



Venice Neighborhood Council

LAND USE AND PLANNING COMMITTEE
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Meeting of the Land Use and Planning Committee

DATE: Thursday July 23, 2020 TIME: 7:00pm – 10:00 pm

IN CONFORMITY WITH THE GOVERNORS EXECUTIVE ORDER N-29-20 (MARCH 17, 2020) AND DUE TO CONCERNS OVER COVID – 19, THIS VENICE NEIGHBORHOOD COUNCIL MEETING WILL BE CONDUCTED ENTIRELY TELEPHONICALLY TO JOIN THE MEETING PLEASE USE THIS LINK

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When: Jul 23, 2020 07:00 PM Pacific Time (US and Canada)

Topic: VNC Land Use & Planning Committee Webinar, Thursday, July 23, 2020, 7:00 p.m.

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Name	Present	Name	Present
Alix Gucovsky, Chair		Matthew Royce	
Barry Cassily		Chris Zonnas	
Tim Bonefeld		Shep Stern	
Daffodil Tyminski		Michael Jensen	
		Carlos Zubieta	

BOARD MEETINGS: The Venice Neighborhood Council holds its regular meetings on the third Tuesday of the month and may also call any additional required special meetings in accordance with its Bylaws and the Brown Act. All are welcome to attend.

TRANSLATION Services: Si requiere servicios de traducción, favor de notificar a la oficina 3 días de trabajo (72 horas) antes del evento. Si necesita asistencia con esta notificación, por favor llame a nuestra oficina 213.978.1551.

PUBLIC ACCESS OF RECORDS: See last page.

PUBLIC COMMENT: See last page.

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DISABILITY POLICY: See last page.

ALL AGENDA TIMES ARE APPROXIMATE AND SUBJECT TO CHANGE ON THE NIGHT OF THE MEETING.

AGENDA ITEMS

1. Call to Order
2. Roll Call
3. Approval of Minutes
see draft minutes for July 9th 2020 at: <http://venicenc.org/land-use-committee.php>
4. Approval of Agenda
5. LUPC members to declare any conflicts of interest or ex parte communications relating to items on this meeting's agenda
6. Chair's Report
7. General Public Comment on non-agendized items related to Land Use and Planning - 15 minutes

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8. CASES FOR REVIEW

(see project files for more detailed info at <http://venicenc.org/land-use-committee.php>)

A.

Case: DIR-2020-2180-CDP-SPP ENV-2020-2181-CE

City Hearing: July 20, 2020

Address: 800 Main Street

Applicant: Jim Murez james.murez@venicenc.org

LUPC Staff: Chris Zonnas

Representative: Jim Murez

City Planner: kevin.fulton@lacity.org

Jason.p.douglas@lacity.org mike.bonin@lacity.org

Case Description:

- Change of use of the ground floor and basement level of an existing Artist in Residence (AIR) dwelling unit into a 2,027 square-foot restaurant with 74 square-feet of Service Floor area. The project provides a total of four (4) parking spaces onsite.
- The Director of Planning shall consider an exemption from the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) pursuant to CEQA Guidelines Section 15301 and that there is no substantial evidence demonstrating that an exception to the Categorical Exemption pursuant to CEQA Guidelines, Section 15300.2 applies;
- Pursuant to Los Angeles Municipal Code Section 12.20.2, a Coastal Development Permit for the proposed project, located within the Single Permit Jurisdiction of the Coastal Zone.
- Pursuant to Los Angeles Municipal Code Section 11.5.7, a Project Permit Compliance Review for a project within the North Venice Subarea of the Venice Coastal Zone Specific Plan.

Public comment and possible action:

Motion

B.

Case: DIR 2019-3052 CDP-MEL ENV 2019 -3053 CE

City Hearing: TBD

Address: 2424-2428 McKinley

Applicant: Venice Sunshine LLC stuarthines37@gmail.com

LUPC Staff: Tim Bonefeld

Representative: Tony Russo tony@crestrealestate.com

City Staff: Kevin.Fulton@lacity.org [Jason Douglas Jason.douglas@lacity.org](mailto:Jason.Douglas@lacity.org)

[len Nguyen len.nguyen@lacity.org](mailto:len.nguyen@lacity.org); [Mike Bonin Mike.Bonin@lacity.org](mailto:Mike.Bonin@lacity.org) [Vince Bertoni Vince.Bertoni@lacity.org](mailto:Vince.Bertoni@lacity.org)

Case Description:

Demolition of two existing one story single family dwellings to be replaced with One new 2 story single family dwelling and with a 2 story detached ADU Containing a 2 car garage and 2 car carport

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Public Comment & Possible Action:

Motion

C.

Case:

City Hearing TBD
Address: 419 East Grand Avenue
Applicant: Simon Watts and Grace Lee
LUPC Staff: Shep Stern
Representative: Rafael Martinez rafael@rafaelmartinedesign.com
City Planner: kevin.fulton@lacity.org
 Jason.p.douglas@lacity.org mike.bonin@lacity.org

Case Description:

- 2 story addition/remodel to an existing single family home

Public comment and possible action:

Motion

D.

WRAC is an alliance of Community and Neighborhood Councils which span the entire west side of the City of Los Angeles. Our regional concerns are brought up for discussion by our board members and our board is comprised of Community and Neighborhood Council leaders appointed to our board. Our positions are adopted only after a super-majority of member councils has affirmed the position in question.

WRAC holds to the following foundational principles in the areas that we have determined to be our alliance priorities: land use and zoning, housing and homelessness, mobility and transportation, public safety, education and environment. We hold that the LA Department of City Planning and its Planning & Zoning Department adhere strictly to existing planning and zoning codes and ordinances. We urge that regulations be upheld and that communities impacted by land use and development projects be allowed ample time to review and comment on any matter seeking discretionary action that is up for review. We always urge all governing agencies with jurisdiction over the approval, execution or enforcement of projects to scrupulously apply applicable codes and standards to all projects.

Similarly on housing and homelessness, WRAC urges governing bodies to adhere to strict scrutiny of community plans, local character, zoning and building regulations as well as building and safety codes and zoning restrictions. We expect agencies and entities to conduct meaningful outreach to the communities represented at WRAC, through our member councils, and address housing and homelessness relief in a responsible way that is mindful of existing communities as well as the need for increased housing density.

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With respect to mobility and transportation, WRAC is acutely aware of the need for new and creative solutions to gridlock and Westside mobility, as well as mass transportation. We expect research results on transit and mobility to be made available to communities impacted by pending infrastructure or mobility planning. We urge sufficient notification to all affected parties to allow them to comment on any proposed developments or transportation infrastructure proposals in areas that impact our member councils. Strict scrutiny of existing laws, regulations, ordinances and standards for infrastructure development and construction, particularly in hillside and coastal areas which disproportionately impact the Westside, be applied to transportation and the development of citywide or neighborhood mobility plans and infrastructure.

We exist to empower stakeholders, and encourage and support more transparency in City governance.

Motion of Support of Land Use Statement:

Whereas, the statewide COVID-19 emergency, or any other emergency, reduces the action calendar time frame of the California State Legislature, and thus greatly reduces the ability of California's citizens and communities to demand greater accountability, fairness, transparency, and responsiveness from public officials in the area of land use planning;

Whereas the proposed "Atkins Housing Package" of bills has not been sufficiently vetted for integration with previously approved Regional Housing Needs Assessment legislation which modernized the methodology for anticipating growth in the State;

Whereas the proposed "Atkins Housing Package" of bills has not been sufficiently vetted for growth inducing impacts and hidden substantial state mandated costs upon: These bills include SB 902, SB 995, SB 1085, SB 1120, and SB 1385

- i. Local General Plans and Community Plans
- ii. Communities in environmentally sensitive areas such as Very High Fire Hazard zones, Coastal zones, Earthquake Fault Zones and others as listed in the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA)
- iii. Critical local infrastructures for the public health, welfare and safety, and
- iv. the impact upon under served communities and the affect of displacement upon them.

WHEREAS, the Venice Neighborhood Council recommends a postponement of action on this suite of housing bills until such time as the previously enacted 2018 and 2019 housing legislation has been given a chance to increase housing production as promised.

9. Adjournment

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