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Joint VNC Board & Administrative Committee Meeting Agenda

Monday, March 11, 2019 at 7:00PM

**Extra Space Storage, President's Row Room
658 South Venice Blvd, Venice, 90291**

- 1. Call to Order and Roll Call**
- 2. Approval of the Administrative Committee Agenda**
- 3. Approval of outstanding Administrative Committee minutes**
- 4. Announcements & Public Comment on items not on the Agenda**
- 5. Old Administrative Committee Business**
- 6. New Administrative Committee Business**
- 6A Close nominations for vacant LUPC seat**
- 6B Consideration and approval of March 19, 2019 Draft Board Agenda**
- 7. Adjourn**



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Draft Board of Officers Regular Meeting Agenda

Westminster Elementary School (Auditorium)
1010 Abbot Kinney Blvd, Venice, 90291
Tuesday, March 19, 2019 at 7:00 PM

1. **Call to Order and Roll Call (7:00 PM)**
2. **Pledge Of Allegiance (7:01PM -- 1 minute)**
3. **Approval of Outstanding Board minutes (7:07PM – 1 minute)**
<http://www.venicenc.org/minutes-and-agendas.php>
4. **Approval of the Agenda (7:08PM – 1 minute)**
5. **Declaration of Ex Parte Communications or Conflicts-Of-Interest (7:09PM -- 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 **Spanish Translation Available** (Esteban Pulido, pulido.esteban@gmail.com)
Spanish Interpretation services and agendas are available with advance notice.
- 6C **Public Safety - LAPD & LAFD Report (10 minutes)**: Senior Lead Officers Kristan Delatori (32914@lapd.lacity.org), SLO Jennifer Muther 36051@lapdonline SLO Adrian Acosta - 39174@lapd.online SLO Javier Ramirez - 39174@lapd.online, Venice Beach Task Force - SGT Theresa Skinner - 31142@lapd.online. *Includes a monthly Venice crime report and updates on law enforcement issues in Venice.*
- 6D **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)
 - Congressman Ted Lieu, Representative Janet Turner, 310-496-9896 (janet.turner@mail.house.gov)
 - State Senator Ben Allen, Representative Olin Wibroe (Olin.wibroe@sen.ca.gov)
 - State Assemblyperson Autumn Burke, West Los Angeles Field Representative, Brandon Stansell, (310) 412-6400, (brandon.stansell@asm.ca.gov)



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- LA County Supervisor Sheila Kuehl Westside Field Deputy Zac Gaidzik (310)231-1170, zgaidzik@bos.lacounty.gov
- Mayor Eric Garcetti, Westside Deputy, Ami Fields-Meyer, 323 552-6730 (ami.fields-meyer@lacity.org)
- Empower LA Neighborhood Council Advocate, Jasmine Elbarbary, 213-978-1551 (jasmine.elbarbary@lacity.org)

6E **VNC Announcements and Reports (5 minutes)**

- President - Ira Koslow (President@VeniceNC.org)
VNC Board member Sunny Bak named as Woman Of The Year for AD 62
- Vice President - George Francisco (Vice_President@VeniceNC.org)
- Westside Regional Alliance of Councils- Ira Koslow, VNC Representative (Chair@westsidecouncils.org),
- Los Angeles Neighborhood Council Coalition (LANCC) Ivan Spiegel (Parliamentarian@VeniceNC.org)
- Election Update - Ivan Spiegel, Election Chair
- VNC Representative to DWP: Yolanda Gonzales
- Budget Advocates - Hugh Harrison, Treasurer
- Outreach - Hollie Stenson

6F. Presentation - Herbalife24 Triathlon taking place Sunday, June 2, 2019. (Brennan Linderer. Generic Events) Event course, event hours (6:00am - 8:00am), current and planned outreach efforts.

6G. Presentation - Dudek Report. (Isabelle Duvivier. CD 11 Representative to Community Forestry Advisory Committee)

6H. Presentation - Sewer construction project expected in the future on Venice Blvd. in Mar Vista. (Adriana Castro. City of Los Angeles Department of Public Works LA Sanitation & Environment | Clean Water Program Outreach Team LASAN. CleanWater.Outreach@lacity.org Customer Care Center: (800) 773-2489)

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. **Approval Of Monthly Expenditure Report**

MOTION: The VNC approves the monthly expenditure report for January 2019.

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Recommended by Budget & Finance Committee; 4-0-0 on March 5, 2019



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7B. Approval Of the Expenditure to Date Report.

MOTION: The Venice NC approves the expenditure to date report for January 2019.

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Recommended by the Budget and Finance Committee 4-0-0 on March 5, 2019

7C. Approval Of Funding for Sandwich Boards for Anti-theft Campaign.

MOTION: The VNC approves allocating up to \$1000 for the purchase of 10 sandwich boards promoting anti-theft messages from the police to be used in public parking in Venice.

Recommended by Budget and Finance; 4-0-0 on Mar 5, 2019; Neighborhood 9-0-1 on Feb 27, 2019

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.]

10. LUPC (PM – minutes) (Matthew Royce on behalf of LUPC, Chair-lupc@VeniceNC.org)

(see project files for more detailed info at <http://www.venicenc.org/land-use-committee.php>)

10A 1604 South Pacific Ave (Great White)

Case: APCW-2018-693-SPE-SPP-CDP-CUB

Applicant: Sam Trude

LUPC Staff: Matthew Royce

Representative: EPG

Description: A CONDITIONAL USE PERMIT TO ALLOW FOR THE SALE AND SERVICE OF ON-SITE CONSUMPTION OF A FULL-LINE OF ALCOHOL IN AN EXISTING 850 SQUARE FOOT RESTAURANT IN CONJUNCTION WITH A 74 SQUARE FOOT OUTDOOR PATIO. REQUEST FOR A COASTAL DEVELOPMENT PERMIT FOR A 274 SQUARE FOOT INCREASE OF SERVICE AREA. REQUEST FOR AN EXCEPTION FROM THE VENICE COASTAL ZONE SPECIFIC PLAN TO ALLOW ZERO PARKING SPACES IN LIEU OF THE 5 PARKING SPACES TRIGGERED BY THE INCREASE OF SERVICE AREA.

MOTION: The VNC Board recommends approval of the project as presented for the following reasons:

1. No parking exemption from the Specific Plan should be necessary for the outdoor seating because the overall Service Floor Area has not changed
2. Parking is plentiful at night in the immediate vicinity
3. The applicant has satisfied all other concerns

Recommended by LUPC (MR/MJ 8-0-0) on 3/7/19



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10B 726 Howard St

Case: DIR-2017-1563-CDP-MEL

Applicant: Ridaa Murad

LUPC Staff: Mehrnoosh Mojallali

Representative: Breakform Design

Description: New Single Family Home

MOTION: The VNC Board recommend approval of the project as presented with the following reasons agreed to by the applicant

1. Entry walkway shifted to the Southwest per revised plans
2. Kitchen window raised for neighbor's privacy per revised plans
3. Landscaping shall be installed at adjoining neighbor's property line for privacy per revised plans

Recommended by LUPC (MR/MM 5-0-0) MJ Recused on 3/7/19

11. **Old Business (PM - 0 minutes)** See attached addendums at

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

[Discussion and possible action]

12. **New Business (PM – minutes)**

[Discussion and possible action]

12A. **Cannabis Business License Applicants to Appear Before NCs** (Cindy Chambers on behalf of Cannabis Committee cindy.chambers@venicenc.org)

MOTION: WHEREAS the Department of Cannabis Regulation (DCR) has presented the LA City Council with recommendations for amendments to the City's cannabis procedures in reports dated February 8, 2019, and March 5, 2019; and,

WHEREAS these recommendations have been sent to and reviewed by the LA City Council Rules and Regulations Committee; and

WHEREAS community input and representation are a valuable part of the applicant process for both applicants and communities;

THEREFORE the Venice Neighborhood Council shall send a letter to the LA City Council, Councilmember Mike Bonin, and Cat Packer, executive director of the DCR, requesting that the LA City Council amend LAMC 104.05(a) to include the following language: "The Applicant shall offer to appear before the nearest Neighborhood Council and shall provide written evidence to the DCR of compliance with this section prior to the hearing before the DCR Commission."

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(Recommended by Cannabis Committee 7-0-0 on Mar 5, 2019)

12B. **Amend Neighborhood Council Role in the Cannabis Licensing Process** (Cindy Chambers on behalf of Cannabis Committee cindy.chambers@venicenc.org)

MOTION: WHEREAS the Los Angeles City Municipal Code outlines criteria upon which the Department of Cannabis Regulation (DCR) may deny, with no hearing and based upon written findings and evidence in the record, the issuance of a license where the applicant fails to meet any of the requirements of Article 5 of Chapter X of the Code; and, WHEREAS community input is a benefit for



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both stakeholders and applicants and

WHEREAS Venice stakeholders value the uniqueness and history of our community;
THEREFORE the Venice Neighborhood Council shall send a letter to the LA City Council, Councilmember Mike Bonin, and Cat Packer, executive director of the DCR requesting that the LA City Council amend the existing ordinance to include the language: "... including but not limited to, failure to appear in front of the nearest Neighborhood Council of the proposed location of the business premises in compliance with section 104.05(a), or the Rules and Regulations; (ix) Upon notice of Neighborhood Council opposition of an Application, the DCR Commission shall make written findings addressing the basis of the Neighborhood Council's opposition; or ...".

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(Recommended by Cannabis Committee 7-0-1 on Mar 5, 2019)

12C. Bicycle Chop Shops (George Francisco on behalf of the Neighborhood Committee vp@venicenc.org)

MOTION: Whereas bicycle chop shops have become an increasing hazard to residents, businesses and visitors as well as a blight to the community;

Therefore the VNC recommends to Councilman Bonin, the LA City Council, the LA District Attorney and the LAPD to create an ordinance modeled on the City of San Francisco's Public Works Code Order 203-17 which prohibits the assembly, disassembly, sale, offer of sale, distribution, offer of distribution, or storage of bicycles and bicycle parts on the public right-of-ways, under certain conditions and with certain exceptions, and authorizes the removal and seizure of bicycles and bicycle parts following issuance of a notice of violation.

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(Recommended by Neighborhood Committee 9-0-1 on Feb 27, 2019)

12D. Keeping Ocean Front Walk & the Venice Bike Path Free of Motorized Scooters and Vehicles (Colleen Saro on behalf of the Ocean Front Walk Committee colleen.saro@venicenc.org)

MOTION: Whereas motorized vehicles (scooters & bikes) are still an issue on Ocean Front Walk and the Bike Path, because these vehicles are operating on those pathways; and
Whereas, these vehicles are creating safety issues for pedestrians, locals, and tourists; and
Whereas, there is a high probability that the vehicle users are uninsured; and
Whereas, the one person rider restriction is not being enforced;

Therefore, the VNC requests that CD11 and the LA City Council ENFORCE and SUPPORT the Venice Community and LAPD in keeping ALL MOTORIZED vehicles, including motorized scooters, Segway, and bikes off the Bike Path & OFW Boardwalk from Navy to Washington and West of Speedway.

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Recommended by OFW Committee 5-0-0 on Feb 28, 2019



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12E. Youth Internship Program

MOTION: Whereas, the Discussion Forum Committee of the VNC exists to “Provide a monthly forum for discussion of long-term matters affecting the Venice Community within the context of the VNC Vision Goals”; and

Whereas, the Discussion Forum Committee has resolved to turn its efforts to the “Focus on Children” Vision Goal; and

Whereas, the “Focus on Children” Vision Goal establishes that the VNC will “Consider strategies that promote & expand opportunities for children to experience direct meaningful involvement in all aspects of the social and economic and cultural activities of the Venice Community”; and

Whereas, Internship with local agencies and businesses is an established means by which suitably mature young people may learn and grow in their capacity to be active community members on social, economic, and cultural fronts (in keeping with their personal and career interests), while providing useful service; and

Whereas, facilitation of a structured Youth Internship Program uniting eligible young people and local agencies, businesses and artists would be of meaningful benefit to Interns, their local hosts, and the community at large;

Therefore be it resolved that the VNC Board is supportive of the DFC’s efforts to investigate and implement the creation of a Youth Internship Program, and that such a program could draw on the participation of DFC members and interested parties at the VNC and in the Venice community. This internship program would involve engagement with suitable staff at local middle schools, high schools, and agencies who may have access to interested young persons, as well as outreach with businesses and other accomplished entities who have the opportunity to host eligible interns. The internship program would promote the uniting of interested young people with organizations where they could serve for a period of time. Any actual DFC/VNC activities directed at encouraging internships would be approved by the VNC Board in subsequent motions, upon DFC’s presentation of further information regarding potential partners to the DFC in these efforts, appropriate eligibility requirements for interns (ie age range, etc.), any relevant guidelines and regulations, and appropriate measures for limiting potential liability. Findings in support of such future motions would be presented to the Board and the public at general Board Meetings.

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Recommended by Discussion Forum Committee 3-0-0 on Feb 11, 2019

12F Dell Traffic Impacts (james.murez@venicenc.org)

MOTION: Whereas, public safety is at risk on Dell Ave from excessive traffic, scooters, bicycles and pedestrians; and

Whereas, the residents in the community wish to mitigate potential dangers and liabilities;

Therefore, the VNC requests that LA City DOT and CD11 conduct a traffic analysis study and propose a mitigation plan, to include the following considerations:

1. Protect public safety
2. Protect the rights of the residents and owners on and around Dell Avenue and the canals.
3. Restrict the Waze application from directing people to use Dell as a route.
4. Propose solutions to ensure Scooters and Bicycles are obeying the law (including direction of travel).



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5. Regulate Vehicular traffic including speeding, impeding traffic and parking illegally.

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Recommended by Parking and Transportation Committee 3-0-0 on 3/5/19

12G Placeholder motion will define absentee for by laws (john.reed@venicenc.org)

12H Compliance Request of City Charter IX, section 900 & 907 (John Reed on behalf of the Rules And Selections Committee, john.reed@venicenc.org)

MOTION: The VNC requests the City Council comply with the City Charter IX section 900 and more specifically section 907 Early Warning System, establishing procedures for receiving input from neighborhood councils prior to decisions and taking action by the City Council, City Council Committees and boards and commissions.

Recommended by Rules and Selections Committee 0-0-0 on 2/11/19

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

<u>Standing Committees</u>	<u>Ad Hoc Committees</u>
Administrative - Ira Koslow	Discussion Forum - Joe Murphy
Neighborhood - George Francisco	Education - Justin Brezhnev
Outreach - Hollie Stenson	2019 Election - Ivan Spiegel
Land Use and Planning - Matthew Royce	Parking & Transportation - James Murez
Budget & Finance - Hugh Harrison	Resiliency - Keith Harrison
Rules & Selections - John Reed	
Arts - Sunny Bak	
Ocean Front Walk - Colleen Saro	



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