



Venice Neighborhood Council

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Board of Officers Regular Meeting Agenda

Westminster Elementary School (Auditorium)

1010 Abbot Kinney Blvd, Venice, 90291

Tuesday, October 16, 2018 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**
2. **Pledge Of Allegiance (7:01PM -- 1 minute)**
3. **Approval of Outstanding Board minutes (7:02PM – 1 minute)**
<http://www.venicenc.org/minutes-and-agendas.php>
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.



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6. Scheduled Announcements and Presentations

6A Live Stream of Meetings (7:05PM -- 3 minutes)

All VNC Board meetings are streamed live online. Please log onto facebook and share the live stream on the VNC homepage to promote community participation. Click here to share!

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6B Spanish Translation Available (7:08PM -- 1 minutes) (Esteban Pulido, pulido.esteban@gmail.com)

Spanish Interpretation services and agendas are available with advance notice.

6C Public Safety - LAPD & LAFD Report (7:09PM -- 10 minutes): Senior Lead Officers Kristan Delatori 32914@lapd.lacity.org; SLO Jennifer Mutha 36051@lapdonline; SLO Adrian Acosta - 39174@lapd.online; SLO Javier Ramirez - 39174@lapd.online; Venice Beach Task Force - LT Michael Soliman - 32906@lapd.online. *Includes a monthly Venice crime report and updates on law enforcement issues in Venice.*

6D Government Reports (7:19PM -- 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)
- Congressman Ted Lieu, Representative Janet Turner, 310-496-9896 (janet.turner@mail.house.gov)
- State Senator Ben Allen, Representative Olin Wibroe (Olin.wibroe@sen.ca.gov)
- State Assemblyperson Autumn Burke, West Los Angeles Field Representative, Brandon Stansell, (310) 412-6400, (brandon.stansell@asm.ca.gov)
- LA County Supervisor Sheila Kuehl Westside Field Deputy Zac Gaidzik (310)231-1170, zgaidzik@bos.lacounty.gov
- Mayor Eric Garcetti, Westside Deputy,
- Empower LA Neighborhood Council Advocate, Jasmine Elbarbary, 213-978-1551 (jasmine.elbarbary@lacity.org)

6E VNC Announcements and Reports (7:34PM -- 5 minutes)

- President -Ira Koslow (President@VeniceNC.org)
Will Hawkins has resigned from the Board - Open nominations for vacant seat
- Vice President - George Francisco (Vice President@VeniceNC.org)
- Westside Regional Alliance of Councils- Ira Koslow, VNC Representative
- Los Angeles Neighborhood Council Coalition (LANCC) Ivan Spiegel (Parliamentarian@VeniceNC.org)
- Election Update - Ivan Spiegel, Election Chair
- VNC Representative to DWP: Yolanda Gonzales
- Budget Advocates - Hugh Harrison, Treasurer
- Outreach - Hollie Stenson



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7. **Treasurer's Report (7:39PM -- 10 minutes)** (Hugh Harrison on behalf of Budget & Finance Committee) (Treasurer@VeniceNC.org)
*See attached addendums at <http://www.venicenc.org/minutes-and-agendas.php>
[Discussion and possible action]*

- 7A **Approval Monthly Expenditure Report**
MOTION: The Venice NC approves the monthly expenditure report for August 2018. NOTE: Budget and Finance will not review the report until 10/3/18.
Uploaded Documents:
[Download 1538107649.pdf](#)
Recommended by Budget and Finance Committee 5-0-0 on 10/03/18

- 7B **Approval Monthly Expenditure to Date Report**
MOTION: The Venice NC approves the expenditure to date report report for August 2018.
Uploaded Documents:
[Download 1538107763.pdf](#)
Recommended by Budget and Finance Committee 5-0-0 on 10/03/18

- 7C **Funding for Additional AV Equipment**
MOTION: The Venice NC approves up to \$500 for the purchase of additional cabling and connections for the audio visual equipment.
Recommended by Budget And Finance Committee on 10-3-2018 5-0-0

8. **Announcements and Public Comment on items not on the Agenda (7:49PM - 10 minutes)**
[No more than 1 minute per person – no Board member announcements permitted]

9. **General Consent Calendar (7:59PM -- 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 **POW-MIA Mural Preservation** (Justin Brezhnev on behalf of the Arts Committee justin.brezhnev@venicenc.org)
MOTION: The VNC shall send a letter to CD 11 and the Metro Board recommending that any development of MTA Lot 6 include the physical preservation of the POW MIA mural either on its current location or within the proposed development.
Recommended by Arts Committee on 9-11-2018 4-0-0



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- 9B Crosswalk at Venice Blvd & Shell Ave** (James Murez, james.murez@venicenc.org)
MOTION: Whereas, during the day, Venice Blvd. is a very busy street with cars traveling in excess of 40 mph and motorists don't see people in this popular cross walk, and
Whereas at night it is almost impossible to cross safely due to the motorist rate of travel and the existing illumination; and
Whereas there have been several near fatal accidents involving pedestrians using the crosswalk.
Therefore be it resolved that the VNC Board shall send a request to CD 11 and LADOT for the addition of a crosswalk signal control at the intersection of Venice Blvd at Shell Ave.
Recommended by Parking and Transportation Committee 3,0,0 on 10/01/18
- 9C REPLACEMENT AND REPAIRS OF STREET SIGNS ON NORTH VENICE FROM PACIFIC TO SPEEDWAY** (Colleen Saro, colleen.saro@venicenc.org)
WHEREAS, North Venice is a one-way street, and
WHEREAS, North Venice crosses Speedway, which is a one-way street going south, and
WHEREAS, the few street signs that are still existing are: in bad condition, turn the incorrect direction, and vandalized, and
WHEREAS, without the proper signs facing the correct direction, cars are constantly turning north onto Speedway which is a one-way street going south, and
WHEREAS, cars are constantly turning onto North Venice out of the parking structure next to James Beach turning right onto North Venice which is the wrong way, and
Therefore be it resolved that the VNC recommends to Councilman Bonin, the LA Department of Transportation, the LA Department of Public Works, and the LA City Bureau of Engineering that all street signage on North Venice Blvd, west of Pacific and east of Speedway be repaired or replaced.
Recommended by Ocean Front Walk Committee on 9-124-2018 7-0-0
Uploaded Documents:
[Download 1538460832.pdf](#)
- 10. LUPC Consent Calendar (8:04PM – 5 minutes)** (Matthew Royce on behalf of LUPC, Chair-lupc@VeniceNC.org)
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- 10A 10 E Washington Blvd (The Whaler)**
Case: APCW-2014-4703-SPE-SPP-PAB-PAD-CDP-PA1
LUPC Staff: Michael Jensen
Representative: FE Design
Description: Plan Approval to verify compliance for existing restaurant
MOTION: The VNC Board recommends approval with requested modifications to CUB conditions.
Recommended by LUPC 8-0-0



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10B 3105 Washington Blvd (Cafe Buna)

Case: ZA-2018-4364-CUB

Applicant: RMF Enterprises, Inc.

LUPC Staff: Michael Jensen

Representative: Brett Engstrom - Engstrom Planning

Description: CUB to add alcoholic beverage sales to an existing restaurant

MOTION: The VNC Board recommends approval as presented (applicant to provide voluntary evidence of a 500 foot radius outreach meeting and any feedback to the Board)

Recommended by LUPC 7-0-0

11. **LUPC (8:09PM – 70 minutes)** (Matthew Royce on behalf of LUPC, Chair-lupc@VeniceNC.org) (see project files for more detailed info at <http://www.venicenc.org/land-use-committee.php>)

11A 1011 5th Avenue (8:09PM --20 minutes)

Case: DIR-2018-1082-CDP-MEL, AA-2018-1081-PMLA-SL

Applicant: 1011 5th Avenue LLC

LUPC Staff: Mehrnoosh Mojalalli

Representative: Breakform Design; Karen Corletto, Handleman Consulting, Inc.

Description: New 2 unit small lot subdivision

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

Recommended by LUPC 5-2-0

11B 600 Mildred Ave (Tesuque Market) (8:29PM -- 30 minutes)

Case: DIR-2018-2031-SPP-CDP

Applicant: Michael Stein

LUPC Staff: Matthew Royce

Representative: DU Architects

Description: Change of Use from Retail Market to Restaurant

MOTION: The VNC Board recommends approval of the project with the following conditions:

1. verify the approved occupant load for the service floor area
2. Implement a TDM to pay for employees alternative transportation costs
3. Provide as much bike parking as is feasible at or near the site
4. Provide Valet parking during evening hours contracted for a parking lot to avoid parking in neighborhood streets.

Recommended by LUPC 5-2-1

11C 533-537 Grand Blvd (8:59PM -- 20 minutes)

Case: DIR-2017-3983-CDP-MEL, DIR-2017-3988-CDP-MEL

Applicant: 533 Grand LLC

LUPC Staff: Ramsey Daham



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Representative: Brett Engstrom - Engstrom Planning
Description: 2 New Single Family Homes
MOTION: The VNC Board recommends approval of the project as presented
Recommended by LUPC 5-1-1

12. Old Business (9:19PM - 0 minutes) See attached addendums at
<http://www.venicenc.org/minutes-and-agendas.php>
[Discussion and possible action]

13. New Business (9:19PM – minutes)

13A LADOT Express Blue Lane Lincoln Blvd (9:19PM- 5 minutes) (James Murez, james.murez@venicenc.org)
MOTION: The VNC Board shall send a request to CD 11, LADOT, and Caltrans recommending the Express Bus Lane on Lincoln Blvd., now existing in Santa Monica City, be extended to Jefferson Blvd. during the same commuter hours as posted in Santa Monica. (Northbound traffic 7-9am M-F, Southbound 3-6pm M-F.)
Recommended by Parking and Transportation Committee 3,0,0 on 10/01/18

Attachment:

<https://drive.google.com/file/d/143OkLORKTU-uKOTxNzwFOIRP6L1Wfge3/view?usp=sharing>

13B Amend Definition of Undue Concentration (9:24PM-10 minutes) (Cindy Chambers on behalf of Cannabis Committee cindy.chambers@venicenc.org)

MOTION: Whereas the VNC Board believes it was the intent of the City Council to preserve the status quo of locations and activities of Existing Medical Marijuana Dispensaries (EMMD) and;
Whereas the Undue Concentration threshold for the Venice Community Plan Area is 4 retail licenses;
and

Whereas there are currently 6 retail licenses located in the 90291 zip code; and

Whereas there are currently 2 retail licenses located in the 90292 zip code; and

Whereas the Venice Community Plan Area is a popular destination for cannabis tourism and has attracted numerous EMMDs, (Existing Medical Marijuana Dispensary) who have moved licenses from other Community Plan Areas;

Therefore Be It Resolved that the VNC Board send a letter to the LA City Council and the Department of Cannabis Regulation recommending the following amendment to LAMC section 104.01(a)(28):

" unless the EMMD, (Existing Medical Marijuana Dispensary) moves its location after issuance of its 2018 BTRC, (Business Tax Registration Certificate) in which case it will be subject to the Undue Concentration findings of a new applicant for a retail license"

Recommended by Cannabis Committee on 10-2-2018 7-0-0



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Attachments and definitions:

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<https://drive.google.com/file/d/1ODVIRatrxsNuwq6acB4y1VOoiWtUQT-b/view?usp=sharing>

- 13. **Board Member Comments on subject matters within the VNC jurisdiction (9:34PM - 5 minutes)**
- 14. **Adjourn (approx. 9:39PM)**

List of Venice Neighborhood Council Committees & Chairs – Volunteers Welcome

<u>Standing Committees</u>	<u>Ad Hoc Committees</u>
Administrative - Ira Koslow Neighborhood - George Francisco Outreach - Hollie Stenson Land Use and Planning - Matthew Royce Budget & Finance - Hugh Harrison Rules & Selections - John Reed Arts - Sunny Bak Ocean Front Walk - Colleen Saro	Homeless - no current chair Venice Cityhood - Nick Antonicello Discussion Forum - Joe Murphy 2019 Election - Ivan Spiegel Parking & Transportation - Jim Murez

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