



# Venice Neighborhood Council

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## **Board of Officers Meeting Agenda** Westminster Elementary School (Auditorium) 1010 Abbot Kinney Blvd, Venice, 90291 **Tuesday, July 19th, 2016 at 6:30 PM** **PLEASE NOTE EARLIER START TIME**

**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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**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 (6:30PM – 3 minutes)**

Call the meeting to order in honor of recent casualties of violence in America: Alton Sterling – Baton Rouge, La.; Philando Castile – Falcon Heights, Minn. & the five Dallas, Texas police officers: Lorne Ahrens, Michael Krol, Michael Smith, Brent Thompson, & Patrick Zamarripa. We also honor the 49 victims at the Pulse nightclub in Orlando and the multitude of citizens and police who have also been victims of violence. Let's have a moment of silence.

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 (6:33PM -- 1 minute)**

### **3. Approval of Outstanding Board minutes (6:34PM – 1 minute)**

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

### **4. Approval of the Agenda (6:35PM – 1 minute)**

### **5. Closing of nominations for LUPC and Neighborhood Committee applicants- (6:36 PM - 1 minute)**



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**6. Declaration of Ex Parte Communications or Conflicts-Of-Interest (6:37PM -- 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 (6:38PM – 43 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.*

**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))  
Update report on OVO signs around Venice schools
- 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 Ari Ruiz [ari.ruiz@asm.ca.gov](mailto:ari.ruiz@asm.ca.gov) , 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))  
**Open Nominations for Vacant Community Officer Seat** - Stakeholders (those who live, work, or own property within the VNC boundaries) are welcomed to apply for consideration for the vacant Community Officer position on the Venice Neighborhood Council (VNC) Board of Officers. Applications are available as well as online at : <http://www.venicenc.org/board-selection-of-replacement-community-officer/vnc-community-officer-application-july-2016/>. They must be returned by email along with documentation to [john.reed@venicenc.org](mailto:john.reed@venicenc.org) by 5:00 PM, August 8<sup>th</sup> .at which time the nominations will be closed. The Board will select the new member at the **August 16<sup>th</sup>** Board meeting. Applicants need to be at the Board meeting to give a short presentation, no representatives will be permitted to speak for the applicant.
- Vice President – George Francisco ([VicePresident@VeniceNC.org](mailto:VicePresident@VeniceNC.org))



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- 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:
- VNC 2016 Election Committee
- Report from Mayor’s July 5<sup>th</sup> BBQ - Melissa Diner

**D** Venice BBQ (3 minutes) 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.

**E** Department of Sanitation (5 minutes) (Jonell Gardea)

**8.** Treasurer’s Report (7:21PM - 5 minutes) (Hugh Harrison on behalf of Budget & Finance Committee ([Treasurer@VeniceNC.org](mailto:Treasurer@VeniceNC.org)) **[EXHIBITS]**  
*[Discussion and possible action]*

**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 (7:26PM -- 10 minutes)  
*[No more than 1 minute per person – no Board member announcements permitted]*

**10.** New Board Administrative Business (7:36PM - 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 as follows:

- Rules & Elections* John Reed
- Education*
- Arts* Sunny Bak
- Ocean Front Walk* Colleen Saro



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## **B Renewal of Ad Hoc Committees (10 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. Following renewal, Ad Hoc committee chairs shall be appointed by the President)

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

- 1- Discussion Forum - one year
- 2- Mass, Scale, and Character - three months

## **C Creation of New Ad Hoc Committees (10 minutes)**

**MOTION:** The VNC shall create the following Ad Hoc committees with the Mission Statements approved by the Administrative Committee:

### **1. Ad Hoc Committee on Parking and Transportation**

MISSION STATEMENT: The mission of this committee shall be to research and document opportunities and solutions to improve stakeholder and visitor parking and transportation demands in Venice.

### **2. Ad Hoc Committee on Venice Cityhood**

MISSION STATEMENT: The purpose and mission of the Ad-Hoc Committee on Venice Cityhood is to examine the benefits, cost and application of cityhood as a governmental option for the residents of Venice as opposed to remaining part of the City of Los Angeles. The Committee's goal is to analyze, interview and discuss should whether such a governmental reform is in the best interest of Venetians.

### **3. Homeless Committee**

MISSION STATEMENT: The mission of this committee is to monitor and address issues of homelessness in the Venice community. It work diligently with neighborhood service providers, community leaders and LAPD to create viable solutions for ongoing needs that face the community and ensure that every Venetian is treated with dignity and respect.

### **4. Ad Hoc Committee on Public Safety**

MISSION STATEMENT: The committee's mission is to develop, maintain and promote a viable working relationship between the stakeholders of the Venice Community, the LAPD, and the City of Los Angeles on matters of public safety that facilitate a clean and safe neighborhood for all to live, work and visit.



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## **D Select members of the Land Use And Planning**

### **Committee (15 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 :** <http://www.venicenc.org/committees/lupc/>

## **E Select members of Neighborhood Committee (10 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:**

<http://www.venicenc.org/neighborhood-committee/httpvenicenc-org2016-18-nighborhoods-committee-applications/>

## **F Selection of Board members authorized to file Community Impact Statements – 1 minute**

**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 (5 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 (8:36 PM -- 0 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.]*



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**12. Land Use and Planning Committee (LUPC) Consent Calendar (8:36 PM -- 0 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 the Land Use and Planning Committee section and will be treated as regular LUPC agenda items, with discussion and public comment]*

**13. Old Business [Discussion and possible action] (8:36PM -- 0 minutes)**

**14. LUPC (8:36PM – 90 minutes)** Matthew Royce on behalf of LUPC, ([Chair-lupc@VeniceNC.org](mailto:Chair-lupc@VeniceNC.org))  
*[Discussion and possible action]*

**A. 934 Amoroso Place**

Case: DIR-2015-2907-CDP-SPP

Applicant: Cameron Broumand (LOC Equities, LLC)

Representative: Bill Tsui (YU2E)

LUPC Staff: Gabriel Ruspini

Description: SINGLE FAMILY DWELLING ADDITION TO THE FIRST FLOOR, A NEW SECOND FLOOR, A NEW RECREATION ROOM AND NEW ATTACHED 2-CAR GARAGE.

**MOTION:** The VNC Board recommends denial of the project as presented until the area is reduced by 250 square feet, the ZAA case is added to reflect the yard reduction, and documents requested by LUPC members are provided including a Mello Exemption Letter, and Office of Historic Resources Letter.  
Recommended by LUPC on 7-6-16 (RA/KR 5-0-1)

**B. 225 South Lincoln Boulevard**

Case: [ZA-2007-5397\(CUB\)\(PA1\)](#)

Applicant: Mrs. Goochs Natural Food Markets, Inc. (Whole Foods)

Representative: Margaret Taylor

LUPC Staff: Robert Aronson, Vice Chair

Description: PLAN APPROVAL FOR THE CONTINUED OFF-SITE SALE OF A FULL LINE OF ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES AND ON-SITE BEER AND WINE IN CONJUNCTION WITH A WINE-TASTING AREA AS REQUIRED UNDER CONDITION# 10 OF ZA-2007-5397-CUB.

**MOTION:** The VNC Board recommends denial of the plan approval as presented until employee parking issues are resolved.

Recommended by LUPC on 7-6-16 (MK/GR 5-0-2)



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## C. **3024 Stanford Ave**

Case: DIR-2016-1165-VSO

Applicant: Cassandra Blanco

Description: MAJOR REMODEL - ADD IRREGULAR 10'-2" X 14'-0" ON THE FIRST FLOOR TO CONVERT PORTION OF (E) LIVING ROOM INTO A (N) BEDROOM, REMODEL THROUGHOUT; ADD 29'-10" X 48'-2" SECOND STORY; (N) ROOF DECK. NEW 2-STORY 18'-10" X 20'-4" 2-CAR GARAGE W/ 20'-4" X 20'-10" RECREATION ROOM ABOVE

**MOTION:** The VNC Board recommends postponing the Case and assigning a LUPC staff member  
Recommended by LUPC on 7-6-16 (RA/KR 4-0-1)

## D. **219 Linnie Canal**

Case: DIR-2016-1023-VSO

Applicant: Mary Territo

Representative: Ricardo Fonseca (Straight Edge Drafting & Design)

Description: REMODEL & 2-STORY ADD'N TO (E) 2-STORY SFD; ADD (N) ROOF DECK & ROOF ACCESS STRUCTURE (RAS)

**MOTION:** The VNC Board recommends approval of the project as presented on the condition that the roof deck and access structure is setback a minimum 5 Feet from the side yard property line.  
Recommended by LUPC on 7-6-16 (RA/KR 3-1-3)

## E. **217 E. North Venice Blvd**

Case: ZA 2015 2913-ZV, DIR 2105 2912-CDP-SPP

Applicant: Stacey Teruya

Representative: Sandra J. Baik

LUPC Staff: Mehrnoosh Mojallali

Description: COASTAL DEVELOPMENT PERMIT, ZONE VARIANCE, AND PROJECT PERMIT COMPLIANCE TO CONSTRUCT THREE-STORY DUPLEX, REQUEST TO BACK UP TO VENICE BLVD

**MOTION:** The VNC Board recommends approval as presented  
Recommended by LUPC on 7-6-16 (MM/KR 4-0-1)



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## 15. **New Business (10:06 PM – 45 minutes)**

*[Discussion and possible action]*

**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

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.





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**16. Board Member Comments on subject matters within the VNC jurisdiction (10:51PM - 5 minutes)**

**17. Adjourn (10:56 PM)**

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

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

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