



# Venice Neighborhood Council

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## **Board of Officers Regular Meeting Agenda REVISED**

Westminster Elementary School (Auditorium)

1010 Abbot Kinney Blvd, Venice, 90291

**Tuesday, November 19, 2019 at 6:30 PM**

**NOTE EARLIER START TIME**

**1. Call to Order and Roll Call (6:30 PM)**

The meeting is called to order in memory of Joe Miller, owner/chef of Joe's Restaurant

PRESENT: Ira Koslow, George Francisco, Hugh Harrison, Melissa Diner, Theresa White, Robert Thibodeau, James Murez, Jaime Paige, Alex Neiman, CJ Cole, Matt Fisher, Sima Kostovetsky, Nisa Kove, Charles Rials, Jim Robb, Mark Ryavec, Christian Wrede, (17)

NOT PRESENT: John Reed, Brian Averill, Alix Gucovsky, Bruno Hernandez, (4)

**2. Pledge Of Allegiance (6:31 PM -- 1 minute)**

**3. Approval of the Agenda (6:32 PM – 1 minute)**

GF, MD (16, 0, 1)

Unanimous

FAVOR: George Francisco, Hugh Harrison, Melissa Diner, Theresa White, Robert Thibodeau, James Murez, Jaime Paige, Alex Neiman, CJ Cole, Matt Fisher, Sima Kostovetsky, Nisa Kove, Charles Rials, Jim Robb, Mark Ryavec, Christian Wrede,

OPPOSED:

ABSTAIN: Ira Koslow

**Empower LA will move up**

**4. Approval of the Minutes of the August 20, 2019 VNC Board meeting. (6:33 PM)**

JM, GF (16, 0, 1)

Unanimous

FAVOR: George Francisco, Hugh Harrison, Melissa Diner, Theresa White, Robert Thibodeau, James Murez, Jaime Paige, Alex Neiman, CJ Cole, Matt Fisher, Sima Kostovetsky, Nisa Kove, Charles Rials, Jim Robb, Mark Ryavec, Christian Wrede,

OPPOSED:

ABSTAIN: Ira Koslow

**Unanimous**

**5. Declaration of Ex Parte Communications or Conflicts-Of-Interest ( 6:34 PM -- 1 minute)**



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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 (6:35 PM -- 55 minutes)**

### 6A **Live Stream of Meetings (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!

<https://www.facebook.com/VeniceNC/>

### 6B **Spanish Translation Available (1 minute)** (Esteban Pulido, [pulido.esteban@gmail.com](mailto:pulido.esteban@gmail.com))

Spanish Interpretation services and agendas are available with advance notice.

### 6C **Public Safety - LAPD & LAFD Report (10 minutes)**: Senior Lead Officers Kristan Delatori

([32914@lapd.lacity.org](mailto:32914@lapd.lacity.org)), SLO Jennifer Muther [36051@lapdonline](mailto:36051@lapdonline) SLO Adrian Acosta - [37285@lapd.online](mailto:37285@lapd.online) SLO Javier Ramirez - [39174@lapd.online](mailto:39174@lapd.online), Venice Beach Task Force - SGT Theresa Skinner - [31142@lapd.online](mailto:31142@lapd.online). *Includes a monthly Venice crime report and updates on law enforcement issues in Venice.*

6:40PM Alix arrives

### 6D **Government Reports (16 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](mailto:morgan.bostic@lacity.org))
- Congressman Ted Lieu, Representative Janet Turner, 310-496-9896 ([janet.turner@mail.house.gov](mailto:janet.turner@mail.house.gov))
- State Senator Ben Allen, **Representative Colby Harriman, [colby.harriman@send.ca.gov](mailto:colby.harriman@send.ca.gov)**
- State Assemblyperson Autumn Burke, West Los Angeles Field Representative, Brandon Stansell, (310) 412-6400, ([brandon.stansell@asm.ca.gov](mailto:brandon.stansell@asm.ca.gov))
- LA County Supervisor Sheila Kuehl Westside Field Deputy Zac Gaidzik (310)231-1170, [zgaidzik@bos.lacounty.gov](mailto:zgaidzik@bos.lacounty.gov)
- Mayor Eric Garcetti, Westside Deputy, Ami Fields-Meyer, 323 552-6730 ([ami.fields-meyer@lacity.org](mailto:ami.fields-meyer@lacity.org))
- Empower LA Neighborhood Council Advocate, Jasmine Elbarbary, 213-978-1551 ([jasmine.elbarbary@lacity.org](mailto:jasmine.elbarbary@lacity.org))

### 6E **VNC Announcements and Reports (10 minutes)**

- President -Ira Koslow ([President@VeniceNC.org](mailto:President@VeniceNC.org))  
Names and email addresses of all recipients must be included in motions submitted to the Board.  
Appoint Film Liaison
- Westside Regional Alliance of Councils- Ira Koslow, VNC Representative ([Chair@westsidecouncils.org](mailto:Chair@westsidecouncils.org)),
- Los Angeles Neighborhood Council Coalition (LANCC) Ivan Spiegel ([Parliamentarian@VeniceNC.org](mailto:Parliamentarian@VeniceNC.org))
- VNC Representative to DWP/Gas Company: Yolanda Gonzales



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- Budget Advocates - Hugh Harrison, Treasurer
- Outreach Announcements - Sima Kostovetsky  
Venice Sign Lighting/Outreach Table Saturday, December 7

**6F Board Member Announcements on subject matters within the VNC jurisdiction- One (1) minute per Board member (5 minutes)**

**6G Selection of Stakeholder to fill vacant LUPC seat (10 minutes)**

**MOTION:** The VNC Board will select a stakeholder to fill the vacant LUPC seat.

Christopher Zonnas wins 12

Merhrnoosh Mojallali 7

Chistopher Zonnas 1

- 7. Treasurer's Report (7:30 PM -- 10 minutes)** (Hugh Harrison on behalf of Budget & Finance Committee) ([Treasurer@VeniceNC.org](mailto:Treasurer@VeniceNC.org))  
*See attached addendums at <http://www.venicenc.org/minutes-and-agendas.php>  
[Discussion and possible action]*

**7A Approve Monthly Expenditure Report for September 2019**

**MOTION:** The Venice NC approves the Monthly Expenditure Report for September 2019.

*Recommended by Budget Committee 5-0-0 on 11/5/2019*

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**7B Approve Expenditure to Date Report**

**MOTION:** The Venice NC approves the Expenditure to Date Report for September 2019.

*Recommended by Budget Committee 5-0-0 on 11/5/2019*

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HH, GF (17, 0, 1)

**FAVOR:** George Francisco, Hugh Harrison, Melissa Diner, Theresa White, Robert Thibodeau, James Murez, Jaime Paige, Alex Neiman, CJ Cole, Matt Fisher, Alix Gucovsky, Sima Kostovetsky, Nisa Kove, Charles Rials, Jim Robb, Mark Ryavec, Christian Wrede,

**OPPOSED:**

**ABSTAIN:** Ira Koslow

**7C Approval Of Expenditure of \$4100 for Holiday Sign Lighting**

**MOTION:** In order to promote VNC visibility and VNC community participation, the Venice NC approves a \$4100 budget for promotional items, food & beverages, Santa encounter/photo booth, and holiday decorations for the VNC table at the Venice Holiday Sign Lighting & Block Party on December 7th, 2019.

*Recommended by Budget Committee 5-0-1 on 11/5/2019*

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HH, GF (12, 3, 3)

FAVOR: Hugh Harrison, Melissa Diner, Theresa White, Robert Thibodeau, James Murez, Jaime Paige, Alex Neiman, Alix Gucovsky, Sima Kostovetsky, Nisa Kove, Charles Rials, Mark Ryavec,  
OPPOSED: CJ Cole, Matt Fisher, Christian Wrede,  
ABSTAIN: Ira Koslow, George Francisco, Jim Robb,

## 7D Approval Of Inventory Report

The Venice NC Board approves the attached Inventory Reports  
*Recommended by Budget Committee 5-0-0 on 11/5/2019*

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HH, GF (17, 0, 1)

FAVOR: George Francisco, Hugh Harrison, Melissa Diner, Theresa White, Robert Thibodeau, James Murez, Jaime Paige, Alex Neiman, CJ Cole, Matt Fisher, Alix Gucovsky, Sima Kostovetsky, Nisa Kove, Charles Rials, Jim Robb, Mark Ryavec, Christian Wrede,  
OPPOSED:  
ABSTAIN: Ira Koslow

**Unanimous**

**7:01pm John Reed arrives**

**7:03 Bruno Hernandez arrives**

8. **Announcements and Public Comment on items not on the Agenda (7:40 PM - 10 minutes)**  
*[No more than 1 minute per person – no Board member announcements permitted]*
9. **General Consent Calendar (7:50 PM -- 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, B, D, E, H, J, L PULLED  
ALL OTHERS PASSED ON CONSENT

- 9A **Board Retreat** (Sima Kostovetsky on behalf of the Outreach Committee [simak@Phovenicenc.org](mailto:simak@Phovenicenc.org))  
**MOTION:** The VNC Board approves the scheduling of a one day Board Retreat during the month of either January or February and the formation of a Retreat work-group, to be appointed by VNC President Ira Koslow, for the purposes of setting up the Retreat goals and logistics. The budget, as previously approved by the Board will be \$900. **Take a month off board meeting to do the retreat.**  
*Recommended by Outreach 8-0-0 on 10/30/2019*



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PULLED

SM, GF (13, 2, 1)

FAVOR: Melissa Diner, James Murez, Jaime Paige , Alex Neiman, Alix Gucovsky, Bruno Hernandez, Sima Kostovetsky, Nisa Kove, Jim Robb, Christian Wrede, Hugh Harrison, Robert Thibodeau, Matt Fisher,  
OPPOSED: Ira Koslow, Mark Ryavec  
ABSTAIN: George Francisco

MD, NC (11, 4, 1) Amendment

FAVOR: George Francisco, Melissa Diner, James Murez, Jaime Paige , Alex Neiman, Alix Gucovsky, Bruno Hernandez, Sima Kostovetsky, Nisa Kove, Jim Robb, Christian Wrede,  
OPPOSED: Hugh Harrison, Robert Thibodeau, Matt Fisher, Mark Ryavec,  
ABSTAIN: Ira Koslow

Teresa left, CJ Left

**9B** **Placement of Trash Bins Around the Venice Post Office** (Mark Ryavec, [mark.ryavec@venicenc.org](mailto:mark.ryavec@venicenc.org))

**MOTION:** Whereas Windward Ave. and Grand St. are major east-west corridors for residents and visitors to walk to the beach and OFW and return to neighborhoods where residents live and visitors park; and

Whereas Riviera, Grand and Windward are also the preferred parking location of many visiting vehicles whose owners frequently leave trash and empty cans and bottles in the public space around the Post Office, for lack of trash bins.

Therefore, The Venice Neighborhood Council shall send a letter to Enrique Zaldivar, Director and General Manager Los Angeles City Bureau of Sanitation 1149 S Broadway Los Angeles CA 90015 [Enrique.Zaldivar@lacity.org](mailto:Enrique.Zaldivar@lacity.org) requesting that the Los Angeles City Department of Sanitation place six City trash bins around the perimeter of the Venice Post Office and its parking lot, as follows: One bin at Windward and Main Street; One bin at Grand and Main Street; One bin mid-block on the south side of Windward between Riviera and Main Street; One bin mid-block on the north side of Grand between Riviera and Main Street; One bin on the NW corner of Riviera and Grand; and One bin on the SW corner of Riviera and Winward. The Motion, once passed, should be sent to: Enrique Zaldivar, Director and General Manager Los Angeles City Bureau of Sanitation 1149 S Broadway Los Angeles CA 90015 [Enrique.Zaldivar@lacity.org](mailto:Enrique.Zaldivar@lacity.org)

PULLED

MR, HH (10, 5, 1)

FAVOR: George Francisco, Hugh Harrison, Melissa Diner, James Murez, Jaime Paige , Alex Neiman, Alix Gucovsky, Sima Kostovetsky, Mark Ryavec, Christian Wrede,



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**OPPOSED:** Robert Thibodeau, Matt Fisher, Bruno Hernandez, Nisa Kove, Jim Robb,  
**ABSTAIN:** Ira Koslow

**9C Request the City to Update the Tree Species List**

**MOTION:** Whereas the current list of tree species on the Urban Forestry web site is now outdated, the VNC shall write a letter to City Forestry Officer Rachel Malarich ([rachel.malarich@lacity.org](mailto:rachel.malarich@lacity.org)) and to Urban Forestry Division Manager Timothy Tyson ([timothy.tyson@lacity.org](mailto:timothy.tyson@lacity.org)) requesting that the tree species list be updated so the public has the most current information.

*Recommended by the Verdant Venice Committee 3-0-0*

**9D Support for Tree Planting/Tree Care Blitz**

**MOTION:** The VNC supports the suggestion of the Bureau of Street Services to turn one of Venice's two annual "Pothole Blitzes" into a "Tree Planting/Tree Care Blitz"

*Recommended by the Verdant Venice Committee 3-0-0*

**9E Revisit Tree Planting Guidelines**

**MOTION:** Whereas the Venice Neighborhood has many narrow parkways, small lots, and multiple utilities in the public right of way, and as this means that tree planting is often restricted and/or prohibited here, the VNC shall send a letter requesting that the City revisit tree planting guidelines in light of our special circumstances and consider the following: changing the minimum distance that a tree can be located from a street corner, from a driveway, from light poles and allowing some flexibility with regards to minimum parkway size.

*Recommended by the Verdant Venice Committee 3-0-0*

HH, MD (12, 0, 1)

**FAVOR:** Jaime Paige, Christian Wrede, Robert Thibodeau, Hugh Harrison, James Murez, Melissa Diner, George Francisco, Bruno Hernandez, Nisa Kova, Jim Robb, Alex Neiman, Matt Fischer

**OPPOSED:**

**ABSTAIN:** Ira Koslow

**9F Replace Concrete Around Mature Trees**

**MOTION:** Whereas a motion was made by the VNC 2018 requesting that the City replace concrete (and/or agriperm/agroperm) around mature trees in tree wells in Venice, the VeniceNC Board shall send a letter asking to be notified of the City's response to this motion, in writing, in order to encourage and help arrange for timely removal.

*Recommended by the Verdant Venice Committee 3-0-0*

A letter should be sent by the VNC for motions 9D, 9E, 9F to Adel H. Hagekhalil, Executive Director and General Manager, Bureau of Street Services ([adel.hagekhalil@lacity.org](mailto:adel.hagekhalil@lacity.org)) ; Greg Spotts, Assistant Director BOS ([greg.spotts@lacity.org](mailto:greg.spotts@lacity.org)): Julie Sauter, Deputy City Engineer Bureau of Street



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Services([julie.sauter@lacity.org](mailto:julie.sauter@lacity.org)); and Robert Vega, Sidewalk Division Bureau of Street Services ([robert.vega@lacity.org](mailto:robert.vega@lacity.org))

**9G OFW Tourist Print Scam Investigation** (James Robb on behalf of the Ocean Front Walk Committee)

**MOTION:** Whereas tourism is part of our location economy; and Whereas a group of at least 4 OFW clothing printers, all under the same ownership, have amassed hundreds of one-star online reviews, most comments including some mention of “scam” or “rip-off” or “credit card fraud”; and

Whereas people should leave Venice happy and not taken advantage of or victimized. Therefore be it resolved that the VNC Board requests a full investigation of these shops by the LAPD, City Attorney and the District Attorney with letters sent to [mike.n.feuer@lacity.org](mailto:mike.n.feuer@lacity.org), [mike.bonin@lacity.org](mailto:mike.bonin@lacity.org), [Chuck.Posner@coastal.ca.gov](mailto:Chuck.Posner@coastal.ca.gov), [morgan.bostic@lacity.org](mailto:morgan.bostic@lacity.org), [tricia.keane@lacity.org](mailto:tricia.keane@lacity.org), [ezra.gale@lacity.org](mailto:ezra.gale@lacity.org), [mayor.garcetti@lacity.org](mailto:mayor.garcetti@lacity.org), Brian Morrison <[30789@lapd.online](mailto:30789@lapd.online)>, Michael Putrah <[40498@lapd.online](mailto:40498@lapd.online)>, James Setzer <[31260@lapd.online](mailto:31260@lapd.online)>,  
*Recommended by OFW Committee 10-0-0 on 10-28-19*

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**9H Green Bike Lanes** (james murez on behalf of Parking & Transportation Committee) ([james.murez@venicenc.org](mailto:james.murez@venicenc.org))

**MOTION:** Request VNC send a letter to LADOT to paint bike lanes to be consistent with Santa Monica bike lanes on Main Street and Venice Blvd as a test with intent to expand to all bike lanes in Venice. Green paint shade to match “Bright Green” as recommended by the National Association of City Transportation Officials (<https://nacto.org/publication/urban-bikeway-design-guide/>). Seleta Reynolds, General Manager [Seleta.Reynolds@lacity.org](mailto:Seleta.Reynolds@lacity.org) Mohammad Blorfroshan [mo.blorfroshan@lacity.org](mailto:mo.blorfroshan@lacity.org) [alek.bartosouf@lacity.org](mailto:alek.bartosouf@lacity.org)  
*Recommended by Parking and Transportation Committee 5-0-0 on 10-07-19*

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JM, JR (12, 0, 1)

**FAVOR:** Jaime Paige, Christian Wrede, Robert Thibedeau, Hugh Harrison, James Murez, Melissa Diner, George Francisco, Bruno Hernandez, Nisa Kova, Jim Robb, Alex Neiman, Matt Fischer

**OPPOSED:**

**ABSTAIN:** Ira Koslow

**9I Traffic Controls Speedway at Venice Blvd** (james murez on behalf of Parking & Transportation Committee) ([james.murez@venicenc.org](mailto:james.murez@venicenc.org))

**MOTION:** The VNC shall send a letter to LADOT requesting additional One Way signage be posted with emphasis on exit from parking lot at 38 N Venice Blvd., possible solution to include arrow(s) painted onto the street. Seleta Reynolds, General Manager [Seleta.Reynolds@lacity.org](mailto:Seleta.Reynolds@lacity.org) WLA DOT



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head guy Mohammad Blorfroshan [mo.blorfroshan@lacity.org](mailto:mo.blorfroshan@lacity.org) [alek.bartosouf@lacity.org](mailto:alek.bartosouf@lacity.org)  
*Recommended by Parking and Transportation Committee 5-0-0 on 10-04-19*

**9J Bike Corrals and Parklets (james murez on behalf of Parking & Transportation Committee)  
([james.murez@venicenc.org](mailto:james.murez@venicenc.org))**

**MOTION:** The VNC shall send a letter to LADOT asking them to notify the VNC prior permitting any Bike Corral or Parklet, Livable Street, People Streets or Great Street projects with ample time for the VNC to comment. [Seleta.Reynolds@lacity.org](mailto:Seleta.Reynolds@lacity.org) [mo.blorfroshan@lacity.org](mailto:mo.blorfroshan@lacity.org)  
[LADOT.WesternDistrict@lacity.org](mailto:LADOT.WesternDistrict@lacity.org) [alek.bartosouf@lacity.org](mailto:alek.bartosouf@lacity.org)  
*Recommended by Parking and Transportation Committee 5-0-0 on 10-07-19*

JM, JR (12, 0, 1)

**FAVOR:** Jaime Paige, Christian Wrede, Robert Thibedeau, Hugh Harrison, James Murez, Melissa Diner, George Francisco, Bruno Hernandez, Nisa Kova, Jim Robb, Alex Neiman, Matt Fischer

**OPPOSED:**

**ABSTAIN:** Ira Koslow

**9K Protection of Historic District (james murez on behalf of Parking & Transportation Committee)  
([james.murez@venicenc.org](mailto:james.murez@venicenc.org))**

**MOTION:** The VNC shall send a letter to LADOT requesting a solution to protect historic column heads, request response include wording for upcoming community plan of historic district. Request short term remedies thru LAPD barricades and ticket. [Seleta.Reynolds@lacity.org](mailto:Seleta.Reynolds@lacity.org) [mo.blorfroshan@lacity.org](mailto:mo.blorfroshan@lacity.org) [LADOT.WesternDistrict@lacity.org](mailto:LADOT.WesternDistrict@lacity.org) [ken.bernstein@lacity.org](mailto:ken.bernstein@lacity.org) [janet.hansen@lacity.org](mailto:janet.hansen@lacity.org) [alek.bartosouf@lacity.org](mailto:alek.bartosouf@lacity.org)  
*Recommended by Parking and Transportation Committee 4-0-0 on 10-07-19*  
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**9L Install Bollard(s) at 20th Ave. (Walk Street) and Pacific (james murez on behalf of Parking & Transportation Committee) ([james.murez@venicenc.org](mailto:james.murez@venicenc.org))**

**MOTION:** The VNC shall send a request to LADOT to propose a solution to protect 20th Ave Walk Street from automobile access. [Seleta.Reynolds@lacity.org](mailto:Seleta.Reynolds@lacity.org) [mo.blorfroshan@lacity.org](mailto:mo.blorfroshan@lacity.org) [alek.bartosouf@lacity.org](mailto:alek.bartosouf@lacity.org)  
*Recommended by Parking and Transportation Committee 4-0-0 on 10-07-19*

**PULLED**

**9M Filming MOU (james murez on behalf of Parking & Transportation Committee)  
([james.murez@venicenc.org](mailto:james.murez@venicenc.org))**

**MOTION:** The VNC Board shall send a letter to the Chief of LAPD, the Department Director of LADOT and FilmLA requesting a meeting to establish an MOU that will describe notification to NC's of all film





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related permits being issued. Michel Moore <23506@lapd.online> Brian Morrison <30789@lapd.online> Seleta.Reynolds@lacity.org paudley@filmla.com [dWASHINGTON@filmla.com](mailto:dWASHINGTON@filmla.com)  
*Recommended by Parking and Transportation Committee 6-0-0 on 10-29-19*

**9N Wrong Way Traffic (james murez on behalf of Parking & Transportation Committee)  
([james.murez@venicenc.org](mailto:james.murez@venicenc.org))**

**MOTION:** The VNC shall send a request to the Bureau of Engineering to propose a solution to address wrong way traffic when exiting 100 Sunset Ave Copy CD11, LADOT mo.blorfroshan@lacity.org Seleta.Reynolds@lacity.org Alek Bartrosouf alek.bartrosouf@lacity.org [bss.boss@lacity.org](mailto:bss.boss@lacity.org)

*Recommended by Parking and Transportation Committee 6-0-0 on 10-29-19*

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**10. LUPC Consent Calendar (7:55 PM -- 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 Transparency for Transit Oriented Communities (TOC) Project Documentation**

**MOTION:** The Venice Neighborhood Council requests that LA City, in order to provide transparency to members of the public and affected communities, as well as to further insure the integrity of the TOC program implementation, adopt measures to require that the relevant bus schedules, supporting calculations, and other related documentation about the Tier Verification Process be placed in publicly accessible project files prior to the award of any density or other bonuses to an applicant, and that it be maintained in the project file thereafter, along with any submissions from the public, and that all information contesting the analysis or supporting data be considered in all relevant decisions regarding the designation of a TOC Area or the determination of the correct Tier for any project within the TOC Area.

*Recommend by LUPC 7-0-0 on 11-7-2019*

Attachments:

<https://docs.google.com/document/d/1mufpw5teS1Kl6TBlgUwMkShezrtaMlrl9ykg7zIVav4/edit?usp=sharing>

**40B Support for City Interpretation of Footnote 6 of the Venice Community Plan**

**MOTION:** ~~The Venice Neighborhood Council supports the City's previous interpretation that Footnote 6 applies to mixed-use projects, and supports keeping this interpretation in place until the Venice Community Plan Update is complete and the updated plan goes into effect.~~

*Recommended by LUPC 8-0-0 on 11-7-2019*

Attachments:



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Alix presenting substitute motion as the motion on is not correct  
PULLED by Ira Koslow  
Alix clarified that this was not to be on the agenda and C was the correct motion.

## 10C Venice Community Plan Footnote 6 Clarification

**MOTION:** The Venice Neighborhood Council ("VNC") requests:

1. That the city attorney clarifies its interpretation of footnote 6
2. An explanation from LA Planning Dept. and the City Attorney regarding any changes in the applicability of footnote 6 to mixed-use projects and
3. Documentation of the analysis used in the decision making process in determining the interpretation of footnote 6 and its applicability to mixed use projects.

*Recommended by LUPC 8-0-0 on 11-7-2019*

Attachments:

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A and C passed on Consent

11. **LUPC (8:00 PM – 15 minutes)** (Alix Gucovsky on behalf of LUPC, [Chair-lupc@VeniceNC.org](mailto:Chair-lupc@VeniceNC.org))  
(see project files for more detailed info at <http://www.venicenc.org/land-use-committee.php>)

## 11A 315 6<sup>th</sup> Avenue (15 minutes)

Case: DIR-2019—2610 -CDP-MEL ENV 2019-2613-CE, ADM-2019-2611, AA 2019-2609

Applicant: Brock Wylan contact: [brock@wylanjames.com](mailto:brock@wylanjames.com)

LUPC Staff: Tim Bonefeld

Representative: Steve Kaplan contact: [sk.landuselaw@gmail.com](mailto:sk.landuselaw@gmail.com)

City Staff: Jeff Khau contact: [jeff.khau@lacity.org](mailto:jeff.khau@lacity.org)

Case Description:

- Pursuant to LAMC section 12.20.2 a Coastal Development Permit for the development and construction of 2 new single family residences, including an ADU within each house
- Pursuant to LAMC 17.50 the approval of a Preliminary Parcel Map to effect the 2-lot small lot subdivision of the existing parcel;
- a Mello Act determination that no affordable housing units need to be replaced in the development of the project

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

*Recommended by LUPC 4-1-1 on 11-8-2019*

AG, GF (10, 9, 1)

FAVOR: George Francisco, Hugh Harrison, Melissa Diner, Theresa White, Robert Thibodeau, James Murez, John Reed, Jaime Paige, Sima Kostovetsky, Mark Ryavec,



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**ABSTAIN:** Ira Koslow

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

**13. New Business (8:15 PM – 195 minutes)**  
*[Discussion and possible action]*

**13A Adoption of Venice Stakeholder Satisfaction Survey (30 minutes)** (Sima Kostovetsky on behalf of the Outreach Committee [simak@venicenc.org](mailto:simak@venicenc.org))

**MOTION:** The VNC Board shall adopt the 2019 Venice Stakeholder Satisfaction Survey report and send the Survey data to the following Offices: The Office of Councilman Mike Bonin The Office of the Mayor The Office of Los Angeles County Supervisor Sheila Kuehl The Office of Congressman Ted Lieu The LAPD Pacific Division LADOT General Manager Seleta Reynolds WLA DOT Senior Transportation Engineer Western District Office - Mohammad Blorfroshan.

This motion shall be preceded by a 15 minute presentation by Outreach Committee members Hollie Stenson and Alby Navarro of the data and results of the Venice Stakeholder Satisfaction Survey.

*Recommended by Outreach Committee 8-0-0 on 10/30/2019*

Uploaded Documents:

<https://drive.google.com/open?id=1EyqrEcYxQoKRSObUKzv4-Vds91A33E0d>

The Motion, once passed and Results should be sent to:

- 1) Mike Bonin's Direct and Office: [Councilmember.Bonin@Lacity.Org](mailto:Councilmember.Bonin@Lacity.Org) and [morgan.bostic@lacity.org](mailto:morgan.bostic@lacity.org)
- 2) Office of Mayor Garcetti: [ami.fields-meyer@lacity.org](mailto:ami.fields-meyer@lacity.org) and [mayor.garcetti@lacity.org](mailto:mayor.garcetti@lacity.org)
- 3) Sheila Kuehl's Direct and Office: [sheila@bos.lacounty.gov](mailto:sheila@bos.lacounty.gov) and [zgaidzik@bos.lacounty.gov](mailto:zgaidzik@bos.lacounty.gov)
- 4) Ted Lieu's office: [janet.turner@mail.house.gov](mailto:janet.turner@mail.house.gov)
- 5) Autumn Burke's Direct and Office: [assemblymember.burke@assembly.ca.gov](mailto:assemblymember.burke@assembly.ca.gov) and [brandon.stansell@asm.ca.gov](mailto:brandon.stansell@asm.ca.gov)
- 6) Ben Allen's Direct and Office: [Senator.Allen@sen.ca.gov](mailto:Senator.Allen@sen.ca.gov) and [Olina.wibroe@sen.ca.gov](mailto:Olina.wibroe@sen.ca.gov)
7. LAPD Pacific Division, Captain Morrison: [30789@lapd.online](mailto:30789@lapd.online)
8. Justin Eisenberg, LAPD Deputy Chief, West Bureau Operations: [justin.eisenberg@lapd.lacity.org](mailto:justin.eisenberg@lapd.lacity.org)
9. Cory Palka, LAPD Commander Operations, West Bureau: [cory.palka@lapd.online](mailto:cory.palka@lapd.online)
10. LADOT General Manager - Seleta Reynolds: [Seleta.Reynolds@lacity.org](mailto:Seleta.Reynolds@lacity.org)
11. WLADOT Senior Transportation Engineer - Mohammad Blorfroshan: [mo.blorfroshan@lacity.org](mailto:mo.blorfroshan@lacity.org)

**SK, GF (17-0-2)**

**FAVOR:** George Francisco, Hugh Harrison, Melissa Diner, Theresa White, Robert Thibodeau, James Murez, John Reed, Jaime Paige , Alex Neiman, CJ Cole , Alix Gucovsky, Bruno Hernandez, Sima Kostovetsky, Nisa Kove, Jim Robb, Mark Ryavec, Christian Wrede,

**OPPOSED:**

**ABSTAIN:** Ira Koslow, Matt Fisher

Charles Rials Not present

AN, JM Pulled by maker motion



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**13B Zone change of LADOT Public Parking (james murez on behalf of Parking & Transportation Committee) (45 minutes) ([james.murez@venicenc.org](mailto:james.murez@venicenc.org))**

**MOTION:** The VNC shall send a letter to the LA City Planning opposing proposed permit application, copy Council Office and Coastal Commission. Parking solutions which address all shortcomings imposed by the LAMC and Coastal Commission must be addressed before any reduction of Public Open Space zones used for parking lots can be altered to anything that does not address the existing conditions and brings them into conformance. Included but not limited to the existing conditions are the inability to offer Zone Parking (preferential permit) to properties within the Venice Coastal Zone and Commercial and Industrial parking requirements that grossly inhibit community sustainability since LAMC and Coastal Act imposed restrictions. [vince.bertoni@lacity.org](mailto:vince.bertoni@lacity.org) [kevin.keller@lacity.org](mailto:kevin.keller@lacity.org) [Steve.Hudson@coastal.ca.gov](mailto:Steve.Hudson@coastal.ca.gov) [John.Ainsworth@coastal.ca.gov](mailto:John.Ainsworth@coastal.ca.gov) Vaughn, [Shannon@Coastal](mailto:Shannon@Coastal) Jonathan Hershey [alek.bartosouf@lacity.org](mailto:alek.bartosouf@lacity.org)  
*Recommended by Parking and Transportation Committee 5-0-0 on 10-07-19*

JM, GF (15, 4, 1)

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**OPPOSED:** Hugh Harrison, Alex Neiman, Matt Fisher, Nisa Kove,

**ABSTAIN:** Ira Koslow

HH, NK (5, 14, 1) to February

**FAVOR:** Hugh Harrison, Alex Neiman, Matt Fisher, Nisa Kove, Charles Rials,

**OPPOSED:** George Francisco, Melissa Diner, Theresa White, Robert Thibodeau, James Murez, John Reed, Jaime Paige , CJ Cole , Alix Gucovsky, Bruno Hernandez, Sima Kostovetsky, Jim Robb, Mark Ryavec, Christian Wrede,

**ABSTAIN:** Ira Koslow

13B Speaker Cards

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**13C Venice Grand Prix (15 minutes) (james murez on behalf of Parking & Transportation Committee) ([james.murez@venicenc.org](mailto:james.murez@venicenc.org))**

**MOTION:** The VNC Board gives approval to begin outreach efforts and discover the approval requirements through the City to conduct a human or electrical powered road race event on the



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streets of Venice and report back the findings to the VNC Board. [danielle.brazell@lacity.org](mailto:danielle.brazell@lacity.org)  
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JM, CJ (17, 2, 1)

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**OPPOSED:** Matt Fisher Mark Ryavec

**ABSTAIN:** Ira Koslow

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**FAVOR:** Matt Fisher Mark Ryavec

**OPPOSED:** George Francisco, Hugh Harrison, Melissa Diner, Theresa White, Robert Thibodeau, James Murez, John Reed, Jaime Paige, Alex Neiman, CJ Cole, Alix Gucovsky, Bruno Hernandez, Sima Kostovetsky, Nisa Kove, Jim Robb, Christian Wrede, Charles Rials

## **13D PTC Policy Statement (20 minutes) (james murez on behalf of Parking & Transportation Committee) ([james.murez@venicenc.org](mailto:james.murez@venicenc.org))**

**MOTION:** WHEREAS, the Venice community desires to protect the quality of life in Venice for its local property owners, residents, and business operators; WHEREAS, public right-of-way improvements have a substantial impact on the quality of life of the members of the Venice community; NOW THEREFORE, be it resolved that the VNC shall send a letter to City departments and the Coastal Commission requesting that any current and future Coastal Zone Community Plan and Land Use Plan provide: (a) that an objective of each plan is to protect Venice quality of life for local property owners, residents and business operators in relationship with public right-of-ways improvements, with safety, preservation of historical community character and scale and mobility requirements as primary issues that must be considered before regional factors are imposed; and (b) that in order to consider the foregoing impacts, the community must be given reasonable advance notice and an opportunity to provide a community impact statement which must be considered in connection with any decision to make right-of-way improvements. [alek.bartosouf@lacity.org](mailto:alek.bartosouf@lacity.org) [Seleta.Reynolds@lacity.org](mailto:Seleta.Reynolds@lacity.org) [mo.blorfroshan@lacity.org](mailto:mo.blorfroshan@lacity.org) [Steve.Hudson@coastal.ca.gov](mailto:Steve.Hudson@coastal.ca.gov) [John.Ainsworth@coastal.ca.gov](mailto:John.Ainsworth@coastal.ca.gov) [jonathan.hershey@lacity.org](mailto:jonathan.hershey@lacity.org) [kevin.keller@lacity.org](mailto:kevin.keller@lacity.org)

*Recommended by Parking and Transportation Committee 5-0-0 on 10-29-19*

JM, GF (14, 4, 1)

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**OPPOSED:** Ira Koslow, Charles Rials, Jim Robb, Mark Ryavec,  
**ABSTAIN:** George Francisco,

**13E Lincoln Blvd / Caltrans Route #1 relinquishment to LA City (20 minutes) (James Murez on behalf of Parking & Transportation Committee) ([james.murez@venicenc.org](mailto:james.murez@venicenc.org))**

**MOTION:** Whereas, The State of California and Caltrans owns, controls and maintains Lincoln Blvd throughout the Venice neighborhood as part of the State highway. Whereas, the Venice community has had inadequate opportunity to provide input into maintenance and input of this critical roadway, NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Venice Neighborhood Council recommends that the City of Los Angeles begin working with the State of California and the Venice Neighborhood Council on negotiating whether there will be a relinquishment of Lincoln Blvd from Navy Street to Maxella Ave. to the City of Los Angeles. BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Venice Neighborhood Council recommends a series of community input meetings on the future direction of design and use of Lincoln Blvd. [alek.bartosouf@lacity.org](mailto:alek.bartosouf@lacity.org) [Seleta.Reynolds@lacity.org](mailto:Seleta.Reynolds@lacity.org) [mo.blorfroshan@lacity.org](mailto:mo.blorfroshan@lacity.org) [Steve.Hudson@coastal.ca.gov](mailto:Steve.Hudson@coastal.ca.gov) [John.Ainsworth@coastal.ca.gov](mailto:John.Ainsworth@coastal.ca.gov) [Susan.Bransen@catc.ca.gov](mailto:Susan.Bransen@catc.ca.gov) [Laurie.Berman@dot.ca.gov](mailto:Laurie.Berman@dot.ca.gov) [Lauren.Wonder@dot.ca.gov](mailto:Lauren.Wonder@dot.ca.gov)  
*Recommended by Parking and Transportation Committee 6-0-0 on 10-29-19*

JM, JR (17, 0, 2)

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**OPPOSED:**

**ABSTAIN:** Ira Koslow, Hugh Harrison

**13F Ask City to Follow Controller Galperin's Recommendation to Reprogram Venice Median Funds to Less Expensive Projects (30 minutes) (Mark Ryavec, [mark.ryavec@venicenc.org](mailto:mark.ryavec@venicenc.org))**

**MOTION:** The Venice Neighborhood Council formally requests the City of Los Angeles to follow City Controller Galperin's recommendation (see attachment) to reprogram all funds slated for the Venice Boulevard Median Housing project (Reese-Davidson), which has a projected cost of over \$700,000 per unit, to other projects which have significantly lower unit costs, so that more units may be built and more homeless provided homes. We request that this Motion be presented to the City Council as a VNC Community Impact Statement for Council Files 17-0090-S14 and 19-0072 if related to parking

**Attachment:**

<https://docs.google.com/document/d/1mufpw5teS1KI6TBIgUwMkShezrtaMlrI9ykg7zIVav4/edit?usp=sharing>

MR, AG (11, 7, 1)

**FAVOR:** George Francisco, Melissa Diner, Theresa White, James Murez, Jaime Paige, CJ Cole, Alix Gucovsky, Sima Kostovetsky, Jim Robb, Mark Ryavec, Christian Wrede,



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ABSTAIN: Ira Koslow

Amendment AG, JM(14, 2, 3)

FAVOR: George Francisco, Hugh Harrison, Melissa Diner, Theresa White, James Murez, Jaime Paige, Alex Neiman, CJ Cole, Alix Gucovsky, Bruno Hernandez, Sima Kostovetsky, Charles Rials, Jim Robb, Christian Wrede,

OPPOSED: Matt Fisher, Nisa Kove

ABSTAIN: Ira Koslow, Robert Thibodeau, Mark Ryavec,

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FAVOR: Hugh Harrison, Theresa White, Robert Thibodeau, Alex Neiman, Matt Fisher, Bruno Hernandez, Nisa Kove, Charles Rials,

OPPOSED:

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13F Comment Cards

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14. **Adjourn (approx. 11:05 PM)**



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