



# Venice Neighborhood Council

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## **Joint VNC Board & Administrative Committee Meeting Agenda**

**Monday, March 9, 2020 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**
- 6B **Consideration and approval of March 17, 2020 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 17, 2020 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 the Agenda ( PM – 1 minute)**
4. **Approval of the Minutes of the February 2020 VNC Board meeting.**
5. **Declaration of Ex Parte Communications or Conflicts-Of-Interest ( PM -- 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**
- 7A **Live Stream of Meetings ( PM -- 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/>
- 7B **Spanish Translation Available** (Esteban Pulido, [pulido.esteban@gmail.com](mailto:pulido.esteban@gmail.com))  
Spanish Interpretation services and agendas are available with advance notice.
- 7C **Public Safety - LAPD & LAFD Report (10 minutes):** Public Safety - LAPD & LAFD Report (10 minutes): Senior Lead Officers Kristan Delatori ([32914@lapd.lacity.org](mailto:32914@lapd.lacity.org)), SLO Jennifer Muther [36051@lapdonline](mailto:36051@lapdonline) SLO Adrian Acosta - [39174@lapd.online](mailto:39174@lapd.online) SLO Javier Ramirez - [39174@lapd.online](mailto:39174@lapd.online), Venice Beach Task Force - SGT Theresa Skinner - [31142@lapd.online](mailto:31142@lapd.online). *Includes a monthly Venice crime report and updates on law enforcement issues in Venice.*
- 7D **Government Reports (15 minutes)** (Representatives have standing place on the agenda, but are not always available to attend)
  - City Councilmember Mike Bonin  
Field Deputy, Nisa Kove [nisa.kove@lacity.org](mailto:nisa.kove@lacity.org)
  - Bridge Housing Deputy, Allison Wilhite [allison.wilhite@lacity.org](mailto:allison.wilhite@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 Colby Harriman ([colby.harriman@sen.ca.gov](mailto:colby.harriman@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))



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

## **7E VNC Announcements and Reports (5 minutes)**

- President -Ira Koslow ([President@VeniceNC.org](mailto:President@VeniceNC.org))  
Names and email addresses of all recipients must be included in motions submitted to the Board.
- 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/Gas Company: Yolanda Gonzales
- Budget Advocates - Hugh Harrison, Treasurer
- Outreach Announcements - Sima Kostovetsk

## **7F Board Member Announcements on subject matters within the VNC jurisdiction- One (1) minute per Board member (5 minutes)**

## **7H LAUSD Updates Nick Melvoin (20 minutes)**

LAUSD School Board Member Nick Melvoin will discuss updates regarding Venice and Mar Vista LAUSD schools.

## **7I Presentation on the progress of the Youth Internship Program (Joe Murphy) (5 minutes)**

8. **Treasurer's Report (10 minutes)** (Hugh Harrison on behalf of Budget & Finance Committee) ([Treasurer@VeniceNC.org](mailto:Treasurer@VeniceNC.org))  
*See attached addendums at <http://www.venicenc.org/minutes-and-agendas.php>  
[Discussion and possible action]*

## **8A Approve Monthly Expenditure Expenditure Reports**

**MOTION:** The Venice NC approves the Monthly Expenditure Report for January 2020.  
*Recommended by Budget and Finance Committee 4-0-0 on 3/3/2020*

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## **8B Approve Expenditure to Date Report**

**MOTION:** The Venice NC approves the Expenditure to Date Report for January 2020.

*Recommended by Budget and Finance Committee 4-0-0 on 3/3/2020*



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## **8C Approve Funding for Welcome Neighbor Program**

**MOTION:** The Venice NC approves \$500 to participate in the Welcome Neighbor Program.

*Recommended by Budget and Finance Committee 4-0-0 on 3/3/2020*

9. **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]*
10. **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.]*
11. **LUPC (PM – minutes)** (Alix Gucovsky 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>)
12. **Old Business (PM - 0 minutes)**  
*[Discussion and possible action]*
13. **New Business (PM – minutes)**  
*[Discussion and possible action]*

## **13A Emergency Coronavirus Condition ([james.murez@venicenc.org](mailto:james.murez@venicenc.org))**

**MOTION :** Whereas Venice is known for exercise gyms; whereas gyms induce sweat and have many devices that come in contact with wet hands; whereas Coronavirus is spread through physical touch such as gym equipment; whereas Coronavirus cases have now been reported in Los Angeles; therefore, be it resolved the VNC send a letter to LA City officials and LA County Health Dept requesting that all places of exercise, both public and private be required to provide hand sterilizing solutions free of charge to individuals using said facility.



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## **13B Rose Ave Street Vacation ([james.murez@venicenc.org](mailto:james.murez@venicenc.org))**

**MOTION** VNC to send a letter to City and departments requesting DPW Street Vacation of unimproved sidewalk area on the northern side of Rose Ave. between Frederick St. and Glenavon Ave. and furthermore, request LA City Rec and Parks use vacated land to create public running exercise Parcourse.

*Recommended by the Parking and Transportation Committee 5-0-0 on 3/2/20*

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## **13C Rails on Main St. ([james.murez@venicenc.org](mailto:james.murez@venicenc.org))**

**MOTION:** Request VNC send letter to City and Departments requesting temporary "K" rails be installed along west side of Main St between Sunset Ave and Thornton Av.

*Recommended by the Parking and Transportation Committee 5-0-0 on 3/2/20*

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## **13D Over height Parking Restrictions on Main St / Rose Ave. ([james.murez@venicenc.org](mailto:james.murez@venicenc.org))**

**MOTION:** VNC to send Letter to City and departments requesting Overheight Vehicles prohibited along the east side of 300 block of Main St. and along the northern side of the 700 block of Rose Av. (RT, NA 4,0,0 :: JM proximity recuse)

*Recommended by the Parking and Transportation Committee 4-0-0 on 3/2/20*

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## **13E Good Governance ([vp@venicenc.org](mailto:vp@venicenc.org))**

**MOTION:** The Neighborhood Committee proposes that the VNC General Board recommend to the LA City Council, City Attorney Mike Feuer and Mayor Eric Garcetti to amend the Los Angeles City Charter Article 1, Sec III to include the following "Good Governance" clause: "Whereas good governance, the rule of law, transparency, and accountability embody partnerships between state and citizenry - partnerships sustained not by good intentions alone but by lasting, converging incentives; therefore the City of Los Angeles shall undertake the following guidelines for all endeavors: 1. clarify and publicize responsibilities for policy implementation and results; 2. provide time-specific, positive incentives for accomplishment as well as negative ones for failure or misconduct; 3. establish, and publish, specific policy targets and results; 4. regularly publish government performance indicators, and solicit public feedback; and 5. establish a high-profile, responsive and results-driven ombudsman system. (Upon passage, motion shall also be sent to WRAC and LANC for further support)

*Recommended by the Neighborhood Committee 8-0-1 on \_\_\_\_\_*

## **13F Invite Mike Bonin to speak at the March meeting of the VNC ([nick.antoncello@venicenc.org](mailto:nick.antoncello@venicenc.org))**

**MOTION:** It has been years since Councilman Mike Bonin has attended a VNC meeting and address the constituents of Venice. I am requesting the VNC formally invite Councilman Bonin to address the community at Westminster in the form of a Town Hall with questions from the audience in a two-hour time frame in which the first hour is his comments and the second hour questions.

## **13G Kamp Grizzly 5K run for adidas in Venice on the evening of May 30th**

**(Kellie Hawkins, [Khawkins@ekapr.com](mailto:Khawkins@ekapr.com) 3109262995)**

Kamp Grizzly is interested in producing a 5K run for adidas in Venice on the evening of May 30th (6-8pm- Street closures). I know you had There is a community giveback component as well and the race is to raise awareness about ocean preservation.

## **13H Change to Bylaws- VNC BYLAWS REVISIONS ([john.reed@venicenc.org](mailto:john.reed@venicenc.org))**

(i) By Laws Change to have the VNC Board elect an " Election Officer" which cannot be the parliamentarian, whose sole responsibility and function will be to conduct and oversee future Venice

Neighborhood Council elections in cooperation with the City of Los Angeles and that this position be



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appointed by a majority of board members after advertising to the community this new position that

would seek resumes and the completion of a formal application.

WHEREAS, there is a need to streamline and reform the Venice Neighborhood Council election

process that creates greater transparency, accountability and a more democratic process that is

reliable and objective, And WHEREAS, the current election process is flawed, unaccountable and

lacks full disclosure as witnessed with the lack of a formal working committee, And WHEREAS, the

need to make the necessary changes and reforms before the next Venice Neighborhood Council

elections scheduled for June of 2021, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Venice

Neighborhood Council create the position of Election Officer whose only responsibility and function

will be to conduct and oversee future Venice Neighborhood Council elections in cooperation with the

City of Los Angeles and that this position be appointed by a majority of board members after

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advertising to the community this new position that would seek resumes and the completion of a

formal application, And BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that this Election Officer provide the





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appearance of independence and objectivity and hold no other position within the Venice Neighborhood Council, elected or appointed by the President, And BE FURTHER RESOLVED that this position be filled by the Venice Neighborhood Council no later then six months before the next scheduled election of the Venice Neighborhood Council.

(ii) By Laws Change to have Outreach Chair be responsible for appointing the Election Chair and that the Committee be composed of at least five (5) stakeholders moving forward (including the Chair). That the Elections Committee comprise a membership of at least five (5) and a quorum of three (3) since this year's Elections Committee had just two (2) members and for the most part was run by one person, the Chair.

WHEREAS, the Elections Committee Chair is a direct appointment of the President with no input from any standing committee, and

WHEREAS, the Outreach Committee is the appropriate committee of responsibility for this outreach function,

MOTION: the Outreach Chair be responsible for appointing the Election Chair and that the Committee be composed of at least five (5) stakeholders moving forward (including the Chair).

The Elections Committee be a subset of the standing Outreach Committee and that the Outreach Chair appoint the Elections Chair moving forward.

· That the Elections Committee comprise a membership of at least five (5) and a quorum



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of three (3) since this year's Elections Committee had just two (2) members and for the most

part was run by one person, the Chair.

· That Venice Stakeholder's cast thirteen (13) or less votes for the position of Community Officer, and end this current model which is in violation of one-man, one-vote when someone can be elected with only 50 votes when over 1700 actually voted.

(iii) By Laws Change requiring all agenda requested must be heard at ADCOM before the president can remove any agenda request from the agenda.

(iv) By Laws Change permitting committee chairs to send motions to the city of los angles various departments after the motions have been voted on by the full VNC board when the president

is unable to complete the task within 30 days. All board recommendations must be sent by the VNC

Board President no later than 1 month after the board meeting at which said recommendations were

made. If VNC board president is unable to complete said task, then the task will fall to the VNC

assistant who will work with committee chairs to complete and send letters.

(v) By Laws Change laws to place authority to appoint the Chairs and Members of Standing Committees and Ad Hoc Committees, with the exception of the Neighborhood Committee's

chair and members, and the exception of the Chair of the Land Use and Planning Committee,

with the members of the Board of Officers of the Neighborhood Council. The appointment process for the

Neighborhood Committee's chair and members, and the Chair of the Land Use and



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Committee, shall remain as currently outlined in the By-Laws.

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(vi) By Laws Change ARTICLE V: GOVERNING BOARD Section 4: Terms & Limits The

current language reads: "There are no limits to the number of terms that a Board Officer

may serve." Proposed Revision: "Board Officers shall be limited to two (2), consecutive

terms of office for any single office."

(vii) By Laws Change ARTICLE X - ELECTIONS Current language reads: "Any

stakeholder who is sixteen (16) years or older, or a junior or senior in high school, may

vote." Proposed Revision: "All stakeholders who are eighteen (18) years or older may

vote.

(viii) By Laws Change ARTICLE XII: Parliamentary Authority Current language: "An

unbiased Parliamentarian may be appointed by the President to assist in the resolution of

parliamentary issues." Proposed Revision: "A Parliamentarian shall be appointed by the

President with the advice and consent of the board for a term concurrent with the elected

Board Members. The Parliamentarian shall serve at the pleasure of the President and can

be removed at anytime."



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1) Article X: Elections Section 1: Administration of Election Current Language: "The VNC's election will be conducted pursuant to any and all City ordinances, policies and procedures pertaining to Neighborhood Council Elections." Proposed Added Language: The President shall appoint an Elections Officer to manage and oversee the election. The Elections Officer will be appointed by the President with the advice and consent of the Board of Officers. The Elections Officer will hold no other office or presidential appointment to ensure the integrity of the elections process. The Elections Officer shall appoint a committee of at least five (5) members (including the Elections Officer) with the Elections Officer serving as chair. The committee will include at least one (1) member of the OUTREACH Committee and it will be the duty of the Committee to meet at least three (3) times in public ninety (90) days prior any election of officers for the next term of office."

(ix) And VNC Vision Goals to include;

... to promote a more proactive, collaborative vision for VNC Committees to include in their deliberations as they formulate recommendations for Board consideration, the intent [being] to

create a working framework of integrated strategies capable of achieving, over time, broader

consensus and increased ... [Focus on Children, Participation, Walkability, Diversity, Creativity,

Collaboration, Brainstorming]

(x) By Laws Change to introduce staggered 4-year Board of Officer and LUPC Member terms of

office



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## ARTICLE V: GOVERNING BOARD

### Section 4: Terms and Term Limits

At the upcoming 2021 election, the terms of office shall be four (4) years for the seven (7) Community Officer candidates receiving the highest votes and for the following Executive Officer

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candidates: President, Secretary, Communications Officer, and Land Use and Planning Committee

Chair and (2) years for the remaining candidates. At each subsequent election, the terms of office

shall be four (4) years.

### Section 6: Vacancies

Vacant Board seats shall be filled by a majority vote of the remaining elected Officers.

Officers selected in this manner shall serve as Board Officers until the election following the term of the

vacated position.

## ARTICLE VI: OFFICERS

Section 4: Officer Terms A Board Officer's term shall be for the duration of two (2) or four (4) years or until a successor is elected or appointed.

## ARTICLE X: ELECTIONS



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## Section 2: Governing Board Structure and Voting

### 4C. The Community Officer candidates with the highest vote totals and the Community Interest

Community Officer with the highest vote total shall be elected. EXCEPT, if there is no community

interest candidate, the Community Officer candidate with the next highest vote total shall be elected

to the Community Interest Community Officer position.

## ARTICLE VII: COMMITTEES AND THEIR DUTIES

### F. Land Use and Planning Committee

Within thirty (30) days after the upcoming 2018 Board of Officers election and within thirty (30) days

after beginning their term, the Board shall hold a Board of Officers meeting to select eight (8) LUPC

members from a list of candidates who have formally communicated to the Board their desire to

serve on the Land Use and Planning Committee. The eight (8) candidates with the highest vote

totals shall be selected. Of these, the four (4) candidates with the highest vote totals shall serve

terms of four (4) years and the other four (4) candidates shall serve terms of two (2) years as

members of the Land Use and Planning Committee.

Upon Board of Officers elections subsequent to the 2018 election and within thirty (30) days after

beginning their term, the Board shall hold a Board of Officers meeting to select four (4) LUPC



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total shall be selected and shall serve terms of four (4) years as members of the Land Use and

Planning Committee.

(xi) Amend the bylaws as follows;

ARTICLE V: GOVERNING BOARD Section 4: Terms & Limits The current language reads: "There

are no limits to the number of terms that a Board Officer may serve." Proposed Revision: "Board

Officers shall be limited to two (2), consecutive terms of office for any single office."

ARTICLE X - ELECTIONS Current language reads: "Any stakeholder who is sixteen (16) years or

older, or a junior or senior in high school, may vote." Proposed Revision: "All stakeholders who are

eighteen (18) years or older may vote.

ARTICLE XII: Parliamentary Authority Current language: "An unbiased Parliamentarian may be

appointed by the President to assist in the resolution of parliamentary issues." Proposed Revision:

"A Parliamentarian shall be appointed by the President with the advice and consent of the board for

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the elections process. The Elections Officer shall appoint a committee of at least five (5) members (including the Elections Officer) with the Elections Officer serving as chair. The committee will include at least one (1) member of the OUTREACH Committee and it will be the duty of the Committee to meet at least three (3) times in public ninety (90) days prior any

election of officers for the next term of office."

## 14. Adjourn (approx. PM)

**Sent to committees:**

**Sent to Homeless Committee:**

**First Name: Mark**





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Date of meeting: 2020-03-09

Request Title: Motion Calling on the City of Los Angeles to Focus All Homeless Housing Funds on Low-Cost Shelter Models

Committee: Administrative Committee

**Agenda Motion Request: Substitute Motion: Motion Calling on the City of Los Angeles to Focus All Homeless Housing Funds on Low-Cost Shelter Models** Whereas, the City of Los Angeles is in the midst of a humanitarian homeless crisis on the level of the conditions following a massive earthquake or hurricane, and Whereas, the process and cost of building traditional “tax credit” model housing units, with 40% soft costs (consultant and development fees, architecture, and financing) and multi-year preparation time, has resulted as of January 2020 in the construction of only 46 units, and Whereas, Proposition HHH is now expected to net – instead of the promised 10,000 units - only 5,873 supportive units and 1,767 affordable units at a cost of \$531,000 to \$700,000 per bed, leaving at the completion of construction in four years roughly 20,000 unsheltered homeless still on the street, and Whereas, according to the office of Los Angeles County Supervisor Mark Ridley-Thomas, in Los Angeles County, currently 133 homeless people are housed each day while 150 people fall into homelessness each day, resulting in the increase in the number homeless by 17 people per day, or 6,205 additional people per year, suggesting that the projection above of 20,000 unsheltered people four years from now is unrealistically low, if the housing programs now in place are not dramatically altered, and Whereas Los Angeles Homeless Services Authority (LAHSA) has no performance targets and LAHSA’s placement process for individual housing is cumbersome and time consuming, and Whereas, crucial wrap-around services that help the most chronic and struggling homeless persons succeed in individual housing are most efficiently and cost-effectively provided in group situations and that group/shared housing provide crucial peer support, and Whereas, other jurisdictions have proven the cost-effectiveness, suitability and quick availability of several other housing models, now, Therefore, be it resolved, that the Venice Neighborhood Council calls upon the City of Los Angeles to immediately direct any and all funds (city, state and federal) available for homeless shelter and housing to the following proven less-costly models, towards the objective of housing all unsheltered homeless persons in two years: 1. Large membrane tents capable of housing 100 people that may be constructed in a few months (cost: \$10,000 per bed), e.g., the Union Rescue Mission just erected one at that price. 2. Large military-grade inflatable tents (cost: \$6,000 per bed). 3. Pallet shelters (cost: \$2,000 per bed). 4. Tent “Kits” capable of housing a family of four, with furniture, refrigerator, heater and electrical generator (Cost: \$500 per bed, \$2,000 per kit). 5. SHARE Collaborative Housing, two persons per bedroom in existing single-family homes and multi-family buildings (Cost: \$500 to \$700 monthly rent self-financed by each individual’s SSI, General Relief and other benefits; \$8,000 cost per annum per person for management, counseling and other social services). And further, be it resolved, that no such projects shall be installed or constructed within 200 feet of a residence, child care center, school, or park, except for SHARE Collaborative Housing and similar housing programs, which utilize living units already located in existing



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**residential communities. When adopted, this Motion shall be submitted as a Community Impact Statement and attached to Council File 17-0090-S14.**

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