



# Venice Neighborhood Council

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## **Joint VNC Board & Administrative Committee Virtual Meeting Agenda** **Monday, December 7, 2020, 7pm via Zoom**

**IN CONFORMITY WITH THE GOVERNOR'S EXECUTIVE ORDER N-29-20 (MARCH 17, 2020) AND DUE TO CONCERNS OVER COVID – 19, THIS VENICE NEIGHBORHOOD COUNCIL MEETING WILL BE CONDUCTED ENTIRELY TELEPHONICALLY**

You are invited to a Zoom webinar.

When: Dec 7, 2020 07:00 PM Pacific Time (US and Canada)

Topic: VNC Administrative Committee Webinar, Monday, December 7, 2020, 7:00 p.m.

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1. Call to Order and Roll Call **7:04PM**

**Present: MD, IK, GF, CJ, HH**

**Absent: MR**

2. Approval of the Administrative Committee Agenda

**GF, HH**

**Unanimous**

3. Approval of outstanding Administrative Committee minutes Minutes November 9

**GF, HH**

**Unanimous**

4. Announcements & Public Comment on items not on the Agenda

5. Old Administrative Committee Business

6. New Administrative Committee Business





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

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**When: December 15, 2020 07:00 PM Pacific Time (US and Canada)**

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**Please download and import the following iCalendar (.ics) files to your calendar system.**

**Monthly:**

**[https://us02web.zoom.us/webinar/tZwpdOyggDsjetW7DqBfNo4t3CB3YJiOqguL/ics?icsToken=98tyKuGgqjvEtKVuRGGRpw-BojCZ\\_zwpmJEj7dqyzv0ISZ9bVfiZcFgYYtVGffB](https://us02web.zoom.us/webinar/tZwpdOyggDsjetW7DqBfNo4t3CB3YJiOqguL/ics?icsToken=98tyKuGgqjvEtKVuRGGRpw-BojCZ_zwpmJEj7dqyzv0ISZ9bVfiZcFgYYtVGffB)**

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1. **Call to Order and Roll Call (7:00 PM)**
2. **Pledge Of Allegiance (7:01PM -- 1 minute)**
3. **Approval of the Agenda ( PM – 1 minute)**
4. **Approval of Board Minutes [November 17, 2020](#)**
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 **Previous Month's Minutes have been emailed (7:15PM -1 minute)**  
Ensure the prior months minutes have been sent to ALL emails outlined by each motion writer from the previous month's motions.
- 6B **Previous Months Letters (PM -1 minute)**  
Ensure all letters have been sent for each item from the previous month and if NOT announce what letters are still outstanding and what information is needed in order to have them sent out.
- 6C **Live Stream of Meetings ( PM -- 3 minutes)**



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- 6D Spanish Translation Available** (Esteban Pulido, [pulido.esteban@gmail.com](mailto:pulido.esteban@gmail.com))  
Spanish Interpretation services and agendas are available with advance notice.
- 6E Public Safety - LAPD & LAFD Report (10 minutes):** Public Safety - LAPD & LAFD Report: Senior Lead Officers Monique Contreras ([38228@lapd.online](mailto:38228@lapd.online)), SLO Adrian Acosta - ([37285@lapd.online](mailto:37285@lapd.online)) SLO Javier Ramirez ([39174@lapd.online](mailto:39174@lapd.online)), SLO Karwon Villery ([38717@lapd.online](mailto:38717@lapd.online)) Venice Beach Task Force - SGT Theresa Skinner ([31142@lapd.online](mailto:31142@lapd.online)).  
*Includes a monthly Venice crime report and updates on law enforcement issues in Venice.*
- 6F Government Reports (15 minutes)** (Representatives have standing place on the agenda, but are not always available to attend)
- City Councilmember Mike Bonin  
Field Deputy, Nisa Kove [nisa.kove@lacity.org](mailto:nisa.kove@lacity.org)  
Bridge Housing Deputy **Dexter O'Connor** [dexter.oconnor@lacity.org](mailto:dexter.oconnor@lacity.org) correct this
  - 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 Liliana Pond ([liliana.pond@sen.ca.gov](mailto:liliana.pond@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 Zac Gaidzik (310)231-1170, [zgaidzik@bos.lacounty.gov](mailto:zgaidzik@bos.lacounty.gov)
  - Mayor Eric Garcetti, Westside Deputy Kevin Taylor [kevin.taylor@lacity.org](mailto:kevin.taylor@lacity.org)
  - Empower LA Neighborhood Council Advocate, Freddy Cupen-Ames, 213-978-1551  
([freddy.cupen-ames@lacity.org](mailto:freddy.cupen-ames@lacity.org))
- 6G VNC Announcements and Reports (15 minutes)**
- President -Ira Koslow ([President@VeniceNC.org](mailto:President@VeniceNC.org))  
Committees must pick a specific day in the month for meetings  
Committee chairs must practice Zoom techniques especially **screen sharing**  
Westside Regional Alliance of Councils-  
Ira Koslow, VNC Representative ([president@venicenc.org](mailto:president@venicenc.org) ),
  - Los Angeles Neighborhood Council Coalition (LANCC) Ivan Spiegel  
([Parliamentarian@VeniceNC.org](mailto:Parliamentarian@VeniceNC.org))
  - Budget Advocates - Hugh Harrison, Treasurer
  - Outreach Announcements - Sima Kostovetsky
  - Election Report - Ivan Spiegel



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Unanimous

- 6H** **Board Member ANNOUNCEMENTS on subject matters within the VNC jurisdiction-**  
**One (1) minute per Board member (5 minutes)**
- 6I** **Update on Centennial Park Museum Project by Venice Heritage Foundation**  
**President Grant Francis ([grantfrancis@gmail.com](mailto:grantfrancis@gmail.com) 310 216-9365) (5 minutes)**
- 7.** **Treasurer's Report (10 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** **Approval of Monthly Expenditure Reports**  
**MOTION:** The VNC Board approves the Monthly Expenditure Report (MER) and the Expenditure to Date Report for October 2020.  
**Uploaded Documents:** [Download 01606853928.pdf](#) [Download 11606853928.pdf](#)  
*Recommended by Budget & Finance Committee 5-0-0 on 2020-12-01*
- 7B** **Approval of 2021 Election Expenditures**  
**MOTION:** The VNC Board approves the attached expenditures for the 2021 Elections.  
*Recommended by Budget & Finance Committee 5-0-0 on 2020-12-01*  
**Uploaded Documents:** [Download 01606853993.pdf](#)
- 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]*

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- 9.** **General Consent Calendar (PM -- 5 minutes)**  
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- 9A Community Plan Update** (James Murez on behalf of Parking & Transportation Committee)  
**MOTION:** The VNC shall send a letter to LA City Planning in reference to the Venice Draft Community Plan update (VDCP) recommending that the following items be amended to the draft Community Plan: Mobility considerations that affect transportation have a direct effect on noise, illumination and air quality which in turn impact the quality of life for residents, business operators and visitors and therefore mitigation measures that aim to improve the negative impacts on the community must be studied before alterations are approved.  
*Recommended by Parking & Transportation Committee 6-0-0 on 2020-11-02*
- 9B Bus Stop and Layover Locations** (James Murez on behalf of Parking & Transportation Committee)  
**MOTION:** The Venice Neighborhood Council urges the California Coastal Commission to require the Los Angeles Department of Transportation to obtain a Coastal Development Permit for its proposal to remove 5 to 15 parking spaces to install an extensive bus layover zone for the Santa Monica Blue Bus firm on Grand Boulevard from Riviera Avenue west to the Windward Traffic Circle, due to the resulting loss of parking for visitors and residents in an area marked by a severe parking shortage.  
*Recommended by Parking & Transportation Committee 6-0-0 on 2020-11-02*
- 9C Metro Sound Study** (James Murez on behalf of Parking & Transportation Committee)  
**MOTION:** The VNC shall send a letter to the Metro (Los Angeles County Metropolitan Transportation Authority) requesting: Produce a sound study that reports noise of traffic at various intersections along bus routes throughout Venice. Primary points of interest include, on inclines up and down after and before intersections respectively, in mid blocks where pedestrian crossings interfere with bus mobility and within 100 feet of any public area including schools, parks and business districts.  
*Recommended by Parking & Transportation Committee 6-0-0 on 2020-11-02*
- 10 LUPC Consent Calendar** (Alix Gucovsky 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>)  
*[All agenda items on the LUPC 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.]*
- 11. LUPC (PM – minutes)** (Alix Gucovsky on behalf of LUPC, [Chair-lupc@VeniceNC.org](mailto:Chair-lupc@VeniceNC.org))
- 11A 709 East Brooks**



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Case: DIR-2019-6455-CDP-MEL, AA-2019-6453-PMLA, ENV-2019-6456-EAF

City Hearing: TBD

Applicant: Jared Johnson [jared@howardrobinson.net](mailto:jared@howardrobinson.net); Lew Futterman [lewfutt@aol.com](mailto:lewfutt@aol.com)

LUPC Staff: Michael Jossen

Representative:

City Staff: Ira Brown [ira.brown@lacity.org](mailto:ira.brown@lacity.org), Jason Douglas [Jason.douglas@lacity.org](mailto:Jason.douglas@lacity.org)

Juliet Oh [Juliet.Oh@lacity.org](mailto:Juliet.Oh@lacity.org)

Case Description: • Demolition of a duplex plus detached dwelling and new construction of two 3 story approximate 3400 sq ft sfd on 2 lot small subdivision in single jurisdiction coastal zone. • Demolition of a duplex plus detached dwelling and new construction of two 3 story approximate 3400 sq ft sfd on 2 lot small subdivision pursuant to LAMC sec 17.50, coastal development permit pursuant to LAMC sec 12.20.2 in single jurisdiction coastal zone and mello review.

**MOTION:** The VNC approves the project as presented.

*Recommended by LUPC 5-2-0*

(see project files for more detailed info at

<http://www.venicenc.org/land-use-committee.php>)

Add missing items as per Alix, Penmar, Lincoln, Abbot Kinney etc.

GF, HH

Unanimous

## 12. **Old Business (PM - 0 minutes)**

*[Discussion and possible action]*

## 12A **Resolution Supporting East Grand Blvd. Community Median Garden**

(Pietro Martini, [pietromartini@gmail.com](mailto:pietromartini@gmail.com))

**MOTION:** Whereas, the City of Los Angeles is hard pressed to maintain the many street medians and parkway areas in Venice, and Whereas, the resident group Neighbors of Grand has landscaped the southern median at the intersection of East Grand Blvd. and North Venice Blvd. at considerable time and expense, and It's YOUR Venice - get involved and Whereas, this community garden significantly enhances the neighborhood and this entrance to Venice, and Whereas, Neighbors of Grand is committed to continuing to water, prune and maintain the garden free from trash, and Whereas, it is problematic to stretch a water hose across East Grand Blvd. each time the garden needs to be watered (one hose has already been ruined by the tires of a large truck), Therefore, be it resolved, that the Venice Neighborhood Council recognizes and applauds the creation of the East Grand Blvd. community median garden, calls upon the Bureau of Street Services to coordinate any and all of its activities regarding the garden with the Neighbors of Grand, and asks the Bureau of Street Services to provide water to



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the site, from the median of Venice Blvd., in a locked box from which a drip irrigation system may be installed and administered by Neighbors of Grand to Allow for the healthy growth of this garden. Upon approval this Resolution shall be forwarded to Bureau of Street Services General Manager AdelHagekhalil at [adel.hagekhalil@lacity.org](mailto:adel.hagekhalil@lacity.org) and Councilmember Mike Bonin

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

**13A Mexican American Monument Project** ([brian.averill@venicenc.org](mailto:brian.averill@venicenc.org))

**MOTION:** Whereas the contributions of Mexican Americans are an incredibly important part of our culture and history and whereas Mexican workers (traqueros) were an enormous part of building LA's first transportation infrastructure and whereas this contribution absolutely deserves to be remembered and celebrated

Therefore, the Venice Neighborhood Council will send letters supporting the Mexican American Monument Project at Windward Circle to the Los Angeles City Council and Danielle Brazell ([danielle.brazell@lacity.org](mailto:danielle.brazell@lacity.org)) and Felicia Filer ([felicia.filer@lacity.org](mailto:felicia.filer@lacity.org)) at the LA Department of Cultural Affairs

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Add attachments renderings and letters of support

**13B Placeholder**

**Streetscape, Landscape and Sidewalks** ([james.murez@venicenc.org](mailto:james.murez@venicenc.org))

**MOTION:** The VNC shall write a letter to City DPW, CD11 copy County requesting that all sidewalks and street surfaces be maintained to their original condition or better prior to public or private subsurface improvements being installed.

GF, MD Consent

Unanimous

**13C Placeholder**

**Traffic Controls on Pacific Ave** ([james.murez@venicenc.org](mailto:james.murez@venicenc.org))

**MOTION:** The VNC send a letter to LADOT, CD11 requesting speed bumps be installed on Pacific Ave between Rose Ave and Santa Monica border.

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MR arrives at 7:25pm

- 13D Venice Blvd & Washington Way Beautification** (Elvina Beck, [elvina.beck@gmail.com](mailto:elvina.beck@gmail.com))  
**MOTION:** The Venice Neighborhood Council shall submit a signed letter of support to the Adopt-A-Median program manager in favor of the beautified median at Venice Blvd. and Washington Way.

**Uploaded Documents:**

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- 14. Adjourn (approx. PM)**

### List of Venice Neighborhood Council Committees & Chairs – Volunteers Welcome

<b>Standing Committees</b>	<b>Ad Hoc Committees</b>
Administrative - Ira Koslow	Parking & Transportation - James Murez
Neighborhood - George Francisco	Resiliency - Keith Harrison
Outreach - Sima Kostovetsky	Discussion Forum - Joe Murphy
Land Use and Planning - Alix Gucovsky	Venice Dog Park - Jamie Paige, James Murez
Budget & Finance - Hugh Harrison	Homeless - Frank Murphy
Rules & Selections - John Reed	Public Health & Safety - Soledad Ursua
Arts - Bruno Hernandez	
Ocean Front Walk - Jim Robb	

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

## ITEMS REFERRED TO COMMITTEE

**Sent to Ocean Front Walk Committee:**

**Right of Entry to the Venice Skatepark for Jesse Martinez** ([brian.averill@venicenc.org](mailto:brian.averill@venicenc.org))

**MOTION:** Whereas the world-renowned Venice Skatepark has become one of our most popular visitor destinations over the last decade and whereas the park has recently been poorly maintained, with graffiti removal now reduced to once a week and whereas Venice legend Jesse Martinez has tirelessly worked on its upkeep (daily and unpaid) since the park's inception and whereas increased access would be incredibly helpful to Mr Martinez



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Therefore be it resolved that the VNC shall send letters to the Department of Recreation and Parks, Bob Davis, and Councilmember Bonin's office requesting Right of Entry permission and full access to water and power for Mr Martinez.

## **Send to Public Health & Safety Committee:**

### **Resolution to Modify LAPD Personnel Allocation Formula to Include Transient**

**Populations** (Mark Ryavec, [mark.ryave@venicenc.org](mailto:mark.ryave@venicenc.org))

**MOTION:** Resolution to Modify LAPD Personnel Allocation Formula to Include Transient Populations Whereas, Venice has seen a significant increase in Aggravated Assaults and Grand Theft Auto incidents, and Whereas, the year-to-year increase in unsheltered persons in Venice of January 2020 was 57%, which was before the on-start of the Covid-19 Pandemic, and Whereas, Venice residents report a significantly larger population of homeless individuals and an increase in encampments, spreading to areas of Venice previously without encampments, along with increases in public defecation and urination, late night noise, trash and debris and food waste on streets, sidewalks and alleys, break-ins, vandalism, intimidation and threats directed at residents and tourists and homeless themselves, and Whereas, 50% of Pacific Division's reported Aggravated Assaults are either between transients or committed by transients, and Whereas, residents have called for more police presence, not less, to address the increase in crime, and Whereas, the LAPD contracts with an independent firm to determine the allocation of LAPD officers throughout the city using a formula, which does not count transients – either homeless or tourists, Now, therefore be it resolved that the Venice Neighborhood Council calls upon the Los Angeles Police Department to revise its personnel allocation formula to count transients – including the "Persons Experiencing Homelessness" (PEH) population, and tourists visiting Venice for the day and those staying in Venice hotels and motels, to more fairly allocate police officers citywide.

## **Send to Rules & Selections Committee:**

**ZOOM Training for all Committee Chairs** (Nicholas Antonicello, [nantoni@mindspring.com](mailto:nantoni@mindspring.com))

**MOTION:** WHEREAS, online meetings known as "ZOOM" are the preferred mode of communication of the VNC and it's committee's, and WHEREAS, for such meetings to



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be productive the chairperson must be able to manage the call in a way where the meeting can be productive, comply with the BY-LAW's and STANDING RULES of the VNC, and WHEREAS, since live, in-person committee and board meetings will not take place in the for-see-able future, and WHEREAS, to chair a productive meeting and address all agenda items and motions the chair must be able to master the ZOOM meeting process,

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that all designated chairs of all respective committees of the Venice Neighborhood Council must take and successfully complete any ZOOM training so that these public meetings are properly managed and run and that the agenda items being entertained are addressed and that a copy of this motion be sent to each committee chair and the Dept. of Neighborhood Empowerment and those who fail to complete ZOOM training be removed as a chairperson by the President of the Venice Neighborhood Council.

## **Send to Rules & Selections Committee:**

### **Identification of Callers during Public Comment of all VNC ZOOM Meetings** (Nicholas

Antonuccio, [nantoni@mindspring.com](mailto:nantoni@mindspring.com)

**MOTION:** : WHEREAS, ZOOM meetings are now the preferred mode of communication of all VNC meetings and it's respective committees, and WHEREAS, during \"public comment\" many attendees refuse to offer a name or any affiliation to the Venice Neighborhood Council as a stakeholder or otherwise, and WHEREAS, on numerous occasions these \"anonymous\" participants are willfully and intentionally disrupting said meetings as well as using language that is vulgar and offensive for a public meeting or forum, and WHEREAS, these individuals in many cases are non-stakeholders with no connection to Venice as witnessed at the last meeting of the Homelessness Committee that had to be summarily adjourned due to constant shouting, heckling and interruption of others who did not agree with the point-of-view of other attendees and callers who were in fact Venice Stakeholders, and WHEREAS, such intentional behavior cannot be tolerated nor encouraged as it disrupts the committee to do it's business and function, and WHEREAS, cursing, and verbally assaulting and threatening of other ZOOM participants under \"public comment\" is in violation of the VNC's \"Code of Conduct,\" as well as it's BY-LAW's, STANDING RULES and ROBERT'S RULES OF ORDER, and WHEREAS, Venice stakeholders should be given preference to non-stakeholder's when it comes to the order of speakers under \"public comment,\" THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that all Venice stakeholder's be given preference under all \"public comment\" on any agenda item and that all speakers give a legitimate first and last name before addressing these public bodies and that a letter be sent to the City Attorney's Office as to the appropriateness of such a process by this and other Neighborhood Councils here in the City of Los Angeles.