



Venice Neighborhood Council

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Joint meeting of Parking and Transportation Committee and Board of Directors – Agenda

Paloma Venice | 600 S Venice Blvd, Venice, CA 90291
06-06-2023
7:00PM

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CALL TO ORDER AND BOARD ROLL CALL 7:00PM

Robert Thibodeau (Chair)	X	Elizabeth Clay	X
Evan Corrigan (Co-Chair)	X	Selena Inouye	X
Alyson Wilson		James Murez (ex-officio)	

APPROVAL of PRIOR MINUTES. Minutes approved

<https://www.venicenc.org/committees/viewCommittee/parking-and-transportation--committee>

GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENT - Comments from the public on non-agenda items within the Board's subject matter jurisdiction. Each speaker will be allowed one (1) minute(s) unless adjusted by the presiding officer of the meeting.. **Comment taken**

COMMITTEE REPORTS (Suggested use only for committees that need to update. The content of the report and/or potential board action should be described)

OLD BUSINESS (*Items considered in prior meeting*)

1. COMMUNITY PLAN AND LAND USE/SPECIFIC PLANS

- a. Item for discussion and possible action:** Discussion of these plans, their impact on Venice, and development of new plans by



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the city. To discuss status of new community plan and format and manner of input into the community plan.

Community Plan - https://planning.lacity.org/odocument/b1ce0423-e344-4dc1-8dfe-3f493eaddf6c/Venice_Community_Plan.pdf; Land Use Plan - <https://planning.lacity.org/odocument/d0a7f30b-87c1-430e-8415-5b5e30d230e7/venluptxt.pdf>

- b. **Public Comment:**
- c. **Committee Discussion:**
- d. **Possible Motion:**

2. VENICE BLVD MOBILITY IMPROVEMENTS

- a. **Item for Discussion:** General discussion for Venice stakeholders to give their input into the design of the project, for the PTC to relay to LADOT/CD11
- b. **Public Comment:**
- c. **Committee Discussions:**
- d. **Possible Motion:**

3. GENERAL LINCOLN BLVD IMPROVEMENTS

- a. **Item for Discussion:** Changes are coming to Lincoln Blvd. The relinquishment from CalTrans and repaving and re-organization of Lincoln Blvd during the Lincoln Fast Forward initiative, presents an opportunity to add in green elements that promote walkability and further increase commuter safety, whatever the mode. Housing and development is also just starting on Lincoln Blvd. Density bonuses, state mandates and incentives will accelerate this transition.

Through these changes, the community has demonstrated a strong interest in the reimagining of Lincoln Boulevard and developing a cohesive plan for its future. This includes some of the following points:



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- Under-grounding power lines / poles to decrease visual blight and allow for large and beneficial trees to be planted.
- Reduce Barriers to Pedestrian Access and Comfort
- Maintain and Improve Vehicle Flow
- Improve and Diversify Landscaping and Tree Canopy
- Enhance Transit Ridership and Efficiency

b. Public Comment:

c. Committee Discussions:

d. Possible Motion:

4. ABBOT KINNEY TRAFFIC CALMING

- a. Traffic slowing on Abbot Kinney between Venice and Washington.
- b. Public Comment:
- c. Committee discussion:
- d. **Motion:** Whereas, for months, members of the community living adjacent to Abbot Kinney Blvd, between Venice and Washington Blvd, have urgently reached out to the PTC requesting traffic calming measures, improved bike infrastructure, and a safer crosswalk and a sidewalk at the intersection of Marr St and Abbot Kinney Blvd, the PTC recommends the VNC approves suggestions of safety improvement measures in this corridor, including:
 - I. Raising the crosswalk at the intersection of Marr St and Abbot Kinney Blvd.
 - II. The filling in of extraneously wide / slip lanes and addition of painted continental crosswalks at the following intersections of Abbot Kinney Blvd, in the following order of priority: Washington Way, Woodlawn Ave., Angelus Pl. and Crestmoore Pl.
 - III. The request for a boundary survey on the east side of the Marr St (just south of Abbot Kinney) to study the possible addition of a sidewalk.
 - IV. The addition of a striped, painted, and buffered, protected or unprotected bike lane.



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In addition, the PTC recommends that the VNC distribute these suggestions to CD11 and LADOT.

Maker
Seconded
Vote: (Yes / No / Abstained / Recused / Ineligible)

NEW BUSINESS: *Same format as old business items above.*

5. Resolution for Reinstatement and Resumption of Enforcement of LAMC 85.02

- a. **Item description:** Vehicle dwelling is proliferating in Venice, with much of it occurring in residential neighborhoods, robbing residents of street parking, especially west of Abbot Kinney Boulevard where many residences and apartments were build before widespread automobile ownership, and hence lack onsite parking. Venice has also seen the return of vehicle owners advertising and renting vehicles parked on city streets, especially vans, for profit. It is long overdue for the city to reinstate the ban on living in vehicles on city streets.
- b. Public Comment: **Comment taken**
- c. Committee discussion: **Discussion had**
- d. **Motion:** Resolution for Reinstatement and Resumption of Enforcement of LAMC 85.02

Whereas, the City of Los Angeles effectively preserved parking and the quiet enjoyment of residential neighborhoods for residents with the adoption and enforcement of LAMC 85.02; and,

Whereas, the city allowed LAMC 85.02 to lapse in January 2020; and,

Whereas, there is now widespread lodging in various vehicles in Venice on residential streets, resulting in loss of parking for residents, and various noxious behavior including dumping of food waste and trash on streets and sidewalks, storage of personal possessions on sidewalks, late night noise, and urinating and defecating on adjacent public and private property; and,



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- e. Whereas, some vehicles used as dwellings on city streets are being advertised and rented for profit by their owners; and Whereas, the city's pandemic emergency order has ended and with it any and all prohibitions on enforcing parking ordinances; Now,

Therefore Be It Resolved, that the Venice Neighborhood Council (VNC) calls upon the Los Angeles City Council to re-adopt LAMC 85.02 with an urgency clause, and to amend LAMC 85.02 at the same time to clarify that if one side of a block is residential then both sides of the street will carry the prohibition on dwelling in a vehicle, and It Is Further Resolved, if citywide enforcement is not obtained, that the VNC calls upon Councilwoman Traci Park to introduce a Venice-specific version of 85.02 to address the widespread incidence of vehicle dwelling in Venice due to its popularity as a beach and tourist destination. SEC. 85.02. REGULATING THE USE OF VEHICLES FOR DWELLING. (Amended by Ord. No. 186,236, Eff. 8/2/19.) A. Use of Vehicles for Dwelling Restricted on City Streets. No person shall use a Vehicle for Dwelling as follows: 1. Between the hours of 9:00 P.M. and 6:00 A.M. on any Residential Street; or 2. At any time within a one Block radius of any edge of a lot containing a park or a licensed school, pre-school or daycare facility. Nothing herein precludes the enforcement of any other laws such as parking restrictions, including, but not limited to, prohibitions on overnight parking. B. Definitions. As used in this section: 1. Block is defined as 500 feet. 2. Dwelling means more than one of the following activities and when it reasonably appears, in light of all the circumstances, that a person is using a vehicle as a place of residence or accommodation: Possessing inside or on a vehicle items that are not associated with ordinary vehicle use, such as a sleeping bag, bedroll, blanket, sheet, pillow, kitchen utensils, cookware, cooking equipment, bodily fluids. Obscuring some or all of the vehicle's windows. Preparing or cooking meals inside or on a vehicle. Sleeping inside a vehicle. 3. Residential Street means any street which adjoins one or more single family or multi-family residentially zoned parcel. 4. Vehicle means any motor vehicle, trailer, house car or trailer coach as defined by the California Vehicle Code. C. Penalty. A first violation of this section shall be punishable as an infraction not to exceed \$25. A second violation of this section shall be punishable as an infraction not to exceed \$50 and all subsequent violations of this section shall punishable as an infraction not to exceed \$75. Violators may be eligible for referral to a prosecutorial-led diversion program such as the Homeless Engagement and Response Team (HEART). D. Sunset Provision. This section shall expire and be deemed to have been repealed on January 1, 2020,



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unless extended by ordinance. E. Severability. If any portion, subsection, sentence, clause or phrase of this section is for any reason held by a court of competent jurisdiction to be invalid, such a decision shall not affect the validity of the remaining portions of this section. The City Council hereby declares that it would have passed this ordinance and each portion or subsection, sentence, clause and phrase herein, irrespective of the fact that any one or more portions, subsections, sentences, clauses or phrases be declared invalid.

Distribution List:

Maker E

Seconded S

Vote: (1 Yes / 1 No / 2 Abstained / Recused / Ineligible)

6. Parking Space Replacement Policy / Department of Transportation Parking Facilities / 25 Spaces or Greater / Transfer / Housing Department / Affordable or Supportive Housing / Los Angeles Administrative Code Sections 22.482(a) and 22.602

Item description: This motion states that when an LADOT parking lot is used to create housing, that the new project isn't mandated to replace the parking that was taken away during the redevelopment. The motion was heard by the full Council and passed on May 23, 2023. The motion was amended by Councilmember Blumenfield, who brought up parking lots in Reseda that are slated to be redeveloped into housing. The amendment states that promises were made to the community that those parking spaces be replaced. This motion is of importance to Venice because of the number of LADOT parking lots in our neighborhoods.

- a. Public Comment: **Comment taken**
- b. Committee discussion: **Discussion had**



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- c. **Motion:** Whereas, the city recently passed CF 23-0360, which allows development of all city owned parking lots without replacing the existing public parking they provided.

Whereas, the developer of the Venice Dell project promised to the Venice community to replace the existing parking as part of their development plans.

- d.
- e. Motion that the VNC express concern via email regarding promises to replace the existing public parking at the Venice Dell site, and that the parking be provided per current plans.

Distribution: Traci Park, Jeff Khau, Gabby Medina, LADOT, BOE

Maker S
 Seconded E
 Vote: (4 Yes / 0 No / 0 Abstained / Recused / Ineligible)

7. “Tow Away No Stopping Any Time” signage removal on Hurricane St, MDR

Item description: There has always been limited parking on hurricane St between Pacific Ave. and the Grand Canal due to the presence of the Venice Pumping Plant (VPP). Based upon a request made by a MDR resident who DOES NOT live on Hurricane St (and therefore is not directly impacted), the City undertook a study and made determination to remove parking from the south side of Hurricane St between Pacific Ave and the alley east of Pacific Ave. There was no community notification or input. Further, there have not been any recent incidents that would merit this decision. Coincidentally (or not), the city has incorporated plans for a public parking lot on the 128Hurricane St lot as part of the upcoming VAPP project ownership of which they are trying to obtain through eminent domain. There is NO community support for this parking lot. We are concerned that the removal of the street parking will further justify the existence of this parking lot. We seek the VNC’s support with Traci Park and the DOT.

Attachments: DOT Hurrigan Pakring.pdf, Hurricane South+East1.jpg, Hurricane South+East2.jpg, Hurricane South+East3.jpg

- a. Public Comment: **Comment taken**
- b. Committee discussion: **Discussion had**
- c. **Motion:**

Maker E
 Seconded S
 Vote: (4 Yes / 0 No / 0 Abstained / Recused / Ineligible)



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