



# Venice Neighborhood Council

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## **Board of Officers Regular Meeting Agenda**

Westminster Elementary School (Auditorium)

1010 Abbot Kinney Blvd, Venice, 90291

**Tuesday, September 19, 2017 at 7:00 PM**

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**ALL AGENDA TIMES ARE APPROXIMATE AND SUBJECT TO CHANGE ON THE NIGHT OF THE MEETING.**

1. **Call to Order and Roll Call (7:00 PM – 1 minute)**

The meeting is called to order in honor of Pastor Steve Weller, longtime Venice Activist and Carol Anne Hawkins who passed last month.

2. **Pledge Of Allegiance (7:01PM -- 1 minute)**

3. **Approval of Outstanding Board minutes (7:02PM – 1 minute)**

<http://www.venicenc.org/docs/34484250-7021.pdf>



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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 -- 40 minutes)**
- 6A **Public Safety - LAPD Report (7:05PM-10 minutes)**: Senior Lead Officers Peggy Thusing (25120@lapd.lacity.org), Kristan Delatori ([32914@lapd.lacity.org](mailto:32914@lapd.lacity.org)), Acting SLO Joe Roberts - 41448@lapd.online SLO Adrian Acosta - 39174@lapd.online SLO Javier Ramirez - 39174@lapd.online, Beach Patrol - LT Michael Soliman - 32906@lapd.online Supervisor. *Includes a monthly Venice crime report and updates on law enforcement issues in Venice.*
- 6B **Government Reports (7:15PM-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))
  - 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 Olin Wibroe ([Olin.wibroe@sen.ca.gov](mailto:Olin.wibroe@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))
  - LA County Supervisor Sheila Kuehl Westside Field Deputy FYI, Stephanie Cohen (310)231-1170 ([scohen@bos.lacounty.gov](mailto:scohen@bos.lacounty.gov))
  - Mayor Eric Garcetti, Westside Deputy, Daniel Tamm, 213-978-0836 ([Daniel.Tamm@Lacity.org](mailto:Daniel.Tamm@Lacity.org))
- 6C **VNC Announcements and Reports (7:30PM-5 minutes)**
  - President -Ira Koslow ([President@VeniceNC.org](mailto:President@VeniceNC.org))  
Dax Kimbrough has resigned from the Board. Nominations for Community Interest Officer board seat are now open. Application online here to link :  
<http://www.venicenc.org/productphotos/VNC%20Community%20Interest%20Stakeholder%20Officer%20application%20.pdf> All applications must be received as per application by October 9, 2017.  
Abbot Kinney Festival and The VNC table needs volunteers
  - Vice President - George Francisco ([VicePresident@VeniceNC.org](mailto:VicePresident@VeniceNC.org))
  - 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))



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- VNC Representative to DWP: Yolanda Gonzales
  - Budget Advocates - Hugh Harrison, Treasurer
- 6D History of Venice Development (7:35PM-10 minutes)** (Dario Rodman-Alvarez, [dario@pacificurbanism.com](mailto:dario@pacificurbanism.com)): Plans, Maps, and Aerial Photographs from 1892 to Present. US Census Bureau Data Trends from 1960-2010 in Venice, CA and Los Angeles Metropolitan Area.
- 7. Treasurer's Report (7:45PM -- 15 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]*
- 7A Monthly Expenditure Report** (Hugh Harrison, Treasurer [treasurer@venicenc.org](mailto:treasurer@venicenc.org))  
**MOTION:** The VNC approves the August monthly expenditure report.
- 7B Expenditure to date Report** (Hugh Harrison, Treasurer [treasurer@venicenc.org](mailto:treasurer@venicenc.org))  
**MOTION:** The VNC approves the August Expenditure to Date report.
- 7C Purchase of Video Projector**  
**MOTION:** The VNC approves the expenditure of \$3,000 from Community Improvement Projects for the purchase of a projector to be installed from the ceiling of Westminster Elementary School.  
*Recommended by the Budget and Finance Committee 4-0-0 on September 5, 2017*
- 7D Purchase of Name Placard Holders**  
**MOTION:** The VNC approves the expenditure of \$200 from Outreach for the purchase of 25 name placard holders and printed identification for Board officers at Board meetings.  
*Recommended by the Budget and Finance Committee 4-0-0 on September 5, 2017*
- 7E Additional Outreach Materials for Neighborhood Committee**  
**MOTION:** The VNC approves the expenditure of \$150 from Outreach for the purchase of additional outreach materials (name cards) for members of the Neighborhood Committee.  
*Recommended by the Budget and Finance Committee 4-0-0 on September 5, 2017*
- 7F Purchase of Sign re: locking cars**  
**MOTION:** The VNC approves the expenditure of \$50 from Outreach for the purchase of a police authorized sign reminding individuals to lock their cars.  
*Recommended by the Budget and Finance Committee 4-0-0 on September 5, 2017*



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8. **Announcements and Public Comment on items not on the Agenda (8:00PM -- 10 minutes)**  
*[No more than 1 minute per person – no Board member announcements permitted]*
9. **General Consent Calendar (8:10PM -- 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.]*
- 9A **Opposition to SB 649** (Matthew Royce on behalf of LUPC)  
**MOTION:** The VNC Board shall support a WRAC motion in opposition to SB 649 which removes from cities the discretionary regulation of "small cell" cell phone towers in the public right-of-way and on city property. Exceptions for historic zones and Coastal Zone are included, but scenic highways and R zones are not included. Cities have capability to properly analyze applications within existing laws and balance protection of neighborhoods with the need for increased wireless capacity."  
*Recommended by LUPC 8-0-0 on September 6, 2017*
- 9B **Playa Gas Field** (George Francisco on behalf of the Neighborhood Committee [vp@venicenc.org](mailto:vp@venicenc.org))  
**MOTION:** The Venice Neighborhood Council shall attach the following statement of "Support" to Council file 17-0756: Playa Del Rey/8141 Gulana Avenue/Natural Gas Storage Facility Operations/ Compliance Regulations: The Venice Neighborhood Council supports "CF 17-0756: Playa Del Rey/8141 Gulana Avenue/Natural Gas Storage Facility Operations/Compliance Regulations" for the positive impacts that an investigation and thorough site review of all equipment, wells and permitting will have upon the Venice community: 1.The Natural Gas Storage facility in question was converted to this purpose in 1955 and although this is its primary use, it continues to produce oil which was its original purpose. 2. There is a public safety hazard due to the combustible nature of methane gas associated with petroleum deposits and storage facilities of this nature. 3. There is a public safety hazard dating to a February 22, 2017 Order to Comply issued to the Storage Facility operator, Southern California Gas, related to hillside erosion near residential property. 4. The Natural Gas Storage facility in question in Playa Del Rey is similar in age, history and structure as the Aliso Canyon Natural Gas Storage facility which in 2015 was responsible for the largest methane gas leak in history. 5.The explosion at the Aliso Canyon facility and subsequent leaking of methane gas into the Porter Ranch community is a documented example of the massive potential danger that a similar incident would present to the Venice community in terms of residents' health, both public and private property, local business activity and overall negative environmental impact on our coast.  
*Recommended by Neighborhood Committee 7-0-1*
- 9C **Great Sing a Long** ( Santiesteban Genny, [santiesteban@lawa.org](mailto:santiesteban@lawa.org))  
**MOTION:** The Venice Neighborhood Council supports the Venice High School annual Grease Sing a Long.



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- 10. LUPC (8:15PM – 210 minutes)** (Matthew Royce 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>)

**10A Position on SurveyLA community impact (8:15PM-90 minutes)**

**MOTION:** The VNC Board demands that the City of Los Angeles adopt the following policy:

1. The results of SurveyLA do not constitute fair argument of substantial evidence of a potential significant impact to historic resources under CEQA or otherwise. This should be noted on all published documents including Zoning Information Bulletins available on ZIMAS.
2. SurveyLA is a planning tool only that may be used when updating community plans, specific plans and coastal plans; it should not be used on an individual case-by-case basis
3. The burden is on the City to prove substantial evidence of a potential significant impact to historic resources on a case-by-case basis
4. No clearances related to SurveyLA shall be required on discretionary or non-discretionary permits unless the City proves substantial evidence exists above and beyond information in SurveyLA

Recommended by LUPC 6-0-0

Master Report: [http://preservation.lacity.org/sites/default/files/SurveyLA\\_MasterReport\\_0.pdf](http://preservation.lacity.org/sites/default/files/SurveyLA_MasterReport_0.pdf)

Venice Reports: <http://preservation.lacity.org/survey-la-findings-and-reports#Venice>

**10B 744 Vernon Ave (9:45PM-20 minutes)**

Case: DIR-2017-2292-CDP-MEL

Applicant: Nick Valencia

LUPC Staff: Mehrnoosh Mojallali

Representative: SEA

Description: New Single Family Residence

**MOTION:** The VNC Board recommends approval of the project as presented.

Recommended by LUPC 8-0-0 on *September 6, 2017*

**10C 3011 Ocean Front Walk (10:05PM-30 minutes)**

Case: DIR-2016-4749-CDP-MEL

Applicant: Mike Targon

LUPC Staff: Ramsey Daham

Representative: Ron Howell and Rudy Alegre

Description: DEMOLITION OF AN EXISTING 2,300 S.F. MULTI-FAMILY BUILDING AND THE CONSTRUCTION OF A NEW 4,113 S.F. SINGLE FAMILY HOME

**MOTION:** The VNC Board recommends approval of the project as presented.

*Motion postponed from February, Recommended by LUPC 5-0-0 on September 6, 2017*



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**10D 925-929 Marco Place (10:35PM 30 minutes)**

Case: DIR-2015-3506-CDP-SPP-MEL, DIR-2015-3507-CDP-SPP-MEL,  
DIR-2015-3504-CDP-SPP-MEL

Applicant: Shula Harel

LUPC Staff: Mehrnoosh Mojallali

Representative: Ron Harel

Description: 3 New Single Family Residences

**MOTION:** The VNC Board recommends approval of the project with the condition that the homes on lots 22 and 23 be sunken down 2 feet to match the designed height of the home on lot 24.

Recommended by LUPC 3-2-2 on September 6, 2017

**11. Old Business (11:05PM - 0 minutes) See attached addendums at**

<http://www.venicenc.org/minutes-and-agendas.php>

*[Discussion and possible action]*

**12. New Business (11:05PM – 20 minutes)**

*[Discussion and possible action] See attached addendums at*

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**12A Venice Street Donations (11:05PM-20 minutes) Will Hawkins on behalf of the Homeless Committee, [william.hawkins@venicenc.org](mailto:william.hawkins@venicenc.org))**

**MOTION:** Whereas, professional homeless service organizations, city officials, and law enforcement agree that street donations of food, clothing, and other items often do more harm than good by disrupting the process of helping people get off the street, creating a dangerous and unclean environment for both the housed and unhoused, and costs the city tens of thousands of dollars a year in street cleanup and trash collection costs

Therefore be it resolved that the VNC sign the attached letter to be forwarded to CP Bonin, Supervisor Sheila Kuehl, LAPD Captain Choi, LAPD Sgt Mike Fox - HOPE Unit, Dept of Sanitation, LAFD Captain Station 62, Steven Butler - St Joseph Center and C3 Lead, and all local Venice homeless service providers. This Letter can also be distributed by Venice businesses and residents to those making street donations asking them to partner with Venice service agencies instead of dropping donations on the street.

**13. Board Member Comments on subject matters within the VNC jurisdiction (11:25PM - 5 minutes)**

**14. Adjourn (approx. 11:25PM)**



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<u>Standing Committees</u>	<u>Ad Hoc Committees</u>
Administrative - Ira Koslow	Homeless - Will Hawkins
Neighborhood - George Francisco	Parking & Transportation - Jim Murez
Outreach - Matthew Kline	Venice Cityhood - Nick Antonicello
Land Use and Planning - Matthew Royce	Discussion Forum - Joe Murphy
Budget & Finance - Hugh Harrison	
Rules & Selections - John Reed	
Arts - Sunny Bak	
Ocean Front Walk - Colleen Saro	

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