



Venice Neighborhood Council
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**Board of Officers
Regular Meeting Agenda
Tuesday April 18, 2023
Start Time: 06:30 PM**

We are returning to live in-person meetings starting this month following COVID-19 virtual meetings conducted on ZOOM.

Meeting Location:

Westminster Elementary School
1010 Abbot Kinney Blvd. Venice, CA 90291
(Auditorium Entrance,
Enter from parking lot on Westminster Ave.)

Note, we intend to try and broadcast a ZOOM stream of the meetings. There will not be any Public Comment input allow from ZOOM attendees until the State modifies the Brown Act to allow Hybrid Meetings. Our present goal is to allow the community to listen and watch the meetings live and to record it and then post recording on our the VeniceNC.org website along with the ZOOM transcript.

Streamed on ZOOM at the following:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/86723683526>

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1 Introduction and Rules

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All presenters that have items to project are to send them to Secretary@VeniceNC.org and President@VeniceNC.org to have them shared with the meeting. Keep a copy of them on your desktop as a backup.

2 Call To Order

3 Roll Call:

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| <input type="checkbox"/> James Murez | <input type="checkbox"/> Daffodil Tyminski | <input type="checkbox"/> Melissa Diner |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Jay Handal | <input type="checkbox"/> Vicki Halliday | <input type="checkbox"/> Bruno Hernandez |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Sima Kostovetsky | <input type="checkbox"/> Nico Ruderman | <input type="checkbox"/> James Robb |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Jason Sugars | <input type="checkbox"/> Alley Bean | <input type="checkbox"/> Chie Lunn |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Mike Bravo | <input type="checkbox"/> Soledad Ursua | <input type="checkbox"/> CJ Cole |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Elizabeth Clay | <input type="checkbox"/> Robert Thibodeau | <input type="checkbox"/> Clark Brown |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Michael Jensen | <input type="checkbox"/> Patrick McKinley | |

Attendance: 0

Quorum: 10

4 Declaration of Ex Parte Communications or Conflicts-Of-Interest

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

5 Scheduled Announcements and Presentations

06:16

6 Public Safety - LAPD & LAFD Report

06:17

Questions to the presenter(s) will be limited to the time allotted to this item. Furthermore, all questions from the public must be submitted in writing to Secretary@VeniceNC.org no less than 72 hours prior to the meeting. The Chair at His / Her discretion shall present questions or a summary thereof to the presenter. Questions from Members of the Body will be limited by time allotment for this agenda item following public questions.

LAFD

Lance McCloskey - Lance.McCloskey@lacity.org

LAPD:

Five Points of Contacts

<https://www.venicenc.org/assets/photos/5/page636a3e1fdc228.pdf>

Senior Lead Officer Map

<https://www.venicenc.org/assets/photos/5/page636a3d534f723.pdf>

7 Government Reports

06:40

- Congressman Ted Lieu, Representative, Janet.Turner@mail.house.gov
- State Senator Ben Allen, Representative, Liliana.Pond@sen.ca.gov
- State Assemblywoman Tina McKinnor, Staff: Brandon.Stansell@asm.ca.gov Hayley Hutt
- LA County Supervisor Horvath, Deputy Zac Gaidzik zgaidzik@bos.lacounty.gov
- Mayor Karen Bass, Deputy, TBD
- Councilwoman Traci Park, Ashley.Lozada@lacity.org
- Empower LA, Advocate, Freddy.Cupen-Ames@lacity.org 213-978-1551
- Westside Regional Alliance of Councils (WRAC)-Jim Murez,
- Los Angeles Neighborhood Council Coalition (LANCC), Yolanda Gonzalez
- LA DWP Advocate, Yolanda Gonzalez
- Budget Advocates – vacant
- LAUSD, Nick Melvoin Board Member, Allison.Holdorff@lausd.net
- City Clerk Office, Naima.Pulliam@lacity.org, VNC Elections 2023 Administrator

8 President Report

Appoint CJ Cole to compile election results including effectiveness of 2023 Election Plan, Financial considerations, Election Administrator and Stakeholder comments, and present in June Board meeting a report of her findings.

9 Approval of prior Board Minutes

Description:

Discussion and possible action, prior Minutes from meetings dated 3/21/2023 linked below.

Attachments: Minutes: <https://www.venicenc.org/assets/documents/5/meeting641ab83d9e10d.pdf>

MOTION:

Board of Officers approves the Meeting Minutes of 3/21/2023 as presented.

Maker:

Second:

Voter Tally (0): Yea:0 / Nay:0 / Abstain:0 / Recuse:0 / Ineligible:0

10 Announcements and Public Comment on items not on the Agenda

Public comment is limited to 1 minute per speaker with a total comment time not to exceed 20 minutes, unless adjusted by the presiding officer of the Board. No comment on Items appearing on the Agenda. No Board member announcements permitted.

NOTE: The public is strongly advised to bring comments up in committees where time restrictions are more flexible and where recommendations from the public can become the bases of action items for Board consideration..

11 Approval of Board Action Certification for Meetings**Description:**

The City Clerk now requires Board Action Certification (BAC) forms to be completed with any financial impacts to the the VNC Budget and to be document Time and Place for all VNC Standing and AdHoc meetings.

Attachments: Form: <https://clerk.lacity.gov/sites/g/files/wph1491/files/2021-02/NCFP%20101%20Board%20Action%20Cert%202.1.18.pdf>

MOTION:

The Board of Officers approves Board Action Certification (BAC) forms for all VNC Standing and AdHoc meetings. TBD and completed by Treasurer and Committee Chairs through June 2023.

Maker:

Second:

Voter Tally (0): Yea:0 / Nay:0 / Abstain:0 / Recuse:0 / Ineligible:0

12 Treasurer Report

Information submitted after deadline, visit VeniceNC.org/Budget for current information.

13 Monthly Expenditure Report(s)**Description:**

The document linked below is the February Monthly Expenditure Report (MER).

Attachments: MER: <https://clkrep.lacity.org/ncfunding/mer/11448D5A-B5E1-DE70-C2CA-DA2D84C66796L.pdf>

MOTION:

Board of Officers approves the February Monthly Expenditure Reports.

Maker:

Second:

Voter Tally (0): Yea:0 / Nay:0 / Abstain:0 / Recuse:0 / Ineligible:0

14 General Consent Calendar - Items 15

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.

15 Addition of Crosswalk on the north side of Main St and Brooks Ave

Description:

Committee: Parking and Transportation Committee **On:** 2023-04-04 **Vote:** 4/0/0

Community members have requested a crosswalk and ADA curb ramp on the north side of the intersection of Main St and Brooks Ave, as this is a heavily trafficked intersection by pedestrians.

WHEREAS, Community members have requested a crosswalk and ADA curb ramp on the North side of the intersection at Main St and Brooks Ave; and

WHEREAS, this is a heavily trafficked intersection by pedestrians; and

WHEREAS, the timing of the South bound left turn arrow on main street, and North bound right turn on Abbot Kinney are now currently synchronized to mitigate any potential traffic impacts;

MOTION:

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, The Venice Neighborhood Council Board of Officers shell send a letter requesting LADOT and CD11 to install a crosswalk and ADA curb ramp access on the North side of the intersection at Main St and Brooks Ave.

Maker:

Second:

Voter Tally (0): Yea:0 / Nay:0 / Abstain:0 / Recuse:0 / Ineligible:0

16 Old Business

17 1338 Electric Ave.

Description:

Committee: Land Use & Planning Committee **On:** 2023-02-02 **Vote:** Yes 8-0-0-0

PARTIAL DEMO AND ADDITION OF 2 STORY. CHANGE OF USE TO ADD ADU
*According to Applicant, ADU is no longer being sought. LUPC motion expressly excludes from recommendation. See Staff Report for additional information and case materials.

Attachments: plans: <https://www.venicenc.org/assets/documents/5/meeting63deee41d8517.pdf>

MOTION:

LUPC recommends approval of the project without an ADU and with the following findings: (a) that while site characteristics or existing improvements make strict adherence to the zoning regulations impractical or infeasible, the project nonetheless conforms with the intent of those regulations; (b) that in light of the project as a whole, including any mitigation measures imposed, the project's location, size, height, operations and other significant features will be compatible with and will not adversely affect or further degrade adjacent properties, the surrounding neighborhood, or the public health, welfare, and safety; and (c) that the project is in substantial conformance with the purpose, intent and provisions of the General Plan, the applicable community plan and any applicable specific plan.

Maker:

Second:

Voter Tally (0): Yea:0 / Nay:0 / Abstain:0 / Recuse:0 / Ineligible:0

18 Amended Minutes - also see March 21, 2023 motion for corrections

Description:

Follow up to the following request: The Venice Neighborhood Council directs the Secretary in the next 14 days to amend the below listed minutes with corresponding item numbers, and change these Board member votes to "Ineligible:" October 18, 2022 – Regular Board meeting – Thibodeau: items #15, #16 November 15, 2023 – Regular Board meeting – Best: items #9, #18, #19, #21, #23 (both original and alternate), #24 (alternate only), #26 (both original and alternate), – Thibodeau: item #24 (alternate only) December 20, 2022 – Regular Board meeting – Thibodeau: items #5, #6 January 9, 2023 – Special Board meeting – Best: item #7 – Thibodeau: item #7 The amended minutes will be placed on the next following regular (expected April 18, 2023) Board of Officers agenda for ratification by the Board.

MOTION:

The Board of Officers approves the amended minutes as presented.

Maker:

Second:

Voter Tally (0): Yea:0 / Nay:0 / Abstain:0 / Recuse:0 / Ineligible:0

19 VNC Financial Transparency

Description:

Stakeholder: Lisa Redmond **Dated:** 2023-03-16

Neighborhood Council fiscal transparency informs stakeholders how government and tax revenues are spent, and is a critical element of effective public financial management. As well, transparency provides stakeholders a window into neighborhood council budgets and those stakeholders, in turn, are able to hold their neighborhood council accountable. However, a dearth of fiscal transparency exists within the Venice Neighborhood Council. Stakeholders are lacking opportunity to provide input into finances and/or review financial matters, primarily because the VNC's standing Budget & Finance Committee does not meet on a regular basis in violation of the Board of Neighborhood Commissioners (BONC) and Los Angeles City Charter Plan for a Citywide System of Neighborhood Councils. Regularly scheduled Budget & Finance Committee meetings will allow stakeholders the opportunity to provide input, ask questions, or point out inconsistencies in MERs and the Treasurer's report, ideally ratified by the Budget & Finance Committee, before submission to the Board of Officers. Additionally, a book of accounts is required to be open to all stakeholders for inspection, along with an established process for stakeholders to review.

Attachments: Pg https://empowerla.org/wp-content/uploads/2012/03/Rules-Standards-and-Best-Practices-final_0925122.pdf
5:
pg https://empowerla.org/wp-content/uploads/2012/12/Plan_Amended_12-18-131_edit.pdf
7:

MOTION:

THEREFORE, the Venice Neighborhood Council directs its Treasurer, in conjunction with the Budget & Finance Committee, to establish and commence regularly scheduled meetings as required by BONC and the City Charter. As well, the Budget & Finance Committee will define its book of accounts and establish, and publish, its process for review, also in compliance with BONC and City Charter requirements.

Maker:

Second:

Voter Tally (0): Yea:0 / Nay:0 / Abstain:0 / Recuse:0 / Ineligible:0

20 Land Use and Planning Committee Consent Calendar - Items 21-22

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21 LUPC Consent Calendar from 2/2/2023 Meeting

Description:

Committee: Land Use & Planning Committee **On:** 2023-02-02 **Vote:** Consent

2412 Wilson Ave. ZA-2021-10696-ZAA-CDP-MEL; ADM-2021-10697-VSO-ADU
ADDITION TO AN (E) SFD, AND CONVERSION OF GARAGE TO JADU AND
NEW 2 STORY ADU

MOTION:

The VNC Board of Officers recommends issuing de minimus letter.

Maker:

Second:

Voter Tally (0): Yea:0 / Nay:0 / Abstain:0 / Recuse:0 / Ineligible:0

22 LUPC Consent Calendar from 3/2/2023 Meeting

Description:

Committee: Land Use & Planning Committee **On:** 2023-03-02 **Vote:** Consent

925 E Milwood DIR-2023-38-CDP-MEL-HCA; ADM-2023-40-VSO-ADU
CONVERSION OF AN EXISTING GARAGE AND PORCH COVER INTO A 421
SF DETACHED ACCESSORY DWELLING UNIT

818 E Milwood DIR-2022-9432-CDP-MEL-HCA; ADM-2022-9434-VSO-ADU
CDP FOR ADDITION OF ADU TO AN EXISTING DETACHED GARAGE

653 Sunset DIR-2022-217-CDP-MEL; ADM-2022-218-VSO NEW ATTACHED
977 SQ FT ADU, CUT OUT OF BACK PORTION OF EXISTING DWELLING
UNIT (DUPLEX). (CONVERT BACK PORTION OF DWELLING UNIT INTO

ADU), ADDITION OF STAIRS AND ONE PARKING SPACE FOR ADU

2425 Cloy DIR-2022-9222-CDP-MEL-HCA; ADM-2023-1076-VSO-ADU
CONVERSION OF AN EXISTING DETACHED GARAGE INTO A NEW ADU IN
CONJ. WITH AN EXISTING SFD LOCATED IN THE VENICE COASTAL ZONE
ZONED R1-1

MOTION:

The VNC Board of Officers recommends issuing de minimus letter on each of the above four referenced cases.

Maker:

Second:

Voter Tally (0): Yea:0 / Nay:0 / Abstain:0 / Recuse:0 / Ineligible:0

23 LUPC New Business

24 723 Ocean Front Walk

Description:

Committee: Land Use & Planning Committee **On:** 2023-04-06 **Vote:** 6-0-1-0-0
(abstentio)

CPC-2022-5893-CU-DB-CDP-SPP-MEL-HCA CONSTRUCTION, USE AND
MAINTENANCE OF A 3-STORY, MIXED-USE BLDG WITH 16 FOR-RENT
RESIDENTIAL UNIT ABOVE 16 STACKED PARKING SPACES AND 1,574 SF
OF GROUND FLOOR COMMERCIAL SPACE

Attachments: Plans: <https://planning.lacity.org/pdiscaseinfo/document/MzkwNjI0/532fbe86-06a9-44b1-8001-06cd07316c90/esubmit>

Renderings: <https://planning.lacity.org/pdiscaseinfo/document/MzkwNjA0/532fbe86-06a9-44b1-8001-06cd07316c90/esubmit>

MOTION:

The VNC Board of Officers recommends approval of the project as presented.

Maker:

Second:

Voter Tally (0): Yea:0 / Nay:0 / Abstain:0 / Recuse:0 / Ineligible:0

25 2308 Pisani Place

Description:

Committee: Land Use & Planning Committee **On:** 2023-03-02 **Vote:** 7-0-0-0

DEMOLISH (3) DUPLEX STRUCTURES AND CONSTRUCT 8 RESIDENTIAL
CONDOMINIUM UNITS UTILIZING ON AND OFF MENU DENSITY BONUS

Attachments: Plans: <https://www.venicenc.org/assets/documents/5/meeting63fd483b3935a.pdf>

Findings: <https://www.venicenc.org/assets/documents/5/meeting63fd4800c5d44.pdf>

Renderings: <https://www.venicenc.org/assets/documents/5/meeting63fd4800c617a.pdf>

Report: <https://www.venicenc.org/assets/documents/5/meeting63fd4800c8692.pdf>

MOTION:

The VNC Board of Officers recommends approval of the project as presented.

Maker:

Second:

Voter Tally (0): Yea:0 / Nay:0 / Abstain:0 / Recuse:0 / Ineligible:0

26 4819 Ocean Front Walk

Description:

Committee: Land Use & Planning Committee **On:** 2023-01-26 **Vote:** 6-0-0-0-0

DIR-2022-7644-CDP-SPP REMODEL AND ADDITION TO A TWO-STORY HOUSE, RESULTING IN A THREE-STORY DWELLING WITH A ROOFTOP DECK AND ROOF ACCESS STRUCTURE

Attachments: Planning:<https://planning.lacity.org/pdiscaseinfo/caseid/MjYxOTM30>

MOTION:

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Maker:

Second:

Voter Tally (0): Yea:0 / Nay:0 / Abstain:0 / Recuse:0 / Ineligible:0

27 New Business

28 REQUEST FOR DETAILED SPREAD SHEET AND Reconciliation OF THE 7/1/2022 to 4/13/2023 VNC EXPENDITURES

Description:

Stakeholder: CJ Cole **Dated:** 2023-04-13

WHEREAS, the VNC Election voter turnout in 2119 was about 1700 and in 2021 was over 1900; and WHEREAS, the voter turnout for the March 26th Election was approximately 970; and WHEREAS there is a lack of detailed information on the actual election expenditures that is necessary for evaluation and recommendations for future election budgeting:

MOTION:

Now, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, the Treasurer shall immediately provide an accurate spreadsheet of all VNC expenditures-to-date (along with all anticipated future expenditures) for this fiscal year 2022-2023. The spreadsheet shall have the following columns: 1] Date of Invoice, 2] Date of Payment by LA City, 3] Vendor Name, 4] Invoice Amount, 5] thorough and specific Description of Item Purchased, and [6 Expense Category. (Expense category shall be Elections (including all election-related expenditures), Outreach (for other than elections), Office, NPG, CIP.) Should an invoice include multiple items the invoices shall be separated on to multiple lines. This spreadsheet shall be independent of the "Running Budget" on the VNC website. Additionally, this spreadsheet shall be independently reconciled with the DONE data.

Maker:

Second:

Voter Tally (0): Yea:0 / Nay:0 / Abstain:0 / Recuse:0 / Ineligible:0

29 Committee Chair Reports

06:44

Standing Committees:

- Budget & Finance

- Land Use & Planning
- Neighborhood
- Ocean Front Walk
- Outreach & Event Planning
- Rules & Selections
- Arts

Ad Hoc Committees:

- Community Resiliency Committee
- Homelessness Committee
- Parking and Transportation Committee
- Venice Arbor Committee
- Discussion Forum Committee
Rev. John Palka, information about new Children's Park located at the Lutheran Church site which was recently opened to public use.
- Preserving Public Places

Election Report: Michael Lynn, Elections@VeniceNC.org

30 Board of Officer Comments, Items not on the Agenda

31 Adjournment

Ending: 9:45

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