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5. Public comment will be limited to one comment for one (1) minute per item.
6. Please do not raise your hand more than once per item.
7. Raise your hand at the start of the items you want to speak on. We will then close public comment and announce the last person to speak a few minutes after the start of the item.
8. No ceding your time to others will be allowed.
9. The meeting is being video and audio recorded.
10. The public will be able to listen and speak but their video will be disabled.

All presenters that have items to present should send them to Chair-LUPC@VeniceNC.org to have them shared with the meeting. Keep a copy of them on your desktop as a backup.

2. CALL TO ORDER

3. ROLL CALL

<input type="checkbox"/> Corinne Baginski	<input type="checkbox"/> Barry Cassilly	<input type="checkbox"/> Andrew Mika
<input type="checkbox"/> Lauren Siegel	<input type="checkbox"/> Matthew Royce	<input type="checkbox"/> Mehrnoosh Mojallali
<input type="checkbox"/> Christopher McLean	<input type="checkbox"/> Michael Jensen	<input type="checkbox"/> Jeff Martin

4. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

A. MINUTES FROM 7/28/2022 LUPC MEETING

Draft Minutes available at:

<https://www.venicenc.org/assets/documents/5/meeting62e4567514b07.pdf>

Motion: Approve minutes from 7/28/2022 meeting.

Maker / 2nd:

Vote:

5. DECLARATION OF CONFLICTS OF INTEREST OR EX PARTE COMMUNICATIONS

LUPC members to declare any conflicts of interest or *ex-parte* communications relating to items on this meeting's agenda.

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7. CNC REPORT

App. Date	Case Number	Address	Project Description	Applicant Contact	Staff:
08/01/2022	DIR-2022-5497-MEL-CDP-HCA	3133 S CARTER AVE 90292	CONVERT DETACHED GARAGE W/ HOBBY ROOM TO AN ACCESSORY DWELLING UNIT PER GCS 65852.2(E)(1)(A). ALL WORK PER ENGINEERING.	AARON BERNBACH (781)330-2142	
08/10/2022	DIR-2022-5764-CDP-MEL	2420 S OCEAN AVE 90291	COASTAL DEVELOPMENT PERMIT AND MELLO ACT REVIEW TO DEMOLISH EXISTING RESIDENCE, AND CONSTRUCTION OF REPLACEMENT RESIDENCE IN THE DUAL JURISDICTION AREA OF THE COASTAL ZONE	LUKE TARR (310)317-0500	
08/11/2022	DIR-2022-5795-CDP-MEL	846 W DICKSON ST 90292	CONSTRUCTION OF A NEW TWO-STORY 4, 415 SF SINGLE FAMILY DWELLING WITH AN ATTACHED TWO-CAR GARAGE	PETER KWON (818)990-8760	
08/01/2022	ENV-2022-5498-CE	3133 S CARTER AVE 90292	CONVERT DETACHED GARAGE W/ HOBBY ROOM TO AN ACCESSORY DWELLING UNIT PER GCS 65852.2(E)(1)(A). ALL WORK PER ENGINEERING.	AARON BERNBACH (781)330-2142	
08/10/2022	ENV-2022-5765-CE	2420 S OCEAN AVE 90291	COASTAL DEVELOPMENT PERMIT AND MELLO ACT REVIEW TO DEMOLISH EXISTING RESIDENCE, AND CONSTRUCTION OF REPLACEMENT RESIDENCE IN THE DUAL JURISDICTION AREA OF THE COASTAL ZONE	LUKE TARR (310)317-0500	
08/11/2022	ENV-2022-5796-CE	846 W DICKSON ST 90292	CONSTRUCTION OF A NEW TWO-STORY 4, 415 SF SINGLE FAMILY DWELLING WITH AN ATTACHED TWO-CAR GARAGE	PETER KWON (818)990-8760	

8. DE MINIMUS CASES

LUPC recommends below cases be considered *de minimus* and VNC President issue letter to Planning Department and CD11. Cases will be put on VNC consent calendar.

Address	Case No.	Description	LUPC Staff
647 E. Westminster	ADM-2021-10112-VSO-ADU; DIR-2021-10110-CDP-MEL; ENV-2021-10111-CE	NEW 774 SQUARE FOOT ADU WITH ROOF DECK (CDP-COASTAL DEVELOPMENT PERMIT)	Corinne Baginsky

Motion: Approve cases as de minimus and send to VNC consent calendar.

Maker / 2nd:

Vote:

9. PADDLE TENNIS COURT IMPROVEMENTS

Presentation by Larry Nagler on behalf of Venice Beach Paddle Tennis Historical Committee (VBPTHC). Courts located on Ocean Front Walk are currently in need of repair (fencing and resurfacing). Board of Rec & Park Commissioners approved \$500,000 plus \$100,000 contingency to remove and replace fencing on paddle tennis courts and add 10 water fountains. Resurfacing is potentially also planned for



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courts. Additionally, three courts are “shared” part-time with pickle ball players who install temporary nets and taped lines on court. VBPTHC seeks support for:

- 1) A new or different bidding process to identify lower cost alternatives to repair work.
- 2) Its opposition to the request by one or more pickleball players to re-stripe, or add permanent pickleball stripes to some of the paddle courts.

See supporting documents for additional information:

<https://www.venicenc.org/assets/documents/5/meeting630409d13e4b6.pdf>

<https://www.venicenc.org/assets/documents/5/meeting630409d14050c.pdf>

<https://www.venicenc.org/assets/documents/5/meeting630409d13e0ac.pdf>

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<https://www.venicenc.org/assets/documents/5/meeting630409d13cbda.pdf>

<https://www.venicenc.org/assets/documents/5/meeting630409d13ed6e.pdf>

<https://www.venicenc.org/assets/documents/5/meeting630409d13b5be.pdf>

10. VENICE LOCAL COASTAL PROGRAM CHANGES

LUPC to take public comment and discuss potential changes to Chapter 1, Exhibit 3 of the Venice Specific Plan. See following page for Exhibit 3.



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EXHIBIT 3

SUMMARY OF VENICE COASTAL ISSUES

Locating and Planning New Development

Residential Land Use and Development

- Preservation of existing housing stock, and discouragement of conversion of residential uses to commercial use where appropriate.
- Provision of very low, low, and moderate income housing for a cross-section of the population, including persons with special needs.
- Illegal conversion of residential uses to commercial uses and illegal provision of residential uses.
- Enforcement and regulation of encroachments into public rights-of-way.

Commercial Land Use and Development

- Encouragement of coastal development, recreation, neighborhood- and visitor-serving facilities.
- Regulation of development which is out of scale with existing community character.
- Regulation of open-air vendors along Ocean Front Walk.
- Over-development of the Coastal Zone resulting in traffic congestion.
- Over-intensification of commercial uses.

Industrial and Railroad Rights-of-Way Land Use and Development

- Preservation of the existing industrial land use base and employment opportunities.
- Regulation of the location and types of non-coastal-dependent industrial uses.
- Appropriate use of railroad rights-of-way.

Development within Natural and Recreational Resource Areas/Protection of Views

- Protection of existing natural and recreational resources, including the Venice Canals, Ballona Lagoon, Grand Canal south of Washington Boulevard, and Venice Beach.
- Protection of coastal views and vistas.
- Preservation of Venice as a Special Coastal Community
- Preservation of community character, scale and architectural diversity.
- Development of appropriate height, density, buffer and setback standards.
- Development of a landscape plan.

Preservation of Cultural Resources

- Preservation and restoration, where feasible and necessary, of historical landmarks.
- Designation of historical sites as historic-cultural monuments.
- Preservation of significant archeological sites.

Shoreline Access

Parking

- Conflict between residential and beach visitor parking.



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- Inadequate signage of available parking for beach visitors on weekends resulting in added traffic congestion.
- Inadequate parking provided by non-conforming uses.
- Inadequate off-street parking near or on the beach frontage for visitors and residents.
- Intrusion of non-resident vehicles on residential streets to locate available parking spaces.
- Preventing polluted stormwater runoff from parking lots from entering the Venice Canals and Ballona Lagoon.

Alternate Transit and Traffic Management

- Lack of adequate alternate public transportation systems, including shuttle systems; park and ride facilities; (bikeways;) and public bus services.
- Lack of an adequate traffic management program to facilitate coastal access to and within the Venice Coastal Zone.

Pedestrian and Bicycle Access

- Inadequate access to walkways due to lack of adequate parking facilities.
- Walk streets are often illegally used as private driveways and parking.
- Open areas in activity nodes and special districts are often completely surfaced with asphalt and concrete without provisions for pedestrian relief from the sun's heat and reflected glare. Resting places or other people-oriented accommodations are seldom provided.
- The eastern sidewalk of Pacific Avenue from Via Marina to Jib Street and the western sidewalk of Pacific Avenue from Driftwood Avenue to Mildred Street is unimproved and cannot be used for public pedestrian uses due to encroachments on public right-of-way and requirements for buffers for habitat protection.
- Lack of pedestrian walkways along the banks of the Venice Canals where the deteriorated sidewalks have been withdrawn from public use,* and along the banks of the Ballona Lagoon.
- Lack of bicycle routes to complement existing and future transportation modes.
- Inadequate maintenance of walkways and bikeways.
- Lack of convenient and secure bicycle (parking/storage) facilities provided at public buildings, retail uses, parks and multiple family housing developments.
- Inadequate handicap access (e.g. vertical ramps) to the beach.
- Inadequate public support facilities, such as bike racks and storage lockers, public restrooms, outdoor eating areas, trash cans, recycling bins, etc.
- Inadequate visitor facilities on or near the Peninsula south of Washington Boulevard.
- Utilization of vacant, publicly owned lots on the Peninsula for recreational purposes.
- Identification, preservation and enhancement of existing recreational and visitor serving facilities, both private and public (including water faucets and restrooms).

Recreation and Visitor-Serving Facilities



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Water and Marine Resources, Environmentally Sensitive Habitat Areas

Diking, Dredging, Filing, Shoreline Structures

Environmentally Sensitive Habitat Areas

Public Works

- Inadequate recreational opportunities and pedestrian amenities, such as walkways, bikeways, walk street improvements, open space and viewing areas.
- Inadequate maintenance of public recreational facilities
- Enhancement and maintenance of habitat value, including foraging habitat for the Least Tern, an endangered species.
- Invasion of non-native plant species along the banks of the Venice Canals, Ballona Lagoon and in the intertidal habitat zone.
- Regulation of surface runoff into the canals and the provision of adequate drainage.*
- Regulation of tidal exchange between Ballona Lagoon and the sea.
- Poor circulation and water stagnation in Ballona Lagoon.
- Contamination of Ballona Lagoon from accidental raw sewage discharge from the Venice Pumping Plant.*
- Erosion of the banks along Ballona Lagoon.
- Provision of adequate regulation of diking, dredging and placement of fill in coastal waterways.
- Regulations regarding placement of shoreline structures.
- Prevention of hazards, such as liquefaction and flooding.
- Identification of existing clam beds and domestic duck feeding and nesting areas, if any, in the Ballona Lagoon and adjoining canals, and protection and preservation of same.
- Adequacy of public facilities in terms of stormwater drainage, water supply, sewer capacity, and roadway capacity and maintenance.
- Lack of adequate and regular maintenance program for the Venice Canals* and Ballona Lagoon. Effluvium (odors) resulting from poor circulation, lack of maintenance, and occasional accidental sewage discharges in the Venice Canals* and Ballona Lagoon.
- Deteriorated canal sidewalks, currently withdrawn from public use, requiring restoration.*
- Development and implementation of a comprehensive streetscape plan.

* This issue has been resolved as indicated in the LUP text; it is mentioned for historical reference.

11. MEETING ADJOURNED