



# Venice Neighborhood Council

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## **Joint Board & Administrative Committee Agenda**

Canal Club

2025 Pacific Ave, Venice, 90291

**Monday, September 12, at 8:00 PM**

Note (i) The Administrative Committee does not address or consider the merits of proposed agenda items. Its function is to determine whether a proposed agenda item will be placed on the next Board meeting agenda, postponed, referred to a specific committee for review and recommendation, treated as an announcement, or considered and resolved as a non-Board administrative matter. (ii) The Administrative Committee has the discretion to reorder consideration of matters on the agenda to accommodate stakeholders or for other reasons.

1. **Call to Order and Roll Call**
2. **Approval of the Administrative Committee Agenda**
3. **Approval of outstanding Administrative Committee minutes**  
<http://www.venicenc.org/wp-content/uploads/2012/12/July19VNCBoardMinutes.pdf>
4. **Announcements & Public Comment on items not on the Agenda**
5. **Old Administrative Committee Business**  
*[Discussion and possible action.]*
6. **New Administrative Committee Business**  
*[Discussion and possible action.]*

### **Approval of Mission Statement for Ad hoc Cell Tower Committee** (Jim Murez)

**MOTION:** The Administrative Committee approves the following Mission Statement for an Ad hoc Cell Tower Committee: The Ad hoc Cell Tower Committee shall review and report to the VNC Board on the placement of existing and proposed new equipment and recommend alternate solutions when feasible.

7. **Consideration and approval of August 16, 2016 Proposed Board Agenda**
8. **Adjourn**

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## **Draft Board of Officers Meeting Agenda** Westminster Elementary School (Auditorium) 1010 Abbot Kinney Blvd, Venice, 90291 **Tuesday, September 20, 2016 at 7:00 PM**

**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.

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**PUBLIC COMMENT:** The public is requested to fill out a "**Speaker Card**" to address the Board on any Old or New Business item on the agenda and the Treasurer's Report. Comments from the public on these agenda items will be heard only when that item is being considered. Comments from the public on other agenda matters or on matters not appearing on the agenda but within the Board's subject matter jurisdiction will be heard during the Public Comment period. Public comment is limited to one (1) minute per speaker, unless modified by the presiding officer of the Board. No new speaker cards will be accepted once Public Comment has begun.

**COMMUNITY IMPACT STATEMENTS:** Any action taken by the Board may result in the filing of a related CIS

**DISABILITY POLICY:** See last page.

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

1. **Call to Order and Roll Call (7:00PM – 1 minute)**  
Thank you to Whole Foods, Abbot's Habit, and Darryl Barnett for the food and refreshments.
  2. **Pledge Of Allegiance (7:01PM -- 1 minute)**
  3. **Approval of Outstanding Board minutes (7:02PM – 1 minute)**  
<http://www.venicenc.org/wp-content/uploads/2012/12/20161608VNCBoardMinutesFINAL-2.pdf>
  4. **Approval of the Agenda (7:32PM – 1 minute)**
  5. **Declaration of Ex Parte Communications or Conflicts-Of-Interest (7:33PM -- 1 minute)**  
All Board members shall declare any ex parte communications or conflicts-of interest relating to items on this meeting's agenda.
  6. **Scheduled Announcements and Presentations (7:34PM – 30 minutes)**
- A Public Safety - LAPD Report (10 minutes):** Senior Lead Officers Peggy Thusing (25120@lapd.lacity.org), Kristan Delatori ([32914@lapd.lacity.org](mailto:32914@lapd.lacity.org)), Gregg Jacobus, [35162@lapd.lacity.org](mailto:35162@lapd.lacity.org), Lt. Lydia Leos [23216@lapd.lacity.org](mailto:23216@lapd.lacity.org), OFW Beach Detail Supervisor. *Includes a monthly Venice crime report and updates on law enforcement issues in Venice.*



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**B Government Reports (15 minutes)** (Representatives have standing place on the agenda, but are not always available to attend)

- City Councilmember Mike Bonin, Field Deputy, Taylor Bazley, 310-568-8772 ([taylor.bazley@lacity.org](mailto:taylor.bazley@lacity.org))
- Congressman Ted Lieu, Representative Janet Turner, 310-496-9896 ([janet.turner@mail.house.gov](mailto:janet.turner@mail.house.gov))
- State Senator Ben Allen, Representative Fernando Morales, 310-318-6994 ([fernando.morales@sen.ca.gov](mailto:fernando.morales@sen.ca.gov))
- State Assemblyperson Autumn Burke, Rep TBD, 310-412-6400
- LA County Supervisor Sheila Kuehl Westside Field Deputy Rachel Zaiden, 213-974-3333 ([rzaiden@bos.lacounty.gov](mailto:rzaiden@bos.lacounty.gov))
- Mayor Eric Garcetti, Westside Deputy, Daniel Tamm, 213-978-0836 ([Daniel.Tamm@Lacity.org](mailto:Daniel.Tamm@Lacity.org))

**C VNC Announcements (5 Minutes)**

- President -Ira Koslow ([President@VeniceNC.org](mailto:President@VeniceNC.org))
- Vice President - George Francisco ([VicePresident@VeniceNC.org](mailto:VicePresident@VeniceNC.org))
- Westside Regional Alliance of Councils- Mike Newhouse, WRAC President,Ira Koslow, VNC Representatives. ([Chair@westsidecouncils.org](mailto:Chair@westsidecouncils.org)),
- Los Angeles Neighborhood Council Coalition (LANCC) Ivan Spiegel ([Parliamentarian@VeniceNC.org](mailto:Parliamentarian@VeniceNC.org))
- VNC Representative to DWP: Yolanda Gonzales

**D. Venice Dual Force Main project (5 minutes)**

Danielle Sevilla, Project Manager Murakawa Communications,  
[danielle@murakawacommunications.com](mailto:danielle@murakawacommunications.com)

**7. Treasurer's Report (PM-10 minutes)** (Hugh Harrison on behalf of Budget & Finance Committee Treasurer@VeniceNC.org)  
*[Discussion and possible action] See attached addendums*

**MOTION:** The Venice Neighborhood Council approves the attached expenditure reports for August 2016.

Recommended by Budget and Finance Committee on September 6, 2016. [Francisco/White: 4-0-0].

**8. Announcements & Public Comment on items not on the Agenda (PM -- 10 minutes)**  
*[No more than 1 minute per person – no Board member announcements permitted]*

**9. Board Administrative Business (PM - minutes)**  
*[Discussion and possible action]*



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**10. General Consent Calendar (9:24PM -- 2 minute)**

*[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 go to the end of the agenda and be treated as regular agenda items with discussion and public comment.]*

**11. Land Use and Planning Committee (LUPC) Consent Calendar ( PM -- 2 minutes)**

*[All agenda items on the Land Use and Planning Committee (LUPC) Consent Calendar will pass when the LUPC 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 go to the end of agenda item 11. Land Use and Planning Committee and will be treated as regular LUPC agenda items, with discussion and public comment]*

**12. Old Business [Discussion and possible action] (PM -- 0 minutes)**

**13. LUPC (PM – 0 minutes) Matthew Royce on behalf of LUPC, (Chair-lupc@VeniceNC.org)  
*[Discussion and possible action]***

**A. Case: DIR-2016-1017-CDP-F-MEL, DIR-2015-3845-ZV-CDP-SPP-MEL**

Address: 110 Paloma Ave & 111 Sunset Ave

Applicant: 112 Paloma LLC

LUPC Staff: Tim Bonefeld

Representative: Mauricio Duk (Studio-MD) Description: Two New Single Family Residences on 2 lots, requesting parking variance

**MOTION:** The VNC Board recommend approval of the project with the following conditions:

1. The requested parking variance is approved pending approval of an easement from Building & Safety.
2. The requested over-height fence variance is denied. All site fences must conform to the Zoning Code and/or Venice Specific Plan.

Recommended by LUPC (TB/MM) 5-0-0

**B. Case:DIR-2016- 463-CDP- MEL, AA-2016- 2584-PMLA- CN**

Address:520 Venice Way

Applicant: Reza Akef

LUPC Staff: Michael Jensen & Mehrnoosh Mojallali

Representative: Enrique Bressen (designer)

Description: New 2 unit Condo

**MOTION:** The VNC Board recommends approval of the project with the following conditions:

1. Zoning Determination Letter and/or signed diagram of all yards and setbacks approved by Building & Safety.



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2. Clarify number of VSO's required by Planning Dept. & Case numbers
3. Replace missing street tree on Venice Way
4. Install landscaping on future City dedication.

Recommended by LUPC (MJ/TB) 5-0-0

## 14. **New Business (PM – minutes)**

*[Discussion and possible action]*

**A. Representative to Citizens Forestry Advisory Committee** submitted by the Neighborhood Committee

(AM, WK; 9-0-1)

**MOTION:** The VNC Board recommend to Councilman Mike Bonin that Isabelle Duvivier be the Council District 11 representative to the Citizens Forestry Advisory Committee.

**B. Parking Revenue Presentation request** submitted by Parking and Transportation Committee (MM, JM; 6-0)

**MOTION:** The Parking and Transportation Committee recommends to the VNC Board to request that the LA City Dept. of Transportation (LADOT) to make a presentation on parking revenue collected and associated costs from all sources and resources respectively in Venice.

**C. Jones Settlement Action** submitted by Homeless committee (Matt Shaw, Heidi Roberts 7-0-0)

### **MOTION:**

Whereas: The Venice Neighborhood Council calls upon Los Angeles Mayor Eric Garcetti, City Attorney Mike Feuer, and the Housing & Community Investment Department to update the THE JONES SETTLEMENT AGREEMENT FACT SHEET

Dated November 2, 2015 and provide figures for the total number of net new Chronically Homeless units built in the Greater Los Angeles area and in the Downtown Skid Row area after October 15, 2007. And if (net) new chronically homeless units have been built we ask that the Los Angeles City Attorney's office to begin the process of declaring the terms of the Jones Settlement satisfied.

Whereas: Whereas – LAMC 41.18(d) is in effect stating ‘No person shall sit, lie or sleep in or upon any street, sidewalk or other public way’, and;

Whereas: the Jones Settlement states ‘The Los Angeles Police Department will issue a policy directive stating that it will not enforce Los Angeles Municipal Code (“LAMC”) section 41.18(d) between the hours of 9:00 p.m. and 6:00 a.m.’, – but does



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NOT in any way preclude the enforcement of LAMC section 41.18(d) between the hours of 6am and 9pm;

Therefore, the Venice Neighborhood Council calls upon Mayor Eric Garcetti, Councilman Mike Bonin, the Los Angeles City Council and Chief Charlie Beck to direct The Los Angeles Police Department to begin warning anyone sitting, lying, or sleeping upon any street, sidewalk or other public way between the hours of 6am and 9pm that they are in violation of LAMC 41.18(d) and;

In instances when an individual acting in violation of LAMC 41.18(d) refuses to leave the area, to cite the individual for violating LAMC 41.18(d) and if future violations occur, to secure a stay-away order to prevent that individual from continuing to violate the law.

**D. Mobile Storage Program** submitted by the Homeless Committee  
(Matt Shaw, Heidi Roberts 7-0-0)

**MOTION:**Whereas: The Venice Neighborhood Council recommends a Mobile Storage Program to serve the Venice homeless community.

Whereas: The below overview plan to create a storage solution for the un-homed citizens of our community.

Whereas:

- Two customized school buses equipped with air-conditioning, bathroom, lift gates, awnings and an administrative, area.
- School Buses would be painted with murals from local artists.
- Storage program would operate Monday - Friday, 7am-4pm and on Saturdays, 8am – 3pm (closed Sundays and federal holidays).
- Both vehicles would operate on a fixed schedule and route, stopping at three to-be- determined locations daily.
- Staffed by two (2) case-workers, one (1) storage attendant, one (1) driver /security guard.
- Program would create a to be determined amount of jobs for homeless individuals who would work to assist case-workers, organize storage areas and help keep encampment areas clean and safe.
- Program would provide 100 sixty (60) gallon containers (50 per vehicle).
- Vehicles would be parked securely each night at a to-be- determined location in Venice.
- Participants would register into a Coordinated Entry System (CES).
- Program would have a trial period on one (1) year.
- A non-profit organization would be contracted to execute the program.

**E. Bike Share Program** submitted by Parking and Transportation Committee



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(JD,KG, 7-0)

**MOTION:** Letter to City requesting presentation of Bike Share program in Venice be made at the VNC general meeting in October 2016.

**F. Overgrown bushes Rose Ave.** submitted by Parking and Transportation Committee

(JM, NA, 6-0)

**MOTION:** Approve draft letter to be sent to Public Works, Street Services requesting the overgrown bushes on Rose Ave be trimmed.

**G. Presentation request Public Works and Sanitation** submitted by Parking and Transportation Committee

(JM,NA 6-0)

**MOTION:** Approve draft letter to be sent to Public Works, Sanitation Department to make a presentation to VNC Board about services provided.

**H. City Planning Presentation Request** submitted by Parking and Transportation Committee

(NA,AW, 7-0)

**MOTION:** Letter to City Planning requesting presentation on West LA Transportation Improvement and Mitigation plan updates..

**I. Allowing editable gardens in all public housing developments** submitted by

[secretary@venicenc.org](mailto:secretary@venicenc.org) via <http://afsc.org/> and <http://worksusa.org/>

*See attached addendum.*

**MOTION:** The Venice Neighborhood Council supports healthy food access initiatives and will send letter of support to the Mayor and other city officials in a collective pursuit to protect and expand the right for individuals and families to grow food in all public housing developments.

**J. AB 551** submitted by [secretary@venicenc.org](mailto:secretary@venicenc.org) via <http://worksusa.org/> and

[bonnie.kim@lacity.org](mailto:bonnie.kim@lacity.org)

*See addendum attached.*

**MOTION:**The Venice Neighborhood Council supports AB 551 and encourages that vacant lot land owners not only take advantage of tax incentives to allow their properties to be utilized as community gardens but also continue to work with with community leaders, the City of Los Angeles, County of Los Angeles and State of California to research and develop other alternative uses and incentives for under utilized land or vacant lots. Some other uses could be: Affordable, creative, mobile, tiny home concepts, or other space activating programming and community resources.

**K. Appointment of Additional Board Members Authorized to Submit CIS**



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**MOTION:** The VNC Board appoint George Francisco and Melissa Diner as additional persons allowed to submit Community Impact Statements after being approved by the Board.

## **L. Creation of Cell Tower Ad hoc Committee**

**MOTION:** The VNC Board creates an Ad hoc Cell Tower Committee with the following Mission Statement as approved by the Administrative Committee: The Ad hoc Cell Tower Committee shall review and report to the VNC Board on the placement of existing and proposed new equipment and recommend alternate solutions when feasible.

**15. Board Member Comments on subject matters within the VNC jurisdiction (PM - 5 minutes)**

**16. Adjourn (approx. PM)**

List of Venice Neighborhood Council Committees & Chairs – Volunteers Welcome

### **Standing Committees**

Administrative Ira Koslow  
Neighborhood George Francisco  
Outreach Matthew Kline  
Land Use and Planning Matthew Royce  
Budget & Finance Hugh Harrison  
Rules & Selections John Reed  
Arts Sonny Bak  
Ocean Front Walk Colleen Saro  
Education - vacant

### **Ad Hoc Committees**

Public Safety - Matt Shaw & Will Hawkins  
Homeless - Will Hawkins  
Parking & Transportation - Jim Murez  
Venice Cityhood - Nick Antonicello  
Discussion Forum Joe Murphy  
Mass/Scale/Character Sue Kaplan

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