



Venice Neighborhood Council

LAND USE AND PLANNING COMMITTEE

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1. Raise your hand (or when accessing by telephone, press *9) if you have a public comment only when we get to that specific item.
2. After you speak, please lower your hand.
3. All panelists (committee members) and attendees (public) will be muted until the administrator unmutes you for comment.
4. Board members will get one chance to speak for a max of two (2) minutes per item.
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.



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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.

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Written Public Comments

Public comments for LUPC Meetings may be emailed to the entire committee at LUPC@venicenc.org. When submitting a public comment, please reference the project address and planning case number in the subject line of the email.

2. CALL TO ORDER

3. ROLL CALL

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

4. CHAIR ANNOUNCEMENTS

- Public comments for LUPC Meetings may be emailed to the entire committee at LUPC@venicenc.org – this link will be placed on each agenda going forward.

5. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

A. MINUTES FROM 1/12/2024 LUPC MEETING

Draft Minutes available at:

<https://www.venicenc.org/assets/documents/5/meeting63cf04030b2e9.pdf>

Motion: Approve minutes

Maker / 2nd: Lauren / Barry

Vote: 5-0-0-1

6. 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. GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENT

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8. DE MINIMUS CASES (CONSENT CALENDAR)

Address	Case No.	Description	LUPC Staff

9. CASES

A. 1338 ELECTRIC AVE.

Case Number:	ZA-2022-7079-SPP-SPPA-ZAA-CDP-MEL-HCA
Project Description	PARTIAL DEMO AND ADDITION OF 2 STORY. CHANGE OF USE TO ADD ADU
Link to Planning Case:	https://planning.lacity.org/pdiscaseinfo/caseid/MjYxMzM50
Link to Staff Report:	https://www.venicenc.org/assets/documents/5/meeting63cee32416ca6.pdf
Staff:	Mehrnoosh Mojallali
Motion:	Approve project as presented. Maker / 2nd: Vote: Project continued. Applicant requested to return with survey that include heights of surrounding residences.

B. 4819 OCEAN FRONT WALK

Case Number:	DIR-2022-7644-CDP-SPP
Project Description	REMODEL AND ADDITION TO A TWO-STORY HOUSE, RESULTING IN A THREE-STORY DWELLING WITH A ROOFTOP DECK AND ROOF ACCESS STRUCTURE
Link to Planning Case:	https://planning.lacity.org/pdiscaseinfo/caseid/MjYxOTM30
Link to Staff Report:	https://www.venicenc.org/assets/documents/5/meeting63cee31659311.pdf
Staff:	Lauren Siegel
Motion:	Approve project as presented. Maker / 2nd: Lauren / Andrew Vote: 6-0-0-0

10. MOTION REGARDING DRAFT CONCEPTS FOR LINCOLN BLVD

Links to Planning Department Info:

<https://planning.lacity.org/plans-policies/community-plan-update/venice-local-coastal-program>



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<https://planning.lacity.org/plans-policies/overlays/venice-coastal-land-use-plan>

Draft Concepts:

https://planning.lacity.org/odocument/e5dff6ba-719d-4583-bd10-31031f7d0a3e/Venice_Land_Use_Draft_Concept_Boards_Summer2020.pdf

Motion:

LUPC recommends the VNC make the following motion:

WHEREAS, LUPC has reviewed the Planning Department’s draft concepts from Summer 2022 to be used in the forthcoming updates to the Local Coastal Program and Community Plan;

WHEREAS, existing zoning and uses on Lincoln Blvd. are predominantly single story commercial uses; and

WHEREAS, Lincoln Blvd. should be targeted as a mixed use corridor consisting of commercial first floor uses with residential above.

NOW, THEREFORE, LUPC recommends the City Planning Department incorporate the following recommendations:

1. For Lincoln Blvd., between Navy Ave. and Washington, increase height limit on east and west sides of Lincoln to __ stories with “step down” of ___ stories for lots adjacent to single family zones.
2. Limit density bonuses to lots on Lincoln and those which are not directly abutting single family zones so that height limits cannot be exceeded in “step down” areas.
3. For East side of Lincoln Blvd., increase height limit to 75 feet or remove height limitation entirely.

Motion continued. Will be brought back to incorporate public comments.

11. MEETING ADJOURNED