



# Venice Neighborhood Council

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

Canal Club

2025 Pacific Ave, Venice, 90291

**Monday, May 9th, 2016 at 7:00 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/2012/05/160411AdComMinutes.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.]*

### **Consideration and approval of May 17th, 2016 Proposed Board Agenda**

7. **Adjourn**

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## **Draft Board of Officers Meeting Agenda** Westminster Elementary School (Auditorium) 1010 Abbot Kinney Blvd, Venice, 90291 **Tuesday, May 17th, 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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**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 Jessica Blumenthal for the food and refreshments. Meeting called to order in the memory of former Los Angeles City Councilman Bill Rosendahl who represented Venice from 2005 to 2013.

**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/2012/12/160419BoardMinutes.pdf>

**4. Approval of the Board Agenda (7:03PM – 1 minute)**

**5. Declaration of Ex Parte Communications or Conflicts-Of-Interest (7:04PM -- 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 (7:05PM – 85 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 Odysseus Bostick, 310-412-6400 ([odysseus.bostick@asm.ca.gov](mailto:odysseus.bostick@asm.ca.gov))
- 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 - Mike Newhouse ([President@VeniceNC.org](mailto:President@VeniceNC.org))
- Vice President - Marc Saltzberg ([VicePresident@VeniceNC.org](mailto:VicePresident@VeniceNC.org))
- Westside Regional Alliance of Councils- Mike Newhouse, WRAC President, Marc Saltzberg, 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: Dede Audet
- Venice Chamber Of Commerce: Carl Lambert, President ([carl@lambertinc.com](mailto:carl@lambertinc.com))
- VNC Elections 2016: Ivan Spiegel, Elizabeth Wright

**D Update on Division 6, Venice Metro Bus Lot (10 minutes)** (Vivian Rescalvo [RescalvoV@metro.net](mailto:RescalvoV@metro.net) & Eric Geier [geiere@metro.net](mailto:geiere@metro.net))

We would like to get on agenda for the May mtg in order to give some updates on environmental work and upcoming demo work and removal of tanks to prepare the site.

**7. Treasurer's Report (8:30PM - 3 minutes)** (Hugh Harrison on behalf of Budget & Finance Committee Treasurer@VeniceNC.org)

*[Discussion and possible action]*

**[EXHIBITS]**

**A MOTION:** The Venice Neighborhood Council approves the Monthly Expenditure Reports for April 2016.

Recommended by Budget and Finance Committee on 5/3/16 4-0-0.



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**B MOTION:** The Venice Neighborhood Council shall reallocate:

1. \$2000 from Neighborhood Community Projects in the currently approved budget to Elections to be divided \$1,500 for Outreach and \$500 for Facilities/Orientation.
2. \$1,455 from Neighborhood Community Projects in the currently approved budget to Community BBQ.
3. \$933 from General Community Projects and \$67 from Neighborhood Community Projects to cover the costs of the Congress of Neighborhood Councils and Budget Advocates expense approved at the April Board meeting.

Recommended by Budget and Finance Committee on 5/3/16 4-0-0.

**8. General Consent Calendar (8:33PM -- 0 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.]*

**9. Land Use and Planning Committee (LUPC) Consent Calendar (8:33 PM -- 1 minute)**

*[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]*

**A 13700 Marina Pointe Drive ("Azzurra Rooftop Antenna Project"), Oxford Triangle Subarea**

C4(OX)-2D and R1-1 zone

ZA-2016-612-CUW and ENV-2016-613-EAF

VCZSP Compliance: none

<http://www.VeniceNC.org/13700-Marina-Pointe-Drive/>

City Hearing Not Yet Scheduled

Project Description: Conditional Use Permit to install and operate a WTF (wireless telecommunications facility) broadcasting internet service only from behind a facility that will be painted to match the building rooftop area

Applicant: Curt Collier

LUPC Staff: Mehrnoosh Mojallali

Recommended by LUPC on 4-25-16 by a vote of 7-0-0 (MM/MK):

**MOTION:** The VNC Board recommends approval of the project as presented, conditioned on the LUPC Chair receiving the signed Environmental Assessment Form (EAF) prior to the VNC Board Meeting on May 17,2016.



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- B** **333 Windward Ave, North Venice Subarea**, RD1.5-1-O zone, General Plan Land Use Designation: Multiple-Family: Low Medium II Residential  
DIR-2016-737-CDP (or DIR-2015-1894-CDP?) and ENV-2016-738-CE  
VCZSP Compliance: DIR-2014-1514-VSO  
<http://www.VeniceNC.org/333-Windward-Ave/>  
City Hearing Not Yet Scheduled  
Project Description: Coastal Development Permit for a 2nd story addition with a roof deck and Roof Access Structure to an existing 1-story single-family dwelling; and attach detached 1-car garage to main dwelling  
Applicant: Corinne & John Baginski  
LUPC Staff: Mehrnoosh Mojallali  
Recommended by LUPC on 4-25-16 by a vote of 4-0-3 (MR/RD):

**MOTION:** The VNC Board recommends approval of the project as presented.

- C** **917 Victoria Ave, Milwood Subarea**, R2-1 zone, DIR-2015-2706-VSO and DIR-2016-1489-CEX; remodel of 1,070 sq ft 1923 single-family dwelling on a 4,005 sq ft lot, rear wall to be removed so that a new 3-story ground floor addition may be attached; 3,010 sq ft (excludes garage of 521 sq ft), 30' tall with varied roofline, No Roof Access Structure; existing roof to be replaced with new green roof; 69% of exterior walls to remain; 3 parking spaces, all accessed from alley--2 in attached garage & 1 uncovered Applicant: Philip Knight, Breakform Design  
<http://www.VeniceNC.org/917-Victoria-Ave/>  
Recommended by LUPC on 5-2-16 by a vote of 5-0-0 (RR/MM, RD recused):

**MOTION:** The VNC Board recommends approval of the project as a VNC De Minimis Project, with the condition that the LUPC Chair confirm that it meets the California Coastal Commission's definitions for demolition, walls and structures, well within the Coastal Exemption Appeal Period.

- D** **28 Ozone Ave, North Venice Subarea**, RD1.5-1 zone (single permit jurisdiction coastal zone), North Venice Walk Streets Historic District, DIR-2015-3543-CDP and ENV-2015-3544-CE; CDP to add a new 740 sq ft garage on 1st floor of existing SFD & a 674 sq ft 2-bedroom apartment on 2nd floor, with a 500 sq ft roof deck (no RAS), 28' to top of roof deck guardrails. Areas, height & footprint to remain the same per approved DIR-2013-1308-SPP. No change to 2nd unit of duplex on property; Applicant: Mojdeh Memarzadeh, Design Cycles  
<http://www.VeniceNC.org/28-Ozone-Ave/>  
Recommended by LUPC on 5-2-16 by a vote of 4-0-1 (RR/MR, GR recused):

**MOTION:** The VNC Board recommends approval of the project as a VNC De Minimis Project.



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**E** **1804 Lincoln Blvd, East of Lincoln**, [Q]C2-1-CDO zone, DIR-2016-1211-CDO and ENV-2016-1212-CE; tenant improvement & façade improvement to a 2,441 sq ft professional building on a 2,770 sq ft lot (no change of use), new H.C. bathrooms (2), remove non-bearing partitions, window change out; 13.08 E Design Overlay Plan Approval, Applicant: Sean Knibb, Knibb Design Recommended by LUPC on 5-2-16 by a vote of 5-0-0 (RR/RD):

**MOTION:** The VNC Board recommends approval of the project as a VNC De Minimis Project.

**F** **2814-2818 Grand Canal, Venice Canals Subarea**, RW1-1-O zone, General Plan Land Use Plan designation: Single-Family Residential Low Medium I  
Dual Permit Jurisdiction Coastal Zone  
DIR-2016-0051-CDP-SPPA-SPP-MEL and ENV-2016-52-EAF  
NOTE: MODIFIED PLAN SUBMITTED ON APRIL 30, 2016 (included at link to VNC site, below), WHICH COMPLIES WITH THE 30' HEIGHT LIMIT; THUS, THE SPPA IS NO LONGER REQUIRED.  
VCZSP Compliance: SPP

<http://www.VeniceNC.org/2814-Grand-Canal/>

City Hearing Not Yet Scheduled

Project Description: CDP, SPP & Mello Act Compliance Determination for the demo of an existing 4-unit building (currently being used as a 3-unit building) & construction of new 3-story SFD on lot totaling 5,264 sq ft; & SPPA (Specific Plan Project Permit Adjustment) for a height of 32'-2 3/4" (varied roof), which is < 10% over the 30' height limit for the Canals Subarea. HEIGHT REVISED TO 30' (VARIED ROOF).

Applicant: Zoran Pevec & Matt Goff, Archive Design Group

LUPC Staff: Maury Ruano

Recommended by LUPC on 5-2-16 by a vote of 5-0-1 (MR/RD):

**MOTION:** The VNC Board recommends approval of the project as presented, with a maximum height of 30'.

**G** **854 Marco Place, Milwood Subarea**, R2 zone, General Plan Land Use Plan designation: Multiple-Family Residential Low Medium I  
Administrative Coastal Development Permit (not yet filed) & DIR-2015-3953-SPP (under appeal)  
VCZSP Compliance: SPP  
<http://www.VeniceNC.org/854-Marco-Place/>  
West L.A. Area Planning Commission Appeal Hearing for the SPP is scheduled for May 18, 2016, 4:30 pm, at the Henry Medina West L.A. Parking Enforcement Facility, 11214 W. Exposition Blvd., 2nd floor hearing room, L.A., CA 90064  
Project Description: WALK STREET--CDP & SPP for remodel & 1-story addition to an existing 1-story single-family dwelling with a detached 1-car garage and storage, as well as addition of a recreation room above the existing detached 1-car garage and storage.

Applicant: Ronald Howell, REH Architects

LUPC Staff: Robin Rudisill, Chair



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Recommended by LUPC on 4-25-16 by a vote of 4-0-3 (MM/RD):

**MOTION:** The VNC Board recommends approval of the project, conditioned on the scope of work/project details being indicated in the City's SPP (Specific Plan Project Permit: DIR-2015-3953-SPP), including: square footage of the ground floor front addition, removal and replacement of the exterior siding, reduction in length of roof overhang, square footage of 2nd story addition over 1-car garage, ½ bath and setback from the house to the detached garage, 2 additional unenclosed but covered parking spaces, and all setbacks (both side yards, front yard & rear yard); and to be processed as an Administrative CDP by the Long Beach district office of the Coastal Commission.

**10. Announcements & Public Comment on items not on the Agenda (8:35PM -- 10 minutes)**  
*[No more than 1 minute per person – no Board member announcements permitted]*

**11. Old Business [Discussion and possible action] (8:45PM -- 0 minutes)**

**12. LUPC (8:45PM – 30 minutes)** Robin Rudisill on behalf of LUPC, (Chair-lupc@VeniceNC.org)  
*[Discussion and possible action]*

**A 619 6th Ave, Oakwood Subarea, RD1.5-1 zone, General Plan Land Use Plan designation:**

Multiple-Family Residential Low Medium II

ZA-2015-1016-CDP-MEL and ENV-2015-1017-CE

VCZSP Compliance: DIR-2015-4311-VSO

<http://www.VeniceNC.org/619-6th-Ave/>

City Hearing Took Place on March 10, 2016; The ZA is holding the record open for the VNC Board recommendation

Project Description: a CDP & Mello Act Compliance Determination for demo of 2 detached 1-story units and construction of a new, 28'-4" tall (varied roofline), 4,782 sq ft, 2-story duplex with an attached 1,110 sq ft 5-car garage (access from alley) and roof deck area, on a 5,670 sq ft lot

Applicant: Sarai Grenell (Tatiana Barhar of VERDEGO), for Stephanie Lin

LUPC Staff: Maury Ruano

Recommended by LUPC on 4-25-16 by a vote of 3-2-1 (MR/MK, MM recused):

**MOTION:** The VNC Board recommends approval of the project as proposed.

**13. New Business (9:15PM – 50 minutes)**  
*[Discussion and possible action]*

**A VNC Neighborhood Committee Comments on City's Proposed Short Term Rental Ordinance**  
(Marc Saltzberg on behalf of Neighborhood Committee [VicePresident@venicenc.org](mailto:VicePresident@venicenc.org))

**MOTION:** Resolved, the VNC Neighborhood Committee asks the VNC President to send a letter to Matthew Glesne per instructions of City that states:



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1. Thanks the City of LA for being responsive to the needs of its residents by proposing an ordinance legalizing and regulating Short Term Rentals and encouraging the City to pass such a regulation as soon as possible.
2. Includes our recommendations for such an ordinance as communicated to the City on 10/8/2015 (see: [www.venicenc.org/wp-content/uploads/2013/02/CIS-14-1635-S2.doc](http://www.venicenc.org/wp-content/uploads/2013/02/CIS-14-1635-S2.doc))
3. Identifies the following suggestions for the proposed ordinance:
  - a. *No city enforcement mechanism defined – most enforcement would seem to be via requiring Hosting Platforms monitor and report violations. The City needs its own enforcement mechanism. While the VNC understands such an enforcement mechanism may be defined later as an Administrative procedure, we believe the City must commit to it as part of the ordinance*
  - b. *No of city accountability for enforcement identified and assigned. The City appears to be making both City Finance and City Planning accountable for enforcing the ordinance. We suggest that a single Department with an identified subunit, using information gathered from other city departments and other sources, be accountable for enforcing the ordinance*
  - c. *No funding for enforcement by city other than proposed registration fees has been proposed. The VNC has previously suggested that the TOT be increased for STR's and that the increased collections be used (as well as fees) enforcement financing*
  - d. *The 6 month residency requirement to establish a primary residence will be difficult to enforce.*
  - e. *The City's requirement in 31.f.3, allowing a 30 day grace period for "... cases where advertisements appear on Hosting Platforms that are not in compliance with this Subdivision" appears to conflict with 31.f.1 which requires that hosting Platforms "Actively prevent, remove and cancel any illegal listings and bookings of short term rentals... without a... registration number "*
  - f. *The VNC has suggested that all STR's must be owner occupied. Such a regulation precluded using an entire house for STR purposes (where, by definition, the HOST must be off-site). But our requirement that the STR must be owner occupied meant that renting of a portion of the Host's primary residence need not be subjected to a time limit. The City's proposed ordinance should be adapted to require that Hosts must reside on-site when renting part of the house (including detached guest rooms) as an STR but that such rental activities not be limited to 90 days per year.*

Recommended by the Neighborhood Committee on 4/28/2016 by a vote of 9-0-1





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**B** **New Construction on Mildred Must Provide for Sidewalks** (Marc Saltzberg on behalf of Neighborhood Committee [VicePresident@venicenc.org](mailto:VicePresident@venicenc.org))

**MOTION:** *Whereas*, new homes, currently being constructed (and nearing completion) at 639, 641, 647 and 651 Mildred Ave as well as the new construction of one home at 621 Mildred Ave., include walls and other features that would completely obstruct the continuous sidewalk on the northeast side of Mildred; *and*

*Whereas*, sidewalks are essential to the safety, walkability and public enjoyment of any urban neighborhood and are standard features of streets in the Silver Triangle neighborhood of Venice; **and**

*Whereas*, the interruption of the sidewalk on Mildred is contrary to the intent of the City of Los Angeles Planning Department's "Mobility Plan 2035" and "Complete Streets Design Guide" and DOT's strategic plan, [Great Streets](#) and are violations of the Federal "Americans with Disability Act."

*Therefore, be it resolved*, the Neighborhood Committee of the Venice Neighborhood Council recommends to the VNC Board that the new construction of four homes at 639, 641, 647 and 651 Mildred Ave., as well as the new construction of one home at 621 Mildred Ave., be required to include a continuous sidewalk in line with other sidewalks on Mildred; this requires that no walls or other obstructions be constructed that would:

1. Block the free flow of pedestrian traffic along the sidewalk
2. Block vehicle's passenger-side doors from being opened or otherwise block sidewalk access from the street parking in front of these units

Recommended by the Neighborhood Committee (submitted Silver Triangle Resident Rob Mitchell) on 4/28/2016 by a vote of 9-0-1

*Distribution:* Mike Bonin, CD 11 Sr. Planner Ezra Gale <[ezra.gale@lacity.org](mailto:ezra.gale@lacity.org)>, LA City Planning Staff Theodore Irving <[theodore.irving@lacity.org](mailto:theodore.irving@lacity.org)> and Kevin Jones <[kevin.jones@lacity.org](mailto:kevin.jones@lacity.org)>, California Coastal Commission Sr. Planner Chuck Posner

**C** **Sidewalk Requirement for Venice** (Marc Saltzberg on behalf of Neighborhood Committee [VicePresident@venicenc.org](mailto:VicePresident@venicenc.org))

**MOTION:** Resolved, the VNC Neighborhood Committee recommends the Venice Neighborhood Council shall establish the following policy:

New residential development as well as major remodels shall preserve existing public sidewalks and shall make provisions for including a public sidewalk at a later date (through appropriate setbacks and dedications) should a public sidewalk be installed where none is present at the time of construction.

Recommended by the Neighborhood Committee on 4/28/2016 by a vote of 9-0-1



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**D Westminster Senior Center and Dog Park USES FOR ALL and alternative sites for exclusive homeless storage** (Melissa Diner on behalf of OFW Committee [melissa.diner@venicenc.org](mailto:melissa.diner@venicenc.org))

**MOTION:** The Venice Neighborhood Council recommends that the bus depot behind the Veterans Wall between Thornton Ave and Paloma Ct East of Pacific be considered for an area for homeless storage. The Venice Neighborhood Council does not recommend that Westminster Dog Park be utilized exclusively for homeless storage as the RFI specifically states “provide community services and/or of a recreational nature,” for ALL.

Recommended by the OFW Committee 4-2-2

**E Arrow Art to Rule Signs on OFW** (Melissa Diner on behalf of OFW Committee [melissa.diner@venicenc.org](mailto:melissa.diner@venicenc.org))

**MOTION:** The Venice Neighborhood Council recommends arrow signs or community vetted and city approved arrow art installations that point up to look at actual rule signs of Ocean Front Walk. Further more we encourage a community competition campaign for signage improvement on Ocean Front Walk and surrounding area.

Recommended by the OFW Committee 5-1-0

**F Automatic Dimmers all lighting old and new Ocean Front Walk** (Melissa Diner on behalf of OFW Committee [melissa.diner@venicenc.org](mailto:melissa.diner@venicenc.org))

**MOTION:** The Venice Neighborhood Council recommends all lighting along the boardwalk and all new lighting installed for Ice Rink and/or more publicly supported Roller Rink be on automatic dimmers to manage the light pollution, intensity of light, efficiency in order to minimize the overall glow from light cast to protect wildlife and allow opportunity for custom lighting for events and programming. Currently light shields can be installed upon request via bureau of street lighting, city of Los Angeles.

Recommended by the OFW Committee 6-0-0

**G Reversal of Sale United States Post Office Building** (Melissa Diner on behalf of OFW Committee [melissa.diner@venicenc.org](mailto:melissa.diner@venicenc.org))

**MOTION:** The Venice Neighborhood Council requests reversal of sale the United States Post Office building on Windward Circle to Joel Silver and any entities, corporations or llcs associated with him, due to the fact that he is in direct violation of the Memorandum of Agreement in which he is engaged by:

- not granting public access of the mural since he took position
- not maintaining landscaping which has been reported as a safety issue due to vagrants living and harassing youth who have to ride the public bus to school
- lack of progress of construction which has turned into visible blight and left to sit vacant for years on end.



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Furthermore, the VNC emphasizes and insists our Federal, California Senate Representative or any public division behind the agreement to use whatever means necessary to return the structure to “a local owner” in its original glory, “to be used as a cultural center” and grant access to the mural during standard public sector business hours (8am to 5pm) for any sale moving forward after possession had been regained.

<http://variety.com/2015/film/news/joel-silver-venice-post-office-in-debt-1201460341/>

Recommended by the OFW Committee 7-0-0

**H Adopt a Unhoused person/Motion of Acknowledgement** (Melissa Diner on behalf of OFW Committee [melissa.diner@venicenc.org](mailto:melissa.diner@venicenc.org))

**MOTION:** Adopt a Unhoused person/Motion of Acknowledgement

The Venice Neighborhood Council recommends ‘that the VNC embrace these ideals’ and that each and every person do what they can to solve homelessness by:

- a.) Acknowledging unhoused people as humans. Saying hello or making eye contact can make someone’s day.
- b.) Much like AA, Big Brother/Big Sister, encouraging members of the community to ‘Sponsor’ or develop a relationship with people that are unhoused, encourage their well being, empower not enable people we see living on the streets with the information and resources available to become housed.
- c.) The council office, city government and non profits to work together to provide access to all of resources available via direct contact, online, and v311 for anyone looking to find a shelter, short term or long term housing, alcohol or substance abuse support. Even if it is “not their job” the 311 operators should have access to internet to give this information even if not government related to anyone in need.

Recommended by the OFW Committee 7-0-0

**I Motion to Restore Vera Davis Center Funding** (Jed Pauker [communications@venicenc.org](mailto:communications@venicenc.org))

**MOTION:** Whereas Vera Davis McClendon played a founding role in organizing community services for Venice stakeholders in need of urgent and/or ongoing support, and

Whereas Vera Davis McClendon Youth and Family Center continuously provides Venitians of all stripes with central and continuing public access to critical community-serving resources, including but not limited to social welfare organizations, addiction recovery meetings, internet resource access, childrens' programs and ADA-compliant public community meeting venues, and

Whereas Council District 11 played an instrumental role in restoring annual funding for this historic and necessary community resource as recently as 2011, and

Whereas Venice Neighborhood Council officially supports continuation of Vera Davis McClendon Youth and Family Center services, and



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Whereas the community understands that Vera Davis McClendon Youth and Family Center funding is scheduled to end June 30, 2016,

Now, therefore, Venice Neighborhood Council strongly urges Council District 11, the City Council and the Mayor's Office to take all steps necessary to restore full funding for all staff and services at Vera Davis McClendon Youth and Family Center;

Venice Neighborhood Council hereby ratifies its support for the center to retain in its title the name "Vera Davis McClendon" in perpetuity.

**J** **Pathway to Citizenship via Community Service** (Melissa Diner [melissa.diner@venicenc.org](mailto:melissa.diner@venicenc.org))

**MOTION:** The Venice Neighborhood Council supports new legislation that would create a pathway to citizenship through dedicated Community service. All volunteer hours would have to be approved by a public agency that would partner with non profits in good standing to oversee and manage all hours performed, and more importantly, non profits would be tasked with development of programs that would encourage and support life long, daily incorporated, civic engagement for legal, status pending, temporary visa and non-citizens residing or desiring to reside within the United States or any of its territories. All citizens of humanity should have the opportunity to support and contribute to making the United States of America and its way of life the best it can be and represent our heritage as a country built and continuing to be maintained by immigrants committed to the American Way of life.

**K** **Venice Community BBQ inquiry management and community improvement/non profit Participation** (Melissa Diner [melissa.diner@venicenc.org](mailto:melissa.diner@venicenc.org))

**MOTION:** The Venice Neighborhood Council requires that a board member be assigned to the BBQ Committee to ensure all inquiries received by the BBQ Committee are handled in a respectful manner representative of the VNC. Furthermore, the VNC requires that the BBQ committee allow all community improvement and non profits wishing to participate to be allowed to set up a booth, with no onsite sales of any kind. Anyone who does not fit this criteria should be invited to the bbq even if they can't set up a booth.

**L** **Support of Cornerstone Theater in Venice** (Cornerstone Theater Company [sclemenco@cornerstonetheater.org](mailto:sclemenco@cornerstonetheater.org))

**MOTION:** The Venice Neighborhood Council agrees to support and promote Cornerstone Theater's production in Oakwood this summer.

**14.** **Board Member Comments on subject matters within the VNC jurisdiction (10:05PM - 5 minutes)**

**15.** **Adjourn (approx. 10:10PM)**



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Land Use and Planning	Robin Rudisill	Mass/Scale/Character	Sue Kaplan
Neighborhood	Marc Saltzberg	Parking/Transportation	Abigail Myers
Ocean Front Walk	Melissa Diner	Public Safety	George Francisco
Outreach	Sylvia Aroth	Santa Monica Airport	Laura Silagi, Abigail Myers
Rules & Election	Ira Koslow	2015/16 Election	Elizabeth Wright, Ivan Spiegel
Environmental	Abigail Myers, Erin Sullivan-Ward, Barbara Lonsdale		

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