



Venice Neighborhood Council

PO Box 550, Venice, CA 90294

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Board of Officers Regular Meeting Agenda

6:30PM-9:30PM Tuesday August 15, 2023
Westminster Elementary School
1010 Abbot Kinney Blvd Venice, CA 90291
(enter from parking lot on Westminster Ave)

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1. CALL TO ORDER AND BOARD ROLL CALL

Brian Averill	Alley Bean	Yolanda Gonzalez	Bruno Hernandez
Jim Robb	Lisa Redmond	Deborah Keaton	
Helen Fallon	Robert Thibodeau	Eric Donaldson	
Tima Bell	Erica Moore	Amara Hordt	
Michael Jensen	Clark Brown	CJ Cole	
Nico Ruderman	Steve Bradbury	Soledad Ursua	

2. APPROVAL of PRIOR MINUTES.

<https://www.venicenc.org/assets/documents/5/meeting64d7f905afd53.pdf>

3. DECLARATION OF EX PARTE COMMUNICATIONS OR CONFLICTS OF INTEREST

4. PUBLIC SAFETY REPORTS

5. GOVERNMENT REPORTS



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6. PRESIDENT'S REPORT

Appointments

WRAC Board (Alternate) - Nico Ruderman

WRAC Homelessness - Brian Ulf

Budget Advocates - Helen Fallon

LANCC - Yolanda Gonzalez

7. GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENT

Comments from the public on non-agenda items within the Board's subject matter jurisdiction. Each speaker will be allowed one (1) minute(s) unless adjusted by the presiding officer of the meeting.

8. TREASURER'S REPORT

9. MONTHLY EXPENDITURE REPORT

Motion: The VNC Board of Officers approves the July 2023 Monthly Expenditure Report (MER) See supplemental document.

10. GENERAL CONSENT CALENDAR

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 be treated as regular agenda items with discussion and public comment.

10A. CIS OPPOSING METRO'S PLAN TO IMPLEMENT A TRANSPORTATION COMMUNICATION NETWORK

Motion: The Venice Neighborhood Council opposes the LA City Planning Department's ordinance to amend the Los Angeles Municipal Code to allow Metro to implement a Transportation Communication Network (TCN). The TCN program aims to install 97 new digital advertising billboards across Los Angeles. The VNC approves filing a Community Impact Statement in Council File 22-0392 opposing the TCN program and its proposed digital billboards. This program will detract from the visual landscape of our city by creating visual blight and more light pollution, will compromise road safety, and contribute to unnecessary energy consumption (see supplemental document)



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10B. ADOPT PRINCIPLES OF OUTDOOR LIGHTING

Motion: The VNC requests the City of LA implement the Five Principles of Responsible Outdoor Lighting that minimize light pollution by following these guidelines for public facilities and private development (see supplemental document)

- All light should have a clear purpose.
- Light should be directed only where needed.
- Light should be no brighter than necessary.
- Light should be used only when it is useful.
- Use warmer color lights where possible.

The City shall enact/codify these principles through its departments and agencies for City facilities and properties such as buildings, parking lots and parks, the street light system, the airport and port, and for private development.

Community Plans and Specific Plans shall also enact similar dark sky practices, and include limitations on bright lights, light trespass and illumination of building facades.

11. BOARD VOTE TO FILL OPEN SEATS (1 MINUTE PER CANDIDATE)

(ALL APPLICATIONS CAN ALSO BE FOUND IN THE SUPPLEMENTAL DOCUMENTS)

OPEN BOARD SEATS

Outreach Chair (vote for 1)

<https://www.venicenc.org/assets/documents/5/meeting64d80ec9af36b.pdf>

Community Officer (vote for 1)

<https://www.venicenc.org/assets/documents/5/meeting64d816c1c938d.pdf>

LUPC COMMITTEE SEATS (vote for up to 8)

<https://www.venicenc.org/assets/documents/5/meeting64d80eade6847.pdf>



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12. ADHOC COMMITTEE MISSION STATEMENTS AND CHAIR APPOINTMENTS

12A. Resiliency

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. We are looking for community members to work with the VCRC to refine and implement the attached strategic plan. You need not be a disaster expert to join just willing to contribute your abilities and learn from others.

12B. Preserving Public Places

The Preserving Public Places Committee is dedicated to preserving and activating Venice's renowned historic public places. Our goals are to identify, preserve, maintain, enhance, revitalize, restore, commemorate and provide an informational clearinghouse for Venice's historic public places.

12C. Arbor

The Venice Arbor Committee supports and encourages the planting and maintenance of trees and understory plants, especially Southern California native species, 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.

12D. Parking and Transportation

The Venice Neighborhood Council, Parking and Transportation Committee (PTC) will evaluate existing and potential future conditions, relating to Parking and Transportation, consider stakeholders input, and propose solutions to the Board of Directors.



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12E. Homelessness

The VNC Homelessness Committee's mission is to actively engage with stakeholders and act as a voice for the community to influence policy with homelessness and housing in order to improve the quality of life for all in Venice. The committee will then make recommendations to the Board of Officers to take these voices to our CD11 Councilmember, Mayor, city leaders, LA Housing Department and LAHSA with the determination to make recommendations and motions to improve the services of homeless services providers, regulations related to housing issues that affect homelessness, and funding and programs to truly benefit unhoused persons with mental illness and drug addiction.

13. LUPC Items

13A. 4815-4817 Ocean Front Walk

LUPC Vote: 6-0-1

Case No. DIR-2023-865-CDP

Description: Interior remodel and third story addition with rooftop deck (plans in supplemental documents)

Link to Planning Case:

<https://planning.lacity.org/pdiscaseinfo/caseid/MjY0NzQz0>

Link to Staff Report:

<https://www.venicenc.org/assets/documents/5/meeting64d7f4a848990.pdf>

MOTION: APPROVE PROJECT AS PRESENTED

13B. 414 Carroll Canal

LUPC Vote: 6-0-1

Case No. APCW-2023-2315-SPE-SPP-CDP-MEL-HCA

Description: Demolition of two single family dwellings (1 existing and 1 after-the-fact) and construction of a 2,205 SF duplex (plans in supplemental documents)



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14. MOTION: REINSTALL FLOWER AVENUE FENCING (STAKEHOLDER PETITION)

(submitted by Daniel Liggett, info/signatures in supporting documents)

Whereas,

1. On and off for approximately 6 plus years before January 2023 homeless persons pitched tents and lived on both sides of Flower Avenue in the block west of Lincoln without the consent of anyone living on Flower.

2. They deposited trash on the sidewalks and street, played loud music and created loud noise at all hours, dealt drugs and provided prostitution from their tents,

trespassed on private property facing Flower, harassed the people on Flower and burned down a house on Flower.

3. In January 2023 the owner of the commercial property on the corner of Lincoln and Flower rented and installed fencing on the parkway in front of his commercial property and vacant lots when the Department of Sanitation forced the campers to move for its periodic "comprehensive cleanup."

4. There were no homeless persons or tents on Flower Avenue between January and July 2023.

5. In June 2023 the fencing was removed when the owner did not renew the lease for the fencing. That month and continuing to the present homeless persons have installed shelter on the parkway and sidewalks in front of the commercial property west of Lincoln. RVs have also started to park on Lincoln between Flower Avenue and Flower Court. They will likely attract other homeless people who will overrun Flower.

6. The City has ample funds and resources to remedy this situation. In his 2023 State of the State address Governor Newsom said he would deliver 500 tiny homes to Los Angeles. As the Times reported on June 30, there is \$1.3 billion in the current City



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budget for homeless services starting July 1, and last month the Federal Government selected Los Angeles as one of the Cities to participate in "AI Inside", a new, two year federal program targeting homelessness which will bring even more money to the City.

Therefore, the Venice Neighborhood Council requests the City of LA forthwith to:

1. Pay for and reinstall fencing on the parkway and sidewalks on both sides of Flower from Lincoln to the western end of the UCLA property on the North side of Flower and from Lincoln to the western end of the commercial property on the South side of Lincoln.
2. Find housing and shelter to persons who had occupied Flower prior to the installation of the fencing.
3. Pursuant to LAMC 41.18(b) cite persons who continue to occupy Flower and who refuse offers of shelter.
4. Establish a special enforcement zone enforcing LAMC 41.18 on Flower Ave at Lincoln because of the ongoing safety issues OR establish a special enforcement zone 1000 ft around 720 Rose Ave, The Rose Apartments of VCH and or 500 ft. around St. Joseph's Social Services (the Lincoln and Flower location) which is allowed per LAMC 41.18 Section C 3

with a letter sent to Councilmember Park and CD11

15. MOTION: CITIZEN TASK FORCE ON LAX PARCELS (STAKEHOLDER PETITION)

(submitted by Clark Brown, info/signatures in supporting documents)

The Venice Neighborhood Council requests Councilwoman Park to forthwith establish a Citizen Task Force with representatives from Venice, Del Rey, and Westchester Neighborhood Councils and the City to:

1. Study establishing interim shelter, safe camping and safe parking facilities upon the vacant parcels of land the city owns at LAX
 2. Evaluate all factors regarding the establishment and operation of such facilities, including but not limited to the impact of airplane noise upon the residence of the facilities the impact the facilities will have upon Westchester's residents and businesses any FAA requirements applicable to the facilities, the availability of shopping and social services to the residence of the facilities, the expense and time involved to establish and operate the facilities
 3. Make recommendations to the city based upon the study and evaluation of the citizen task force
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16. BOARD MEMBER ANNOUNCEMENTS/COMMENTS ON NON AGENDA ITEMS

17. ADJOURNMENT

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