



# Venice Neighborhood Council

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## Board of Officers Regular Virtual Meeting Agenda August 17, 2021

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The public is requested dial \*9, when prompted by the presiding officer, to address the Board on any agenda item before the Board takes an action on an item. Comments from the public on agenda items will be heard only when the respective item is being considered. Comments from the public on other matters not appearing on the agenda that are within the Board's jurisdiction will be heard during the General Public Comment period. Please note that under the Brown Act, the Board is prevented from acting on a matter that you bring to its attention during the General Public Comment period; however, the issue raised by a member of the public may become the subject of a future Board meeting. Public comment is limited to 30 seconds per speaker, unless adjusted by the presiding officer of the Board.

### **Virtual Board Meeting Rules**

- Raise your hand if you have a public comment only WHEN we get to that specific item.
- After you speak, please lower your hand.
- All panelists (board members) and attendees (public) will be muted until administrator unmute you for comment.
- Board members will get one chance to speak for a max of 2 minutes per item.

- Public comment will be limited to one comment for 30 seconds per item.
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- The meeting is being video and audio recorded
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All presenters that have items to project are to send them to [Secretary@VeniceNC.org](mailto:Secretary@VeniceNC.org) and [President@VeniceNC.org](mailto:President@VeniceNC.org) to have them shared with the meeting. Keep a copy of them on your desktop as a backup.

California State law (54953) allows zoom type meetings with the following requirements, majority of board members must be within the NC boundaries, the stakeholders are advised how to attend and that any vote be by roll call.

**1 Call to Order and Roll Call (7:00 PM)**  
James Murez, President

**2 Approval of Board Minutes (1 minute)**  
MOTION: The VNC Board approves the minutes of the July 20, 2021 Board meeting.

**3 VNC President's Report & Announcements**  
James Murez

**4 Declaration of Ex Parte Communications or Conflicts-Of-Interest (1 minute)**  
All Board members shall declare any ex parte communications or conflicts-of interest relating to items on this meeting's agenda.

**5 Scheduled Announcements and Presentations**

**5A Public Safety - LAPD & LAFD Report (20 minutes)**  
Questions to the presenter(s) will be limited to the time allotted to this item. Furthermore, all questions from the public must be submitted in writing to [Secretary@VeniceNC.org](mailto:Secretary@VeniceNC.org) no less than 72 hours prior to the meeting. The Chair at His / Her discretion shall present questions or a summary thereof to the presenter. Questions from Members of the Body will be limited by time allotment for this agenda item following public questions.

**5B Government Reports**  
Representatives having information to share with the community are requested to submit their written material to [Outreach@VeniceNC.org](mailto:Outreach@VeniceNC.org)

The Chair at His / Her discretion may choose to provide time for one or more presentation by representative or have Outreach Chair provide a summary report based on written materials presented.

**City Councilmember Mike Bonin**, Field Deputy,  
**Congressman Ted Lieu**, Representative, [Janet.Turner@mail.house.gov](mailto:Janet.Turner@mail.house.gov)  
**State Senator Ben Allen**, Representative, [Liliana.Pond@sen.ca.gov](mailto:Liliana.Pond@sen.ca.gov)  
**State Assemblyperson Autumn Burke**, Representative [Brandon.Stansell@asm.ca.gov](mailto:Brandon.Stansell@asm.ca.gov)  
**LA County Supervisor Sheila Kuehl**, Deputy [Zac Gaidzik zgaidzik@bos.lacounty.gov](mailto:Zac.Gaidzik@bos.lacounty.gov)  
**Mayor Eric Garcetti**, Deputy [Brad.Fingard@lacity.org](mailto:Brad.Fingard@lacity.org)

**6 Budget & Finance Committee Report** (10 minutes)

Andrea Boccaletti, Treasurer  
See attached addendums at

<https://www.venicenc.org/committees/viewCommittee/85>

**Items for or discussion and possible action**

**6A Expenditure Reports**

**MOTION:** The Venice Neighborhood Council recommends approval of the expenditure reports for June 2021.

Recommended by the Budget and Finance Committee [0-0-0]. on 8/9/2021

<https://www.venicenc.org/ncfiles/viewCommitteeFile/22724>

**7 Selection of Liaisons and Organization Representatives**

The President shall appoint liaisons and representatives to the following organizations:

- a. WRAC: James Murez (Primary), Daffodil Tyminski (Alternate)
- b. WRAC LUPC: Alix Gucovsky (Primary), John Reed (Alternate)
- c. WRAC Homeless: Vicki Halliday (Primary), Brian Ulf (Alternate)
- d. WRAC Transportation: Selena Inouye (Primary), <open> (Alternate)
- e. LANCC: Ivan Spiegel
- f. Homeless Liaison: Vicki Halliday
- g. LA Plancheck: Michael Jensen
- h. Emergency Preparedness: Keith Harrison
- i. Budget Advocates: Andrea Boccaletti, <open>
- j. Others

1.1 Data: Allan Parsons, Soledad Ursua, James Murez

**8 General Consent Calendar** (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.

## 9. Land Use and Planning Committee

### A. 350 6th Avenue

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### B. 22 Paloma Avenue

Case: AA-2020-5349-PMLA-SL and DIR-2020-5351-CDP-SPP City Hearing: May 27, 2021, CDP determination pending, case on hold Address: 22 Paloma Ave LUPC Staff: Chris Zonnas Applicant: Doron Benshalom (Place Holder DP, LLC) Representative: Sheri Gould (Harvey Goodman Civil Engineering) sheri@harveygoodman.com City Staff Bindu.Kannan@lacity.org Case Description: Preliminary Parcel Map for a Bungalow Court or Existing Structure Small Lot conversion of a 3,525 sf lot to 2 lots. Following the subdivision, the existing structures—a duplex (2,186 sf, built in 1922) and a triplex (2,268 sf, built in 1911) -- will be on separate lots. There are no changes to height, floor area, yards, parking, or density. The structures are Contributors to the North Venice Walk Streets Historic District. Lack of MEL for this conversion is an issue. Public Comment & possible action/motion Chris motion to approve the subdivision as presented Michael seconds 3-0-2 Tim, Chris, Michael yes, Alix and Shep No

### C. 655 Crestmore

Case: ZA-2020-5765-CDP-ZAA City Hearing: not yet scheduled/ Address: 655 Crestmoore Place LUPC Staff: Shep Stern Applicant: Matthew Murphy Representative: Santiago Ortiz Santi@ortizmexia.com City Staff Sienna.Kuo@lacity.org Case Description: 2nd story addition of approximately 805 sf to an existing 1,640 sf duplex, on a 4,200 sf lot. Parking (2 cars covered, 1 car uncovered) to be relocated from front unit to rear unit. Reason for ZAA unknown. Reason for lack of MEL for this duplex unknown. Public Comment & possible action/motion Shep Motion to approved as presented/Michael seconds 5-0-0

### D. 417 - 419 Grand Avenue

Case: DIR-2020-7248 -CDP-MEL City Hearing: CDP issued, all hearings/appeals exhausted Address: 417-419 Grand Blvd LUPC Staff: Shep Stern Applicant: Simon Watts & Grace Lee Representative: Rafael Martinez, Brian Noteware AIA City Staff: Brenden.Lau@lacity.org, Student Professional Worker Case Description: Remodel & addition of new 989 sf 2nd story to an existing 1-story, 1,626 sf SFD resulting in a 1,961 sf SFD with 2 parking spaces; & a new 654 sf attached ADU, on a 2,701 sf lot. Public Comment & possible action/motion Shep motion to approve as presented/Alix seconds 4-1-0 Tim abstains

### E. 2704 Strongs Drive

Case: DIR-2020-2752-CDP City Hearing: CDP issued, all hearings/appeals exhausted Address: 2704 Strongs Drive Applicant: Michael Salazar Representative: Cody Wetzel, Wetzel Homes LUPC Staff: Chris Zonnas City Staff: Brenden.Lau@lacity.org, Student Professional Worker Case Description: Remodel & addition of 1,513 sf to existing 2-story SFD, including expansion of the 1st & 2nd floors & the addition of a 3rd floor & roof deck, with 2 parking spaces, on a 2,520 sf lot. Public Comment & possible action/motion Tim motion to approve as

presented/Michael seconds 2-2-0 Shep and Alix no The motion to approve as presented does not pass LUPC and is sent to the board for consideration.

#### **F. 212 Sherman Canal**

Case: DIR-2020-6239-CDP-SPP-MEL City Hearing: CDP issued, all hearings/appeals exhausted Address: 212 Sherman Canal Applicant: Andrea Michaelson Representative: Cody Wetzel LUPC Staff: Chris Zonnas City Staff: [Bindu.Kannan@lacity.org](mailto:Bindu.Kannan@lacity.org) Case Description: Demo of existing 2-story SFD & new 3-story, 4,382 sf SFD with roof deck & 3 on-site parking spaces, on a 3,518 sf lot. Public Comment & possible action/motion Michael motion to approve as presented/Tim seconds- 2—2-0 Chris recuses Shep and Alix no The motion to approve the project as presented does not pass LUPC and is sent to the board for consideration

#### **G. Project Room Key – Ramada Inn**

WHEREAS the City of Los Angeles (“City”) plans to convert the Ramada Inn at 3130 Washington Blvd, Venice, CA 90291, a lower-cost visitor serving accommodation, into interim housing for the homeless (“Project”); WHEREAS the Project will be managed by People Assisting the Homeless (“PATH”); WHEREAS the City did not provide the Venice Neighborhood Council with notice or a reasonable opportunity to provide input regarding the Project, nor were public hearings held before the Venice Neighborhood Council, as required by Sections 907 and 908 of the City Charter; WHEREAS similar projects in Venice, including A Bridge Home Sunset Pacific and the Cadillac Hotel Roomkey program, have directly or indirectly led to a massive increase in homeless encampments, increased property and violent crime, and increased calls for service by LAPD and LAFD; WHEREAS the Project is located right in the middle of a residential neighborhood, surrounded by hundreds of homes, preschools, elementary schools, and small businesses; WHEREAS the Project is within a Sensitive Use Area due to the proximity of less than 500 feet from Little Garden Preschool; WHEREAS the City Council recently passed Motion 55A, which permits the City to restrict sitting, sleeping, lying, storing personal property, or otherwise obstructing the public right-of-way in an area designated by Council resolution that is within up to 1,000 feet of a facility opened after January 1, 2018, providing shelter, safe sleeping, safe parking, or navigation centers for persons experiencing homelessness; WHEREAS since mid-December 2020, community members have tirelessly negotiated in good faith with the City regarding this Project, working to avoid appeals and litigation with the desire to speed opening and safe operation of this specific location; WHEREAS the Bureau of Engineering has issued a Coastal Development Permit which includes the following vague and limited conditions: Install and thereafter maintain a rear barrier along Harrison Ave. to provide better control over access to the project site via Washington Blvd; PATH staff on-site; Overnight security guards located on-site; Security cameras; Community hotline; and HMIS will assist residents to find permanent housing and homeless services ; WHEREAS the City has rejected all additional reasonable safety accommodations requested by the local community and has failed to provide reasonable assurances that the Project will be operated in a manner that protects the safety of the surrounding neighborhood; THEREBY the Venice Neighborhood Council requests that the Los Angeles City Council, Mayor Eric Garcetti, and City Attorney Mike Feuer enter into this Community Benefit Agreement (“CBA”) with the stakeholders located within 1,000 feet of the Project, including neighborhoods of President’s Row and the Oxford Triangle in Venice and Marina Del Rey. This CBA contains reasonable operating conditions and a remedy for failure to maintain the Project in a safe manner, as described in the CBA. [mayor.helpdesk@lacity.org](mailto:mayor.helpdesk@lacity.org) [mayor.garcetti@lacity.org](mailto:mayor.garcetti@lacity.org) [mike.feuer@lacity.org](mailto:mike.feuer@lacity.org) [councilmember.cedillo@lacity.org](mailto:councilmember.cedillo@lacity.org) [Gilbert.Cedillo@lacity.org](mailto:Gilbert.Cedillo@lacity.org)

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Public Safety Accommodations • Intensive Client Screening: Residents should be  
screened including but not limited to violent criminal activity (broadly defined as any  
criminal activity that has as one of its elements the use, attempted use, or threatened  
use of physical force substantial enough to cause, or be reasonably likely to cause,  
serious bodily injury or property damage), current abuse or pattern of abuse of alcohol  
or drugs, and those subject to lifetime sex offender registration; • Prohibition against  
camping within 1,000 feet of the Project; • Require PATH to extend its security  
obligations into the surrounding neighborhood, specifically Harrison Avenue; •  
Pedestrian gates to Harrison Avenue be designated Emergency Only; • Install and  
thereafter maintain an 8-foot permanent rear barrier along Harrison to provide better  
control over access to the Project via Washington; • Meetings with PATH and the City  
will be held with neighbors within 1,000 feet every six months; • Any future conversion  
to Permanent Supportive Housing be subjected to a new CDP approval process; •  
Increased LAPD presence and patrols to the President's Row and Oxford Triangle  
neighborhoods to ensure public safety; • City to install additional street lighting on the  
south side of Harrison Avenue, directly across from 1110 to 1140 Harrison Avenue; •  
No shelter-related parking on Harrison Avenue or the surrounding neighborhoods; • The  
City and PATH will not maintain the development in a manner that directly or indirectly:  
o Jeopardizes or adversely affects the public health, peace, or safety of persons  
residing or working on the premises or in the surrounding area; or o Constitutes a public  
nuisance; or o Results in repeated nuisance activities, including, but not limited to,  
disturbances of the peace, illegal drug activity, public drunkenness, drinking in public,  
harassment of passersby, gambling, prostitution, sale of stolen goods, public urination,  
theft, assaults, batteries, acts of vandalism, loitering, excessive littering, illegal parking,  
excessive loud noises (especially in the late night or early morning hours), traffic  
violations, curfew violations, lewd conduct, police calls for service, or police detentions  
and arrests; or o Adversely impacts nearby uses; or o Violates any other city, state, or  
federal regulation, ordinance, or statute. B. Two Step Abatement & Arbitration  
Procedure 1. Voluntary Abatement Any resident or business within 1000 feet of the  
exterior boundaries of the project may submit a written complaint to PATH and the City  
concerning violations of agreed-upon public safety accommodations. The complaint will  
specify the nature of the violation or problem. The parties will meet within 30 days of the  
written complaint to meet and confer in good faith about a voluntary abatement plan to  
bring operation of the facility within the requirements set forth above. PATH and the City  
shall then have 30 days to implement the voluntary abatement plan to remedy the  
violation or problem. If PATH and the City fail to adequately implement the voluntary  
abatement plan within the established timeline, complainant has the right to request that  
the matter be referred to binding arbitration. 2. Binding Arbitration The parties agree that  
any complaint filed by any resident or business within 500 feet of the exterior  
boundaries of the project that cannot be mutually resolved after meeting and conferring  
in good faith and giving PATH and the City the opportunity to voluntarily abate the  
violation or problem within 30 days shall be submitted to binding arbitration. The  
arbitration shall be administered by JAMS (Judicial Arbitration & Mediation Services)  
pursuant to its Comprehensive Arbitration Rules and Procedures and in accordance  
with the Expedited Procedures in those Rules. The selection of an arbitrator through  
JAMS shall be pursuant to JAMS Rule 15. The venue of the arbitration shall be in Los  
Angeles, California. The arbitrator will have the ability to require the modification,  
discontinuance, or revocation of the CDP, and the ability to impose conditions of

operation as he or she deems appropriate, including those necessary to protect the best interests of the surrounding properties or neighborhood; to eliminate, lessen, or prevent any detrimental effect on the surrounding property or neighborhood; or to assure compliance with other applicable provisions of law. The arbitrator's decision shall be supported by written findings and shall state that failure to comply with any or all conditions imposed may result in the issuance of an order to discontinue or revoke the CDP. All arbitration costs and fees are to be paid by the City and/or PATH.

#### **H. WRAC Processes and Procedures Amendment (Council File 12-0460-S4)**

Case: Council File 12-0460-S4 (Processes and Procedures Amendment) City Hearing: The City Council considered the ordinance on 6/22/21. In addition to instructing the City Attorney to put the ordinance in final form, the PLUM Committee Report was amended to "instruct the Department of City Planning to produce a line-by-line chart of the proposed changes to our processes and procedures to be transmitted for consideration and made available to the public before the final ordinance is considered." The ordinance will go back to the Council for a final vote. Passage Deadline: September 2021 Motion Proposed: Stacy Shure/WRAC LUPC on June 21, 2021 Motion Passed by: Brentwood Community Council (Modified) Mar Vista Community Council (Modified) Westside Neighborhood Council Refers to: <https://cityclerk.lacity.org/lacityclerkconnect/index.cfm?fa=ccfi.viewrecord&cfnumber=12-0460-S4> Motion: The Venice Neighborhood Council requests that the Los Angeles City Council postpone consideration of Council File 12-0460-S4 (The Process and Procedures Amendment to the City Charter) for a minimum of 6 months in order to enable further community presentations and feedback. The document in this file, including technical amendments and attachments, are over 900 pages. To date there have been approximately 3 meetings of 1.5 hours each for the Department of Planning to summarize this extensive document and receive limited feedback. Further technical amendments were made prior to the PLUM committee's June 1 consideration which incorporated more than just technical changes that need review and feedback. The language supporting the Neighborhood Councils' charter given authority to hold public hearings and provide public comment and feedback concerning matters of land use must be restored to the Process and Procedures Amendment section to ensure that it complies with the Los Angeles City Charter and the specific authority it grants to Neighborhood Councils. The community engagement has been insufficient to conduct a full review of the substantial changes involving land use authority and procedures. Further, we encourage that the Los Angeles City Council obtain Cumis Counsel (independent counsel) to review the document in its entirety to ensure that no transfer of City Council authority occurs as a result of this document and that final decisions regarding land use matters remain with the City Council pursuant to the City Charter. There are numerous instances where authority appears to be vested in the Director of Planning, an unelected official, which may be in violation of the City Charter. Public Comment & possible action/motion Alix motion to approve as presented/Shep seconds 3-2-0 Tim and Michael no

#### **I. WRAC Oppose Misuse of Specific Plan Process**

Meeting Date: 08/09/2021

Case: Oppose Misuse of Specific Plan Process Motion Proposed: Barbara Broide/WRAC LUPC on June 21, 2021 Passage Deadline: September 2021 Motion: The Venice Neighborhood Council opposes the City's use of Specific Plans that would result in up zoning open space and / or low-density residential neighborhoods. The use of specific plans in this manner creates significant negative impacts for all residential communities, the environment, and natural resources. We

urge our City Councilmembers to reject land use applications for individual development projects that represent a misuse of the Specific Plan process. We ask that the City Council inform Planning not to process these types of requests. Motion: Approve as presented, Alix /Shep seconds 3-2-0

#### **J. WRAC Clarification Regarding Ghost Kitchens**

Case: Request for Clarification Regarding Cloud/Ghost Kitchens Motion proposed: Barbara Broide WRAC/LUPC on May 17, 2021 Passage deadline: August 2021 Passed by: Bel Air Beverly Crest Neighborhood Council Brentwood Community Council Pacific Palisades Community Council Westside Neighborhood Council Westwood Neighborhood Council Motion: WHEREAS businesses referred to as “Cloud Kitchens” or “Ghost Kitchens” represent a fairly new form of commerce and land use concept, and, WHEREAS this new business model has the potential to create significant impact on neighboring businesses and residential communities, and WHEREAS the absence of clear classifications for cloud/ghost kitchens can result in some being treated as commercial and/or retail uses, while others may be grouped as light manufacturing, and WHEREAS none of these classifications accurately capture the true nature of these operations and, WHEREAS cloud/ghost kitchens are being established in many areas across the City of Los Angeles Therefore, be it moved that the Venice Neighborhood Council requests that the city, represented by our council district, PLUM, and the City Council, in coordination with the Departments of Planning and Building and Safety: --define what constitutes a cloud/ghost kitchen, including possible different categories of such operations based upon numbers of kitchens and/or square footage involved, --identify criteria for the evaluation of their applications for buildout and permitting, including a process to evaluate potential impacts on their surroundings (noise, odor, traffic, and requirements pertaining to factors) --assess needed infrastructure (adequacy of electric service to area, parkin and/or loading zones WRAC believes that providing this needed clarification will remove uncertainties and contribute to the establishment of successful enterprises by creating the structure needed to guide the city’s review and decision-making process. Public Comment & possible action/motion Alix motion to approve as presented/Shep seconds 2-3-0 Michael Tim and Chris no Motion goes to the board with a no recommendation from LUPC

**10 Old Business** (0 minutes)  
Discussion and possible action

**11 New Business**\_(PM – minutes)  
Discussion and possible action

#### **11A Selection of Standing Committee Chairs**

**MOTION:** The Board shall select Chairs for the following committees (as nominated by the Administrative Committee.)

- 1- Arts
- 2- Ocean Front Walk
- 3- Rules And Selections

#### **11B Selection of Land Use and Planning Committee (LUPC) Members**

**MOTION:** The Board shall select eight (8) members to the serve on the Land Use and Planning Committee.



**11C Selection of Neighborhood Community Members**

**MOTION:** The Board shall select nine (9) members to the serve on the Neighborhood Committee.

**11D Consideration and Approval of Ad Hoc Committee(s)**

Motion: The VNC Board creates the following Ad Hoc committees with the mission statements as approved the Administrative Committee. Following the creation, the committee chairs shall be appointed by the President.

**i. Venice Community Resiliency Committee (VCRC)**

Mission: The mission of the Venice Community Resiliency Committee (VCRC) is to develop whole community planning and preparedness programs to further ensure the survival and recovery of the Venice community in times of disaster or proclaimed emergency.

**ii. Parking and Transportation Committee (PTC)**

Mission: The Venice Neighborhood Council, Parking and Transportation Committee (PTC) will evaluate existing and potential future conditions, relating to Parking and Transportation and issues within the public right-of-way, consider stakeholders input, and propose solutions to the Board of Directors.

**iii. Venice Arbor Committee (VAC)**

The Venice Arbor Committee supports and encourages the planting and maintenance of trees throughout the Venice Neighborhood and surrounding communities through advocacy, education and policy work. We work with the City and their planting partners, residents, schools, developers, non-profits and other stakeholders to create, improve, and care for the tree canopy, support and improve local biodiversity, and a healthy ecosystem. We actively enlist and encourage the local citizenry to engage in planting and caring for their own yard and parkway trees and help educate individuals on how to accomplish this.

**iv. Discussion Forum Committee (DFC)**

Provide a monthly forum for discussion of long-term matters affecting the Venice Community within the context of the VNC Vision Goals.

To stimulate the vitality of the VNC, the Board and VNC Committees are encouraged to consider the below VNC Vision Goals in their deliberations.

Although the VNC is a political body, and inevitably it may become embroiled in issues that divide the community, these goals are designed to promote a more proactive, collaborative vision for VNC Committees to include in their deliberations as they formulate recommendations for Board consideration. The intent is to create a working framework of integrated strategies capable of achieving, over time, broader consensus and increased: Focus on Children

Consider strategies that promote & expand opportunities for children to experience direct meaningful involvement in all aspects of the social and economic and cultural activities of the Venice Community. Include this Focus on Children as an integral part of the consideration of strategies in all of the below Vision Goals.

**Participation**

Consider strategies that encourage & facilitate broader involvement of stakeholders, major organizations, community groups, and government institutions, etc.

### Walkability

Consider strategies that reduce the use of cars and that promote alternatives such as walking, skateboarding, biking & bike racks, circulation systems (trolleys), park & ride rather than additional parking, street-narrowing/sidewalk widening, walk/bike/skateboard lanes separated from traffic, easier neighborhood pedestrian access to commercial stores, etc.

### Diversity

Consider strategies that encourage & facilitate realistic recommendations designed to increase economic diversity, including affordable housing, etc.

### Creativity

Consider strategies that promote the arts, encourage & facilitate creativity. This can apply to architecture, public art, social events (neighborhood gatherings/street movies/theatre/dance/pottery/...), etc.

### Collaboration

Consider strategies that encourage & facilitate 'level playing fields' for collaborative negotiation; opt for procedures & policies that 'promote flexibility & dialogue' over 'reacting defensively to rigid criteria', facilitation/mediation training, etc.

### Brainstorming

Consider strategies that encourage & facilitate exploring of non-traditional options for achieving shared objectives, etc.

## v. **Drug Addiction and Mental Health Awareness and Solutions Committee (DAMHASC)**

This is a request to form the VNC Drug Addiction and Mental Health Awareness and Solutions Committee. The mission of this Committee will be to intensify community awareness of the ever-increasing issues of both drug addiction and untreated mental illness in our neighborhoods; to find solutions in intervention and prevention for younger children and teens in our schools as well as in services and treatment for adults in our community. The Committee will bring in speakers and experts from all over the country, compile and share data on successful programs in other communities, bring intervention, education, and outreach programs to our schools (starting this Fall), and raise awareness of these issues in our community. The Committee will focus on developing actual solutions for our community that we, as compassionate and dedicated Venetians, can bring to our community and city-wide.

## vi. **Facilities for homeless Committee (FFHC)**

Mission:

1. Obtain the information Item 17C on the 7/20/21 VNC Board Agenda, entitled "Homeless Committee Information Request" requests. It states "The Venice Neighborhood Council requests that Councilman Mike Bonin, the LA City Council, and the LA City Planning Department provide its plans to Venice and all other Neighborhood Councils throughout LA as to how, when and where it proposes to provide the supply and location of permanent housing necessary to meet the demand to deal with the housing shortage which has and will, unless resolved, maintain the systemic cycle of homelessness affecting our LA Communities. If there are no such plans in existence at this time, why isn't there one and when will there be one. Notify the offices of Councilman Mike Bonin, Mayor Eric Garcetti, Los Angeles Planning Department."

2. To the extent not covered by information provided under paragraph 1

above, the addresses and general descriptions (i.e. bedrooms and baths) of units in which the City can presently place homeless persons.

3. Any writings which summarize how the City plans to spend any monies it receives under the Homeless Housing, Assistance and Prevention Program and Project Homekey.

4. Any writings which summarize the amount and purpose of monies in the current City budget for providing housing to the homeless.

5. The name and contact information for a City employee who can provide continuing, current information about the matters described in paragraphs 1-4 above.

6. With respect to the 2 large parcels of vacant land in the attached photos which the City owns at Westchester Parkway and La Tijera Blvd. and La Cienega and Century Blvds. ("the LAX Parcels") :

(a) Request Councilman Bonin to have the City Council amend Council File No. 21-0350 entitled "Homelessness and Poverty Committee Report relative to evaluating sites feasibility and identifying funding for potential projects at various locations in order to continue to try different interventions to address homelessness" ("the Report") to add the LAX Parcels to the Report which presently only covers parking lots at Will Rogers State Beach, Dockweiler Beach and Fisherman's Village in Marina del Rey.

(b) Require the City, including but not limited to Councilman Bonin and LAWA, to produce any writings which:

(i) Support any claim they have that the City must obtain FAA approval to use the LAX parcels for homeless housing.

(ii) Evidence any plans the City has for development of the LAX parcels within the next 2 years.

(iii) Evidence the presence of electric, sewer, water and sanitation facilities within or near the LAX Parcels, which would support homeless facilities there.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT: the Task Force is further authorized to:

(i) Obtain the above information under the CPRA or otherwise.

(ii) Request others to help obtain that information.

(iii) Regularly report the results of these efforts to the Board.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT:

These Requests are authorized by Sec. 910 of the City Charter ["Sec. 910. Monitoring of City Services. Neighborhood councils shall monitor the delivery of City services in their respective areas and have periodic meetings with responsible

officials of City departments, subject to their reasonable availability.”] and Article IIA of the VNC By Laws [The mission of the VNC is “To improve the quality of life in Venice by building community and to secure support from the City of Los Angeles for the resources needed to achieve our goals.”]

**vii. Homeless Committee (VHC)**

The Venice Neighborhood Council's current ad hoc Homeless Committee was approved without a specific period of service by the General Board at their October 2019 meeting. According to VNC Standing Rules, "An ad hoc committee that does not have a sunset date associated with it will automatically be given a date 12 months from the date of their approval as an ad hoc committee by the Board of Directors." Accordingly, the current Homeless Committee is over. However, the social and humanitarian crisis of homelessness remains a large issue for Venice, and the need for an ad hoc committee to address the issues of Los Angeles homelessness and concerns of stakeholders is a necessity for the community. Explicably, there is also a direct connection between homelessness and tenant issues. Research has demonstrated multiple times over the relationship between housing affordability and homelessness. Los Angeles averages the loss of nearly five Rent Stabilization Ordinance (RSO) units a day. This alarming figure impacts the Venice community, which is made up of nearly 69% tenants, more than 2/3 of its population. Additionally, Venice is a highly lucrative tourist zone that continues to have issues with short term vacation rentals and apartment hotels, which take important housing stock off the market, particularly RSO units and lower-cost units that service workers and working class families can afford. With the Olympics headed to Los Angeles in 2028, proposed amendments to the short term ordinance are constant, require oversight, and greatly affect Venice. As the current housing crisis continues to escalate, increasingly more housing discussion topics and motions have come forward which the current iteration of the VNC's Homeless Committee is not capable of addressing. These topics are also improperly showing up at the Public Health and Safety Committee. Nor are these theory-based "housing" topics always a LUPC issue either, since LUPC traditionally addresses current applications for project permits, variances, coastal development permits and direct legislation that affects all these. An operative committee is necessary to undertake the theoretical topics of housing in areas not directly related to LUPC and its active work. THEREFORE, be it resolved, the Venice Neighborhood Council will form a new "Housing and Homelessness" ad hoc committee with the following Mission Statement: "The Housing and Homelessness Committee will serve as a liaison between relevant city agencies and service providers, and the Venice Neighborhood Council on issues and programs related to homelessness and the unhoused, and to advocate for the effective use of government programs to help address our housing crisis. The Committee will provide education on the issues of Los Angeles homelessness, tenancy, and advocacy for concerns to the Stakeholders. Additionally, the Committee will review and address topics that pertain to tenants, their rights and landlords, as well as the ongoing complexities of short term vacation rentals." FURTHER, be it resolved, the Housing and Homelessness Committee will equitably include member stakeholders who are renters/tenants and unhoused residents in order to broaden the Committee's perspective on important policy issues, and to give voice to a constituency into decision-making that impacts them.

**viii. Venice Homeless Committee (VHC)**

The mission of the Ad Hoc Homeless Committee shall be to analyze and address the various sides of homelessness and its effects on the Venice community. Using experience, understanding, data and inclusive resolutions, the committee will work closely with service providers, local government, enforcement agencies and most importantly Venice stakeholders, to help propose solutions that will address everyone's needs.

- 12 Announcements and Public Comment on items not on the Agenda (20 minutes)**  
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NOTE: The public is strongly advised to bring comments up in committees where time restrictions are more flexible and where recommendations from the public can become the bases of action items for Board consideration.

- 13 VNC Announcements and Reports (15 minutes)**

Westside Regional Alliance of Councils (WRAC)-James Murez, VNC Representative  
Los Angeles Neighborhood Council Coalition (LANCC), Ivan Spiegel  
Budget Advocates – Andrea Boccaletti, Treasurer  
Outreach Announcements - Sima Kostovetsky

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

- 15. Adjourn (approx. 11:00 PM)**

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

<u>Standing Committees</u>	<u>Ad Hoc Committees</u>
<p><b>Administrative: James Murez</b> <b>Neighborhood: Daffodil Tyminski</b> <b>Outreach: Sima Kostovetsky</b> <b>Land Use and Planning: Alix Gucovsky</b> <b>Budget &amp; Finance: Andrea Boccaletti</b> <b>Rules &amp; Selections:</b> <b>Arts:</b> <b>Ocean Front Walk:</b></p>	

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