



# Venice Neighborhood Council

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

PRESENT: Ira Koslow, George Francisco, Hugh Harrison, Melissa Diner, Robert Thibodeau, James Murez, Alex Neiman, CJ Cole, Brian Averill, Vicki Halliday, Sima Kostovetsky, Soledad Ursua, Mark Ryavec, Alix Gucovsky, Jim Robb, Jon Reed, (16)

ABSENT: Tom McComas, Starla Caldwell, Bruno Hernandez, CC Carter Jaime Paige (5)

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

3. **Approval of the Agenda ( PM – 1 minute)**

**GF, HH**

4. **Approval of Board Minutes ( PM – 1 minute)**

**GF, JM**

**CC Carter arrives 7:09PM**

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 (7:16PM -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 **Spanish Translation Available (Esteban Pulido, [pulido.esteban@gmail.com](mailto:pulido.esteban@gmail.com))**

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- 6D** Government Reports (15 minutes) (Representatives have standing place on the agenda, but are not always available to attend or required to speak. The following written reports are for public dissemination and are also posted online (LINK))
- City Councilmember Mike Bonin Field Deputy, Nisa Kove [nisa.kove@lacity.org](mailto:nisa.kove@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 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 Brad Fingard [brad.fingard@lacity.org](mailto:brad.fingard@lacity.org)
  - Empower LA Neighborhood Council Advocate, Freddy Cupen-Ames, 213-978-1551 ([freddy.cupen-ames@lacity.org](mailto:freddy.cupen-ames@lacity.org))
- 6F** VNC President's Report & Announcements - Ira Koslow ([President@VeniceNC.org](mailto:President@VeniceNC.org))  
Please follow VNC Standing Rule 5: *Board Members & Committees must use the Online Agenda Request Form*
- 6G** Election Report (Ivan Spiegel, Election Administrator)
- 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 Expenditure Reports  
**MOTION:** The Venice NC approves the expenditure reports for March 2021.  
*Recommended by Budget & Finance Committee 5-0-0 on 05/04/2021*
- HH, GF (15, 0, 1)**  
FAVOR:, George Francisco, Hugh Harrison, Melissa Diner, Robert Thibodeau, James Murez, ,Alex Neiman, CJ Cole, Brian Averill, Vicki Halliday, Soledad Ursua, Mark Ryavec, Alix Gucovsky, Jim Robb, Jon Reed, CC Carter  
AGAINST:  
ABSTAIN: Ira Koslow
- ABSENT:**  
Sima Kostovetsky,
- 7B** Approval of Expenditures for a Communication Tracking System  
**MOTION:** The VNC approves \$3,300 for the creation of a Communications Tracking System.



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**Recommended by Budget & Finance Committee 5-0-0 on 05/04/2021**

**[Exhibits/Attachments](#)**

## **HH, GF (15, 0, 1)**

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AGAINST:

ABSTAIN: Ira Koslow,

ABSENT:

Sima Kostovetsky,

## **7C Reallocation of Election Expenses**

**MOTION:** The VNC reallocates \$500 for elections from Miscellaneous to Graphic Design.

**Recommended by Budget & Finance Committee 5-0-0 on 05/04/2021**

## **HH, GF (15, 0, 1)**

FAVOR: George Francisco, Hugh Harrison, Melissa Diner, Robert Thibodeau, James Murez, ,Alex Neiman, CJ Cole, Brian Averill, Vicki Halliday, Soledad Ursua, Mark Ryavec, Alix Gucovsky, Jim Robb, Jon Reed, CC Carter

AGAINST:

ABSTAIN: Ira Koslow,

ABSENT:

Sima Kostovetsky,

## **7D Approve of Revised 2020-2021 Fiscal Year Budget**

**MOTION:** The VNC approves the attached revised budget to reflect the items approved for expenses.

**Recommended by Budget & Finance Committee 5-0-0 on 05/04/2021**

HH, GF As amended: "Items in red under operations those funds will be transferred to web updates item 24."

## **HH, GF (15, 0, 2)**

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AGAINST:



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ABSTAIN: Ira Koslow, James Murez,

## AS AMENDED

### HH, GF (15, 0, 2)

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AGAINST:

ABSTAIN: Ira Koslow, James Murez,

8. **Announcements and Public Comment on items not on the Agenda (PM - 15 minutes)**  
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9. **General Consent Calendar (PM -- 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 **Monthly Reporting by Los Angeles Fire Department (LAFD)** (Soledad Ursua on behalf of the Public Health & Safety Committee)([soledad.ursua@venicenc.org](mailto:soledad.ursua@venicenc.org))  
**MOTION:** Fires have become a growing public safety concern in the Venice community, regularly endangering lives and property. In an effort to increase transparency, we request that LAFD share internal reports, statistical data, and activity reporting in a monthly written report, similar to those provided by Los Angeles Police Department, to inform stakeholders of the number of calls to service broken down by medical vs fire; fires occurring in Venice broken down by fire type (including but not limited to RVs, vehicle, brush, encampments, rubbish, structure, and arson); as well as personnel utilized to respond; and all active and closed arson investigations in Venice. This increased transparency will facilitate understanding of fire trends and ensure that corrective action is being applied in a fair and impartial manner. Upon passage this Resolution shall be sent to Councilman Mike Bonin ([Mike.Bonin@lacity.org](mailto:Mike.Bonin@lacity.org)), Mayor Eric Garcetti ([Eric.Garcetti@lacity.org](mailto:Eric.Garcetti@lacity.org)), the Los Angeles City Council's Public Safety Committee (Committee Legislative Assistants: ([Keyonna.Kidd@lacity.org](mailto:Keyonna.Kidd@lacity.org)), ([Rita.Moreno@lacity.org](mailto:Rita.Moreno@lacity.org)) and ([Dennis.Gleason@lacity.org](mailto:Dennis.Gleason@lacity.org)); and



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Deputy Fire Chief Armando Hogan ([armando.hogan@lacity.org](mailto:armando.hogan@lacity.org)) and to the Los Angeles City Clerk to be attached to Council File: 20-0010-S16.

*Recommended by Public Health & Safety Committee 5-0-1 on 05-05-2021*

**9B Restoration of Vendor/Performer spaces** (Jim Robb on behalf of the Ocean Front Walk Committee)

**MOTION:** Whereas performers and local vendors have been an enormously important part of our iconic boardwalk for decades, the Venice Neighborhood Council recommends that these spaces be made available by offering appropriate resources and services, cleaned and repainted if necessary with full usage returned to our vendors and performers. Letters will be sent to Mayor Garcetti and Councilmember Bonin urging the expedition of this process.

*Recommended by Ocean Front Walk Committee 6-0-0 on 05/04/21*

**UNANIMOUS**

**(16, 0, 1)**

**FAVOR:** George Francisco, Hugh Harrison, Melissa Diner, Robert Thibodeau, James Murez, Alex Neiman, CJ Cole, Brian Averill, Vicki Halliday, Soledad Ursua, Mark Ryavec, Alix Gucovsky, Jim Robb, Jon Reed, CC Carter, Sima Kostovetsky

**AGAINST:**

**ABSTAIN:** Ira Koslow,

**10. LUPC Consent (PM – minutes) (Alix Gucovsky on behalf of LUPC, [Chair-lupc@VeniceNC.org](mailto:Chair-lupc@VeniceNC.org))**

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**10A 600 Mildred**

Case: ZA-2013-0268 CUB

Applicant: Shane Won Murphy, Tezuke LLC

LUPC Staff: Daffodil Tyminski

Representative: Dafne Gokcen [dafne@fedesignandconsulting.com](mailto:dafne@fedesignandconsulting.com)

City Planner: Jason.p.douglas@lacity.org [mike.bonin@lacity.org](mailto:mike.bonin@lacity.org)

Case Description: • Renew an existing CUB for market use only

**MOTION:** The Venice Neighborhood Council recommends approval of the project as presented.

*Recommended by LUPC 8-0-0 on 04/29/21*

**10B 354 5TH Avenue**

Case: DIR-2019-5810-CDP-MEL City Hearing TBD



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Address: 354 5TH Avenue

Applicant: Jennifer Tuft LUPC

Staff: Michael Jensen Representative: Brian Silveira [Silveira.brian@gmail.com](mailto:Silveira.brian@gmail.com)

City Planner: [sienna.kuo@lacity.org](mailto:sienna.kuo@lacity.org) [Jason.p.douglas@lacity.org](mailto:Jason.p.douglas@lacity.org) [mike.bonin@lacity.org](mailto:mike.bonin@lacity.org)

Case Description: • Project description: 521 sf first floor addition and new 2,175 sf second floor + 838 square foot ADU for an existing 1,017 square foot home on a 7,000 sf lot. • 2690 sq f house, 470 sq ft garage, and 808 detached adu. (correct numbers)

**MOTION:** The Venice Neighborhood Council recommends approval of the project as presented.

*Recommended by LUPC 9-0-0 on 05/10/21*

## UNANIMOUS

(16, 0, 1)

FAVOR: George Francisco, Hugh Harrison, Melissa Diner, Robert Thibodeau, James Murez, Alex Neiman, CJ Cole, Brian Averill, Vicki Halliday, Soledad Ursua, Mark Ryavec, Alix Gucovsky, Jim Robb, Jon Reed, CC Carter, Sima Kostovetsky

AGAINST:

ABSTAIN: Ira Koslow,

## 11. LUPC (PM – minutes) (Alix Gucovsky on behalf of LUPC, [Chair-lupc@VeniceNC.org](mailto:Chair-lupc@VeniceNC.org))

### 11A 2102-2120 S Pacific Avenue, 116-302 E North Venice Boulevard, 2016-2116 S Canal Street and 319 E South Venice Boulevard (Reese Davidson Project)

Case: VTT-82288 CPC-2018-7344-GPAJ-VZCJ-HD-SPP-SPP-CDP-MEL-WDI-SPRPHP  
ENV-2018-6667-SE

City Hearing: October 22, 2020

Applicant: Sarah Lett Hollywood Community Housing Corporation, and Becky Dennison Venice Community Housing Corporation

LUPC Staff: Matthew Royce, Carlos Zubieta, Michael Jensen

Representative: Chris Murray Rosenheim and Associates

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

Nguyen [len.nguyen@lacity.org](mailto:len.nguyen@lacity.org); \Mike Bonin [Mike.Bonin@lacity.org](mailto:Mike.Bonin@lacity.org) Vince Bertoni

[Vince.Bertoni@lacity.org](mailto:Vince.Bertoni@lacity.org) Nisa Cove [nisa.cove@lacity.org](mailto:nisa.cove@lacity.org)

Case Description: The demolition of an existing surface parking lot containing 196 spaces bi-sected by Grand Canal, and a two story 4 unit residential structure and the construction, use and maintenance of a 104,140 sq ft mixed use 100 percent affordable housing stories development. A 36,340 sq ft structure west of grand canal, and a 67,800 sq ft structure east of grand canal consisting of 140 residential units, 136 affordable, 4 manager, 685 sq ft of social service office use, 2255 sq ft of retail use, 810 sq ft of restaurant use with 500 sq ft of outdoor service floor area and 3,155 sq ft of community arts center/art studio. The structure west of grand canal is 3 stories and 35 in height with a 59 foot tall campanile located at the Northwest corner of the subject site with a roof access structure resulting in a



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structure with a maximum 67 feet in height and five stories. The structure east of Grand Canal is 3 stories and 35 ft in height. The project will provide a total of 360 on site automobile parking spaces comprising of 61 residential spaces 42 commercial spaces 196 public spaces, 23 beach impact zone spaces and 38 non required spaces and 136 bicycle spaces. REQUESTED ACTIONS: VTT-82288 The Advisory Agency shall consider: 1. Pursuant to Assembly Bill 1197 in furtherance of providing Supportive Housing under Public Resources Code Section 21080.27(b)(1), that based on the whole of the administrative record as supported by the justification prepared and found in the environmental case file, the project is statutorily exempt from the California Environmental Quality Act; 2. Pursuant to Los Angeles Municipal Code (LAMC) Sections 17.03, 17.06, and 17.15, a Vesting Tentative Tract Map, VTT No. 82288, for the merger and re-subdivision of 40 existing lots into two master ground lots and seven airspace lots; and 3. Pursuant to Los Angeles Municipal Code Section 17.53-D, a Waiver of Dedication and/or Improvements to waive the requirement to: a. Dedicate 20.5 feet to complete a 43-foot half right-of-way along Pacific Avenue; b. Dedicate a 15-foot by 15-foot corner cut at the intersection of South Venice Boulevard and Pacific Avenue; c. Dedicate a 15-foot by 15-foot corner cut at the intersection of North Venice Boulevard and Pacific Avenue; d. Dedicate a 15-foot by 15-foot corner cut at the intersection of South Venice Boulevard and Dell Avenue; and e. Dedicate 10 feet to complete a 30-foot half right-of-way along Dell Avenue.

CPC-2018-7344-GPAJ-VZCJ-HD-SP-SPP-CDP-MEL-WDI-SPR-PHP On behalf of the City Planning Commission, the Hearing Officer will take public testimony regarding the following:

4. An exemption from CEQA, pursuant to California Public Resources Code (PRC) Section 21080.27(b)(1); 5. Pursuant to Los Angeles City Charter Section 555 and LAMC Section 11.5.6, a General Plan Amendment to the: a. Venice Community Plan General Plan Land Use Map to amend the land use designation of the subject site from Open Space and Low Medium II Multiple Family Residential to Neighborhood Commercial; b. Certified Venice Local Coastal Program Land Use Plan (LUP) maps to amend the land use designation of the subject site from Open Space and Low Medium II Multiple Family Residential to Neighborhood Commercial; and c. Certified Venice Local Coastal Program Land Use Plan (LUP) text pertaining to the proposed development; 6. Pursuant to LAMC Section 12.32 F, a Vesting Zone Change and Height District Change from OS-1XL-O to (T)(Q)C2- 1L-O and pursuant to LAMC Section 11.5.11(e) and California Government Code 65915(k), three Developer Incentives to permit: a. Reduced residential parking pursuant to AB744; b. The required residential parking for the building on the East Site to be located in the building on the West Site; and NOTIFICATION REQUIREMENT TO OWNERS: Within a 500-foot Radius AND OCCUPANTS: Within a 500-foot Radius AND INTERESTED PARTIES  Puede obtener información en Español acerca de esta junta llamando al (213) 978-1300 [planning4la.org](http://planning4la.org) Initial hearing – 8/03/2020 Page 3 c. RAS3 side and rear yard requirements per LAMC 12.10.5 in lieu of the yard requirements in the proposed C2 zone; 7. Pursuant to LAMC Section 11.5.7 G, a Specific Plan Amendment to the Venice Coastal Zone Specific Plan to: a. Create a new subarea “Subarea A” to permit a Permanent Supportive Housing project that includes Restricted Affordable housing units with supportive services and establishes Land Use Regulations and Development Standards; and b. Amend the Map Exhibits to add the new subarea and change the zoning from OS-1XL and RD1.5 to C2-1LO for the new subarea;





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8. Pursuant to LAMC Section 11.5.7 C, a Project Permit Compliance Review for a project within the Venice Coastal Zone Specific Plan; 9. Pursuant to LAMC Section 12.20.2, a Coastal Development Permit for a Project located within the Dual Permit Jurisdiction of the California Coastal Zone; 10. 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 demolition of four Residential Units and the construction of 140 Residential Units in the Coastal Zone; 11. Pursuant to LAMC Section 16.05, Site Plan Review for a Project which creates or results in an increase of 50 or more dwelling units.

**MOTION:** The VNC Board recommends denial of the project as presented due to the following:

1. Failure to Comply with General Plan, Coastal Plan, LAMC and Venice Specific Plan  
The project does not comply with the General Plan, Specific Plan, or Coastal Plan. The VNC has already submitted a CIS recommending denial of the General Plan Amendment and rezoning request for the Specific Plan amendment, all which would be required for this project. Applicant has not demonstrated hardships warranting the ZAA and waiver requests. Waivers include but are not limited to in lieu fees for use of Linnie Park.

2. Sea Level Rise

Housing a vulnerable population of residents in a known high risk flood zone due to sea level rise is extremely irresponsible and dangerous, analogous to building public housing in the lowest parts of New Orleans when a future hurricane storm surge is obviously inevitable. Moreover, this project relies heavily if not exclusively on public funding, meaning the taxpayer is underwriting the developer's unsuitable site selection and resulting flood risk.

3. Mass Scale and Character

The mass scale and character does not conform to the metrics in the Specific Plan.

4. Abuse of Taxpayer Funding

The estimated cost of this project is staggeringly over \$100 million to create 136 low income units-a price tag of nearly \$750,000 per unit. At this rate, it would cost our city over \$22 trillion to house 30,000 people. When taxpayers authorized various tax increases and bond measures to solve the homeless crisis, this was surely not what they had in mind. Taxpayers deserve responsible spending of finite resources to alleviate this crisis.

Next the underlying land for this project (currently owned by the city,) is proposed to be donated to the developers, depriving Venice from large swaths of open space and an extremely high value asset, sale of which could directly benefit the community.

In sum, the project exemplifies a gross waste of taxpayer dollars that will not alleviate the immediate needs of relief for our unhoused. Per Judge David O Carter's recent ruling in federal court, these funds could and should be used for immediate shelter of unhoused residents. The humanitarian crisis on the streets of Venice is neither alleviated nor changed for those who can't afford to wait for enough expensive housing to be built years late and millions of dollars over budget.



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## 5. The Project Perpetuates an Unhoused Containment Policy

The City of Los Angeles has systematically created a containment zone of homeless housing service providers and service infrastructure all within the Venice area, akin to a "Skid Row West." This crush of homeless services and housing has served as a magnet for more homelessness and crime to proliferate in this community disparately from others in the district. Clearly this policy is unlawfully discriminatory, unfair to Venetian residents, and exacerbates a humanitarian disaster rather than solve it.

*Recommended by LUPC 7-0-0 on 5-10-2021*

*AG, JM*

### **HH, GF (16, 0, 1) AS AMENDED**

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AGAINST:

ABSTAIN: Ira Koslow,

*MR, AG AMENDMENT IN RED item 5*

### **HH, GF (14, 0, 2)**

FAVOR: George Francisco, Melissa Diner, Robert Thibodeau ,Alex Neiman, CJ Cole, Brian Averill, Vicki Halliday, Soledad Ursua, Mark Ryavec, Alix Gucovsky, Jim Robb, Jon Reed, CC Carter, Sima Kostovetsky, James Murez,

AGAINST: Hugh Harrison, Ira Koslow,

### **11B 419 Grand Boulevard**

Case: DIR-2020-7248-CPD-MEL

Applicant: Simon Watts and Grace Lee

LUPC Staff: Shep Stern

Representative: Rafael Martinez

City Staff Brendan Ha Lau

Case Description: • CDP SECOND STORY ADDITION TO EXISTING 1- STORY SINGLE FAMILY DWELLING AND ADU SF SINGLE-FAMILY RESIDENCE.

**MOTION:** The Venice Neighborhood Council recommends denial of the project as presented as the applicant was not present at the meeting and the project has been on the agenda 3 times.

*Recommended by LUPC 6-2-0 on 04/29/21*

**REMOVED BY CHAIR BACK TO LUPC**



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## 11C 901 Abbot Kinney

DIR-2019-2122 CDP-MEL; ENV-2019-2123-CE

City Hearing: TBD

Applicant: Juri Ripinsky, AKA Partners LLC & Becca Property LLC

LUPC Staff: Michael Jenssen

Representative: Larry Mondragon at Craig Fry and Associates [dragon@cfa-la.com](mailto:dragon@cfa-la.com)

City Staff Ira Brown: contact: [Ira.Brown@lacity.org](mailto:Ira.Brown@lacity.org)

Case Description: • CDP & SPP for change of use from office/retail to office/retail/restaurant & construction of mechanical parking lift w/capacity to store up to 32 vehicles • • MCUP (Master CUB) for up to four restaurants to dispense a full line of alcohol beverages for on-site consumption • • CU to allow a "Commercial Corner & Mini-Shopping Center" to 1) operate between the hours of 7 am-midnight on Sunday-Thursday and 7 am-2 am on Friday & Saturday, 2) employ tandem parking, 3) have a landscaped, planted area with a variable width of 2-5 feet along all street frontages not occupied by a structure or access stairway & on the perimeter of all parking areas abutting a residential zone or use in lieu of the required width of 5 feet.

**MOTION:** The Venice Neighborhood Council recommends denial of the project as presented because the intensity of use is significant and the project is not compatible with the pedestrian nature of Abbot Kinney Blvd.

*Recommended by LUPC 6-1-0 on 05/10/21*

## AG, CJ (11, 2, 0)

FAVOR: Melissa Diner, Alex Neiman, CJ Cole, Brian Averill, Vicki Halliday, , Mark Ryavec, Alix Gucovsky, Jim Robb, Sima Kostovetsky, Hugh Harrison, Ira Koslow,

AGAINST: George Francisco, Robert Thibodeau

ABSTAIN:

ABSENT: Jon Reed, CC Carter,

Recusal: James Murez, Soledad Ursua

## 11D 727 and 733 Lincoln Boulevard

Case: ZA-2020-7884-CU

City Hearing: TBD

Address: 727 and 733 Lincoln Boulevard Lincoln Fine Wines

Applicant: Lincoln Fine Wines

LUPC Staff: Daffodil Tyminski

Representative: Brett Engstrom [engstromplanning@gmail.com](mailto:engstromplanning@gmail.com)

City Staff: Bindu Kannan contact [bindu.kannan@lacity.org](mailto:bindu.kannan@lacity.org); Jason Douglas, Nisa Kove, Mike Bonin

Case Description: A CUB application to expand their current business into the adjacent tenant space. The current business is located at 727 Lincoln Blvd. They will be adding an additional portion of the building to include the 733 Lincoln Blvd. address. The request includes the continued sale of a full line of alcohol for off-site consumption, and on-site tastings. Hours of operation will remain the same; 10am to 11pm daily.



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**MOTION:** The Venice Neighborhood Council recommends approval of the project as presented ~~provided that the applicant does acceptable community outreach prior to the Board meeting and there are no adverse outcomes,~~ and that parking verification is done prior to the Board meeting to substantiate that 8 spaces is acceptable.

*Recommended by LUPC 9-0-0 on 05/10/21*

AG, GF

## HH, GF (13, 0, 1)

FAVOR: George Francisco, Melissa Diner, ,Alex Neiman, CJ Cole, Brian Averill, Vicki Halliday, Soledad Ursua, Mark Ryavec, Alix Gucovsky, Jim Robb, Sima Kostovetsky, James Murez, Hugh Harrison,

AGAINST:

ABSTAIN: Ira Koslow,

RECUSAL : Robert Thibodeau

ABSENT: Jon Reed, CC Carter,

JM, MD Strike through amendment

## HH, GF (13, 0, 1)

FAVOR: George Francisco, Melissa Diner, ,Alex Neiman, CJ Cole, Brian Averill, Vicki Halliday, Soledad Ursua, Mark Ryavec, Alix Gucovsky, Jim Robb, Sima Kostovetsky, James Murez, Hugh Harrison,

AGAINST:

ABSTAIN: Ira Koslow,

RECUSAL: Robert Thibodeau

ABSENT: Jon Reed, CC Carter,

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

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

## 12A **Request Signage at Linnie Canal Park ([soledad.ursua@venicenc.org](mailto:soledad.ursua@venicenc.org))**

**MOTION:** Whereas the Linnie Canal and Dell Avenue Park in Venice is a pocket park with equipment for very young children, and is referred to as the Children's Park; and Whereas, currently, there is no signage stating that adults must be accompanied by children THEREFORE, The VNC Board calls upon the Los Angeles City Council to work with appropriate governmental agencies to ensure signage be placed on the fence stating that "No Adults Allowed Unless Accompanied by Children, CPC 653 G. Upon adoption of this motion letters be sent to Jimmy Kim, Parks and Recreation ([jimmy.kim@lacity.org](mailto:jimmy.kim@lacity.org)); Los Angeles City Recreation and Parks Department Office of Board of Commissioners



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([RAP.COMMISSIONERS@LACITY.ORG](mailto:RAP.COMMISSIONERS@LACITY.ORG); Councilman Mike Bonin

([councilmember.bonin@lacity.org](mailto:councilmember.bonin@lacity.org))

**MOTION:** *Recommended by Public Safety Committee 6-0-0 on 05/5/21*

**SU, JM (14, 0, 1)**

**FAVOR:** George Francisco, Melissa Diner, Alex Neiman, CJ Cole, Brian Averill, Vicki Halliday, Soledad Ursua, Mark Ryavec, Alix Gucovsky, Jim Robb, Sima Kostovetsky, James Murez, Hugh Harrison, Robert Thibodeau

**AGAINST:**

**ABSTAIN:** Ira Koslow,

*Unanimous*

**12B Address Westminster Elementary School Safety Concerns ([soledad.ursua@venicenc.org](mailto:soledad.ursua@venicenc.org))**

**MOTION:** Whereas residents surrounding the Westminster Elementary School encampment have been observed engaging in criminal activities including dealing drugs, public alcohol consumption/drugs and assault; and

Whereas LAPD has responded numerous times to public violence and fires; and

Whereas children's lives are endangered and their state constitutional right to a safe school environment and passage to school is being violated

THEREFORE, The VNC Board approves sending a letter to the LAUSD Board and Superintendent, the Mayor and City Council members informing them of the unsafe conditions adjacent to Westminster Elementary School created by a homeless encampment including tents and RVs that block safe passage to this school and create unsanitary conditions endangering the health and physical safety of students. Furthermore, the VNC asks that LAUSD and LA City take immediate steps, including working with school police, LAPD, and homeless service providers to address and correct this situation.

*Recommended by Public Safety Committee 6-0-0 on 5/5/21*

**SU, AG (13, 0, 1)**

**FAVOR:** George Francisco, Melissa Diner, Alex Neiman, CJ Cole, Brian Averill, Vicki Halliday, Soledad Ursua, Mark Ryavec, Alix Gucovsky, Jim Robb, Sima Kostovetsky, Hugh Harrison, Robert Thibodeau

**AGAINST:**

**ABSTAIN:** Ira Koslow,

*Unanimous*

**RECUSAL: JIM MUREZ**



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## 12C Support for the Venice Boardwalk Action Committee's Ocean Front Walk Proposal

([jim.rob@venicenc.org](mailto:jim.rob@venicenc.org))

**MOTION:** The Venice Neighborhood Council strongly supports the Venice Boardwalk Action Committee's Oceanfront Walk proposal and recommends its timely implementation with letters sent to all of the above original recipients.

*Recommended by Ocean Front Walk Committee 6-1-0 on 05/10/21*

[Proposal](#)

**JR, AG (14, 0, 1)**

FAVOR: George Francisco, Melissa Diner, Alex Neiman, CJ Cole, Brian Averill, Vicki Halliday, Soledad Ursua, Mark Ryavec, Alix Gucovsky, Jim Robb, Sima Kostovetsky, James Murez, Hugh Harrison, Robert Thibodeau

AGAINST:

ABSTAIN: Ira Koslow,  
Unanimous

## 12D Immediate Bollard installation (Jim Robb on behalf of the Ocean Front Walk Committee)

**MOTION:** Whereas automobiles routinely drive on OFW, both accidentally and purposefully, including one recently estimated at 70mph, the Venice Neighborhood Council recommends timely OFW bollard installation, with priority given to the ends of Ocean Front Walk, at both Washington Blvd and Rose Ave, where cars can easily access Ocean Front Walk, with letters sent to Mayor Garcetti and Councilmember Bonin urging the expedition of this process.

*Recommended by Ocean Front Walk Committee 7-0-0 on 05/10/21*

**JR, AG (14, 0, 1)**

FAVOR: George Francisco, Melissa Diner, Alex Neiman, CJ Cole, Brian Averill, Vicki Halliday, Soledad Ursua, Mark Ryavec, Alix Gucovsky, Jim Robb, Sima Kostovetsky, James Murez, Hugh Harrison, Robert Thibodeau

AGAINST:

ABSTAIN: Ira Koslow,  
Unanimous

## 12E Electric vehicle rentals on OFW (Jim Robb on behalf of the Ocean Front Walk Committee)

**MOTION:** The Venice Neighborhood Council insists that the City immediately address the rapid recent preponderance of electric vehicles, scooters, etc, being rented from boardwalk vendors and ridden recklessly on OFW and the bike path.

*Recommended by Ocean Front Walk Committee 6-0-0 on 05/10/21*



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## **JR, AG (14, 0, 1)**

FAVOR: George Francisco, Melissa Diner, Alex Neiman, CJ Cole, Brian Averill, Vicki Halliday, Soledad Ursua, Mark Ryavec, Alix Gucovsky, Jim Robb, Sima Kostovetsky, James Murez, Hugh Harrison, Robert Thibodeau

AGAINST:

ABSTAIN: Ira Koslow,

## **Unanimous**

### **12F WRAC Motion Opposing Use of Beaches, Beach Parking and Parks as Homeless Housing Sites ([mark.ryavec@venicenc.org](mailto:mark.ryavec@venicenc.org))**

**MOTION:** In reference to Council File 21-0350, the Venice Neighborhood Council supports the Westside Regional Alliance of Council's (WRAC) Motion to strongly advise the members of the Los Angeles City Council and the Mayor that WRAC opposes using the beaches, beach parking lots, and public parks\* for housing of the unhoused. Neighborhood or Community Councils where these sites are listed in the Council motion shall work in good faith to identify alternative sites within their boundaries. \* The parks are subject to approval of the stakeholders and Neighborhood Council in the area of the parks, including the Venice Beach Recreation Area, a city park.

### **Send to LUPC motion**

## **AG, GF (12, 0, 1)**

FAVOR: George Francisco, Melissa Diner, Robert Thibodeau, Alex Neiman, Brian Averill, Vicki Halliday, Soledad Ursua, Alix Gucovsky, Jim Robb, Sima Kostovetsky, James Murez, Hugh Harrison,

AGAINST: ABSTAIN: Ira Koslow,

**ABSENT:** CJ Cole, Mark Ryavec, Jon Reed, CC Carter

### **13A VNC Announcements and Reports (15 minutes)**

**[Committees may, but are not required, to provide a written report included below and available online. [LINK](#)]**

**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



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- 13B **Board Member Announcements on subject matters within the VNC jurisdiction- One (1) minute per Board member (5 minutes)**
- 14. **Adjourn (approx. 11:00 PM)**

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

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