



Venice Neighborhood Council

LAND USE AND PLANNING COMMITTEE

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AGENDA

LAND USE AND PLANNING COMMITTEE MEETING

DATE: Wednesday, August 7, 2013
 LOCATION: Oakwood Recreation Center; 767 California Ave, Venice, CA 90291
 TIME: 6:45pm-9:00pm

CASES TO BE HEARD:

- 522 Venice Blvd; Small Lot Subdivision with Condominiums
- 809 Brooks; Small Lot Subdivision with 2 SFD
- 320 Sunset; Change of Use to Bakery/Retail
- Billboard Blight Motion on Illegal Billboards

DETAILED AGENDA:

1. Call to Order – Roll Call.

Name	P	A	Name	P	A
Jake Kaufman, Chair			Mia Herron		
Sarah Dennison, Vice Chair			John Reed		
Robert Aronson			Steve Traeger		
Mehrnoosh Mojallali			Jory Tremblay		
James Murez					

2. Approval of Minutes from last meeting(s).
3. Approval of Agenda as presented, or amended.
4. New Project Review and Staff Assignments and Coding of De Minimis Cases.
 Review, discussion, and possible action on projects identified in applications filed with the City of Los Angeles Department Of City Planning as reflected on the CNC Reports, to build Agendas for future meetings. (To review the CNC Reports please go to www.Planning.LACity.org and click on "Case Information" on the left side, then click on "Bi-Weekly Case Filing" or, visit our internal working site, www.CityHood.org)
5. Chair Updates
 - a. General Updates by Chair, Land Use and Planning Committee – Jake Kaufman
6. Land Use and Planning Committee Current Case Updates.
 - a. Case members provide updates/schedule on their "Pending" cases.
7. CD11 Planning Team Visit and Discussion
 - a. Noel Hyun Fleming and Tricia Keane
8. Public Comment on non-agenized items related to Land Use and Planning only.
9. Active Cases
 - a. 522 Venice Blvd; Small Lot Subdivision and Condominiums (3rd review)
 - i. Background information:
<http://cityhood.org/ReportCaseActivityDetail.cncx?CID=32295&UGP=Anonymous>
 - ii. Staff Presentation, Sarah Dennison
 - iii. Applicant Presentation
 - iv. Public Comment
 - v. LUPC Discussion

- vi. Motion to VNC Board
 - b. 809 Brooks; Small Lot Subdivision**
 - i. Background information:
<http://cityhood.org/ReportCaseActivityDetail.cncx?CID=31148&UGP=Anonymous>
 - ii. Staff Presentation, Mehrnoosh Mojallali
 - iii. Applicant Presentation
 - iv. Public Comment
 - v. LUPC Discussion
 - vi. Motion to VNC Board
 - c. 320 Sunset Ave; Change of use to Retail/Bakery**
 - i. Background information:
<http://cityhood.org/ReportCaseActivityDetail.cncx?CID=32152&UGP=Anonymous>
 - ii. Staff Presentation, Jim Murez
 - iii. Applicant Presentation
 - iv. Public Comment
 - v. LUPC Discussion
 - vi. Motion to VNC Board
 - d. Billboard Blight Motion on Illegal Billboards**
 - i. Background; see attachment
 - ii. Applicant presentation
 - iii. Public Comment
 - iv. LUPC Discussion
 - v. Vote on Letter/Motion
10. Adjournment

In compliance with Government Code section 54957.5, non-exempt writings that are distributed to a majority or all of the LUPC members in advance of a meeting may be viewed at www.CityHood.org, Venice Public Library, 501 Venice Blvd., at our website by clicking on the following link: www.VeniceNC.org/LUPC, or at the scheduled meeting.

In addition, if you would like a copy of any record related to an item on the agenda, please contact the LUPC Chair at Chair-LUPC@venicenc.org or the Committee at LUPC@venicenc.org.

From: Venice Neighborhood Council

To:

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Gentlemen:

In 2012, the Department of Building and Safety released a database containing results of the department's Off-Site Sign Periodic Inspection Program (OSSPIP). According to those results, a number of billboards in the city either had no valid permits on file or were out of compliance with their existing permits. A number of billboards were also cited as having maintenance violations, such as rusted structures and unremoved graffiti, among others.

According to the database, a total of nine billboards in the community of Venice were out of compliance with their permits, and another five had maintenance violations. Of the billboards out of compliance, six had second faces added without permits, and three were significantly higher or wider than specified in their permits.

Most people living and working in Venice are affected by these billboards, since they are located on Lincoln Blvd. and Venice Blvd., two of the community's most heavily traveled commercial streets. The addition of second faces to seven billboards, for example, has the virtual effect of adding seven billboards to those streets, which already have a high concentration of billboards. The enlargement of billboards makes them more visible from longer distances, thus creating a greater impact on the visual environment.

The Venice community wants all building codes enforced, including billboard regulations. We do not know why these billboards have apparently existed for a number of years in violation of their permits, but as elected representatives of the community we ask that immediate action be taken to bring them into compliance. If for any reason this is not possible, we would request a detailed explanation of the reasons why these violating signs should be allowed to continue operating and affecting our community in a negative way.

A list of the aforementioned billboards follows:

Billboards Out of Compliance with Permits

328 Lincoln Blvd. - Clear Channel - second face added without permit

436 Lincoln Blvd. - Lamar - second face added without permit
800 Lincoln Blvd. - CBS - second sign added without permit
1720 Lincoln Blvd. - CBS - second face 14 ft. wider than specified by permit
2005 Lincoln Blvd. - Clear Channel - 10 ft. higher than specified by permit
2454 Lincoln Blvd. - Clear Channel - second face added without permit
4070 Lincoln Blvd. - Summit Media - 18 ft. higher than specified by permit
4060 Lincoln Blvd. - Lamar - second face added without permit
1000 Venice Blvd - Clear Channel - second face added without permit

Billboards with maintenance violations - Unremoved Graffiti, Rusted structure, Detached copy, etc.

248 Main St. - Clear Channel
821 Pacific Ave. - Clear Channel
2922 Washington Blvd.- Lamar
100 Venice Way - Clear Channel
421 Rose Ave. - Lamar

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