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Board of Officers Regular Meeting Agenda

Westminster Elementary School (Auditorium) 1010 Abbot Kinney Blvd, Venice, 90291 Tuesday, September 17, 2019 at 7:00 PM

- 1. Call to Order and Roll Call (7:00 PM)
 - Call to order in memory of Dede Audet followed by a celebration of her accomplishments on behalf of the Venice community by former Secretary Of State Debra Bowen.
- 2. Pledge Of Allegiance (7:01PM -- 1 minute)
- 3. Approval of the Agenda (PM 1 minute)
- 4. Approval of the Minutes of the August 20, 2019 VNC Board meeting.
- 5. <u>Declaration of Ex Parte Communications or Conflicts-Of-Interest</u> (PM -- 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
- 6A <u>Live Stream of Meetings</u> (PM -- 3 minutes)

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- **Spanish Translation Available** (Esteban Pulido, pulido.esteban@gmail.com) Spanish Interpretation services and agendas are available with advance notice.
- Public Safety LAPD & LAFD Report (10 minutes): SLO Adrian Acosta 39174@lapd.online, SLO Javier Ramirez 39174@lapd.online, Acting SLO Joe Robbins @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.
- **Government Reports** (15 minutes) (Representatives have standing place on the agenda, but are not always available to attend)
- City Councilmember Mike Bonin, Field Deputy Morgan Bostic, 310-568-8772 (morgan.bostic@lacity.org)
- Congressman Ted Lieu, Representative Janet Turner, 310-496-9896 (janet.turner@mail.house.gov)





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- State Senator Ben Allen, Representative Olin Wibroe (Olina.wibroe@sen.ca.gov)
- 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
- 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 VNC Announcements and Reports (5 minutes)

- President -Ira Koslow (<u>President@VeniceNC.org</u>)
 Keith Harrison is appointed the Venice Neighborhood Council Preparedness Officer.
 Names and email addresses of all recipients must be included in motions submitted to the Board.
- Westside Regional Alliance of Councils- Ira Koslow, VNC Representative (Chair@westsidecouncils.org),
- Los Angeles Neighborhood Council Coalition (LANCC) Ivan Spiegel (<u>Parliamentarian@VeniceNC.org</u>)
- VNC Representative to DWP/Gas Company: Yolanda Gonzales (on leave)
- Budget Advocates Hugh Harrison, Treasurer
- Vendent Venice Update

6F Appoint CJ Cole as 5th CIS submitter. (1 minute)

7. <u>Treasurer's Report</u> (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]

7A Approval of Monthly Expenditure Report for July 2019

MOTION: The Venice NC approves the Monthly Expenditure Report for July 2019. <u>Uploaded Documents: Download 1567560202.pdf</u> Recommended by Budget & Finance Committee 5-0-0 on 9-3-2019

7B Approval of Expenditure to Date Report

MOTION: The Venice NC approves the Expenditure to Date Report for July 2019. <u>Uploaded Documents: Download 1567560316.pdf</u> Recommended by Budget & Finance Committee 5-0-0 on 9-3-2019



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7C Augmenting the Funding for Upcoming Town Halls

MOTION: The Venice NC approves an additional \$300 for funding of the Emergency Preparedness Town Halls to be used for advertising and outreach *Recommended by Budget & Finance Committee 5-0-0 on 9-3-2019*

7D Approval of Funding for Washington Blvd. Project Town Hall

MOTION: The Venice NC approves up to \$300 for the costs related to the Town Hall on the Washington Blvd project.

Recommended by Budget & Finance Committee 5-0-0 on 9-3-2019

7E Approval of NPG to the Venice High School Alumni Association

The Venice NC approves \$1000 for a NPG to the Venice High School Alumni Association in relation to the showing of GREASE at Venice High School.

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Recommended by Budget & Finance Committee 5-0-0 on 9-3-2019

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

General Consent Calendar (PM -- 5 minutes)

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9A Dog park budget (james.murez@venicenc.org)

MOTION: The VNC requests that Los Angeles Rec and Parks send a detailed budget for the Westminster Dog Park

Recommended by Dog Park Committee 3-0-0 on 8/29/19

9B Dog park rules (james.murez@venicenc.org)

MOTION: The VNC board shall send a letter to Los Angeles city Rec and Parks inquiring who is responsible for making and enforcing rules and regulations at the Westminster Dog Park. *Recommended by Dog Park Committee 3-0-0 on 8/29/19*

9C Street Widening (james.murez@venicenc.org)

MOTION: The VNC requests that the Planning Department implement specific street standards consistent with the existing street right of way widths in Venice so as not to require dedications and widening along any street that has a minimum right of way width of 50 feet and not more than a 5 foot dedication for any property with a right of way less than 50 feet.

Recommended by Parking and Transportation Committee 3-0-0 on 9/5/19





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9D Restore ADA Access to 1201 OFW (James Robb, james.robb@venicenc.org)

MOTION: The Venice Neighborhood Council recommends that the City restore ADA access and walkability to 1201 Ocean Front Walk, Clubhouse Ave and surrounding properties/businesses; and that a letter be sent to CD-11 and Rec & Parks asking for an update on the status of the removal of the concrete barrier.

Recommended by Ocean Front Walk Committee 10-0-0 on 8-26-19

9E Commercial Corridor Litter Abatement (james.murez@venicenc.org)

MOTION: The VNC Board shall write a letter to the City requesting a Venice Commercial Corridor Litter Abatement Project on the streets defined within the Venice Coastal Zone Specific Plan having.Commercial and/or Industrial zoned properties.

Recommended by Parking and Transportation Committee 3-0-0 on 9/5/19

9F Removal of K-Railing (james.murez@venicenc.org)

MOTION: The VNC shall send the City a letter asking that the "K" rails be removed from all streets which terminate at Ocean Front Walk and have "K" rail barricades installed as well as LADOT approved permanent barricades

Recommended by Parking and Transportation Committee 3-0-0 on 9/5/19

10. <u>LUPC CONSENT CALENDER</u> (PM – minutes) (Alix Gucovsky on behalf of LUPC,

Chair-lupc@VeniceNC.org)

(see project files for more detailed info at http://www.venicenc.org/land-use-committee.php)
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10A 73 Market Street

Case: ZA-2019- 2484-CUB; ENV-2019-2485-CE

City Hearing date: August 26
Applicant: 73 Market Lessee, LLC
LUPC Staff: Matthew Royce

Representative: Marcia Davalos, City Land Use, Inc.marcia@citylanduse.com

Case Description:

- Tenant improvement to an existing 11,162 sq ft two story office space
- Conditional Use Alcoholic Beverage permit (CUB) to allow the sale and dispensing of a full line of Alcoholic beverages for on site consumption in conjunction with a members only Office during the hours of 10am -11pm. No sales of alcoholic beverages will be offered to the public. This is a members only office, in the CM-1 zone.

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

Recommended by LUPC 5-0-0







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10B 652 Santa Clara Ave

Case: DIR-2019-1037-CDP-MEL & ADM-2019-1039-VSO & ENV-2019-1038-CE

Applicant: 652 Santa Clara Ave by CMLA, LLC

LUPC Staff: Tim Bonefeld Representative: Tony Russo

Case Description:

- Pursuant to LAMC Section 12.20.2, a Coastal Development Permit (CDP) for demo of an existing single-family dwelling and construction of a new 2-story single family dwelling with roof access structure, roof deck and 2-car garage.
- Pursuant to Government Code Sections 65590 and 65990.1 (the Mello Act) and the City of Los Angeles Interim Mello Act Compliance Administrative Procedures, a Mello Act Compliance Determination.
- Pursuant to the Venice Coastal Zone Specific Plan, an exemption from the Project Permit Compliance procedures (VSO).

MOTION: The VNC Board recommends approval of project as presented provided that the applicant show at the Board meeting that the project is measured from the center line street. *Recommended by LUPC 7-0-0*

10C 1107 Abbot Kinney Boulevard LLC

Case: DIR-2019-4064-CDP-MEL-SPP & ZA-2017-3482-ZV-ZAA & ENV-2017-3483-CE

Applicant: Jacob Matthews [1107 Abbot Kinney, LLC]

LUPC Staff: Daffodil Tyminski Representative: Brian Silveira

Case Description:

- Pursuant to LAMC Section 12.20.2, a Coastal Development Permit (CDP) to convert 1,211 sq ft of an
 existing residential dwelling unit to retail & for the conversion of a 225 sq ft detached garage to a new
 single-family dwelling with a 27 sq ft addition.
- Pursuant to Government Code Sections 65590 and 65990.1 (the Mello Act) and the City of Los Angeles Interim Mello Act Compliance Administrative Procedures, a Mello Act Compliance Determination.
- Pursuant to LAMC Section 11.5.7, a Project Permit Compliance permit (SPP) to determine that the
 project is in conformance with the regulations of the Venice Coastal Zone Specific Plan.
- Pursuant to LAMC Section 12.27 a Zone Variance (ZV) to allow 8 required auto parking spaces to be
 provided off-site via lease at a lot located 200 feet from the subject property in lieu of proving the 8
 required automobile parking spaces on site or off site via covenant within 750 feet.





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- Pursuant to LAMC Section 11.5.7F,a Specific Plan Exception (SPE)from the Venice Coastal Zone Specific Plan to allow 0 auto parking spaces in lieu of the 7 required retail parking spaces, 2 BIZ (Beach Impact Zone) parking spaces and 1 residential parking space.
- Pursuant to LAMC Section 12.28, a Zoning Administrator Adjustment (ZAA) to allow an existing
 detached garage to be converted to a residential use with a 27 sq ft addition, having a rear yard and
 easterly side yard setback of zero feet in lieu of the 15-foot rear and 4-foot side yard setbacks
 required for residential uses in the C2 zone.

MOTION: The VNC Board shall approve the project as presented with the following modifications: the ability to put a residential unit of up to 300 square feet, and the entitlement for retail use is tied to be able to park the project.

Recommended by LUPC 7-0-0

10D Venice Community Plan update

MOTION: Whereas the community input phase of the Venice Community Plan (VCP) update is rapidly drawing to a close and the scheduled "listen and share" periods of the Westside Community Plans (WCP) update outreach plan are now closed or closing; and

- Whereas the only issue raised by the Venice Neighborhood Council (VNC) in regard to the VCP update was parking, and the only recommendation made by the VNC was a parking plan that was thinly vetted as a stand alone item, lacking analysis of related issues; and
- Whereas the VNC has not acted to develop any other VNC input nor organized a committee within LUPC to analyze issues regarding the plan updates; and
- Whereas the MVCC has submitted an extensive document detailing community input to the WCP update team; and
- Whereas a new VNC Board and Land Use and Planning Committee (LUPC) have just been elected, and other new VNC committees such as the Neighborhood Committee and Ocean Front Walk Committee have just been reformed; and
- Whereas it is necessary that the Venice Local Coastal Program (LCP) be approved prior to the VCP being approved such that the VCP is adapted around the specific coastal requirements of the LCP; and
- Whereas the future of our Venice community depends profoundly on the outcome of the VCP update.
- Therefore the VNC requests that CD11 Councilmember Mike Bonin communicate to the Planning Department Leadership and the Venice Community Plan Update project manager, his desire that the Public input period be kept open through the end of November 2019 to allow the new LUPC and new VNC, through the LUPC committee, to develop input for the Venice Community Plan, and Land Use Plan Recommended by LUPC 6-0-0 on July 25, 2019.
- 11 **LUPC NEW BUSINESS** (Alix Gucovsky on behalf of LUPC, <u>Chair-lupc@VeniceNC.org</u>) (see project files for more detailed info at http://www.venicenc.org/land-use-committee.php)





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11A Community Impact Statement to Council File No: 19-0002-S159 Urging Denial (or AMENDMENT) of California AB 1197

MOTION: The Venice Neighborhood Council shall submit the following Community Impact Statement in opposition to City Council File No: 19-0002:

The Venice Neighborhood Council is opposed to State Assembly Bill 1197 (AB 1197) and the proposed resolution of the Los Angeles City Council (currently being analyzed by the Rules, Elections, and Intergovernmental Relations Committee), as Council File No. 19-0002-S159, to exempt certain public projects in Los Angeles from compliance with the California Environmental Quality Act of 1970 (CEQA).

Furthermore, the following statement shall be included with the CIS and copies shall be sent as a letter to Governor Gavin Newsom, Mayor Eric Garcetti, Councilman Mike Bonin, Senator Ben Allen, Assemblywoman Autumn Burke, and Coastal Commission Executive Director Jack Ainsworth:

Venice is a highly developed and heavily touristed coastal community already facing significant environmental challenges. Sitting at sea level, Venice is also one of the coastal communities most vulnerable to sea level rise in all of California. Moreover, the Venice Coastal Zone also already has a disproportionate number of approved permanent supportive housing and homeless housing/emergency shelter projects using Measure HHH and other similar funding, with several more proposed, in comparison to other City of Los Angeles communities, including unit densities in one significant recent project that exceed the underlying zone density by over 75%, which effectively has resulted in spot zoning for permanent supportive housing and homeless emergency shelter projects. CEQA requires public entities to identify the significant environmental impacts of discretionary public projects, which may cause a direct or foreseeable indirect physical change in the environment and to avoid or mitigate those impacts, if feasible. If AB 1197 passes, public entities seeking to build permanent supportive housing projects or other projects with Measure HHH or other similar funding, in Los Angeles only (and no other community in California), would not have to comply with CEQA. That is, they would not have to undergo any CEQA environmental review for any such project, and would thus not have to mitigate the environmental impact of any project. Given the unique issues facing Venice, it is reasonably foreseeable that unchecked additional large-scale developments in the Coastal Zone, undertaken with no environmental mitigation requirements, would have a significant adverse impact on our community's already over stressed coastal resources. CEQA must be maintained in order to ensure environmental and social equity in the Coastal Zone. Accordingly, the Venice Neighborhood Council asks that the City Council recommend rejection of AB 1197, or at a minimum, to amend the proposed legislation to exempt AB 1197 from applying in the Los Angeles Coastal Zones.

12. <u>Old Business</u> (PM - 0 minutes)

[Discussion and possible action]





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13. New Business (PM - minutes)

[Discussion and possible action]

13A Open bathrooms along OFW (James Robb, james.robb@venicenc.org)

MOTION: Whereas there have been positive results from having additional night time bathrooms in the Boardwalk area, and

Whereas it is the City's intention to provide humane services for the unhoused,

Therefore Be It Resolved that the Venice Neighborhood Council recommends that Rec & Parks and the City open all bathrooms along the Boardwalk area during the night time hours.

Recommended by Ocean Front Walk Committee 10-0-0 on 8-26-19

13B: Construction of restrooms at Venice Beach (Nicholas Antonicello, nantoni@mindspring.com)

MOTION: WHEREAS, Venice Beach is a major tourist attraction that hosts nearly 30,000 visitors per day and nearly 11,000,000 annually, and

WHEREAS, Venice Beach has an acute homeless epidemic that fails to accommodate restroom facilities for the nearly 1,100 individuals living on the streets, and

WHEREAS, Venice has just six (6) restroom locales with less than one hundred (100) stalls of which many are not working, filthy and uninhabitable, and

WHEREAS, such a destination needs to double, or triple the number of restroom facilities,

THEREFORE BEIT RESOLVED that the VNC Board endorse the construction of new facilities that are needed for both tourist and the homeless alike and that a letter be sent to CD11 and the Office of the Mayor endorsing such immediate construction

13C: Amend State Law to Allow Venice Cityhood Vote (George Francisco on behalf of the Neighborhood Committee vp@venicenc.org)

MOTION: The Venice Neighborhood Council formally requests the City of Los Angeles to sponsor and support State legislation to amend the Cortese-Knox-Hertzberg Local Government Reorganization Act of 2000 to: 1. Remove the City of Los Angeles' right to cause the termination of a detachment request pending before a local area formation commission submitted by a former city which earlier voted to join the City of Los Angeles, which now borders both another city and the Pacific Ocean, and does not contain within its borders a port; and further to; 2. Amend that Act to remove the City of Los Angeles' right to subject to a vote of all voters in the jurisdiction of the City of Los Angeles the detachment of a former city now located within its borders which borders both another city and the Pacific Ocean, and does not contain within its borders a port.

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Recommended by the Neighborhood Committee 6-2-1 on 8/28/19

13D Creation of Ad Hoc Public Safety Committee

MOTION: The VNC Board shall create an Ad Hoc Public Safety Committee with the following Mission Statement as approved by the Administrative Committee:





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Mission Statement: The VNC Ad Hoc Public Safety Committee will work with the stakeholders of Venice, the City of Los Angeles, the State of California and all service providers to promote public safety, emergency preparedness, awareness of environmental dangers, and promote clean safe public spaces for stakeholders and visitors alike.

[If this motion is approved, the President shall name the Committee Chair]

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

List of Venice Neighborhood Council Committees & Chairs - Volunteers Welcome

Standing Committees

Administrative - Ira Koslow
Neighborhood - George Francisco
Outreach - Sima Kostovetsky
Land Use and Planning - Alix Gucovsky
Budget & Finance - Hugh Harrison
Rules & Selections - John Reed
Arts - Bruno Hernandez
Ocean Front Walk - Jim Robb

Ad Hoc Committees

Parking & Transportation - James Murez
Resiliency - Keith Harrison Discussion
Forum - Joe Murphy
Venice Dog Park - Jamie Paige, James Murez
Verdant Venice - Isabelle Duvivier, Noel Johnston

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