



Venice Neighborhood Council

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Board of Officers Meeting Agenda

Westminster Elementary School (Auditorium)

1010 Abbot Kinney Blvd, Venice, 90291

Tuesday, May 19th, 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. **Moment of silence for Brendon Glenn. (7:02PM -- 1 minute)**
4. **Approval of Outstanding Board minutes (7:03PM – 1 minute)**
<http://www.venicenc.org/wp-content/uploads/2012/12/150421BoardMinutes.pdf>
5. **Approval of the Board Agenda (7:04PM -- 1 minute)**
6. **Declaration of Ex Parte Communications or Conflicts-Of-Interest (7:05PM -- 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 (7:06PM – 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, Cecilia Castillo, Field Deputy, Cecilia.Castillo@lacity.org (310-568-8772)
 - Congressman Ted Lieu, Representative Janet Turner 310-496-9896 janet.turner@mail.house.gov
 - State Senator Ben Allen, Representative Sam Liu 310-318-6994, samuelliu@sen.ca.gov
 - State Assemblyperson Autumn Burke, Rep Odysseys Bostick 310.412.6400
odysseysbostick@asm.ca.gov
 - LA County Supervisor Sheila Kuehl
 - Mayor Eric Garcetti, Westside Deputy, Daniel Tamm, (Daniel.Tamm@Lacity.org) 213-978-0836
- C** **VNC Announcements (5 Minutes)**
- President - Mike Newhouse (President@VeniceNC.org)
 - Budget Advocates update
 - Plan Check update
 - 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 VCC (Catherine@notmaurice.com)
- 8. Announcements & Public Comment on items not on the Agenda (7:36PM -- 30 minutes)**
[No more than 1 minute per person – no Board member announcements permitted]
- 9. Scheduled Presentations (8:06PM -- 10 minutes)**
- California Common Cause** (Kurston Cook kurston.cook@gmail.com)
Presentation by policy fellow with California Common Cause to discuss recommended reforms to the LA City matching funds program. Includes a short presentation, with a 6 minute video, and the opportunity for Q&A.
- 10. General Consent Calendar (8:16PM -- 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.]



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A Community Impact Statement in support of the Baldwin Hills Conservancy Act (Marc Saltzberg VicePresident@venicenc.org)

MOTION: *Whereas*, The Baldwin Hills Conservancy was created by the California legislature in 2000 to help address the lack of open space and park land in the Los Angeles area. Since that time, it has been an effective vehicle for improving and acquiring park land and facilities in the region, collaborating with numerous agencies to fund more than 25 park projects valued in excess of \$40 million, and

Whereas, when established in 2000, it included a “sunset” provision that was put in place. The legislature did not want to create an agency that would exist in perpetuity if it didn’t prove to be useful. As it stands now, the Conservancy will cease to exist on January 1, 2018 – unless legislation is adopted to extend it;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that The Venice Neighborhood Council supports AB 446, the Baldwin Hills Conservancy Act, authored by Assemblymember Ridley-Thomas which will extend its existence indefinitely. The VNC also supports LA City Council File [15-0002-S34](#), Council Member Herb Wesson's [motion](#) to support AB446.

11. Land Use and Planning Committee (LUPC) Consent Calendar (8:17PM -- 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.]

A VNC De Minimis Projects

MOTION: The VNC Board recommends approval of the following project as a "VNC De Minimis Project":

513 28th Ave, Southeast Venice Subarea, R1-1-0 zone, Land Use Designation: Single-Family Residential--Low, Dual Permit Jurisdiction Coastal Zone
DIR-2015-834-VSO
Applicant: Terry Ballentine
LUPC Staff: Mehrnoosh Mojallali
RECOMMENDED BY LUPC ON 4/28/15 5-1-1

B Pedestrian Safety Measures - Recommendation For 2022 Alberta Ave.

MOTION: The VNC Board recommends that sidewalk warning strips for pedestrians be used, in conjunction with warning bells in the garage for drivers, for purposes of helping to mitigate risk for pedestrians crossing the driveways on the sidewalk of Alberta Avenue, for the project at 2022 Alberta Avenue.



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C LUPC Chair Questions for WRAC & City Attorney

On many occasions the LUPC Chair and members have not been able to obtain answers to important questions or otherwise obtain important information from various City departments, and thus we have been hampered in serving in our volunteer positions and in doing the Neighborhood Council jobs to which we have been elected by the Public or appointed by the elected VNC Board, under City Charter Section 900.

C1 **MOTION:** Therefore, the VNC Board requests the LUPC Chair to raise the following issues with the Western Regional Alliance of Councils (WRAC) Land Use & Planning Committee, in order to see if other Neighborhood Council LUPC's in our region are having similar issues and whether we should work together to pursue getting these issues resolved:

1. How do we handle situations where City employees/officials do not return phone calls?
2. How do we handle situations where City employees/officials do not provide documents requested?
3. How do we assist neighbors who need assistance from Building & Safety in correcting allegedly erroneous building permit information, and which department should assist on this?
4. Can we get a contact in each of the City Attorney, City Planning, Building & Safety and Housing offices that we can call when we have questions or issues in their areas of responsibility?
5. How can we find out why Small-Lot Subdivisions (SLS) for the Venice Coastal Zone are not being checked for compliance with the VCZSP Ordinance, the Venice LUP component of the General Plan, the DIR for SLS/VCZSP and the Coastal Act, Chapter 3, as well as why SLS are not being analyzed for 1) compatibility in scale, mass and character with the existing surrounding neighborhood and 2) whether they are materially detrimental to adjoining lots or the immediate neighborhood?
6. How can we work with City Planning and LADBS to understand why they are processing SLS as duplexes when the planning permits are for SLS for single-family dwellings?
7. How can we get City Planning to work with us to correctly handle Mello Act issues, such as incorrect processing of determinations and appeals, inaccurate or misleading forms, inadequate standard of review and documentation, inadequate review by City Planners processing the Mello forms, etc., according to the Interim Administrative Procedures, rather than having to file Appeals in order to address issues we discover?
8. How can we follow up with the City Attorney office when we hear statements from the City Attorney representative in West L.A. Area Planning Commission hearings that do not seem correct with respect to Findings for CDP's or other determinations?



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9. With whom in the City Attorney office can we talk about the fairness of the process for scheduling Appeals with the Area Planning Commissions, where the Appeal is denied if the City doesn't schedule the Hearing?

10. With whom can we speak, who will take appropriate action, if we strongly believe that a City department is ignoring its responsibilities with the appearance of favor towards particular developers or architects?

11. With whom do we speak and to whom do we report, who will take appropriate action, regarding any alleged unethical or illegal actions that we may find in the course of our work?

and

C2 MOTION: Therefore, the VNC Board requests that the VNC President request that the City Attorney advise the VNC Board and LUPC on the following question/issue:

1. Is the VSO processing procedure--which has no Public Notice or Hearing (no public process), is non-appealable, and is non-transparent--legal?

2. If so, on what basis?

3. Where can we find the CEQA review covering the VSO processing procedure?

12. Old Business (8:18PM -- 40 minutes) [Discussion and possible action]

A Update on Budget Advocates and Selection of VNC Budget Representatives (10 minutes)

MOTION: The VNC Board shall select two Board members to be the VNC Budget Representatives for the 2016 fiscal year.

B Venice Coastal Zone Interim Control Ordinance (30 minutes) (Robin Rudisill)

MOTION: The VNC Board shall approve a Venice Coastal Zone Interim Control Ordinance.

[EXHIBIT]

13. LUPC (8:58PM – 60 minutes) (Robin Rudisill on behalf of LUPC, Chair-lupc@VeniceNC.org) [Discussion and possible action]

A 10 Washington Blvd (“The Venice Whaler” restaurant expansion),

Marina Peninsula Subarea, C4-1 zone, Land Use Plan designation: Community Commercial, Dual Permit Jurisdiction Coastal Zone (aka “Appealable Area” post LCP)

APCW-2014-4703-SPE-SPP-PAB-PAD-CDP and ENV-2014-4704-EAF

Applicant: Dafne Gokcen

LUPC Staff: Ramsey Daham & Robin Rudisill



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<http://www.venicenc.org/10-washington-blvd-the-venice-whaler/>

CITY HEARING NOT YET SCHEDULED

Project Description: To permit the use and maintenance of an existing 754 sq ft patio service area operating in conjunction with an existing restaurant, as limited for use and subject to revocation as per the Department of Public Works Bureau of Engineering Revocable Permit in effect (see copy at above link), for table service only and with no standing permitted, including:

- a) An Exception from VCZSP Section 13.D to permit zero (0) on-site parking spaces in lieu of the 19 parking spaces that would otherwise be required
- b) A VCZSP project compliance permit (SPP)
- c) A determination of a "Deemed-to-be-Approved" conditional use status (LAMC 12.24-L) for the sale of a full line of alcoholic beverages in conjunction with an existing 3,096 sq ft 2-story restaurant accommodating 214 patrons and having interior hours of operation from 6 a.m. to 2 a.m. daily, currently selling a full line of alcoholic beverages
- d) Approval of Plans (LAMC 12.24-M) to allow the sale and dispensing of a full line of alcoholic beverages for on-site consumption in an existing 754 sq ft patio having 36 patron seats and hours of operation from 6 a.m. to 2 a.m. daily, in conjunction with a "Deemed-to-be-Approved" 3,096 sq ft 2-story restaurant accommodating 214 patrons and having interior hours of operation from 6 a.m. to 2 a.m. daily, currently selling a full line of alcoholic beverages
- e) A Coastal Development Permit, in the dual permit jurisdiction coastal zone

MOTION: The VNC Board recommends approval of the project as proposed, which project includes and is based on the current existing standard operating procedures of the restaurant, dated 5-13-15 (see attached), with the following conditions:

1. Sound mitigation canopy/awning design shall be implemented as indicated on plans dated 4/8/15 for upper and lower patios.
2. Patio hours of operation on Sunday through Thursday shall be: unenclosed from opening until 10 pm, covered and fully enclosed from 10 pm until 2 am.
3. Patio hours of operation on Friday and Saturday shall be: unenclosed from opening until 11:30 pm, covered and fully enclosed from 11:30 pm until 2 am.
4. Occupant load shall not increase and will remain the same size as existing, at 214, which shall be controlled by the doorman/security.
5. There shall be a plan approval 1 year from the [date of implementation of the restaurant expansion project].
6. Operating procedures dated 5-13-15 and attached to this Motion shall be in place at all times, and shall include the awning/enclosure operation, policy/procedures for the patio areas, sound levels testing, security procedures and responsibilities between on-site managers and security company, employee and customer parking policies and procedures, and procedure for occupant counts for purposes of limiting headcount to Occupant Load of 214.
7. Security shall remain in the vicinity of the restaurant site until 3 am for purposes of both safety and noise reduction in the surrounding neighborhood.
8. [Employee] parking shall be available at all times when school is not in session at the [LAUSD elementary school] faculty lot [on Strongs Drive,] with a contract in place [prior to implementation of the restaurant expansion project].

RECOMMENDED BY LUPC 4/28/15 4-2-1



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- B** **2715 Ocean Front Walk (adjustment to project for new SFD)**, North Venice Subarea, RD1.5-1-0, Land Use Plan Designation: Multiple-Family Residential Low Medium II, Dual Permit Jurisdiction Coastal Zone
ZA-2015-1111-CDP-ZAA-SPPA-SPP and ENV-2015-1112-EAF & related cases ZA-2012-2764-ZAA and DIR-2012-2713-SPP-SPPA-MEL and ENV-2012-2765-CE and ENV-2012-2714-CE
CITY HEARING NOT YET SCHEDULED
Applicant: Henry Ramirez
LUPC Staff: Gabriel Ruspini
Project Description: 3rd story (over a basement/4-stories) addition (by expanding 89'-41" sq ft roof access structure to 345'-33" sq ft livable area loft) to previously approved 2-story SFD (over a basement/3 stories), SPPA (Specific Plan Permit Adjustment) for 38'-5" roof height in lieu of 35' limit, ZA Adjustment to provide 3' side yards in lieu of 4' required by LAMC, SPP (Specific Plan Project Compliance Permit) & CDP.
- MOTION:** The VNC Board recommends approval of the project as presented.
RECOMMENDED BY LUPC 5/13/15 4-0-1
- C** **811-815 Ocean Front Walk (mixed use—2 residential units & 110-seat restaurant w/CUB)**, North Venice Subarea, C1-1 zone, Land Use Plan designation: Community Commercial, Dual Permit Jurisdiction Coastal Zone (aka "Appealable Area" post LCP)
ZA-2014-3007-CDP-CUB-ZV-SPP-MEL and ENV-2014-3008-EAF
<http://www.venicenc.org/811-815-ocean-front-walk/>
CITY HEARING THURSDAY JUNE 11, 2015, 10:30 AM, 1645 Corinth Ave, Municipal Building, 2nd floor hearing room
Project Description: demo of 9 residential units & construction of 8,456 sq ft mixed-use project consisting of 2 residential units over 100-seat ground floor restaurant (2,691 sq ft) with new CUB for full alcohol & hours of Sun-Thurs 8 am to 12 midnight & Fri/Sat 9 am to 1 am; request for parking variance to allow mechanical lifts & tandem parking w/parking attendant
Applicant: John Reed
LUPC Staff: Kathleen Rawson & Gabriel Ruspini
- MOTION:** The VNC Board recommends approval of the construction of the 8,456 sq ft mixed-use project of 2 residential units over a 2,691 sq ft ground floor restaurant with 1,110 sq ft service floor area having 100 indoor seats; and a CUB for the use and sale or dispensing of a full line of alcohol beverages for consumption on the premises associated with the restaurant, as described and documented in case No. ZA 2014-3007(CDP)(CUB)(ZV)(SPP)(MEL), with the following conditions:
1. Delivery access shall be limited to the hours of 8:00 am - noon daily.
 2. Vehicular access shall be limited to Speedway Alley.
 3. There shall be no exterior commercial signage.
 4. There shall be no animated signage.
 5. An employee transportation management plan shall be established with significant incentive to choose alternative modes of travel.
 6. There shall be no employee parking in the surrounding residential neighborhoods.
 7. Rear facade lighting will be aimed down/up to limit light pollution into the neighboring homes; and the lighting will be substantial enough to illuminate the area around the building for safety.



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8. A significant effort shall be made by the restaurant operator in conjunction with the LAPD to limit the noise created by street musicians outside the restaurant.

RECOMMENDED BY LUPC 5/13/15 4-0-1

14. **New Business (9:58PM – 10 minutes)**

[Discussion and possible action]

A **Bicycle Safety and Bicycle Rental Facilities** (Marc Saltzberg on behalf of the Neighborhood Committee VicePresident@venicenc.org)

MOTION: *Whereas* Venice Beach attracts millions of tourists each year, many of whom rent bicycles, and

Whereas bicycle rental shops rent their equipment without regard to riding ability, knowledge of local ordinances intended for bicycle safety, or knowledge and understanding of lane striping intended to protect bike riders, or knowledge of where bicycle paths go and potential hazards along them, and

Whereas bicycle riders who violate Los Angeles City bike safety and traffic ordinances are a hazard to both motor vehicle operators and pedestrians, and

Whereas California state law requires that anyone under the age of 18 riding a bicycle (or using inline skates) wear a helmet on a street, bikeway or public bicycle path or trail, including children who are sitting in restraining seats or are being towed in a trailer behind the bicycle, and

Whereas such helmets are provided at no charge by bike rental facilities even though the law does not require such helmets for adults, and

Whereas hundreds of bicycle accidents involving rented equipment occur in Los Angeles each year that could be avoided with better bike rider education while injuries arising from such accidents could be mitigated with protective equipment;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Venice Neighborhood Council recommends that:

1. The Los Angeles City Council request the Department of Transportation to develop a guidebook of basic road regulations and bicycle safety tips, and further requires Bicycle Rental Facilities to distribute it to each individual renter/bike rider.
2. Bicycle rental facilities be required to obtain a signed waiver from each rider stating they have read, understand and will abide by California bicycle laws.
3. Los Angeles bicycle vendors / rental companies be required to supply each bicycle rider, regardless of age, with a safety helmet before leaving the location.



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15. Treasurer's Report (10:08PM - 5 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 May 2015.
RECOMMENDED BY BUDGET COMMITTEE ON 5/6/15 4-0-0

B MOTION: The Venice Neighborhood Council shall reallocate:

- \$750 from General Community Projects in the currently approved budget to General Outreach for the cost of a Town Hall on Affordable Housing to be held in June 2015.
- \$2,250 from General Community Projects, \$1,875 from storage, and \$475 from General Community Improvement for the costs of the 2015 Venice Community Barbecue in August 2015.

RECOMMENDED BY BUDGET COMMITTEE ON 5/6/15 3-0-1

16. Board Member Comments on subject matters within the VNC jurisdiction (10:13PM - 5 minutes)

17. Adjourn (approx. 10:18)

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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
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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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