, Brian Averill, Matt Fisher, Bruno Hernandez, Nisa Kove, Charles Rials, Jim Robb, Robert Thibodeau, James Murez, Jaime Paige , CJ Cole , Alix Gucovsky, Mark Ryavec, Christian Wrede, George Francisco, Melissa Diner,

ABSTAIN: Ira Koslow,

11. LUPC (8:45PM – 0 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>)

12. Old Business (8:45PM - 0 minutes)
[Discussion and possible action]

13. New Business (8:45PM – 80 minutes)
[Discussion and possible action]

13A Selection of Ad Com Members (10 minutes)

MOTION: The Community Officers of the VNC Board shall select four (4) Community Officers to serve on the Administrative Committee.



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Self Nominated:

Mark Ryavec
CJ Cole
Nisa Cove
Robert Thibedeau
James Murez
Charles Rials
Alex Neiman

CJ Cole WON
Mark Ryavec WON
Charles Rials WON
James Murez WON

Alex Neiman Not eligible

13B Selection of Second Signatory (1 minute)

MOTION: The Venice NC appoints George Francisco as the second signer for the VNC checking account.

Recommended by Budget & Finance Committee 4-0-0 on 6-3-2019

IR, RT (16, 0, 1)

FAVOR: Theresa White, Brian Averill, Matt Fisher, Bruno Hernandez, Nisa Kove, Charles Rials, Jim Robb, Robert Thibodeau, James Murez, Jaime Paige, CJ Cole, Alix Gucovsky, Mark Ryavec, Christian Wrede, George Francisco, Melissa Diner,

ABSTAIN: Ira Koslow,

13C Selection of Community Impact Statement Filers (2 minutes)

MOTION: The VNC Board shall select up to 5 Board members who may file community impact statements on behalf of the Board.

Ira Koslow, George Francisco, Melissa Diner, Alix

13D Selection of Budget Representatives (2) (2 minutes)

MOTION: The Venice NC appoints Hugh Harrison and George Francisco as the Venice NC Budget Representatives for the 2019-2020 fiscal year.

13E Open nominations for selection of Land Use And Planning Committee members (5 minutes)

MOTION: The VNC Board approves the Application Form for new LUPC applicants.

[Applications for the Land Use And Planning Committee are due by the start of the VNC Board meeting on July 16, 2019. Applications received before the end of the AdCom meeting on July 8, 2019, will be posted on the VNC Web page. Applications received after that date



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will not be posted.]

LUPC Application: [Go to www.venicenc.org](http://www.venicenc.org) and click on link



13F **Open nominations for selection of Neighborhood Committee members (5 minutes)**

MOTION: The VNC Board approves the Application Form for new Neighborhood Committee applicants.

*[Applications for the Neighborhood Committee are due by the start of the VNC Board meeting on **July 16, 2019**. Applications received before the end of the AdCom meeting on **July 8, 2019**, will be posted on the VNC Web page. Applications received after that date will not be posted.]*

NHC Application: [Go to www.venicenc.org](http://www.venicenc.org) and click on link

13G **Renewal of Ad Hoc Committees (15 minutes)**

(These committees may be renewed for a period of one year or until the seating of a new Board, whichever is shorter. Committees requesting renewal shall make a brief presentation on their accomplishments over the past year and the reason they need more time to achieve their mission)

MOTION: The VNC Board shall renew the following Ad Hoc committees for a period of one year:

- 1- Discussion Forum **IK, GF, (13, 1, 0) CJ Against**
- 2- Parking & Transportation **IK, GF (14, 0, 3)**
- 3- Resiliency **IK, GF, Unanimous**

Following renewal, Ad Hoc committee chairs shall be appointed by the President.

Alex Neiman not eligible

13H **VNC Assignments and Appointments (10 minutes)**

1. **Logistics:** Volunteer appointments for facility booking, break down meetings; set up VNC sound system; setup laptop and projector, caterer; provide Board meeting equipment and materials; agenda posting; timekeeper; etc.
2. **Representatives to WRAC and LANCC** (Presidential Appointment)
<http://westsidecouncils.com/>
<http://www.lancc.org/>
8:30am Iennies
3. **Parliamentarian** (Presidential Appointment)
4. **Committees:** Board members serve on a minimum of one Standing Committee and to serve on and/or chair other committees. <https://www.venicenc.org/committees.php>
[NOTE: Chairs of the Arts, Ocean Front Walk, and Rules and Selections Committees will be selected at the July meeting after being nominated by the Administrative Committee.]
5. Farmer's Market assignments, volunteer scheduling, set up and breakdown by Outreach.
6. Coordination of food set up for Board meetings by Outreach.

13I **Creation of Ad Hoc Homeless Committee (10 minutes)**

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MOTION: The VNC Board creates an Ad Hoc Homeless Committee with the following Mission Statement as approved by the Administrative Committee: The mission of the Ad Hoc Homeless Committee shall be to analyze and address the various sides of homelessness and its effects on the Venice community. Using experience, understanding and inclusive resolutions, it will work closely with service providers, local government, enforcement agencies and most importantly Venice stakeholders, to help propose solutions that will address everyone's needs.

RT, TW (8, 7, 3)

FAVOR: Theresa White, Alex Neiman, Brian Averill, Matt Fisher, Bruno Hernandez, Nisa Kove, Charles Rials, Jim Robb,

OPPOSED: Robert Thibodeau, James Murez, Jaime Paige, CJ Cole, Alix Gucovsky, Mark Ryavec, Christian Wrede,

ABSTAIN: Ira Koslow, George Francisco, Melissa Diner,

MOTION TO POSTPONE (8,9,1) FAILS

JM, CJ COLE

FAVOR: George Francisco, Melissa Diner, Robert Thibodeau, James Murez, Jaime Paige, CJ Cole, Mark Ryavec, Christian Wrede,

OPPOSED: Ira Koslow, Theresa White, Alex Neiman, Brian Averill, Matt Fisher, Bruno Hernandez, Nisa Kove, Charles Rials, Jim Robb,

ABSTAIN: Alix Gucovsky,

Alex Neiman completed trainings by this time was eligible to vote.

13K Limit the Amount of Motorized Devices Within the Venice Community (Colleen Saro on behalf of the Ocean Front Walk Committee colleen.saro@venicenc.org) (20 minutes)

MOTION: WHEREAS, motorized devices are saturating the Venice Community; and WHEREAS, the device companies have not voluntarily offered to contain their counts within the Venice Community; and

WHEREAS, it is estimated that there are between 1200 and 1500 devices within the Venice community alone,

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Venice Neighborhood Council send letters to the City of LA, DOT & CD11 urging that all device companies shall be limited to no more than 550 devices within the Venice Community.

Recommended by the Ocean Front Walk Committee 6-0-0 on 5/29/2019

MD, JM (9,4,2)

FAVOR: Melissa Diner, Theresa White, Brian Averill, Alix Gucovsky, Bruno Hernandez, Nisa Kove, Charles Rials, Jim Robb, Christian Wrede,

OPPOSED: James Murez, Alex Neiman, CJ Cole, Mark Ryavec,

ABSTAIN: Ira Koslow, George Francisco,



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In lieu of speaking 8 ppl were in favor of the motion comment cards

- 14. **Board Member Comments on subject matters within the VNC jurisdiction (10:05PM - 5 minutes)**
- 15. **Adjourn (approx. 10:10PM)**

List of Venice Neighborhood Council Committees & Chairs – Volunteers Welcome

<u>Standing Committees</u>	<u>Ad Hoc Committees</u>
Administrative - Ira Koslow Neighborhood - George Francisco Outreach - Sima Kostovetsky Land Use and Planning - Budget & Finance - Hugh Harrison Rules & Selections - Arts - Ocean Front Walk -	2019 Election - Ivan Spiegel

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