



Venice Neighborhood Council

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Joint Board & Administrative Committee Agenda

Canal Club

2025 Pacific Ave, Venice, 90291

Monday, February 9th, 2015 at 7:00 PM

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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/2012/05/150112AdComMinutes.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 **Consideration and approval of February 17th, 2015 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, February 17th, 2015 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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1. **Call to Order and Roll Call (7:00PM – 1 minute)**

Thank you to Whole Foods, Abbot's Habit, and Jessica Blumenthal for the food and refreshments.

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/2012/12/150120BoardMinutes.pdf>

4. **Approval of the Board Agenda (7:03PM – 1 minute)**

5. **Declaration of Ex Parte Communications or Conflicts-Of-Interest (7:04PM -- 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 (7:05PM – 27 minutes)**

A Public Safety - LAPD Report (5 minutes): Senior Lead Officers Peggy Thusing (25120@lapd.lacity.org), Kristan Delatori (32914@lapd.lacity.org), Gregg Jacobus, 35162@lapd.lacity.org, Lt. Lydia Leos 23216@lapd.lacity.org, OFW Beach Detail Supervisor. *Includes a monthly Venice crime report and updates on law enforcement issues in Venice.*

B Government Reports (15 minutes) (Representatives have standing place on the agenda, but are not always available to attend)

- City Councilmember Mike Bonin, Cecilia Castillo, Field Deputy, Cecilia.Castillo@lacity.org (310-568-8772)
- Congressman Ted Lieu, Representative Janet Turner



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- State Senator Ben Allen, Representative Sam Liu 310-318-6994
- State Assemblyperson Autumn Burke, Rep Odusseys Bostick 310.412.6400
- LA County Supervisor Sheila Kuehl
- Mayor Eric Garcetti, Westside Deputy, Daniel Tamm, (Daniel.Tamm@Lacity.org) 213-978-0836

C VNC Announcements (5 Minutes)

- President - Mike Newhouse (President@VeniceNC.org)
- Vice President Marc Saltzberg (VicePresident@VeniceNC.org)
- Westside Regional Alliance of Councils- Mike Newhouse, WRAC President, Marc Saltzberg, VNC Representatives. (Chair@westsidecouncils.org),
- Los Angeles Neighborhood Council Coalition (LANCC) Ivan Spiegel (Parliamentarian@VeniceNC.org)
- VNC Representative to DWP: Dede Audet
- Venice Chamber Of Commerce: Catherine Chevalier, President VCC (Catherine@notmaurice.com)

D Green Venice Expo Town Hall (Sylvia Aroth chair.outreach@venincenc.org)

Actor and Sustainable Green Activist Ed Begley, Jr. will serve as the keynote speaker at the first annual Green Venice Expo to be held Saturday, February 28th from 12 noon till 6pm at the Mark Twain Middle School located at 2224 Walgrove Avenue, Venice. WHOLE FOODS of Venice located on Lincoln Boulevard will serve as the event's primary sponsor.

E Airport Committee Report on Environmental Impact (10 minutes) (Abigail Myers abigail.myers@venicenc.org)

F Mass, Scale and Character Presentation (Sue Kaplan chair.massandscale@venicenc.org)

The Committee request 30 minutes to make a presentation at the February meeting on Mass, Scale and Character. This will be an informational presentation to help people understand what these three principles are and their relationship to the planning documents applicable to the Venice Coastal Zone.

G VCH – AMCOE Presentation (Kendelle Matheny kmatheny@vchcorp.org)

Venice Community Housing has been tasked with doing community outreach regarding a change in how gas meters are read. This change will affect everyone in the state of California, and VCH will be working to ensure all Venice residents are aware of this change.

7. General Consent Calendar (7:32PM -- 1 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.]

8. Land Use and Planning Committee (LUPC) Consent Calendar (7:33 PM -- 1 minute)

[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



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9. Announcements & Public Comment on items not on the Agenda (7:34PM -- 10 minutes)
[No more than 1 minute per person – no Board member announcements permitted]

10. Old Business *[Discussion and possible action]*

11. LUPC (7:44PM – 40 minutes) (Robin Rudisill on behalf of LUPC,
Chair-lupc@VeniceNC.org) *[Discussion and possible action]*

A ACTIVE CASES PENDING STATUS ON MELLO DETERMINATIONS:

1 635 San Juan Ave (3 units); Oakwood Subarea—*Condos conversion case? Change to 2 units? 3 units deemed Affordable by Housing. Pending Mello determination by City Planning*
ZA-2014-2514-CDP and ENV-2014-2515-CE

CITY HEARING TOOK PLACE ON DECEMBER 18, 2014

Project Description: Demo 3 apt. units & replace with 3 condo units, RD1.5-1 zone

LUPC Staff: Mark Kleiman and Gabriel Ruspini

Applicant: TBD

MOTION: The VNC Board recommends 3 units deemed affordable by HCID

2 627 Oxford Ave (SFD); Southeast Venice Subarea—*pending HCID Mello review—Determination Letter issued on January 23, 2015, Appeal period expires 2/6/15, Mello letter emailed to us on January 28, 2015, 5 days after the City's Determination letter was issued.*

ZA-2014-2141-CDP and ENV-2014-2142-CE and DIR-2014-4314-VSO-MEL (11/18/14)

CITY HEARING TOOK PLACE ON NOVEMBER 25, 2014

Project Description: Demo SFD/construct new 3-story SFD w/att 2-car (on lift) garage, & Mello determination, R1-1 zone

LUPC Staff: Robert Aronson & Mehrnoosh Mojalalli

Applicant: Matthew Royce

3 625 Oxford Ave (SFD); Southeast Venice Subarea—*pending HCID Mello review—Determination Letter issued on January 23, 2015, Appeal period expires 2/6/15, Mello letter emailed to us on January 28, 2015, 5 days after the City's Determination letter was issued.*

ZA-2014-2137-CDP and ENV-2014-2138-CE and DIR-2014-4316-VSO-MEL (11/18/14)

CITY HEARING TOOK PLACE ON NOVEMBER 25, 2014

Project Description: Demo SFD/construct new 2-story SFD over basement w/att 2-car (on lift) garage & 1 uncovered parking, & Mello determination, R1-1 zone

LUPC Staff: Robert Aronson & Mehrnoosh Mojalalli

Applicant: Matthew Royce



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MOTION: The VNC Board recommends approval of the project in substantial conformance with the plans marked as "Exhibit A," pending receipt of the HCID Mello Act determination that no affordable units exist on the premises, by the time the ZA opinion is issued. If the determination is not timely received or if it is determined that affordable units exist on the premises, the VNC recommends denial of the project.

4 **710 California Ave (SFD)**; Milwood Subarea **PENDING MELLO REVIEW & RECEIPT OF DOCS**
ZA-2014-2135-CDP

CITY HEARING TOOK PLACE ON NOVEMBER 20, 2014

Project Description: Demo/new 3-story SFD

LUPC Staff: Todd Darling & Maury Ruano

Applicant: Matthew Royce

Postponed at December Board meeting until January Board meeting at request of LUPC Chair. Also postponed in January.

B **29-47 Windward (surface parking lot)**; North Venice Subarea
ZA-2014-3650-CDP and ENV-2014-3651-CE

CASE NOT YET SCHEDULED FOR CITY HEARING

Project Description: add 30 automated/hydraulic car lifts (11'9.75" X 8'3" and 14' high, including auto height) to a surface beach parking lot, increasing capacity of lot from 38 to 68 spaces, Dual Permit Jurisdiction Coastal Zone, C2 zone.

Applicant: Clare Bronowski & Dillon Johnson

LUPC Staff: Kathleen Rawson & Gabriel Ruspini

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

Approved by LUPC on 12/4/14 by a vote 3-2-1 (RD/MM)

The LUPC Chair would like the Board to note: the Chair broke a 2-2 tie, resulting in LUPC recommendation for approval of the project.)

<http://www.venicenc.org/29-47-windward-ave/>

C **2815 Ocean Front Walk (SFD)**, North Venice Subarea
APCW-2014-3157-SPE-SPP-CDP and ENV-2014-3158-EAF

CITY HEARING: not yet scheduled

Project Description: Legalize conversion of existing storage space to 3rd dwelling unit, in the Dual Permit Jurisdiction Coastal Zone, RD1.5-1-0 zone

Applicant: Henry Ramirez & Joey Alarcon

LUPC Staff: Gabriel Ruspini

MOTION: The VNC Board recommends approval of the conversion of an existing storage space to a third dwelling unit, on the condition that the proposed third unit be set aside in perpetuity as an affordable unit.



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Approved by LUPC on 1/27/15 by a vote of 7-0-0 (GR/KR)

D **417 Washington Blvd (CUB for existing restaurant, “Le Celier”)**, Southeast Venice Subarea
ZA-2014-3998-CUB and ENV-2014-3999-CE

CITY HEARING: not yet scheduled

Project Description: Sale of full line of alcohol in conjunction with an existing restaurant

Applicant: Mark Van Gessel

LUPC Staff: Mehrnoosh Mojallali

MOTION: The VNC Board recommends approval of this request to upgrade on-site sales of beer and wine to a full line of alcoholic beverages, in conjunction with an existing full-service restaurant.
Approved by LUPC on 1/27/15 by a vote of 7-0-0 (MM/TD)

E **75 Windward Ave (CUP for WTF)**, North Venice Subarea
ZA-2014-3979-CUW and ENV-2014-3980-CE

CITY HEARING: not yet scheduled

Project Description: Conditional use for new rooftop unmanned wireless telecommunications facility (WTF). Project height = ??.

Applicant: Lena Mik, rep for Verizon Wireless

LUPC Staff: Kathleen Rawson

MOTION: The VNC Board recommends upholding the recommendation to deny the project at 1515 Pacific Ave “as according to the Venice Land Use Plan this building is within the boundaries of the Windward Historic Arcade, which has been identified as a significant architectural and cultural landmark in the Venice Coastal Zone and as such the WTF screens should be moved to a location where they cannot be seen from the street,” made by the VNC Board on October 21, 2014, as this project for 75 Windward Ave is for the same proposal, in the same location, but is using a different street address.

Approved by LUPC on 2/3/15 by a vote of 8-0-0 (KR/MK)

<http://www.venicenc.org/1515-pacific-ave/>

F **Land Use & Planning Process Recommendation re. Coastal Commission**

MOTION: The Venice Neighborhood Council Board requests that the Coastal Commission treat the VNC as an “interested party” and provide the VNC all Venice-related:

1. CDP’s issued,
2. CDP exemption, revocation and any other decision/opinion/approval letters,
3. Notice of the start and end of Coastal Commission appeal periods for City CDP determinations and City CDP exemptions (CEX) received by the Coastal Commission (these are not trackable as there appears to be no deadline being followed by the City in submitting these determinations and exemptions to the Coastal Commission), and
4. CDP and Administrative permit applications, directly to the VNC President, the VNC Vice-President



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and the Land Use and Planning Committee Chair, upon receipt, issuance or approval, by both email and U.S. mail, at the email and postal addresses as per the then-current VNC website.

Approved by LUPC on 2/3/15 by a vote of 8-0-0 (RR/MK)

G Land Use & Planning Process Recommendation re. City Planning

MOTION: The Venice Neighborhood Council Board requests that City Planning (including specifically the Advisory Agency as well as all other Departments of City Planning) treat the VNC as an “interested party” and provide the VNC all Venice-related:

1. City Planning Notices,
2. Case documents and related correspondence,
3. Determinations (including Exhibits),
4. Environmental Reports, and
5. Other official Policy Planning, including Local Coastal Plan (LCP), related, reports or correspondence, directly to the VNC President, the VNC Vice-President and the Land Use and Planning Committee Chair, upon receipt, issuance or approval, by both email and U.S. mail, at the email and postal addresses as per the then-current VNC website.

Approved by LUPC on 2/3/15 by a vote of 8-0-0 (RR/RA)

12. New Business (8:34PM – 35 minutes)

[Discussion and possible action]

A Create Standing Rule 30: Records Retention Policy Ira Koslow for REC (ira.koslow@venicenc.org)

MOTION: Standing Rule 30: Motion: Paper records of the VNC do not need to be retained for more than five years. Approved by REC on 2/2/15 2-0-0 (HH/IK)

B Support for Council File 14-1624 – Report on Process of Community Improvement Projects Marc Saltzberg on behalf of Western Regional Alliance of Councils (WRAC) (VicePresident@venicenc.org)

MOTION: The Venice Neighborhood Council supports Council File 14-1624 (<http://cityclerk.lacity.org/lacityclerkconnect/index.cfm?fa=ccfi.viewrecord&cfnumber=14-1624>), which asks that the Public Works department, with assistance from DOT, Planning, CA, DONE, CAO and CLA, be instructed to present a report setting ways and means by which the City may best serve community organizations seeking to undertake community improvement projects. The report should include but not be limited to a discussion of the following key elements: establishing a single point of contact for inquires and technical assistance, identifying efficiencies and streamlining of all existing processes and permits, resolution of liability responsibilities which can hinder volunteer efforts, and outreach strategy for stakeholder input.



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- C** **Support for Support for Council File 14-1738 – Report by LAPD on Body-Worn Cameras** Marc Saltzberg on behalf of Western Regional Alliance of Councils (WRAC) (VicePresident@venicenc.org)

MOTION: The Venice Neighborhood Council supports Council File 14-1738 (<http://cityclerk.lacity.org/lacityclerkconnect/index.cfm?fa=ccfi.viewrecord&cfnumber=14-1738>) asking that the Police Department (LAPD) report on the status of its plan to issue body-worn cameras to LAPD Officers. The report should include the results of the pilot program in Central Division, information on what vendor will be selected to provide the cameras, the purchase and implementation timeline, and information on how the Department will deploy the cameras across the City and

- D** **Denial of Martin Cadillac Project** Marc Saltzberg on behalf of Western Regional Alliance of Councils (WRAC) (VicePresident@venicenc.org)

MOTION: The Venice Neighborhood Council does not support the Martin Cadillac project, located at 12101 W Olympic Blvd, Case number ENV-2012-3063-EIR, proposing 516 dwelling units, 67,000 sq ft of retail floor area, and 200,000 sq ft of creative office floor area as presented in the DEIR (<http://cityplanning.lacity.org/EIR/MartinExpoTownCenter/DEIR/index.html>).

Project Description: The Project proposes removal of all existing structures, and constructing a total of 807,200 square feet of new development (approximately 707,801 net new square feet after removal of 99,399 square feet of existing buildings). The Project would also create 26 lots (airspace lots). The maximum height of any building in the project would be 160 feet. With a net lot area of 206,563 square feet, the proposed 807,200 square feet of floor area would create an FAR of 3.91:1. The Site contains the Martin Cadillac dealership, which consists of surface parking, a service building with rooftop parking, and a dealership/office building. The buildings total approximately 99,399 square feet and the dealership provides approximately 611 parking spaces, most of which are occupied by for-sale vehicles. The buildings were built in approximately 1975 and are approximately 39 years old. The buildings are a mix of 1- and 2-story brick buildings. The 2-story portion functions as the main office and showroom and is located at the prominent corner of Olympic Boulevard and Bundy Drive. The Project is seeking land use equivalency (LUEP) and design flexibility programs (based on equivalent environmental impacts) with a base plan (Conceptual Plan) of 516 residential condominium units (540,200 gross square feet), 67,000 square feet of retail floor area, 200,000 square feet of creative office floor area, and associated subterranean parking. The proposed uses may also include an auto showroom for the dealership. The maximum density allowed at the Project Site under the proposed zoning is 516 units. The Conceptual Plan proposes 516 units, with an average unit size of 834 square feet, for a net residential area of 430,570 square feet.

The Project, as described, is a Conceptual Plan that has been formulated as an illustration of how the Project may be configured, including the uses, locations, massing, and orientation of buildings on the Project Site. The Conceptual Plan illustrates how the Project Site may be developed, although the specific location, number, and orientation of the proposed buildings would be subject to future market conditions. The proposed Design Flexibility Program allows the analysis to consider other development programs. Thus, the Conceptual Plan is not the only development scenario that would be possible, provided that certain criteria are satisfied.

The Project would include an LUEP to allow development flexibility of the Project's land uses and floor areas, so the Project could, if necessary, respond to the changing market demands of the Southern California economy. However at no time shall the project exceed 807,200 square feet of new development, or 516 residential units, as illustrated in the conceptual plan and the LUEP.



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E **Support for Council File 15-0026 – Development Conditions Database** Marc Saltzberg (VicePresident@venicenc.org)

MOTION: The Venice Neighborhood Council support Council File 15-0026 (<http://cityclerk.lacity.org/lacityclerkconnect/index.cfm?fa=ccfi.viewrecord&cfnumber=15-0026>) asking that a Development Conditions database be developed and maintained. A Development Conditions Database could be an online, searchable public portal for information on approved projects and developments. The database could have a separate entry for each address or project, with separate hyperlinks for each condition or requirement, providing details on the condition, contact information for the agency or employee responsible for monitoring compliance, dates of inspections, and .pdf files of all certified compliance reports. Such a database would give the public an easy way to discover and track conditions, would create transparency, and would make it easier for city departments to track and record their compliance reviews.

F **Support for Council File 15-0020 – Collecting Fees Related to Condition Compliance** Marc Saltzberg (VicePresident@venicenc.org)

MOTION: The Venice Neighborhood Council supports Council File 15-0020 (<http://cityclerk.lacity.org/lacityclerkconnect/index.cfm?fa=ccfi.viewrecord&cfnumber=15-0020>) asking that the Planning Department to report back in 45 days on the best practices of other jurisdictions, including the County of Los Angeles, to ensure proper resource allocation for condition inspections and enforcement AND further asks that the Council instruct the Planning Department, in consultation with the City Attorney, and any other appropriate City department, bureau, or agency, to work cooperatively to propose a method by which inspection fees related to condition compliance are required and collected by the City prior to the release of any final approval of a projects. Additional requirements are frequently placed on development projects through conditions of approval. "...often these conditions go overlooked because of the City's lack of resources to enforce its own conditions. On 01/06/2015, the Los Angeles Times published an article, "In L.A., Conditions Placed on Developers Go Unheeded (<http://www.latimes.com/local/cityhall/la-me-development-ignored-20150105-story.html#page=1>)," that spoke to the need for additional fees to cover the expense of allocating more staff to inspect and enforce the conditions of approval on the City's many projects. In other jurisdictions, such as Los Angeles County, conditions of approval specify the number of inspections required over the duration of the grant term necessary to ensure proper compliance with the conditions of approval. The conditions also obligate an applicant to cover the cost of such inspections. This approach ensures that the City has the resources it needs to enforce commitments made to the community, and helps to keep neighborhoods first.

G **Support for Markers Identifying the Location of Historic Venice Canals** Dennis Hathaway (venicedd@gmail.com), Marc Saltzberg on behalf of Neighborhood Committee (VicePresident@venicenc.org)

MOTION: The Neighborhood Committee approves the concept of installing markers (plaques/signage) showing the location of the Venice Canals that have been paved over and recommends that a VNC Ad Hoc Committee be formed to investigate, work with the city and other groups (such as the Venice Chamber of Commerce, Venice Historical Society and Venice Heritage Foundation) and participate in implementing the idea.



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- H** **Support for Cushy Tushy Diaper Drive** Nancy Feinberg (nanraef@aol.com); Marc Saltzberg on behalf of the Neighborhood Committee (VicePresident@venicenc.org)
- MOTION:** The Neighborhood Committee of the VNC recommends that the VNC Board agree to be a sponsor of the Cushy Tushy Diaper Drive. Nancy Feinberg and Faith Spelbring of First Lutheran Venice are planning a diaper drive on Saturday, May 2 in front of First Lutheran Venice at 815 Venice Blvd 10-1. They will be accepting diaper donations and distributing them to local Venice organizations that have a client population that would be in need of this service. All recipients will need to submit an application specifying the needs of their clientele and be approved.
Approved by NHC on 1/29 by a vote of: 12-0-1
- I** **Bike Path Illumination and Widening** (Melissa Diner on behalf of the Ocean Front Walk Committee melissa.diner@venicenc.org)
- MOTION:** Whereas, the bike path is currently unsafe, hazardous and injury prone, the Venice Neighborhood Council supports the widening of the bike path and the implementation of lighting including glow in the dark, box dots, striping etc. on the bike path.
Approved by OFW 6-0-0 Shelly Motion, Gail second
- J** **Free Speech Zone OFW** Melissa Diner (on behalf of the Ocean Front Walk Committee melissa.diner@venicenc.org)
- MOTION:** Wheres the westside of the boardwalk is designated the “ Free Speech Zone, the Venice Neighborhood Council supports the continued enforcement and community self policing of no commercial vending on the Westside of the Boardwalk from Navy to 17th, known as “the Free Speech Zone.”
Approved by OFW 6-0-0 Gail motion, Shelly second
- K** **Thongs on Venice Beach** Melissa Diner (on behalf of the Ocean Front Walk Committee melissa.diner@venicenc.org)
- MOTION:** The Venice Neighborhood Council supports thongs on Venice Beach.
Ron, second Noel
Approved by OFW 5-0-1
- L** **Online police report implementation** Melissa Diner (melissa.diner@venicenc.org)
- MOTION:** The Venice Neighborhood Council recommends that the city of Los Angeles and LAPD immediately implement a way to submit police reports online.
- M** **Removing metal benches Pacific and Windward Ave.** Melissa Diner (on behalf of the Ocean Front Walk Committee melissa.diner@venicenc.org)
- MOTION:** The Venice Neighborhood Council supports the removal of metal benches on either side of Windward and Pacific Ave.
Approved by OFW 3-2-1 See Exhibits.



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N Referral of WIDO proposal to WRAC for Implementation Joseph D Murphy
 (joedmur@gmail.com)

Request Board refer to WRAC the below proposal, which it adopted unanimously at its January 20, 2015 meeting, and encourage WRAC to take responsibility for its implementation:

MOTION: The VNC Board endorses in concept and encourages implementation of the below proposal contained in the Discussion Forum Committee’s VNC Vision Goals Idea Matrix

Idea ↓	Submitted by Joe Murphy (310-305-1444)	Suggested Implementation Strategy	Generated while Brainstorming ↓
Walkability Impact Disclosure Ordinance (WIDO)	Require government departments to prepare & publish a report indicating the impact of their proposed actions on the walkability of the communities in which the actions are to be implemented. Currently, many government departments act without being required to consult a community & without regard to impacts of their actions on community walkability such as: (i) Cutting down trees; (ii) Installing street-lights & telephone poles & bus-stops in sidewalks; (iii) Widening streets; (iv)	Create committee with the necessary expertise to: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Draft & lobby Walkability Impact Disclosure Ordinance (WIDO) into all applicable ordinances • Arrange for easy community monitoring of compliance of all departments with the 	Focus on Children Participation Walkability Diversity Creativity Collaboration Brainstorming

My reasons for submitting this motion are:

1. A recognition that it would be unrealistic for me to assume this responsibility since I do not have the skill sets or the political connections or the time necessary to see this through to a thoughtful conclusion – and I’m assuming that similar limitations apply to my peers and to VNC committee members.
2. Another factor, which I believe argues for the broader involvement which WRAC seems better situated to provide, is the essential need to create a consensus across lines. Failure to do this often results in unproductive short-term decisions and mixed or no effective actions by elected officials.
3. This is a long-term effort and has to anticipate these sorts of problems in order to produce a realistic successful result. The proposal is much more complicated than appears on the surface. **“endorsement in concept”** is a red flag that the item as presented to the board may require significant modifications in order to comply with its intent.

13. Treasurers Report (9:09PM - 10 minutes) (Hugh Harrison on behalf of Budget & Finance Committee, Treasurer@VeniceNC.org) [Discussion and possible action] **[EXHIBIT]**

A **MOTION:** The Venice Neighborhood Council approves the attached Monthly Expenditure Reports for January 2015.
 APPROVED by Budget and Finance Committee 4-0-0 on 2/3/15

14. Board Member Comments on subject matters within the VNC jurisdiction (5 minutes)

15. Adjourn



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Rules & Election	Ira Koslow		
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