



Venice Neighborhood Council

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Joint Board & Administrative Committee Agenda

Canal Club

2025 Pacific Ave, Venice, 90291

Monday, April 11th, 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/2012/05/160307AdComMinutes.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 April 19th, 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, April 19th, 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 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/2012/12/160315BoardMinutes.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 – 45 minutes)

A Public Safety - LAPD Report (10 minutes): Senior Lead Officers Peggy Thusing (25120@lapd.lacity.org), Kristan Delatori (32914@lapd.lacity.org), Gregg Jacobus, 35162@lapd.lacity.org, Lt. Lydia Leos 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)
 - Congressman Ted Lieu, Representative Janet Turner, 310-496-9896 (janet.turner@mail.house.gov)
 - State Senator Ben Allen, Representative Fernando Morales, 310-318-6994 (fernando.morales@sen.ca.gov)
 - State Assemblyperson Autumn Burke, Rep Odysseus Bostick, 310-412-6400 (odysseus.bostick@asm.ca.gov)
 - LA County Supervisor Sheila Kuehl Westside Field Deputy Rachel Zaiden, 213-974-3333 (rzaiden@bos.lacounty.gov)
 - Mayor Eric Garcetti, Westside Deputy, Daniel Tamm, 213-978-0836 (Daniel.Tamm@Lacity.org)
 - Ejjah Cooper – Oakwood Rec Park Director, 310-452-7479 (ejjah.cooper@lacity.org)
 - Commissioner Joel Jacinto - Board of Public Works; Rep Shelley Wong (shelley.wong@lacity.org)

- C VNC Announcements (5 Minutes)**
- President - Mike Newhouse (President@VeniceNC.org)
 - Vice President - Marc Saltzberg (VicePresident@VeniceNC.org)
 - Westside Regional Alliance of Councils- Mike Newhouse, WRAC President, Marc Saltzberg, VNC Representatives. (Chair@westsidecouncils.org),
 - Los Angeles Neighborhood Council Coalition (LANCC) Ivan Spiegel (Parliamentarian@VeniceNC.org)
 - VNC Representative to DWP: Dede Audet
 - Venice Chamber Of Commerce: Carl Lambert, President (carl@lambertinc.com)
 - VNC Elections 2016: Ivan Spiegel, Elizabeth Wright

- D Update from Mass & Scale** (Sue Kaplan chair.massandscale@venicenc.org)

The public comment period is extended until April 29. In addition we will be holding extra meetings for public comment. Meeting dates and time TBA.

- E Installing bike lanes on Rose Ave between Lincoln and 4th** (Jessie Holzer jessie.holzer@lacity.org)

The City is considering installing bike lanes on Rose Ave between Lincoln and 4th. We would like to present designs to the VNC for review and comment. 5 minute presentation. Questions/comments can be emailed to him after the meeting.

- F Council Office Update on BID and In Lieu Parking Fee**

Update from Debbie Dyner-Harris and City Clerk representative on status of BID.
Update from Council Office on the In Lieu Parking Fee.



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7. **Treasurer's Report (7:50PM - 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 March 2016.

Recommended by Budget and Finance Committee on 4-8-16 by a vote of 4-0-0

- B **MOTION:** The Venice Neighborhood Council shall not allocate fund for the Congressional Art Contest.

Recommended by Budget and Finance Committee on 4-8-16 by a vote of 3-0-1.

- C **MOTION:** The Venice Neighborhood Council allocates \$750 for the 2016 Congress of Neighborhood Councils and \$250 for the Budget Advocates.

Recommended by Budget and Finance Committee on 4-8-16 by a vote of 4-0-0.

8. **General Consent Calendar (7:50PM -- 1 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 (7:51 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 **2601 Ocean Front Walk, North Venice Subarea**, RD1.5-1-O zone, General Plan Land Use Plan designation: Multi-Family Residential Low Medium II
DUAL PERMIT JURISDICTION COASTAL ZONE
DIR-2015-3500-CDP-SPP and ENV-2015-3501-CE
VCZSP Compliance: SPP

<http://www.VeniceNC.org/2601-Ocean-Front-Walk/>

City Hearing Not Yet Scheduled

Project Description: CDP and SPP (VCZSP Compliance Permit) for the renovation and addition to an existing single-family dwelling with a project size of 3,737 sq ft, on a lot size of 5,042.7 sq ft

Applicant: Scott Lopez

LUPC Staff: Ramsey Daham

Recommended by LUPC on 3-28-16 by a vote of 7-0-0 (RD/KR):



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MOTION:

The VNC Board recommends approval of the project as presented. In addition, the VNC believes that it is not in the best interest of the Community to enclose the Public Right-of-Way area currently used for parking, at the corner of Speedway and 26th Avenue walk street, and the VNC requests that the subject corner remain open to parking as available. Further, the VNC believes that "Access," as set forth in the Venice Coastal Zone Specific Plan, is not the same as "parking," therefore, the VNC finds that that parking in the subject corner is not prohibited.

B Enforcement of All Planning and Building Codes--Motion from WRAC

MOTION: Whereas the L.A. City Attorney, the L.A. Department of Building and Safety; and the L.A. City Council continue to selectively enforce existing zoning ordinances to the detriment of our Stakeholders' quality of life, including, but not limited to, short-term rentals, illegal signs, illegal boarding houses and the like.

Therefore, be it resolved, the VNC Board recommends that the City immediately enforce all applicable zoning and building codes unless duly amended.

Recommended by LUPC on 3-28-16 by a vote of 7-0-0 (RA/MK).

10. **Announcements & Public Comment on items not on the Agenda (7:53PM -- 10 minutes)**
[No more than 1 minute per person – no Board member announcements permitted]
11. **Old Business [Discussion and possible action] (8:03PM -- 15 minutes)**
12. **LUPC (8:30PM – 80 minutes)** Robin Rudisill on behalf of LUPC, (Chair-lupc@VeniceNC.org)
[Discussion and possible action]

A Amending Small Lot Subdivision Ordinance to Comply with Underlying Zone--Motion from WRAC

MOTION: The VNC Board supports amending the Small Lot Subdivision (SLS) Ordinance such that all SLS projects shall comply with the land's underlying zone and Specific Plan, including a Finding of compatibility of Mass, Scale and Character of the immediately surrounding neighborhood and setbacks, and further amending to prohibit cantilevered construction over required open space, including driveways and required setbacks.

Recommended by LUPC on 3-28-16 by a vote of 4-2-1 (RA/MK).



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13. New Business (8:30PM – 30 minutes)
[Discussion and possible action]

A Support the creation of Business Improvement Groups on Lincoln Blvd and Washington Blvd.
George Francisco on behalf of the VNC Business Committee (george.francisco@venicenc.org)

MOTION: The Venice Neighborhood Council recommends that Council District 11 support the creation of local Business Improvement Groups by merchants on Washington Blvd to be known as the Washington Square Business Improvement Group and on Lincoln Blvd to be known as the Lincoln Corridor Business Improvement Group.

Recommended by the VNC Business Committee on March 14, 2016 EW/MK 4-0-0

B Support the Installation of a bike corral at 15 Washington Blvd George Francisco on behalf of the VNC Business Committee (george.francisco@venicenc.org)

MOTION: The Venice Neighborhood Council recommends that Council District 11 and the Los Angeles Department of Transportation support the application of Hinano's Cafe for the installation of a bicycle corral at 15 W Washington Blvd.

Recommended by the VNC Business Committee on March 14, 2016 EW/MK 4-0-0

C Venice Cityhood Resolution Nicholas Antonicello (nantoni@mindspring.com)

MOTION: WHEREAS, Venice was formerly a municipality when residents voted in 1926 to annex itself to the City of Los Angeles; and
WHEREAS, the Venice community should seriously examine reversing that decision free from the burdens or restrictions of the City of Los Angeles; and
WHEREAS, Venice residents desire, demand and expect a more reliable and responsible operating municipal government as seen in like communities such as Santa Monica, Culver City, Malibu and West Hollywood; and
WHEREAS, some 35,000 Venice residents are ill served by the current city government that lacks local control, home-rule and grass roots input; and
WHEREAS, basic city services are lacking as it applies to tree trimming, street paving, public safety and a host of quality-of-life issues unique to Venice; and
WHEREAS, Oceanfront Walk and Venice Beach specifically has become a deteriorating eyesore regarding basic maintenance and the sense residents nor tourists are safe, especially after sunset given the chronic issue of homelessness and the City's inability to solve this issue over several decades;
THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Venice Neighborhood Council (VNC) formally request the City of Los Angeles and specifically the 11th Council District Office sponsor and support state legislation to amend the Cortese/Knox/Hertzberg Local Government Reorganization Act of 2000 to void the City's right to cause the termination of a detachment request pending before a local area formation commission submitted by a former municipality which earlier voted to join the City of Los



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Angeles; and

BE FURTHER RESOLVED to amend that Act to remove the City of Los Angeles' right to subject detachment of a former municipality now located within its borders to a vote of the entire City of Los Angeles.

AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that a copy of this resolution be sent to Mayor Eric Garcetti, Assemblymember Autumn Burke and Senator Ben Allen.

D **Amendment to VNC Bylaws** (Mark Lipman escalatepeace@gmail.com)

MOTION: Whereas: The Venice Neighborhood Council Bylaws state:

ARTICLE V, Section 5C:

“Conflict of Interest: The VNC shall be subject to applicable sections of the City of Los Angeles Governmental Ethics Ordinances. Applicable laws of local, state and federal government shall be the minimum ethical standard for the VNC and its Board of Officers.”

Whereas: The City of Los Angeles Governmental Ethics Ordinances state:

Misuse of Position or Resources

“The GEO prohibits an individual from misusing a City position or a prospective City position to create a private advantage or disadvantage for any person. City personnel are prohibited from using or threatening to use their City positions to interfere with another person’s attempt to report possible violations of law, and they are prohibited from retaliating against a person who does report a possible violation of law. In addition, both current and former City personnel are prohibited from disclosing confidential information acquired as a result of their City service.”

Whereas: The Los Angeles City Ethics Commission’s Ethics Handbook for City Officials states:

Conflict of Interests (preamble):

“To promote government decisions that are fair and accountable, City officials must avoid participating in actions that affect or appear to affect their private interests, both financial and non-financial.”

Conflicts of Interests:

“You have a conflict of interests under the state’s Political Reform Act if your actions as a City official affect your personal interests or the interests of your immediate family members. It does not matter whether the action has a negative or positive effect on the interest. The Act prohibits you from making, participating in, or attempting to influence a government decision if it is reasonably foreseeable that the decision will have a material financial effect on an economic interest of yours or an immediate family member”

The City’s appearance standard:

“In addition to state law, the City has its own conflicts provision. The City’s appearance standard states that it is “not in the public interest” for you to act on a matter if you do not believe that you could act impartially or if the public might reasonably reach that conclusion. This can be true even when your interest in the matter is not financial. The City Attorney may decide, pursuant to City Charter § 222, that the public interest prevents you from acting even when you would not be disqualified by state conflict of interest laws.”

Whereas: A slate of Real Estate Developers, Agents, Architects and their allies have registered to run for multiple positions on the Venice Neighborhood Council in the upcoming election;

Whereas: Due to this the public might reasonably reach the conclusion that the Real Estate Industry,



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operating within the boundaries of the jurisdiction of the Venice Neighborhood Council, are attempting to subvert the political process for their personal and financial gain, creating a real and present threat to the future of our community;

Therefore:

Let it be resolved that the Venice Neighborhood Council Bylaws be amended to include Article V, Section 5C1:

“Any Board Officer whose principal income or activity is derived from the Real Estate Sector must recuse themselves from all Land Use items.”

14. Board Member Comments on subject matters within the VNC jurisdiction (9:38PM - 5 minutes)

15. Adjourn (approx.)

List of Venice Neighborhood Council Committees & Chairs – Volunteers Welcome

Administrative	Mike Newhouse	Communications	Jed Pauker
Arts	Eduardo Manilla	Discussion Forum	Joe Murphy
Budget & Finance	Hugh Harrison	Business	George Francisco
Education	Bud Jacobs	Housing	Abigail Myers, Helen Stotler
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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