



Venice Neighborhood Council

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Draft Board of Officers Regular Meeting Agenda

Westminster Elementary School (Auditorium)
1010 Abbot Kinney Blvd, Venice, 90291
Tuesday, December 17, 2019 at 7:00 PM

1. **Call to Order and Roll Call (7:00 PM)**
The meeting is called to order in memory of Aldous Brown & William (Bill) Battey who built and remodeled homes and commercial properties in Venice for over 30 years
2. **Pledge Of Allegiance (7:01PM -- 1 minute)**
3. **Approval of the Agenda (PM – 1 minute)**
4. **Approval of the Minutes to date of VNC Board meetings.**
5. **Declaration of Ex Parte Communications or Conflicts-Of-Interest (PM -- 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**
- 6A **Live Stream of Meetings (PM -- 3 minutes)**
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- 6B **Spanish Translation Available** (Esteban Pulido, pulido.esteban@gmail.com)
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- 6C **Public Safety - LAPD & LAFD Report (10 minutes):** Senior Lead Officers Kristan Delatori (32914@lapd.lacity.org), SLO Jennifer Muther 36051@lapdonline SLO Adrian Acosta - 39174@lapd.online SLO Javier Ramirez - 39174@lapd.online, Venice Beach Task Force - SGT Theresa Skinner - 31142@lapd.online. *Includes a monthly Venice crime report and updates on law enforcement issues in Venice.*
- 6D **Government Reports (15 minutes)** (Representatives have standing place on the agenda, but are not always available to attend)
 - City Councilmember Mike Bonin, Field Deputy Morgan Bostic, 310-568-8772 (morgan.bostic@lacity.org)
 - Congressman Ted Lieu, Representative Janet Turner, 310-496-9896 (janet.turner@mail.house.gov)
 - State Senator Ben Allen, Representative Colby Harriman (colby.harriman@sen.ca.gov)



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- 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, Ami Fields-Meyer, 323 552-6730 (ami.fields-meyer@lacity.org)
- Empower LA Neighborhood Council Advocate, Jasmine Elbarbary, 213-978-1551 (jasmine.elbarbary@lacity.org)

6E **VNC Announcements and Reports (5 minutes)**

- President -Ira Koslow (President@VeniceNC.org)
Names and email addresses of all recipients must be included in motions submitted to the Board.
- Westside Regional Alliance of Councils- Ira Koslow, VNC Representative (Chair@westsidecouncils.org),
No December meeting. Next meeting in January.
- Los Angeles Neighborhood Council Coalition (LANCC) Ivan Spiegel (Parliamentarian@VeniceNC.org)
- VNC Representative to DWP/Gas Company: Yolanda Gonzales
- Budget Advocates - Hugh Harrison, Treasurer
- Outreach Announcements - Sima Kostovetsk

6F **Parking and Transportation Committee Presentation 5 minutes**

6F **Board Member Announcements on subject matters within the VNC jurisdiction- One (1) minute per Board member (5 minutes)**

7. **Treasurer's Report (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 **Approve Monthly Expenditure Reports**

MOTION: The Venice NC approves the attached monthly expenditure reports.

Recommended by Budget and Finance Committee 5-0-0 on 12-3-19

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7B Approve Funding for Social Media Outreach

MOTION: The Venice NC approves up to \$150 per month to be used for Facebook and Instagram outreach on behalf of the VNC.

Recommended by Budget and Finance Committee 5-0-0 on 12-3-19

7C Approve Additional Funding for Board Retreat

MOTION: The Venice NC approves an additional \$500 dollars for the board retreat.

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

9. **General Consent Calendar (PM -- 5 minutes)**
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10. **LUPC Consent (PM – minutes)** (Alix Gucovsky on behalf of LUPC, Chair-lupc@VeniceNC.org)
(see project files for more detailed info at <http://www.venicenc.org/land-use-committee.php>)

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10A. 15 Westwind

Case: ZA-2013-3923-CDP-SPPA-SPP
Address: 15 Westwind
Applicant: Robert Assill
LUPC Staff: Matthew Royce
Representative: Gigi Goyette at Aloha Expediting
City Planner: Ira Brown contact ira.brown@lacity.org
City Hearing: TBD
Case Description:



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- COASTAL DEVELOPMENT PERMIT - THE REQUEST IS FOR A 3-PHASE PROJECT, FOR A 4-UNIT APARTMENT IN THE R3-1 ZONE, AS WELL AS THE DUAL-JURISDICTION COASTAL ZONE. PHASE 1 WILL RAISE ENTIRE ROOF 2FT, FROM 28FT TO A HEIGHT OF 30FT. PHASE 2 WILL MOVE THE 3 UNITS LOCATED ON THE 1ST FLOOR TO THE 2ND AND 3RD FLOORS, AND ADD 1 BEDROOM TO THOSE 3 UNITS. THE 4TH UNIT WILL BE RELOCATED TO THE 2ND AND 3RD FLOORS. PHASE 3 WILL INVOLVE THE CONVERSION OF THE 1ST FLOOR HABITABLE SPACE TO ADDITIONAL COVERED PARKING.

MOTION: Whereas the project at 15 Westwind was presented to zoning administrator in 2016 without having been vetted by the VNC.

Whereas between 2016 and 2019 the applicant changed the plans without public hearing or a ZA Meeting, and these changes seek to encroach upon public right of way and the neighbor's property.

Whereas September 25 2019 ZA approved the project with discretionary allowances without Neighborhood Council vetting; And whereas neighbors have appealed the project to the APC.

Therefore, the VNC moves to support the appeal and that the APC remand the project for public Hearing before the ZA, vetting by the VNC, and require compliance with Venice Specific Plan.

Recommended by LUPC 7-0-0 on 11/12/19

11. **LUPC (PM – minutes)** (Alix Gucovsky 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. 701 Vernon Avenue (Future 702 Sunset Avenue)

Case: AA-2018-2001-PMLA-SL, DIR-2018-2002-CDP-MEL, ENV-2018-1990-EAF
Address: 701 Vernon Avenue (Future 702 Sunset Avenue)
Applicant: 701 CALI LLC
LUPC Staff: Barry Cassilly
Representative: Stacy Van Dyke contact: stacyv.atr@gmail.com
City Planner: Kenton Trinh contact: Kenton.Trinh@lacity.org



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City Hearing: December 11, 2019

Case Description:

- Pursuant to LAMC 17.50 the approval of a Preliminary Parcel Map to effect the 2-lot small lot subdivision of the existing parcel for the construction of 2 new single family homes
- Pursuant to Government Code Sections 65590 and 65990.1 (the Mello Act) and the City of Los Angeles Interim Mello Act Compliance Administrative Procedures, a Mello Act Compliance Determination.

MOTION: The Venice Neighborhood Council Recommends the project as presented.

Recommend by LUPC 5-1-1 on 11-12-19

11B. WRAC LUPC Resolution to Reform Public Access to Consideration of Planning Cases (mark.ryavec@venicenc.org)

MOTION: WRAC LUPC Resolution to Reform Public Access to Consideration of Planning Cases As requested by the Land Use and Planning Committee of the Westside Regional Alliance of Regional Councils (WRAC), the Venice Neighborhood Council recommends denial of the following Resolution: WRAC requests that the City of Los Angeles reform the planning comment process as follows:

1. The City Planning Commission and City Council's Planning and Land Use Management (PLUM) Committee shall hold a public hearing for all projects for the first time they consider them, and public comment minimum shall be two (2) minutes.

2. No city bodies, including the City Council, shall put projects on the consent calendar because a project has already had a hearing before the Zoning Administrator, a Hearing Officer, or the PLUM Committee.

3. No city bodies shall limit comment to one minute because an earlier hearing or hearings have been held. Two (2) minutes should be the minimum.

4. Staff reports shall include copies of all public comments and not only list a summary. I further move that the above Motion be presented to the City Council as a Community Impact Statement.

MOTION RECOMMENDED BY LUPC 6-1-1 on 11-12-19

11C. 2329 South Grand Canal

Case: DIR 2018-5452-CDP; ZA-2018-5453-ZAA ENV 2018-5454-CE

City Hearing TBD

Address: 2329 South Grand Canal

Applicant: Brad Gluckstein 2329 grand canal llc



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LUPC Staff: Carlos Zubieta

Representative: Peters Architecture contact: ngoc@capeters.com and austin@capeters.com

City Planner: Jeff Khau contact jeff.khau@lacity.org

Case Description:

- Construction of a new 3 story plus roof deck single family residence with attached two car garage.

Public comment and possible action: Motion

MOTION: The Venice Neighborhood Councils recommends the project as presented.

Recommended by LUPC 6-1-1 on 12/5/19

11D. 579 East Venice Boulevard

Case: DIR-2019-4231-CDP-MEL, ZA-2019-4232-ZAA, ENV-2019-4233 CE

City Hearing date: December 16, 2019

Address: 579 East Venice Boulevard

Applicant: Jeffrey J Martin contact: jeff@blueviewre.com

LUPC Staff: Shep Stern

Representative: Tony Russo Crest Real Estate contact tony@crestrealestate.com

City Planner: Jeff Khau contact: Jeff.Khau@lacity.org

Case Description:

- The Director of Planning and Zoning administrator shall consider an exemption from the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) pursuant to CEQA guidelines, section 15301, 15303, and 15331 and determine that there is no substantial evidence demonstrating that an exception to the categorical exemption pursuant to CEQA guidelines section 15300.2 applies.
- Pursuant to LAMC section 12.20.2 a coastal development permit for the demolition of an existing one story duplex and the construction of a new three story 3824 sq ft single family dwelling with an attached accessory dwelling unit (ADU) an attached three car garage, and a roof deck, on a lot located in the dual permit jurisdiction area of the California coastal zone.
- Pursuant to government code sections 65590 and 65590.1 and the city of Los Angeles Interim Mello Act Compliance Administrative procedures, a Mello act compliance review for the demolition of two residential units and the construction of two residential units within the California Coastal Zone.
- Pursuant to LAMC 12.28 a zoning administrator's adjustment to allow a reduced front yard 5 feet along Grand View Boulevard and a reduced front yard of 5 feet along Venice Boulevard in lieu of the 15 feet otherwise required per section 12.10 C.1

MOTION: The Venice Neighborhood Councils recommends the project as presented.



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Recommended by LUPC 6-1-1 on 12/5/19

11E 811-815 Ocean Front Walk

Case: CPC 2019-2282 CDP-MEL SPP DB-CUB
City Hearing: TBD
Address: 811-815 Ocean Front Walk
Applicant: Vera Sutter Ocean Front Walk LC
LUPC Staff: Tim Bonefeld/Daffodil Tyminski
Representative: John Reed John@reedarchgroup.com>
City Planner: Juliet Oh contact Juliet.oh@lacity.org

Case Description:

- Pursuant to LAMC 12.22.A.25, Density Bonus Compliance Review to permit the construction of a project totaling 9 dwelling units, including 1 dwelling unit for Low-Income household occupancy for a period of 55 years, utilizing Parking Option No. 1, with the following requested incentives:
 - a. Pursuant to LAMC Section 12.22.A.25(f)(5)(i), an On-Menu Incentive to permit 39 feet main building height with a less than 100 square foot elevator penthouse structure at 41 feet in height in lieu of 35 feet otherwise permitted by Venice Coastal Zone-Specific Plan Section 10.F(3)(a).
 - b. Pursuant to LAMC Section 12.22.A.25(g)(3), a Waiver of Development Standard to permit a 6-foot passageway in lieu of a 12-foot passageway otherwise required by LAMC Section 12.21.C(2)(b).
 - c. Pursuant to LAMC Section 12.22.A.25(f)(5)(i), a Waiver of Development Standard to permit a 2'-9" X 2'-6" triangular portion of the upper portion of the building to encroach into the 45 degree step-back plane otherwise permitted by Venice Coastal Zone Specific Plan Section 10.F(3)(a).
- Pursuant to Los Angeles Municipal Code 11.5.7.C, Project Permit Compliance Review with the Venice Coastal Zone-Specific Plan.
- Pursuant to Los Angeles Municipal Code 12.20.2, a Coastal Development Permit for a project in the Dual Permit Jurisdiction California Coastal Zone.
- Pursuant to Government Code Sections 65590 and 65590.1, and the City of Los Angeles Interim Mello Act Compliance Administrative Procedures, a Mello Act Compliance Review for a project in the California Coastal Zone.



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- Pursuant to CEQA Guidelines, Section 15332, an Exemption from CEQA (Class 32), and that there is no substantial evidence demonstrating that an exception to a categorical exemption pursuant to CEQA Guidelines, Section 15300.2 applies.
- CUB for the restaurant with a full line of Alcohol service

MOTION: The Venice Neighborhood Councils recommends the project as presented with the following conditions:

1. The future operator of the restaurant will bring back the CUB within 12 months of operation
2. The future operator of the restaurant will install scrubbers on the hood to mitigate food smell.
3. Future wiring will accommodate up to a minimum of 14 ev chargers
4. LADOT will provide right turn only signage out garage.

Recommended by LUPC 8-0-0 on 12/5/19

11F 1425 South Abbott Kinney Boulevard

Case: DIR-2019-2188-CDP-SPP, ZA-2019-5777-ZV, ENV-2019-2189-CE
City Hearing: December 12, 2019
Address: 1425 South Abbott Kinney Boulevard
Applicant: GSW Creative Corporation
LUPC Staff: Michael Jensen
Representative: Three6ixty contact Dana Sayles dana@eka360.net
City Planner: Ira Brown contact ira.brown@lacity.org
Case Description:

- Change of use from a 782 sq ft office with a two story mixed use building into a retail store, one residential unit, and one parking space dedicated to the residential unit will be maintained on site.
- The director of planning and zoning shall consider an exemption from the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) pursuant to CEQA guidelines, section 15301 and that there is no substantial evidence demonstrating that an exception to the categorical exemption pursuant to CEQA guidelines section 15300.2 applies
- Pursuant to LAMC section 12.20.2 a coastal development permit for a change of use from a 782 sq ft office into a retail store, located within the Single Permit Jurisdiction of the Coastal Zone.
- Pursuant to LAMC section 12.27 a zone variance to remove the requirement for an onsite loading zone as required by section 12.21-C.6



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- Pursuant to LAMC section 11.5.7 a project permit compliance review for a project within the Venice Coastal Zone Specific Plan

MOTION: The Venice Neighborhood Councils recommends the project as presented.
Recommended by LUPC 5-0-0 on 12/5/19

11G 1635 Abbott Kinney

Case: DIR-2019-5672-CDP-SPP, ZA-2019-5674 CUB ZV
City Hearing: TBD
Address: 1635 Abbott Kinney
Applicant: GSW Creative Corporation
LUPC Staff: Michael Jensen
Representative: Dana Sayles contact: dana@eka360.net
City Planner:
Case Description:

- Coastal Development permit and Venice Coastal Zone specific plan change of use to a restaurant: conditional use permit for alcohol sales
- Zone variance to eliminate onsite loading zone requirements.

MOTION: The Venice Neighborhood Councils recommends the project as presented.
Recommended by LUPC 5-1-0 on 12/5/19

12. Old Business (PM - 0 minutes) *[Discussion and possible action]*

12. A. **Denial of Zone Change for the Venice Median from Open Space to Neighborhood Commercial**
MOTION: The Venice Neighborhood Council strongly recommends that the City Council and the Coastal Commission DENY CPC-2018-7344-GPAJ-VZCJ-HD-SP-SPP-CDP-MEL-WDI-SPR requesting amendments to the L.A. General Plan Venice Community Plan, the certified Venice Local Coastal Program Land Use Plan and Venice Coastal Zone Specific Plan for a Zone Change for the Venice median from Open Space to Neighborhood Commercial.
Placed by stakeholder petition

13. New Business (PM – minutes) *[Discussion and possible action]*



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13A VOTE OF NO CONFIDENCE IN COUNCILMEMBER BONIN (Nick Antonicello, nantoni@mindspring.com, 310-621-3775)

MOTION: Whereas, Councilman Mike Bonin has failed to properly represent the residents of Venice for years regarding the important issues of homelessness, gentrification, crime, parking and other quality of life issue, and Whereas, his inability to communicate and effectively represent Venice in a meaningful way is lacking , and Whereas, the stakeholders of Venice are seeking immediate and swift action on the issues of great concern, Therefore Be It Resolved, that the Venice Neighborhood Council support of vote of "No Confidence" in his leadership and ability to represent this community and that he be notified by a copy of this resolution regarding our dissatisfaction with his ability to represent Venice

. Placed by stakeholder petition

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13. Adjourn (approx. PM)

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<u>Standing Committees</u>	<u>Ad Hoc Committees</u>
Administrative - Ira Koslow	Parking & Transportation - James Murez
Neighborhood - George Francisco	Resiliency - Keith Harrison
Outreach - Sima Kostovetsky	Discussion Forum - Joe Murphy
Land Use and Planning -	Venice Dog Park - Jamie Paige, James Murez
Budget & Finance - Hugh Harrison	Verdant Venice - Isabell, Noel
Rules & Selections - John Reed	
Arts - Bruno Hernandez	
Ocean Front Walk - Jim Robb	

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