



# Venice Neighborhood Council

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## Joint Board & Administrative Committee Agenda

Canal Club

2025 Pacific Ave, Venice, 90291

**Monday, July 11, 2016 at 7:00 PM**

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.

1. **Call to Order and Roll Call**
2. **Approval of the Administrative Committee Agenda**
3. **Approval of outstanding Administrative Committee minutes**  
<http://www.venicenc.org/wp-content/uploads/2012/12/160621BoardMinutesfinal.pdf>
4. **Announcements & Public Comment on items not on the Agenda**
5. **Old Administrative Committee Business**  
*[Discussion and possible action.]*
6. **New Administrative Committee Business**  
*[Discussion and possible action.]*
  - A. **MOTION:** The Administrative Committee shall nominate Community Officers as chairs for the following Standing Committees:  
*Rules & Elections*  
*Education*  
*Arts*  
*Ocean Front Walk*
  - B. Create Adhoc committee.  
**MOTION:** The Administrative Committee shall approve the Mission Statements for the following Adhoc Committees:  
  
New applicants may come to AdCom with mission statement for committees they want to create. After approval of the statement it shall be sent to the Board to create the Committee. The President will then appoint the Committee Chair.
  - C. Discussion on the procedure for picking up the mail and logging it in.
  - D. **Consideration and approval of July 19, 2016 Proposed Board Agenda**
7. **Adjourn**



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## **Draft Board of Officers Meeting Agenda** Westminster Elementary School (Auditorium) 1010 Abbot Kinney Blvd, Venice, 90291 **Tuesday, July 19, 2016 at 7:00 PM**

**BOARD MEETINGS:** The Venice Neighborhood Council holds its regular meetings on the third Tuesday of the month and may also call any additional required special meetings in accordance with its Bylaws and the Brown Act. All are welcome to attend.

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**COMMUNITY IMPACT STATEMENTS:** Any action taken by the Board may result in the filing of a related CIS

**DISABILITY POLICY:** See last page.

**ALL AGENDA TIMES ARE APPROXIMATE AND SUBJECT TO CHANGE ON THE NIGHT OF THE MEETING.**

1. **Call to Order and Roll Call (7:00PM – 1 minute)**

Update: Erin Darling and Sonny Bak only outstanding Ethics and Financial Training  
[www.empowerla.org/vnc](http://www.empowerla.org/vnc)

2. **Pledge Of Allegiance (7:01PM -- 1 minute)**

3. **Approval of Outstanding Board minutes (7:02PM – 1 minute)**

<http://www.venicenc.org/wp-content/uploads/2012/12/160621BoardMinutesfinal.pdf>

4. **Approval of the Agenda (7:32PM – 1 minute)**

5. **Closing of nominations for LUPC and Neighborhood Committee applicants**

6. **Declaration of Ex Parte Communications or Conflicts-Of-Interest (7:33PM -- 1 minute)**

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

7. **Scheduled Announcements and Presentations (7:34PM – 30 minutes)**

A **Public Safety - LAPD Report (10 minutes):** Senior Lead Officers Peggy Thusing (25120@lapd.lacity.org), Kristan Delatori ([32914@lapd.lacity.org](mailto:32914@lapd.lacity.org)), Gregg Jacobus, [35162@lapd.lacity.org](mailto:35162@lapd.lacity.org), Lt. Lydia Leos [23216@lapd.lacity.org](mailto:23216@lapd.lacity.org) , OFW Beach Detail Supervisor. *Includes a monthly Venice crime report and updates on law enforcement issues in Venice.*



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- B** **Government Reports (15 minutes)** (Representatives have standing place on the agenda, but are not always available to attend)
- City Councilmember Mike Bonin, Field Deputy, Taylor Bazley, 310-568-8772 ([taylor.bazley@lacity.org](mailto:taylor.bazley@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 Fernando Morales, 310-318-6994 ([fernando.morales@sen.ca.gov](mailto:fernando.morales@sen.ca.gov))
  - State Assemblyperson Autumn Burke, Rep TBD, 310-412-6400
  - LA County Supervisor Sheila Kuehl Westside Field Deputy Rachel Zaiden, 213-974-3333 ([rzaiden@bos.lacounty.gov](mailto:rzaiden@bos.lacounty.gov))
  - Mayor Eric Garcetti, Westside Deputy, Daniel Tamm, 213-978-0836 ([Daniel.Tamm@Lacity.org](mailto:Daniel.Tamm@Lacity.org))
- C** **VNC Announcements (10 Minutes)**
- President – Ira Koslow ([President@VeniceNC.org](mailto:President@VeniceNC.org))
  - Vice President – George Francisco ([VicePresident@VeniceNC.org](mailto:VicePresident@VeniceNC.org))
  - Westside Regional Alliance of Councils- Mike Newhouse, WRAC President, ([Chair@westsidecouncils.org](mailto:Chair@westsidecouncils.org)), Ira Koslow, VNC Representatives.
  - Los Angeles Neighborhood Council Coalition (LANCC) Ivan Spiegel ([Parliamentarian@VeniceNC.org](mailto:Parliamentarian@VeniceNC.org))
  - VNC Representative to DWP: Dede Audet
  - VNC 2016 Election Committee
  - Report from Mayor's July 5<sup>th</sup> BBQ
- D** **Venice BBQ**  
The 10th Annual Venice Community BBQ and Picnic will be held on Saturday, July 30 at Oakwood Park from 12-4. We will be cooking the meat and stakeholders are invited to bring potluck side dishes. Volunteers are needed.
- 8.** **Treasurer's Report (8:04PM-10 minutes)** (Hugh Harrison on behalf of Budget & Finance Committee ([Treasurer@VeniceNC.org](mailto:Treasurer@VeniceNC.org))  
*[Discussion and possible action]* **[EXHIBITS]**
- A** **MOTION:** The Venice Neighborhood Council approves the Monthly Expenditure Reports for July 2016. Recommended by Budget and Finance Committee on July 5, 2016 [3-0- 0].
- B** **MOTION:** The Venice Neighborhood Council shall authorize \$250.00 for a table at the Abbot Kinney Festival to be held on September 25, 2016. Recommended by Budget and Finance Committee on July 5, 2016 [3-0- 0].
- 9.** **Announcements & Public Comment on items not on the Agenda (8:14PM -- 10 minutes)**  
*[No more than 1 minute per person – no Board member announcements permitted]*



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## 10. **New Board Administrative Business (8:24PM - 60 minutes)**

*[Discussion and possible action]*

### **A Selection of Standing Committee Chairs (10 minutes)**

**MOTION:** The VNC Board shall approve Standing Committee chairs as nominated by the Administrative Committee for the following Standing Committees:

*Rules & Elections*

*Education*

*Arts*

*Ocean Front Walk*

### **B Renewal of Ad Hoc Committees (20 minutes)**

(These committees may be renewed for a period of up to one year or until the seating of a new Board, whichever is shorter. Committees requesting renewal shall make a brief presentation on their accomplishments over the past year and the reason they need more time to achieve their mission)

**MOTION:** The VNC Board shall renew the following Ad Hoc committees for a period of up to one year:

1- Discussion Forum

2- Mass, Scale, and Character

Following renewal, Ad Hoc committee chairs shall be appointed by the President.

### **C MOTION: The VNC shall create an AdHoc Cityhood Committee with the following Mission Statement as approved by the Administrative Committee:**

### **D Select members of Land Use And Planning Committee (5 minutes)**

**MOTION:** The VNC Board shall select the members of the Land Use and Planning Committee from submitted applications.

*Applications received before the end of the AdCom meeting on July 11, 2016, were posted on the VNC Web page. Applications received after that date were distributed at the beginning of this meeting.*

**LUPC Application:** <http://www.venicenc.org/vnc-lupc-selection/>

**LUPC Applicants :** (Link to follow after AdCom)

### **E Select members of Neighborhood Committee (5 minutes)**

**MOTION:** The VNC Board shall select the members of the Neighborhood Committee from submitted applications.

*Applications received before the end of the AdCom meeting on July 11, 2016, will be posted on the VNC Web page. Applications received after that date will be presented at the beginning of this board meeting.*

**NHC Application:** <http://www.venicenc.org/neighborhood-committee-selection-2014/>

**NHC Applicants ( Link to follow after AdCom)**



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## **F** Selection of Board members authorized to file Community Impact Statements

**MOTION:** The VNC Board shall select up to 3 Board members who may file community impact statements on behalf of the Board. (2 selected at June board meeting)

## **G** VNC Assignments and Appointments (15 minutes)

1. **Logistics:** Volunteer appointments for facility booking, break down meetings; set up VNC sound system; setup laptop and projector, caterer; provide Board meeting equipment and materials; agenda posting; timekeeper; etc.
  2. **Legislative and Public Works Monitors** (Board Appointment)
  3. **Committees:** Board members serve on a minimum of one Standing Committee and to serve on and/or chair other committees.
  4. **Homeless liaison** (Board Appointment)
11. **General Consent Calendar (9:24PM -- 2 minute)**  
*[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.]*
12. **Land Use and Planning Committee (LUPC) Consent Calendar (9:26 PM -- 2 minutes)**  
*[All agenda items on the Land Use and Planning Committee (LUPC) Consent Calendar will pass when the LUPC 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 agenda item 11. Land Use and Planning Committee and will be treated as regular LUPC agenda items, with discussion and public comment]*
13. **Old Business [Discussion and possible action] (9:28PM -- 0 minutes)**
14. **LUPC (9:28PM – 0 minutes)** Matthew Royce on behalf of LUPC, (Chair-lupc@VeniceNC.org)  
*[Discussion and possible action]*  
*[Placeholder]*
15. **New Business (PM – 10 minutes)**  
*[Discussion and possible action]*
- A. Opposition Use of the Westminster Senior Center for Storage.** (Mark Ryavec)  
**MOTION:** Whereas, the Councilman of Los Angeles City Council District 11 has introduced a Motion (CF 15-1138 S-8) to convert the Westminster Senior Center at 1234 Pacific Avenue for use as storage for the possessions of persons who are homeless; and  
Whereas, this facility is in a public park, and adjacent to an elementary school and scores of residences; and  
Whereas, the majority of the residents residing near this facility are opposed to this use; and  
Whereas, many parents of children attending Westminster Elementary School are also opposed to this use; and



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Whereas, there have been no public hearings on this conversion; and  
Whereas, the City of Los Angeles is legally prohibited from this use of the property by a restriction to the property's deed recorded by the Los Angeles Superior Court on July 5, 1950, which limits the use to public playground and recreation uses, and  
Whereas, the proposed use is illegal under recently adopted amendments to Los Angeles Municipal Code 63.44, which state at B. 26 (f):

*Removal of Stored Personal Property; Discarding of Stored Personal Property.*

*(1) No Person shall Store Personal Property in any Park.*

*(2) All Stored Personal Property remaining in any Park after closing may be removed by the City.*

and,

Whereas, the use of a large storage container at the Venice Beach Paddle Tennis Courts has proved the efficacy of using such a container for storage use; and

Whereas, several other options exist for storage which will not impact a neighborhood park, an elementary school and adjacent residents, including the former MTA bus yard, which could be rented by a non-profit such as Chrysalis and out-fitted with containers, and private storage facilities, e.g. Stor It Self Storage at 4068 Del Rey Ave, Marina Del Rey, CA 90292, which is located next to industrial and commercial uses, not a school, park and residences; and

Whereas, enforcement of the new versions of LAMC 63.44 (prohibition of storage in parks) and LAMC 56.11 (limits on storage on sidewalks) will necessitate City storage for abandoned property, prohibited bulky items, and illegally stored property; now

Therefore, be it resolved, that the Venice Neighborhood Council opposes the use of the Westminster Senior Center at 1234 Pacific Avenue for use as storage; and

Further, the Venice Neighborhood Council calls upon the Councilman of District 11 to secure storage facilities at least 300 feet from any residences or parks for the proposed storage use identified in CF 15-1138 S8 and for abandoned and other property acquired by the City under LAMC 56.11 and LAMC 63.44 and when operational to relocate the stored items at the Venice Beach Paddle Tennis Courts to the new location to remove them from proximity to residences and their location in park, which now violates LAMC 63.44.

## **B. Adhere to Oxford Triangle Neighborhood Study for Future Use of Thatcher Yard** (Steve Freedman)

**MOTION:** Whereas, the City-owned Thatcher Yard operated in the heart of the Oxford Triangle for decades; and

Whereas, even at full capacity the Yard was only open about 50 hours per week and was closed every night, weekends, and holidays; and

Whereas, City operations on the Yard were a minimal generator of noise and traffic; and

Whereas, any residential development on the site will generate far more traffic throughout the day and night through the Oxford Triangle neighborhood than city operations did; and

Whereas, in 1988 Oxford Triangle residents participated in the Oxford Triangle Neighborhood Study as part of the Venice Neighborhood Study Presentation Workshop, which was sponsored by the District Council Office and City Planning Department and contributed to Development Standards and the Local Coastal Program for Venice; and

Whereas, the Oxford Triangle Neighborhood Study was completed and presented on November 5, 1988, and states under Zoning preferences that: 'The City Maintenance Yard and other City owned lots must be zoned for single-family homes if the City decided to abandon operations at the site (Section 1, on Page 10, Item 16); and



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Whereas, the industrial property at the southeast end of the Oxford Triangle was rezoned C4-OX-2D in the 1980s to allow high-density residential development, approximately 1800 units of condominiums and apartments in six high rise developments were built on that property since that time, which increased the density of the Oxford Triangle five fold; and

Whereas, in 2010 the City of Los Angeles held a series of public meetings to advise the community of its plans for the Thatcher Yard and take public input, and at that time City representatives stated that the City intended to demolish the existing structures and replace them with new structures, which would allow the City to resume maintenance operations from the site; and

Whereas, it will be difficult for the City to acquire additional Westside property of a similar size or to rezone such property due to community opposition for use by City departments for maintenance operations in Venice and adjoining City districts such as Mar Vista and Del Rey; and

Whereas, the proposed 2016-17 City budget identifies the Yard for either sale (with the proceeds going to fund homeless housing) or for development of homeless serving housing at the Yard; and

Whereas, the City has taken steps to pre-qualify developers to bid to build high density apartments to house the homeless on this site in contradiction to the 1988 Neighborhood Study's commitment to single family residential zoning; and

Whereas, there have been no public hearings in Venice or by the Venice Neighborhood Council on the proposal to use the Yard for homeless housing or to sell it to generate funds to build homeless housing elsewhere; and

Whereas, the buildings on the site have now been demolished; and

Whereas, the Triangle's existing single family residential neighborhood is a low rise oasis prized by residents for its lack of traffic and noise, and residents purchased homes in the Oxford Triangle in some measure due to these qualities; now

Therefore, be it resolved, that the Venice Neighborhood Council calls upon Mayor Eric Garcetti and Councilman Mike Bonin to honor the results of the 1988 Oxford Triangle Neighborhood Study; i.e., to either landbank the Yard until such time as the City chooses to rebuild on the site to house various City maintenance operations or rezone the property to R1 status to match the adjoining single family residential zoning and then sell the property.

**16. Board Member Comments on subject matters within the VNC jurisdiction (PM - 5 minutes)**

**17. Adjourn (approx. PM)**

**List of Venice Neighborhood Council Committees & Chairs – Volunteers Welcome**

Administrative	Ira Koslow	Discussion Forum	
Neighborhood	George Francisc o	Mass/Scale/Character	
Outreach	Matthew Kline	2015/16 Election	Elizabeth Wright, Ivan Spiegel
Land Use and Planning	Matthew Royce		
Budget & Finance	Hugh Harrison		
Education			
Rules & Selections			
Arts			
Ocean Front Walk			





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