



Venice Neighborhood Council

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Board of Officers Meeting Agenda Westminster Elementary School (Auditorium) 1010 Abbot Kinney Blvd, Venice, 90291 **Tuesday, August 18th, 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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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 (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/2012/12/150721BoardMinutes.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 – 30 minutes)**
- A **Public Safety - LAPD Report (10 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.*



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- 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, Jesus “Chuy” D. Orozco, 310-568-8772 (jesus.d.orozco@lacity.org)
 - Congressman Ted Lieu, Representative Janet Turner, 310-496-9896 janet.turner@mail.house.gov
 - State Senator Ben Allen, Representative Fernando Morales, 310-318-6994 (fernando.morales@sen.ca.gov)
 - State Assemblyperson Autumn Burke, Rep Odysseus Bostick, 310-412-6400 (odysseus.bostick@asm.ca.gov)
 - LA County Supervisor Sheila Kuehl Westside Field Deputy Rachel Zaiden, 213-974-3333 (rzaiden@bos.lacounty.gov)
 - Mayor Eric Garcetti, Westside Deputy, Daniel Tamm, 213-978-0836 (Daniel.Tamm@Lacity.org)
 - Ejjah Cooper – Oakwood Rec Park Director, 310-452-7479 (ejjah.cooper@lacity.org)
- 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 (Catherine@notmaurice.com)
- D Presentation/Q&A by the L.A. Affordable Housing Commission, (10 minutes)**
- 7. General Consent Calendar (7:35PM -- 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 (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 item. Items may be removed by any Board member or Stakeholder. Removed items will go to the end of agenda item 11. Land Use and Planning Committee and will be treated as regular LUPC agenda items, with discussion and public comment.]
- 9. Announcements & Public Comment on items not on the Agenda (7:36PM -- 10 minutes)**
[No more than 1 minute per person – no Board member announcements permitted]



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10. Old Business (7:45PM – 25 minutes) [Discussion and possible action]

**A Revise paragraph a. of Standing Rule 9 (5 minutes) (Ira Koslow on behalf of REC)
(ira.koslow@venicenc.org)**

MOTION: The VNC shall amend paragraph a. of Standing Rule 9 to read:

“a. Collectively and individually, the members of the Board of Officers, the Parliamentarian, Ad-hoc committee chairs, and all members of Standing and Ad hoc committees of the Venice Neighborhood Council agree to abide by the following Code of Civility to ensure that our Venice Neighborhood Council’s business is conducted in a respectful and courteous manner, and in a way that will generate respect and credibility for the Venice Neighborhood Council.”

RECOMMENDED BY REC 2-0

B “No support” for Council file 13-1493: Street Vending, (10 minutes) (George Francisco & Melissa Diner) (george.francisco@venicenc.org, melissa.diner@venicenc.org)

MOTION: The Venice Neighborhood Council (VNC) shall submit the following Community Impact Statement:

The Venice Neighborhood Council does not support CF 13-1493: STREET VENDING for the following adverse impacts it will have upon the Venice community:

1. The City of Los Angeles is not adequately policing these activities currently.
2. There is a public safety hazard with Street Vendors blocking sidewalks and parkways.
3. There are documented public safety problems with current Street Vendor food preparation and storage throughout Los Angeles.
4. There are inadequate public toilet facilities in Venice to satisfy customers of Street Vendors selling food .
5. Venice Brick and Mortar businesses have to pay for services for their customers; Street Vendors pay nothing.
6. Sales Taxes are not necessarily collected from Street Vendors.

The Venice Neighborhood Council requests that all neighborhoods be allowed to opt in to any proposed street vending ordinance as in the precedent set by the murals ordinance and that any proposed street vending ordinances be developed in reference to and in conjunction with the continued enforcement of LAMC 42.15: NO VENDING.

C CIS Supporting City Council Motion 15-0002-S90: Opposition to State Assembly Bill 744 Limiting Local Govt. Auth. Over Parking for SB 1818 Density Bonus Projects (Marc Saltzberg, on behalf of WRAC) (vicepresident@venicenc.org) (5 minutes) **[EXHIBIT]**

MOTION: The Venice Neighborhood Council shall submit a Community Impact Statement supporting [City of Los Angeles Council File Motion 15-0002-S90](#) opposing AB 744, which, if passed by the State of California, would interfere with the City's ability to impose conditions on developers to adequately



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provide parking amenities for residents.

AB 744 would prohibit any city, county or city and county in California from requiring a vehicular parking ratio for a housing development receiving SB1818 density bonuses, when such a development is within one-half mile of a transit stop, is a senior housing development, or is a special needs housing development. Additionally, AB 744 does not require a parking study to assure that residents of such a development have adequate parking to satisfy their transportation requirements.

D **Noise and Sound Ordinance Enforcement** (Melissa Diner on behalf of OFW) (5 minutes)
(melissa.diner@venicenc.org)

MOTION: The Venice Neighborhood Council shall send a letter to Councilman Mike Bonin's office and the LAPD strongly urging them enforce all city noise and sound ordinances on Ocean Front Walk. RECOMMENDED BY OFW 7-0-1

11. LUPC (8:10PM -- 35 minutes) Robin Rudisill on behalf of LUPC, (Chair-lupc@VeniceNC.org)
[Discussion and possible action]

A **Legalize Safe and Habitable Bootleg Units (25 minutes)**

MOTION: Whereas the City of Los Angeles has estimated that there are between 40,000 and 60,000 bootleg units in Los Angeles; and

Whereas the City of Los Angeles' Systematic Code Enforcement Program (SCEP) requires inspection of every rental unit once every three years, and inspectors regularly uncover violations and order owners to remove bootleg units of every type; and

Whereas typically, though not exclusively, these units are occupied by low-income tenants; and

Whereas all of these units violate VCZSP requirements, zoning codes and parking requirements; and

Whereas in the midst of our current housing crisis, 44,000 people are without any housing and hundreds of thousands more are doubling and tripling up to maintain a roof over their heads;

Therefore Be It Resolved that the Venice Neighborhood Council recommends that safe and habitable bootleg units should be legalized on granting exceptions to the VCZSP, zoning codes and parking requirements, on condition that they are rented to low income tenants at low or very low affordable levels, and that such conditions be recorded on title to the properties and monitored by the City or a designated agent. The process should begin with an amnesty to encourage property owners to apply to legalize their bootleg units, with subsequent imposition of fines for noncompliance.

RECOMMENDED BY LUPC on June 2, 2015 3-2-2



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- B** **648 Milwood Ave, Milwood Subarea**, R2-1 zone, Land Use Plan designation: Multiple Family Residential: Low Medium I (10 minutes)
ZA-2014-3103-CDP and ENV-2014-3104-CE
<http://www.venicenc.org/648-milwood-ave/>
CITY HEARING TOOK PLACE ON JULY 23, 2015
Project Description: demo of existing SFD & construction of new 2-story, 25' tall, 3,546 sq ft SFD with an attached 524 sq ft garage, on 5,402 sq ft lot
Applicant: Johannes & Harriet Girardoni
LUPC Staff: Todd Darling
MOTION: The VNC Board recommends that the project be approved as presented.
RECOMMENDED BY LUPC on 7/28/15 6-0-0
- 12. New Business (8:45PM -- 25 minutes)**
[Discussion and possible action]
- A** **VNC Arts Committee Fair** Eduardo Manilla (eduardo.manilla@venicenc.org) (10 minutes)
MOTION: Whereas Venice, California is the creative soul of Los Angeles and the Mission Statement of the VNC is to improve the quality of life in Venice by building community and to secure support from the City of Los Angeles for the resources needed to achieve our goals
Therefore Be It Resolved that the Venice Neighborhood Council supports the realization of the first annual VNC Arts Committee Fair at Windward Plaza on the date of September 19th 2015 from 11am to 7pm. The VNC Arts Committee Fair will give the opportunity to local artists to showcase their work at this free community event in the heart of Venice.
Furthermore, the VNC shall request that the Department of Recreation and Parks waive the fees for the creation of this free community event.
RECOMMENDED BY The Arts Committee on July 8th 2015 5-0-0
- B** **Funding for VNC Arts Committee Fair (5 minutes)** (Hugh Harrison on behalf of Budget Committee)
MOTION: The Venice Neighborhood Council approves a General Community Improvement Project for a Venice Art Fair and allocates up to \$2000 for this project.
RECOMMENDED BY THE BUDGET & FINANCE COMMITTEE on August 4, 2015 3-0-0.
- C** **Support for Cup of Water Law** Jared ben Noah (10 minutes)
MOTION: Whereas clean water is the most important factor in public health; and
Whereas public health is a significant economic concern; and
Whereas restaurants, cafes, and bars are beneficiaries of city, county, and metropolitan infrastructure and whereas such government bodies have authority to regulate and set rates; and
Whereas clean water is a fundamental human right under the U.N. declaration; and

We the people of Los Angeles require that any bar, restaurant, or cafes open to the general public provide at least one cup of water on request to any member of the public, customer or not, on request.

If the person doesn't meet the "dress code" requirements or other discrimination on basis of



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socio-economic status, the bar restaurant, cafe, eatery must bring the cup of water to the door and give it to the person.

Documented cases for failure to comply should result in a civil penalty.

- 13. **Treasurers Report (9:10PM -- 3 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 July 2015.
RECOMMENDED BY BUDGET COMMITTEE 3-0-0 on August 4, 2015.
- B **MOTION:** The Venice Neighborhood Council approves participation in the Annual Abbot Kinney Festival and allocates up to \$300 for the cost of a booth at the festival.
RECOMMENDED BY BUDGET COMMITTEE 3-0-0 on August 4, 2015.
- 14. **Board Member Comments on subject matters within the VNC jurisdiction (9:15PM -- 5 minutes)**
- 15. **Adjourn (approx. 9:20PM)**

List of Venice Neighborhood Council Committees & Chairs – Volunteers Welcome

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| Administrative | Mike Newhouse | Communications | Jed Pauker |
| Arts | Eduardo Manilla | Discussion Forum | Joe Murphy |
| Budget & Finance | Hugh Harrison | Business | George Francisco |
| Education | Bud Jacobs | Housing | Abigail Myers, Helen Stotler |
| Land Use and Planning | Robin Rudisill | Mass/Scale/Character | Sue Kaplan |
| Neighborhood | Marc Saltzberg | Parking/Transportation | Abigail Myers |
| Ocean Front Walk | Melissa Diner | Public Safety | George Francisco |
| Outreach | Sylvia Aroth | Santa Monica Airport | Laura Silagi, Abigail Myers |
| Rules & Election | Ira Koslow | 2015/16 Election | Elizabeth Wright, Ivan Spiegel |
| Environmental | Abigail Myers, Erin Sullivan-Ward, Barbara Lonsdale | | |

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