



Venice Neighborhood Council

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Board of Officers Meeting Agenda Westminster Elementary School (Auditorium) 1010 Abbot Kinney Blvd, Venice, 90291 **Tuesday, November 18, 2014 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/VNC-141021_Board-MinutesDRAFT.pdf
4. **Approval of the 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 – 25 minutes)**
- A **Public Safety - LAPD Report (5 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); **Comments on bathrooms, lockers, concessions, Skating Rink, and Mansionization**
 - LA County Department of Beaches & Harbors: OFW Safety, John Kelly 310-305-9532
 - Outgoing Congressman Henry Waxman, Representative Lisa Pinto; Lisa.Pinto@housemail.gov
 - State Senator (Congressman Elect) Ted Lieu, 310-318-6994
 - Outgoing State Assemblyperson Steve Bradford 310.412.6400 Matt Stauffer
Matt.Stauffer@asm.ca.gov
 - Outgoing LA County Supervisor Zev Yaroslavsky, Maria Chong mccastillo@bos.LACounty.gov
 - Mayor Eric Garcetti, Westside Deputy, Daniel Tamm, (Daniel.Tamm@Lacity.org) 213-978-0836
 - Venice Abbot Kinney Memorial Branch Library, Rachel Bindman, Librarian (rbindman@lapl.org)

- C VNC Announcements (5 Minutes)**
- President - Mike Newhouse (President@VeniceNC.org) Reminder that agenda requests from committees must include the committee vote and date, and all motions must have a 1st and a 2nd. All 24 Hour Notice "Special Meetings" require written pre-approval by the VNC President or Vice President. Turkey Giveaway and Toy-Drive
 - 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)

- 7. General Consent Calendar (7:30PM -- 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.]

- A Proposed Ice Rink** (Melissa Diner on behalf of Ocean Front Walk Committee, (melissa.diner@venicenc.org))

MOTION: The Venice Neighborhood Council supports the creation of an ice rink for the 2015/2016 season.

APPROVED BY OFW COMMITTEE (Tom, Therese Second) 3-0-2

- B Amendment to Outdoor Dining "r" Permit** (Marc Saltzberg on behalf of WRAC vicepresident@venicenc.org)

MOTION: WHEREAS: Outdoor dining without a permit can restrict pedestrian traffic and can be conducted without insurance or additional parking, and can create an unfair advantage for restaurants operating without required permits and putting neighborhoods at risk; and



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WHEREAS it is currently difficult to know if a restaurant is seating outdoor diners legally or illegally, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Venice Neighborhood Council requests that the LA City Council amend the outdoor dining "r" permit ordinance to include requiring the restaurant to display a window sticker advising the public that the restaurant has a permit. This would allow NC members, street inspectors, or whomever, to be able to identify illegal outdoor dining.

See: <http://engpermits.lacity.org/rpermits/public/control.cfm?action=whatsR&frames=2&cfid=1931139&cftoken=26389305>

C Offsite Parking (Marc Saltzberg on behalf of WRAC vicepresident@venicenc.org)

MOTION: The Venice Neighborhood Council requests that the Los Angeles City Council investigate the Planning Department circumventing code by allowing off site parking with only a lease agreement and not a covenant agreement or variance.

D Venice Sign Lighting (Matt Kline matt.kline@venicenc.org)

MOTION: Whereas the Venice Sign Lighting is a free, public event that promotes community growth and relations, the VNC officially supports the event and will promote it through our channels.

E Installation of Bathrooms at Oakwood Park (Marc Saltzberg on behalf of the Neighborhood Committee vicepresident@venicenc.org) **[EXHIBIT]**

MOTION: WHEREAS, Oakwood Park is used by hundreds of people in Venice each day but the only bathroom facilities are located inside the Recreation Center, a building that is locked after hours (hours of operation: Monday – Thursday: 9:00 am – 10:00 pm; Friday: 9:00 am – 6:00 pm; Saturday: 10:00 am – 4:00 pm; Sunday: Closed); and

WHEREAS, the picnic tables at the north end of the ball field attract large groups of people, especially on the weekends, but the only bathrooms are two blocks south inside the Oakwood Recreation Center; and

WHEREAS, residents living near the park have complained for years about feces found in alleys and public urination problems, which results in public health and safety issues for both users of the park and nearby residents; and

WHEREAS, the Oakwood Park Advisory Board and the Oakwood Senior Group have recommended that the Los Angeles Department Recreation and Parks install new bathrooms at the north end of the Oakwood Recreation Center near the picnic tables;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, The Venice Neighborhood Council Board recommends that the Los Angeles Department of Recreation and Parks install bathrooms at the north end of the ball field at Oakwood Park with appropriate provisions for the security of the building and facilities to prevent vandalism and improper use.

This Resolution shall be sent to: Los Angeles City Councilman Mike Bonin; Los Angeles Department of Recreation and Parks General Manager Michael Schull; LA Dept of Recreation and Parks Assistant General Manager of Recreation Operations Kevin Regan; Los Angeles Department of Recreation and Parks Valley Region Supervisor Charles Singer; Oakwood Park Manager Lizka Mendoza; CD11 Venice Field Deputy Cecilia Castillo



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APPROVED BY THE NEIGHBORHOOD COMMITTEE ON 10/30/14 10-0-1

8. **Land Use and Planning Committee (LUPC) Consent Calendar (7:31 PM -- 1 minute)** (Robin Rudisill, Chair, on behalf of LUPC, Chair-lupc@VeniceNC.org)
[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 Waivers** (Robin Rudisill on behalf of LUPC, Chair-lupc@VeniceNC.org)

MOTION: The VNC Board takes a position of "No Opinion, No Recommendation Without Prejudice," for the following City Planning Venice project cases and thus will not make any recommendation for action or comments regarding these cases to Council District 11, the City Planning Department or any other governmental entity, and will stipulate in a letter to City Planning that the VNC reserves the right to take a different position at a later date in the event that any of the project details of a case, as initially presented to the hearing authority, are changed without the consent of the affected parties.

1. 450 Sherman Canal (new SFD), Venice Canals Subarea; ZA-2014-2039-CDP, DIR-2014-1348-SPP and ENV-2014-1349-CE
2. 26 30th Ave. (demo/new SFD), North Venice Subarea; ZA-2014-2043-CDP and ZA-2013-3438-ZAA-SPP-MEL and ENV-2013-3439-CE

APPROVED by LUPC on 11/6/14 by a vote of 7-0-0 (RR/RA) (recused: RD)

9. **Announcements & Public Comment on items not on the Agenda (7:32PM -- 10 minutes)**
[No more than 1 minute per person – no Board member announcements permitted]
10. **Old Business -- LUPC (7:42PM -- 20 minutes)** *[Discussion and possible action]*

- A **416 Grand Ave., North Venice Subarea (SFD)** (10 minutes)
ZA-2014-1356-CDP and ENV-2014-1357-MND (associated DIR-2013-2903-VSO-MEL dated 9-17-13 approving demo of (E) duplex & constr of new SFD)

CITY HEARING TOOK PLACE ON OCTOBER 2, 2014

Project Description: CDP in the Single Jurisdiction Coastal Zone for demo of (E) duplex & constr of new, 2-story 1,425 sq ft SFD, height 23 ft, w/attached 2-car garage; consideration of the MND

MOTION: The VNC Board approves the project as presented, subject to review and satisfaction re. the Mello Determination and Rent Stabilization.

Applicant: Melinda Gray/Rosario Perry

LUPC Staff: Ramsey Daham/Robin Rudisill

Approved by LUPC on 9/30/2014 by a vote of 3-1-1 (RD/MK)

LUPC Staff Report and Supporting Documentation: <http://www.venicenc.org/416-grand-ave/>



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B **418–422 Grand Ave. (SFD), North Venice Subarea (10 minutes)**

ZA-2014-1358-CDP and ENV-2014-1357-MND (same CEQA/ENV case as project at A above)

CITY HEARING TOOK PLACE ON OCTOBER 2, 2014

Project Description: CDP in the Single Permit Jurisdiction Coastal Zone for demo of (E) duplex & constr of new, 3-story 5,183 sq ft SFD, height 35 ft, w/attached 2-car garage in the RD1.5-1-0 Zone; & consideration of the MND

MOTION: The VNC Board approves the project, subject to payment of \$400,000 in Mello Act in lieu fees for each of the four units at 416, 418, 420, and 422 Grand that were determined to be “affordable units” as per the Mello Act Determination dated June 27, 2013.

Applicant: Melinda Gray/Rosario Perry

LUPC Staff: Ramsey Daham/Robin Rudisill

Approved by LUPC on 10/7/2014 by a vote of 5-0-2 (RA/MK)

LUPC Staff Report and Supporting Documentation: <http://www.venicenc.org/418-422-grand-ave/>

11. LUPC (8:02 PM -- 40 minutes) (Robin Rudisill on behalf of LUPC, Chair-lupc@VeniceNC.org)

A **251 Lincoln Blvd. (“Chevron convenience store”), Oakwood Subarea (20 minutes)**

ZA-2013-3814-ZV-CU-CUB-SPP-CDO and ENV-2013-3815-EAF

CASE NOT YET SCHEDULED FOR CITY HEARING

Project Description: a zone variance pursuant to section 12.27 of the LAMC to permit the construction of approximately 1,879 sq ft mini-mart with the primary entrance to be oriented to the interior of the lot instead of towards Lincoln Blvd., which is not permitted by ordinance no. 179,906; a CUP pursuant to section 12.24 W-27 to allow said mini-mart to operate 24 hours a day and proposal of a pole sign, which is not permitted by-right under section 12.22.A.23 and section 12.22.A.28 of the LAMC; a CDP pursuant to section 12.20.2 of the LAMC to allow the construction, use and maintenance of said mini-shopping center; a project permit compliance pursuant to the VCZSP to allow the construction use and maintenance of said mini-mart; and a director's approval pursuant to the Lincoln Blvd. Community Design Overlay zone to allow the construction, use and maintenance of said mini-mart, all in the [Q]C2-1-CDO zone

MOTION:

The VNC recommends as follows:

1. Removal of the three pole signs so that the property is in compliance with the Lincoln Boulevard Community Design Overlay District ordinance (“CDO”) [Q] Condition 10.a., and LAMC 12.22A.28(A)(6)(i), and installation of one pedestrian-oriented sign with the gasoline branding and prices, identical to the pedestrian-oriented gas station signs permitted in Santa Monica. If the City Department Of Transportation determines that this type of pedestrian-oriented sign is impossible at the corner of Lincoln and Rose due to driver line-of-sight requirements, and so long as the other two existing pole signs are permanently removed, the VNC recommends approval of a variance to [Q] Condition 10.b. and a conditional use pursuant LAMC 12.22W.4, to allow the applicant to modify one existing pole sign, which shall be modified in substantial conformance with pages Sign-02 and Sign-05 of the drawings submitted with the application and marked Exhibit “A.”
2. The only other signs on the property shall be two non-illuminated gasoline branding signs on the



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canopy as proposed on page Sign-04 of Exhibit "A." There shall be no other signs, banners, logos, branding, or advertising of any kind on the windows or exterior walls of the convenience store, and the applicant shall record a covenant in the form attached as Exhibit "B" relating, in part, to signage.

3. The Lincoln Boulevard Community Design Overlay District ordinance [Q] Condition 6 requires the primary entrance of the building to be oriented towards Lincoln Boulevard. If, and only if, the applicant removes all three pole signs and installs a pedestrian-oriented sign as described above, the VNC recommends approval of a variance to [Q] Condition 6, to allow the primary entrance to be oriented towards the interior of the lot. In addition to removing all three pole signs and installing a pedestrian-oriented sign, the applicant shall increase the pedestrian orientation by providing tables and chairs on the property, in front of the store and immediately abutting the sidewalk along Lincoln Boulevard, during all of the store's daytime operating hours.

4. There shall be no alcohol sales on the premises.

5. The North wall of the building shall be covered with live foliage.

6. If, and only if, the applicant's lessee provides recycling bins located at each island with gasoline pumps, the VNC recommends approval of a variance to exempt the applicant from the requirement set forth in LAMC 12.22A.23(a)(9) to provide an indoor recycling room.

LUPC Staff: Robert Aronson

Approved by LUPC on 11/6/2014 by a vote of 5-1-2 (RA/KR, as amended by MK/KR)
(yes: RA, KR, RD, MK, MM; NO: MR; abstain: GR, RR)

LUPC Staff Report and Supporting Documentation: (to follow)

www.venicenc.org/251-lincoln-blvd-chevron-convenience-store/

B 204 Hampton Drive ("St. Joseph Center"), Oakwood Subarea (20 minutes)

APCW-2003-3304-SPE-CU-ZAD-SPP-CDP-PA

CASE NOT YET SCHEDULED FOR CITY HEARING

Project Description: Plan approval

[MOTION language to be proved at board meeting.]

Applicant: Kyle, for Michael Jaeger, Latham & Watkins LLP

LUPC Staff: Robert Aronson

Approved by LUPC on 11/6/2014 by a vote of 5-0-1 (RA/RD)

(yes: RA, RD, GR, KR, RR; abstain: MM; recused: MR)

LUPC Staff Report and Supporting Documentation:

www.venicenc.org/204-hampton-drive-st-joseph-center/



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12. New Business (8:37 PM -- 30 minutes)
[Discussion and possible action]

A Free Shuttle Service (10 Mins.) (George Francisco gianfrancisco@hotmail.com)

MOTION: The Venice Neighborhood Council Board shall issue a letter to the Office of Councilman Mike Bonin requesting support for the immediate and ongoing operation of the Venice Free Ride program, as it not only provides a necessary and needed community benefit by providing shuttle service within Venice to residents, stakeholders and visitors free of charge, but it specifically addresses the VNC vision goal of Walkability by reducing the use of cars and providing an alternate, emission-free circulation system.

APPROVED BY TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE 5-0-0

B Revisions to Baseline Mansionization Ordinance (15 Mins) (Marc Saltzberg on behalf of WRAC vicepresident@venicenc.org)

MOTION: WHEREAS: It is desirable to eliminate a patchwork of HPOZs and RFA Overlays, which are time consuming and confusing;

The Venice Neighborhood Council supports CM Paul Koretz's proposed amendments to the Baseline Mansionization Ordinance, and inclusion of Venice under those revisions to the extent allowable by law (see motion at: CF14-0656, http://clkrep.lacity.org/onlinedocs/2014/14-0656_mot_05-16-14.pdf), with additional amendments including inclusion of an Interim Control Ordinance (ICO) for Historic Preservation Overlay Zones (HPOZ) and Residential Floor Area (RFA) Overlays (as suggested in the report of from City Planning at: http://clkrep.lacity.org/onlinedocs/2014/14-0656_rpt_plan_10-1-14.pdf): Amendments shall be approved and executed in 4 months, and other areas/districts may be added during the approval process (as the city did for the Sign Ordinance). (Approved 7-1 by WRAC LUPC)

See: <http://cityclerk.lacity.org/lacityclerkconnect/index.cfm?fa=ccfi.viewrecord&cfnumber=14-0656>

Note: An ICO may be implemented concurrently with this approval process.

C Discussion and Potential Motion Re: New Storage Facility (5 Minutes)

MOTION: The VNC shall secure new storage for its equipment and supplies.

13. Treasurers Report (9:07PM - 10 minutes) (Hugh Harrison on behalf of Budget & Finance Committee, Treasurer@VeniceNC.org) [EXHIBIT]
[Discussion and possible action]

A **MOTION:** The Venice Neighborhood Council Board approves the expenditure report for October 2014 [See expenditures to date: and October monthly expenditure report:]
APPROVED BY BUDGET COMMITTEE 3-0-0 on 11-7-14

B **MOTION:** The Venice Neighborhood Council shall reallocate \$2,000 from General Community Projects in the currently approved budget to Office Equipment for the purpose of replacing electronic equipment lost in the Extra Space Storage fire.
APPROVED BY BUDGET COMMITTEE 3-0-0 on 11-7-14



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C MOTION: The Venice Neighborhood Council requests cash to be allocated to its NC checking account for December 2014 in the following amounts:

<u>VNC Budget Item</u>	<u>DONE</u>	<u>Vendor (if Known)</u>	<u>Amount</u>
Office Supplies/Copies	OFF	Office Depot	\$50.00
Staffing-LUPC	TAC	Apple One	250.00
Refreshments	EVE	Smart & Final	50.00
Web Site/E-Mail	WEB	I Power/Constant Contact	120.00
General Outreach	OUT		300.00
Storage	FAC	Extra Space Storage	233.00
Meeting site rental	FAC	LAUSD	180.00
<u>Fire Replacement</u>			
Sound Board	OFF		300.00
PA System	OFF		500.00
Microphones	OFF		1,000.00
Storage Bins	OFF		200.00
Tables	OUT		100.00
Canopy	OUT		300.00
Outreach Materials	OUT		600.00
Total			\$ 4,283.00

APPROVED BY BUDGET COMMITTEE 3-0-0 on 11-7-14

14. Board Member Comments on subject matters within the VNC jurisdiction
(9:17 PM -- 5 minutes)

15. Adjourn (approx. 9:22 PM)

List of Venice Neighborhood Council Committees & Chairs – Volunteers Welcome

Administrative	Mike Newhouse	Communications	Jed Pauker
Arts	Eduardo Manilla	Discussion Forum	Joe Murphy
Budget & Finance	Hugh Harrison	Environmental	Abigail Myers, Erin Sullivan-Ward
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		

DISABILITY POLICY: As covered under Title II of the Americans with Disabilities Act, the Venice Neighborhood Council does not discriminate on the basis of disability and, upon request, the Venice Neighborhood Council will provide reasonable accommodations to ensure equal access to its programs, services, and activities. Sign language interpreters, assistive listening devices, or other auxiliary aids and/or services may be provided upon request. To ensure availability of services, please make your request at least 3 business days prior to the meeting you wish to attend by contacting the Department of Neighborhood Empowerment at 213-485-1360 or email NCsupport@lacity.org.