



Venice Neighborhood Council



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Joint VNC Board & Administrative Committee Virtual Meeting Minutes Monday, April 12, 2021, 7pm via Zoom

IN CONFORMITY WITH THE GOVERNOR'S EXECUTIVE ORDER N-29-20 (MARCH 17, 2020)
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1. Call to Order and Roll Call

**Present IR, GF, HH, CJ,
Absent: MD, MR**

**MD arrives 7:06
MR arrives 7:26**

2. Approval of the Administrative Committee Agenda
3. Approval of outstanding Administrative Committee minutes
4. Announcements & Public Comment on items not on the Agenda
5. Old Administrative Committee Business
6. New Administrative Committee Business
- 6A Discussion of Agenda Request problems
- 6B **Consideration and approval of April 20, 2021 Draft Board Agenda**

Gf, cj

7. Adjourn

Note (i) The Administrative Committee does not address or consider the merits of proposed agenda items. Its function is to determine whether a proposed agenda item will be placed on the next Board meeting agenda, postponed, referred to a specific committee for review and recommendation, treated as an announcement, or considered and resolved as a non-Board administrative matter. (ii) The Administrative Committee has the discretion to reorder consideration of matters on the agenda to accommodate stakeholders or for other reasons.



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1. **Call to Order and Roll Call (7:00 PM)**
2. **Pledge Of Allegiance (7:01PM -- 1 minute)**
3. **Approval of the Agenda (PM – 1 minute)**
4. **Approval of Board Minutes**
5. **Declaration of Ex Parte Communications or Conflicts-Of-Interest (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 **Previous Months Minutes have been emailed (7:15PM -1 minute)**
Ensure the prior months minutes have been sent to ALL emails outlined by each motion writer from the previous month's motions.
- 6B **Previous Months Letters (7:16PM -1 minute)**
Ensure all letters have been sent for each item from the previous month and if NOT announce what letters are still outstanding and what information is needed in order to have them sent out.
- 6C **Spanish Translation Available** (Esteban Pulido, pulido.esteban@gmail.com)
Spanish Interpretation services and agendas are available with **advance notice**.
- 6D **Public Safety - LAPD & LAFD Report (10 minutes):** This report will now be given in writing by the Public Safety Committee.
- 6E **Government Reports (15 minutes)** (Representatives have standing place on the agenda, but are not always available to attend or required to speak. The following written reports are for public dissemination and are also posted online (LINK))
 - City Councilmember Mike Bonin Field Deputy, Nisa Kove nisa.kove@lacity.org
 - Congressman Ted Lieu, Representative Janet Turner, 310-496-9896 (janet.turner@mail.house.gov)
 - State Senator Ben Allen, Representative Liliana Pond (liliana.pond@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 Brad Fingard brad.fingard@lacity.org
- Empower LA Neighborhood Council Advocate, Freddy Cupen-Ames, 213-978-1551 (freddy.cupen-ames@lacity.org)

6F VNC President's Report & Announcements - Ira Koslow (President@VeniceNC.org)
Please follow VNC Standing Rule 5: *Board Members & Committees must use the Online Agenda Request Form*

6G Election Report (Ivan Spiegel, Election Administrator)

7. Treasurer's Report (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 February 2021 Expenditure Reports
MOTION: The Venice NC approves the expenditure reports for February 2021.
Recommended by Budget & Finance Committee 3-0-0 on 4-6-21 [ETD report](#) [MER](#)

GF, HH
Unanimous

7B Include a line item in City Budget for Venice Beach Recreation Center
MOTION: The VNC recommends that Mayor Eric Garcetti and the LA City Council include an annual line item listing for the "Venice Beach Recreation Center" commencing with the 2021-22 City Budget under the "Parks and Recreation Sites and Facilities Funds" heading.
(Recommended by Budget & Finance Committee 3-0-0 on 4-6-21)

8. Announcements and Public Comment on items not on the Agenda (PM - 15 minutes)
[Public comment is limited to 30 seconds per speaker with a total comment time not to exceed 15 minutes, unless adjusted by the presiding officer of the Board. No comment on Items appearing on the Agenda. No Board member announcements permitted]

9. General Consent Calendar (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.]

Gf, hh
Unanimous



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- 9A Support Community Forest Advisory Committee** (Sarah Wauters on behalf of the Venice Arbor Committee) (sarahwauters123@gmail.com)
MOTION: The Venice Neighborhood Council supports the Community Forest Advisory Committee's position letter calling for an increase in the percentage of the city's overall budget allocated for support and development of the city's tree canopy from .25% to 1%, starting with the city's 2021-22 budget. Letters shall be sent to City Councilman Paul Krekorian, Chair, City Council's Budget and Finance Committee, Councilman Mike Bonin, and Mayor Eric Garcetti."
Recommended by Venice Arbor Committee 4-0-0 on 4-2-21.
- 10. LUPC (PM – minutes)** (Alix Gucovsky on behalf of LUPC, Chair-lupc@VeniceNC.org)
- 11. Old Business (PM - 0 minutes)**
[Discussion and possible action]
- 12. New Business (PM – minutes)**
[Discussion and possible action]
- 12A Observation Deck - Ballona Lagoon Marine Preserve** (James Murez)(james.murez@venicenc.org)
MOTION: Whereas, in the early 1990's a group of local citizens created a non-profit called Ballona Lagoon Marine Preserve (BLMP) whose mission was to restore the banks of the lagoon with environmentally correct plant life and raise money to create a public observation deck where endangered wildlife could be viewed. (See Coastal Commission 1996 Permit <https://documents.coastal.ca.gov/reports/1996/1/W18b-1-1996.pdf>); and Whereas, the walkway and deck have continuously served the general public for recreation, to students and school field trips for educational uses; and Whereas access to the area below the walkway and deck is causing a public nuisance and danger to the nearby homes because of the illegal cooking and open fires under the deck structure; and Whereas these conditions create a high fire hazard environment to both the dry native plant life and structures in the dense surrounding residential neighborhood Therefore Be It Resolved the the Venice Neighborhood Council shall send a letter to LA County Supervisor Kuehl, CD11, LA City Rec and Parks Commission and LA City Public Works Commissioners, Coastal Commission Executive Director Jack Ainsworth (John.Ainsworth@coastal.ca.gov), Adel Hagekhalil , Gary Harris , Steven Chen requesting a solution be created that eliminates access to the area below the aerial walkway and lookout platform areas. Furthermore, the ADA compliant walkway and the lookout platform deck should be repaired and restored to a safe condition that allows public access. Lastly, we request that LAFD and LAPD become more actively involved with enforcing all safety and fire prevention regulations in this area.



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- 12B Temporary Signs Need More Regulation** (James Murez)(james.murez@venicenc.org)
MOTION: The Venice Neighborhood Council submit a CIS (Council File 17-0893).stating the VNC is not in support of off-site advertising on Temporary Fences past the expiration date of LADBS construction or fence permit on which said advertising is attached. Furthermore, the VNC does not support any internally illuminated signs on Temporary Fences.

GF, HH
Unanimous

- 12C Street Sweeping Alterations** (James Murez on behalf of the Parking & Transportation Committee) (james.murez@venicenc.org)
MOTION: The Venice Neighborhood Council shall send a letter to DPW Street Services and CD11 requesting that the City restore weekly street sweeping to Venice. If alternate street sweeping must continue, the VNC recommends reconsideration of schedule to be weekly on all commercial and heavily impacted residential streets which serve beach and visitor access.
Recommended by Parking & Transportation Committee 6-0-0.

GF, HH to consent
Unanimous

- 12D Lincoln Blvd – Proposed Cannabis Store** (James Murez on behalf of the Parking & Transportation Committee) (james.murez@venicenc.org)
MOTION: The Venice Neighborhood Council shall send a letter to the applicant, DCR, CC Planning Dept. and file a CIS (CF .21-0420-S39) as follows: The Venice Neighborhood Council recommends denial of permit request as presented due to inadequate parking plan. The applicant proposed valet parking using the nearby residential alley for customer loading and did not identify any off street parking location for customers, employees or the proposed valet service. Furthermore, the LADOT responded to VNC inquire about Trip Count of the current Retail Use (5/Hour) vs. proposed Retail Cannabis Use (20/hour) which requires the applicant to apply for and receive a Coastal Development Permit. No CDP is documented by the DCR case file nor did the applicant have one available at the Parking & Transportation Committee meeting.
Recommended by Parking & Transportation Committee 6-0-0.

GF, MR
To consent
Unanimous



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- 12E Bus Landing Pads** (James Murez on behalf of the Parking & Transportation Committee)
(james.murez@venicenc.org)

MOTION: Whereas, the conditions at bus loading pads that exist at present in many locations throughout the Venice area exceed the maximum gap of ½", and Whereas a bicycle tire can easily get stuck in a gap over ½" causing a very dangerous condition for riders, and

Whereas the joint between the landing pad and street normally falls within the designated bike lane

Therefore be it resolved that the Venice Neighborhood Council shall send a letter to Dept. of Public Works Commission, CC CD11 requesting all bus loading pads (concrete areas at bus stops) and the abutting asphalt street be maintained in such a way to reduce the gap between these two materials to less than 1/2" in width.

Recommended by Parking & Transportation Committee 6-0-0.

GF, CJ
Unanimous

- 12F Presentation of Reese-Davidson Project** (Ira Koslow)(president@venicenc.org) (15 minutes)
Becky Dennison of VCHC will present the Reese Davidson Project.

- 12G Presentation of rebuttal of Reese-Davidson Project** (Ira Koslow)(president@venicenc.org) (15 minutes)

Venice Vision will present a rebuttal of the Reese-Davidson Project

NOTE: Items 12F and 12G are presentations only. There will be no discussion or public comment at this time. Following the presentations the Reese-Davidson project will be referred to LUPC for possible motions.

GF, HH

Favor: gf,ik, HH, mr

Opposed: Md, CJ

- 13A VNC Announcements and Reports** (15 minutes)

[Committees may, but are not required, to provide a written report included below and available online. LINK]

Westside Regional Alliance of Councils-

Ira Koslow, VNC Representative (president@venicenc.org),

- Los Angeles Neighborhood Council Coalition (LANCC) Ivan Spiegel (Parliamentarian@VeniceNC.org)
- Budget Advocates - Hugh Harrison, Treasurer
- Outreach Announcements - Sima Kostovetsky



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13B **Board Member Announcements on subject matters within the VNC jurisdiction-** One (1) minute per Board member (5 minutes)

Gf, HH
Unanimous

Add mr submission for agenda
Mr, cj
Unanimous

14. **Adjourn** (approx. 11:00 PM)

List of Venice Neighborhood Council Committees & Chairs – Volunteers Welcome

<u>Standing Committees</u>	<u>Ad Hoc Committees</u>
Administrative - Ira Koslow	Parking & Transportation - James Murez
Neighborhood - George Francisco	Resiliency - Keith Harrison
Outreach - Sima Kostovetsky	Discussion Forum - Joe Murphy
Land Use and Planning - Alix Gucovsky	Venice Dog Park - Jamie Paige, James Murez
Budget & Finance - Hugh Harrison	Homeless - Frank Murphy
Rules & Selections - John Reed	Public Health & Safety - Soledad Ursua
Arts - Bruno Hernandez	
Ocean Front Walk - Jim Robb	

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SEND TO COMMITTEE

Send to Public Health & Safety Committee

Request signage for Linnie Canal Park stating that adults must be accompanied by children

First Name: Helen

Last Name: Fallon

Email: fallons.hf@gmail.com

Phone: 310-823-1303

Message: Whereas the park at the corner of Linnie Canal and Dell Avenue in Venice is a pocket park with equipment for very young children and is referred to as the Children's Park, the VNC moves that signage be placed on the fence stating that "No Adults Allowed Unless Accompanied by Children, CPC 653 G. Upon adoption of this motion letters be sent to Jimmy Kim, Parks and Recreation (jimmy.kim@lacity.org); Los Angeles City Recreation and Parks Department Office of Board of Commissioners (RAP.COMMISSIONERS@LACITY.ORG); Councilman Mike Bonin (councilmember.bonin@lacity.org)