



# Neighborhood Council

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## Joint VNC Board & Administrative Committee Minutes

**Monday, November 13, 2017 at 7:00PM**

**Extra Space Storage, President's Row Room**

**658 South Venice Blvd, Venice, 90291**

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### 1. Call to Order and Roll Call

**Called to order at 7:00 p.m. Present: Ira Koslow [IK], George Francisco [GF]. Hugh Harrison [HH], Matt Shaw [MS] and John Reed [JR].**

### 2. Approval of the Administrative Committee Agenda

**Approved GF/JR: 5-0-0.**



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3. **Approval of outstanding Administrative Committee minutes**  
<http://www.venicenc.org/docs/34484283-7119.pdf>

**Approved HH/GF: 4-0-1**

4. **Announcements & Public Comment on items not on the Agenda**

**Liz Wright: Dede Audet moving back to Westside.**

**Yolanda Gonzales: Jack Humphreyville willing to speak to VNC.**

5. **Old Administrative Committee Business**

**None**

6. **New Administrative Committee Business**

**None**

- 6A **Close nominations for vacant Board Community Officer and Outreach Officer seats**

**Nominations closed.**

**One nomination for Outreach: Hollie Stenson**

**Two nominations for Community Officer: Yolanda Gonzales and Cindy Chambers.**

**Michelle Meepos [MM] arrived 7:15.**

7. **Consideration and approval of October 17, 2017 Proposed Board Agenda**

**JR and MM left meeting before vote on entire agenda.**

**Approved: HH/GF: 4-0-0**

8. **Adjourn**

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## Draft Board of Officers Regular Meeting Agenda

Westminster Elementary School (Auditorium)

1010 Abbot Kinney Blvd, Venice, 90291

**Tuesday, November 21, 2017 at 7:00 PM**

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

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

**Items 1- 8 approved as written. JR/MS: 6-0-0**

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

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

<http://www.venicenc.org/minutes-and-agendas.php>

4. **Approval of the 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

### 6A Live Stream of Meetings (7:05PM -- 3 minutes)

**All VNC Board meetings are streamed live online.** Please log onto facebook and share the live stream on the VNC homepage to promote community participation. Click here to share!

<https://www.facebook.com/VeniceNC/>

### 6B 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)), acting SLO Joe Roberts - 41448@lapd.online SLO Adrian Acosta - 39174@lapd.online SLO Javier Ramirez - 39174@lapd.online, Beach Patrol - LT Michael Soliman - 32906@lapd.online Supervisor. *Includes a monthly Venice crime report and updates on law enforcement issues in Venice.*

### 6C 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 Olin Wibroe ([Olin.wibroe@sen.ca.gov](mailto:Olin.wibroe@sen.ca.gov))
- State Assemblyperson Autumn Burke, **West Los Angeles Field Representative, Brandon Stansell**, (310) 412-6400, ([brandon.stansell@asm.ca.gov](mailto:brandon.stansell@asm.ca.gov))
- LA County Supervisor Sheila Kuehl Westside Field Deputy FYI, Stephanie Cohen (310)231-1170 ([scohen@bos.lacounty.gov](mailto:scohen@bos.lacounty.gov)) Plans for the bike path that the City and County have created.
- Mayor Eric Garcetti, Westside Deputy, Daniel Tamm, 213-978-0836 ([Daniel.Tamm@Lacity.org](mailto:Daniel.Tamm@Lacity.org))

### 6D VNC Announcements and Reports (10 minutes)

- President -Ira Koslow ([President@VeniceNC.org](mailto:President@VeniceNC.org))
- Vice President - George Francisco ([Vice President@VeniceNC.org](mailto:Vice President@VeniceNC.org))
  - Westside Regional Alliance of Councils- ,Ira Koslow, VNC Representative ([Chair@westsidecouncils.org](mailto:Chair@westsidecouncils.org)),
- Los Angeles Neighborhood Council Coalition (LANCC) Ivan Spiegel ([Parliamentarian@VeniceNC.org](mailto:Parliamentarian@VeniceNC.org))
- VNC Representative to DWP: Yolanda Gonzales
  - Budget Advocates - Hugh Harrison, Treasurer
  - Venice High School Comprehensive Modernization Program Report - Jim Murez



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 **Monthly Expenditure Report**  
**MOTION:** The VNC approves the September monthly expenditure report (MER).  
*Recommended by the Budget and Finance Committee 5-0-0 on 11/7/17*  
**Uploaded Documents:**  
[Download 1510103835.pdf](#)
- 7B **Expenditure to date Report**  
**MOTION:** The VNC approves the September Expenditure to Date report.  
*Recommended by the Budget & Finance Committee 5-0-0 on 11/7/17*  
**Uploaded Documents:**  
[Download 1510103948.pdf](#)
- 7C **Motion to Approve Funding for Venice Sign Lighting**  
**MOTION:** The VNC approves the expenditure of \$800 from the Holiday Festival for the Holiday Sign Lighting.  
*Recommended by the Budget & Finance Committee 5-0-0 on 11/7/17*  
**Uploaded Documents:**  
[Download 1510104432.pdf](#)
- 7D **Motion to Approve funding for Town Hall on Venice Cityhood**  
**MOTION:** The VNC approves \$800 from Outreach for a Town Hall on Venice Cityhood for January 18, 2017. Proposed budget is attached.  
*Recommended by the Budget & Finance Committee 5-0-0 on 11/7/17*  
**Uploaded Documents:**  
[Download 1510104702.pdf](#)
- 7E **Motion to Approve funding for nameplates**  
**MOTION:** The VNC approves \$100 from General Operations for 10 name plates for LUPC meetings.  
*Recommended by the Budget & Finance Committee 5-0-0 on 11/7/17*
8. **Announcements and Public Comment on items not on the Agenda (PM - 10 minutes)**  
*[No more than 1 minute per person – 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.]*



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- 10. LUPC (PM – 100 minutes)** (Matthew Royce on behalf of LUPC, [Chair-lupc@VeniceNC.org](mailto:Chair-lupc@VeniceNC.org))  
(see project files for more detailed info at <http://www.venicenc.org/land-use-committee.php>)
- 10A 3011 Ocean Front Walk - 30 minutes**  
Case: DIR-2016-4749-CDP-MEL  
Applicant: Mike Targon  
LUPC Staff: Matthew Royce  
Representative: Ron Howell and Rudy Alegre  
Description: New Single Family Home  
The VNC Board shall consider without a LUPC recommendation  
*Recommended by LUPC 6-0-0 on October 5, 2017*
- 10B 520 Venice Way – 30 minutes**  
Case: DIR-2017-3569-WDI  
Applicant: Reza Akef  
LUPC Staff: Michael Jensen  
Representative: Rez Akef  
Description: Waiver of street dedication and improvement related to a parcel map  
**MOTION:** The VNC Board recommends supporting the Waiver of Dedication unless the City will grant a 9-1/2 foot setback on Venice Blvd  
*Recommended by LUPC 6-0-0 on October 26, 2017*
- 10C 662 Vernon Ave. – 20 minutes**  
Case: DIR-2017-642-CDP-MEL  
Applicant: 662 Vernon LLC  
LUPC Staff: Tim Bonefeld  
Representative: Crest Real Estate  
Description: New Single Family Residence  
**MOTION:** The VNC Board recommends denial of this project due to lack of concern by applicant for context of neighbors and overall scale for a single family dwelling  
*Recommended by LUPC 4-0-2 on October 26, 2017*
- 10D 2314 Frey Ave**  
Case: DIR-2016-4535-CDP-MEL  
Applicant: Patricia Jones  
LUPC Staff: Tim Bonefeld  
Representative: Fernando Diaz Description: New Single Family Residence  
**MOTION:** The VNC Board recommends approval of this project with the condition that a 3 foot long, 45 degree notch be provided in the northeast corner of the fence for pedestrian safety  
*Recommended by LUPC 5-0-0 on October 26, 2017*



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## 10E 848 Brooks Ave

Case: ZA-2014-231-CDP-MEL, AA-2014-229-PMLA-SL

Applicant: Louis Perez

LUPC Staff: Robert Aronson

Representative: Louis Perez

Description: 2 Unit small lot subdivision

**MOTION:** The VNC Board recommends approval of this project as presented

*Recommended by LUPC 6-0-0 on October 26, 2017*

## 10F 2905 Washington Blvd

Case: DIR-2017-3549-CDP-SPP, ZA-2017-3550-CUB

Applicant: Mario Guddemi LUPC

Staff: Tim Bonefeld

Representative: Evette Gonzalez

Description: Change of Use of an existing retail space to be incorporated into an existing and restaurant and application for alcohol consumption on site.

**MOTION:** The VNC Board recommends approval of this project as presented

*Recommended by LUPC 7-0-0 on November 2, 2017*

## 10G 428 Rialto

Case: ZA-2015-865-CDP-MEL

Applicant: Sadrudin and Nurjehan Damji

LUPC Staff: Joe Clark

Representative: Fareez Giga

Description: Addition to existing SFD and partial demolition/renovation of existing SFD

**MOTION:** The VNC Board recommends approval of this project as presented

*Recommended by LUPC 6-0-0 on November 2, 2017*

## 10H 2433 Wilson Ave – 20 minutes

Case: DIR-2017-1854-CDP-MEL

Applicant: Eddie Avakian

LUPC Staff: Mehrnoosh Mojalli

Representative: Ben Ballentine

Description: New Single Family House

**MOTION:** The VNC Board recommends denial of this project due to the design not conforming to the surrounding neighborhood's height, scale, and articulation and a lack of response to community concerns

*Recommended by LUPC 7-0-0 on November 2, 2017*

## 10I 836-840 California Ave

Case: AA-2016-3031-PMLA-SL, DIR-2016-3033-CDP-MEL

Applicant: Alon Zakoot

LUPC Staff: Mehrnoosh Mojallali

Representative: Alon Zakoot Description: 3 Unit Small Lot Subdivision



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**MOTION:** The VNC Board recommends approval of this project with modifications of a 5 foot setback of roof deck railings next to West and East neighbors, and a 20 foot front yard setback from the Property Line

*Recommended by LUPC 7-0-0 on November 2, 2017*

**Items 10D, 10E, 10F and 10I moved to LUPC consent calendar. GF/MM: 6-0-0**

**Items 10A, 10B, 10C, 10H approved. GF/HH: 6-0-0**

11. **Old Business (PM - 0 minutes)** See attached addendums at <http://www.venicenc.org/minutes-and-agendas.php>

*[Discussion and possible action]*

**None**

12. **New Business (PM – 70 minutes)**

*[Discussion and possible action]* See attached addendums at <http://www.venicenc.org/minutes-and-agendas.php>

- 12A **Selection of Outreach Officer -5 minutes**

**MOTION:** The VNC Board shall select a stakeholder to fill the vacant Outreach Officer seat from pre-qualified candidates.

- 12B **Selection of Community Officer – 5 minutes**

**MOTION:** The VNC Board shall select a stakeholder (or Community Interest Stakeholder) pre-qualified candidates to fill the vacant Community Officer seat

**Items 12A and 12B approved GF/HH: 6-0-0**

- 12C **Contest to create new VNC logo** (Hollie Stenson on behalf of the Outreach Committee

[hollie.stenson@venicenc.org](mailto:hollie.stenson@venicenc.org))

The VNC Board shall sponsor a contest, administered by the Outreach Committee, to create a new logo for the Venice Neighborhood Council. The final choice will be made by the Board. No public funds will be involved.

*Recommended by the Outreach Committee 3-0-0 onn 11/2/17*

**Uploaded Documents:**

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**Moved to consent. HH/MM: 6-0-0**

- 12D **VNC Requests City To Utilize Existing City/County Owned Bathrooms** (Will Hawkins on behalf of the Homeless Committee [william.hawkins@venicenc.org](mailto:william.hawkins@venicenc.org))

**MOTION:** Whereas, purchasing, renting, or providing mobile bathrooms and wash stations in Venice places an undue financial burden on the taxpayers of the city of Los Angeles, the VNC recommends





that the City utilize existing public bathrooms with security attendants and maintenance, during the hours of 9pm and 6am that are owned and/or operated by the city (and/or county) of Los Angeles, such as the Vera Davis Center, Los Angeles Fire Station #63, Penmar Golf Club, the Venice Public Library, along with other strategically located city/county owned/operated public parks and facilities as sited by the city. We also call for the city to open a limited number of existing public bathrooms on Venice Beach, also with security attendants and maintenance.

*Recommended by Homeless Committee 4-1-0 on October 31, 2017*

**Approved. GF/MS: 5-0-1**

- 12E Venice Beach Task Force Meritorious Unit Citation** (George Francisco, vice-president [vp@venicenc.org](mailto:vp@venicenc.org))

**MOTION:** The VNC shall write a letter in support of LAPD's Venice Beach Task Force being awarded a Meritorious Unit Citation.

**Moved to consent. GF/HH: 6-0-0**

- 12F Reserved seating at City meetings for NC Reps with a CIS of a Board Resolution** (Ira Koslow on behalf of WRAC [president@venicenc.org](mailto:president@venicenc.org))

**MOTION:** In the interest of ensuring that local constituencies represented by Los Angeles Neighborhood Councils are heard, the Venice NC requests that seating be reserved at City departmental hearings, commission meetings, and Council meetings for members of Neighborhood and Community Councils [who have submitted Community Impact Statements on item(s) before the body]. The Venice NC further requests that the City Council introduce a motion to amend the Administrative Code (Section 22.819) to reflect this policy

**Moved to consent. IK/MM: 6-0-0**

- 12G Support of Pumping Plant Project** (James Murez on behalf of the Parking and Transportation Committee [james.murez@venicenc.org](mailto:james.murez@venicenc.org))

**MOTION:** The VNC supports the Pumping Plant project as presented, with the condition that LADOT Off-Street Parking take over responsibilities of operation of the 7 car parking lot. Lot shall be operated as a shared lot allowing the public to utilize any and all spaces during non-business required hours of operation.

<http://eng.lacity.org/divisions/wastewater-conveyance-construction/venice-dual-force-main-sewer>

*Recommended by Parking and Transportation Committee 4-0-1*

**Moved to consent. MM/GF: 6-0-0**

- 12H Pacific Traffic** (James Murez on behalf of the Parking and Transportation Committee [james.murez@venicenc.org](mailto:james.murez@venicenc.org)) – **30 minutes**

**MOTION:** Whereas, overwhelming evidence that Pacific Ave is a hazard to pedestrian and drivers alike; and



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Whereas, there is a public need and necessity to correct the current situation and  
Therefore, be it resolved that the VNC shall send a letter to LADOT and CD 11 requesting the following:

1. Immediate traffic enforcement
2. Immediate parking 24/7 in both directions to help create a safety buffer for pedestrians
3. City LADOT present a report to the Parking and Transportation Committee at its Jan 2018 meeting a long term plan to achieve the following goals:
  - a. Streetscape including street trees
  - b. Driver awareness of pedestrians
  - c. Create ADA sidewalks
  - d. Reduce speed limit from 30 mph to 25mph

*Recommended by Parking and Transportation Committee 4-0-0*

**Approved. GF/MS: 6-0-0**

13. **Board Member Comments on subject matters within the VNC jurisdiction (PM - 5 minutes)**
14. **Adjourn (approx. PM)**

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

<b><u>Standing Committees</u></b>	<b><u>Ad Hoc Committees</u></b>
Administrative - Ira Koslow	Homeless - Will Hawkins
Neighborhood - George Francisco	Parking & Transportation - Jim Murez
Outreach - Matthew Kline	Venice Cityhood - Nick Antonicello
Land Use and Planning - Matthew Royce	Discussion Forum - Joe Murphy
Budget & Finance - Hugh Harrison	
Rules & Selections - John Reed	
Arts - Sunny Bak	
Ocean Front Walk - Colleen Saro	

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