



Venice Neighborhood Council

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Joint Board & Administrative Committee Agenda

Canal Club

2025 Pacific Ave, Venice, 90291

Monday, March 9th, 2015 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/2012/05/150209AdComMinutes.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.]
- A Consideration and approval of March 17th, 2015 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, March 17th, 2015 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 in honor of Kristopher Valentine's grandmother, Diane Valentine, born a Venetian and baptized at St. Mark in 1928.

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/2012/12/150217BoardMinutes.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 – 73 minutes)

A Public Safety - LAPD Report (5 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.*
Intro of Captain Nicole Alberca



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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, Cecilia Castillo, Field Deputy, Cecilia.Castillo@lacity.org (310-568-8772)
 - Congressman Ted Lieu, Representative Janet Turner 310-496-9896 janet.turner@mail.house.gov
 - State Senator Ben Allen, Representative Sam Liu 310-318-6994, samuelliu@sen.ca.gov
 - State Assemblyperson Autumn Burke, Rep Odysseys Bostick 310.412.6400
odysseysbostick@asm.ca.gov
 - LA County Supervisor Sheila Kuehl
 - Mayor Eric Garcetti, Westside Deputy, Daniel Tamm, (Daniel.Tamm@Lacity.org) 213-978-0836
- 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: Catherine Chevalier, President VCC (Catherine@notmaurice.com)
- D Green Venice Expo Presentation (10 minutes)** (Sylvia Aroth sylvia.aroth@venicenc.org)
- The Outreach Committee will give a wrap-up report on the Green Venice Expo including thank yous.
- E ReCodeLA Presentation (20 minutes)**
- Sharon Commins will present ReCodeLA (<http://recode.la/>) Zoning Code Evaluation Report.and comment on next steps (20 min)
- F LUPC Short Term Rental Presentation (7 minutes)**
- Presentation, including video, by the LUPC Short-Term Rentals Work Group—Education and Awareness
- 7. General Consent Calendar (8:18PM -- 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.]



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8. **Land Use and Planning Committee (LUPC) Consent Calendar (8:19 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 **VNC De Minimis Projects**

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

106 Dudley Ave (Major Remodel of SFD), North Venice Subarea

R3-1 zone, Land Use Plan designation: Multiple Family Residential--Medium

DIR-2014-3974-SPP and ENV-2014-3975-CE

Project Description: Major Remodel of existing 1,136 sq ft SFD with the addition of a 1,921 sq ft 1st story, 2nd story, & roof deck & RAS (32'11"), resulting in a 3,057 sq ft SFD, on a lot size of 3,776 sq ft, with 3-car covered parking, with a height of 27' @ roof

B **Neighborhood Councils "shall monitor City services"**

MOTION: Neighborhood Councils "shall monitor City services" as per Charter and Neighborhood Council recommendations shall not be optional but rather shall be treated according to original intent of City Charter and considered in all determinations, with explanation provided if not being followed

C **Change to Coastal Exemption Review/Approval Process/Procedure**

Change to Coastal Exemption Review/Approval Process/Procedure—improve controls, add transparency and Staff training for Coastal Exemptions at the City level (CEX) and at the State level

MOTION: [Placeholder]

D **Propose Interim Control Ordinance for Venice Coastal Zone**

Propose Interim Control Ordinance for Venice Coastal Zone--during time of preparation of Local Coastal Program (LCP) must assure that development prior to and during this ongoing LCP coastal planning effort does not prejudice, impede or negate the goals and policies of the ultimate certified LCP

MOTION: [Placeholder]



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E Councilmember Mike Bonin letter to Michael LoGrande re. Mello Act Review and Sign-Offs

MOTION: The VNC Board supports the letter from Councilmember Mike Bonin to Michael LoGrande, dated March 4, 2015, which states that “in order to ensure compliance with the Mello Act Interim Administrative Procedures, which states that all Mello Act determinations be appealable, I request that Planning ensure that all such determinations be processed in a manner that provides an opportunity for appeal. This is an important step in ensuring the City preserve affordable housing in our Coastal neighborhoods.”

9. Announcements & Public Comment on items not on the Agenda (8:20PM -- 10 minutes) *[No more than 1 minute per person – no Board member announcements permitted]*

10. Old Business *[Discussion and possible action]*

11. LUPC (8:30PM – 0 minutes) (Robin Rudisill on behalf of LUPC, Chair-lupc@VeniceNC.org) *[Discussion and possible action]*

A 2709 Ocean Front Walk (new SFD), North Venice Subarea, RD1.5-1 zone, Land Use Plan designation: Multiple Family Residential--Low Medium II, Dual Permit Jurisdiction Coastal Zone (aka “Appealable Area” post LCP) ZA-2014-3072-CDP and ENV-2013-2051-CE and DIR-2013-2050-SPP-SPPA-MEL and DIR-2012-1476-VSO-MEL (6-5-12)

<http://www.venicenc.org/2709-ocean-front-walk/>

CASE NOT YET SCHEDULED FOR CITY HEARING

Project Description: Construction of a new 3-story, 5,400 sq ft SFD, including 500 sq ft roof deck with roof access structure not to exceed 40’ in height, on a vacant 2,502 sq ft, 28’ wide lot (demo of formerly existing 1-story, 1,218 sq ft, 1912 structure was approved by Coastal Commission De Minimis Waiver on May 29, 2012, and Mello letter issued by HCID on May 31, 2012), with 3 parking spaces, and Specific Plan Project Permit Adjustment to allow a roof height of 32.95’ in lieu of required 30’ (including request for 3’1/2” side yards in lieu of 4’ required--either need to apply for a SPP adjustment or request a Building Modification during Plan Check, however, a max of 20%, or 3’2 1/2”, is avail for bldg. mod, which is 2” short)

LUPC Staff: Gabriel Ruspini

Applicant: Dan Brunn & Henry Ramirez

MOTION: [Placeholder]

B 328 Rennie Ave (3 unit conversion from apartments to condos), Oakwood Subarea, RD1.5-1 zone, Land Use Plan designation: Multiple Family Residential--Low Medium II ZA-2014-2373-CDP-MEL and AA-2014-2269-PMLA-CC and ENV-2014-2270-CE

<http://www.venicenc.org/328-rennie-ave/>

CITY HEARING TOOK PLACE ON FEBRUARY 26, 2015, AT CITY HALL



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Project Description: Preliminary Parcel Map for Condo conversion of 3 apartment units, lot area 6,381 sq ft, building 8,234 sq ft (need to determine whether 3 2-bedroom units as per January 7, 2015 Mello letter from HCID OR 2 3-bedroom units & 1 2-bedroom unit as per Community Planning Referral Form; has 10 bathrooms; C of O has not yet been found), with 7 parking spaces

LUPC Staff: Gabriel Ruspini & Robin Rudisill

Applicant: Heidi Burke

MOTION: [Placeholder]

12. New Business (8:30PM – 30 minutes)

[Discussion and possible action]

A **Mandatory Online Voting for Neighborhood Council Elections** (Ivan Spiegel parliamentarian@venicenc.org) and (Ira Koslow on behalf of the Rules and Elections Committee)

MOTION: The Venice Neighborhood Council requests that EmpowerLA NOT implement mandatory online voting for neighborhood council elections. Each council should have the right to make the decision for itself.

B **Provide Spontaneous Art Opportunities For Young Children** (Joe Murphy (310-305-1444, joedmur@gmail.com) on behalf of Anutosh Ninad (310-562-9035, ninad@rentart.info) & Christian Bevacqus (310-827-2738, cb@greentreedmeditation.com)

Please allow time to show a short (less than 5-min) video – if we can capture the 'happening' this coming Saturday as it happens (without the kids being aware of it).

MOTION: The VNC Board shall endorse in concept and encourage implementation of the following proposal contained in the Discussion Forum Committee VNC Vision Goals Idea Matrix:

Ninad & Christian are seeking space where:

- young kids can spend 2 hours/ week creating art while making 'messes' .
- parents can mingle, gossip & munch.
- the kids can post their art so that they can hear all the compliments.
- Storage of art supplies & cleaning kids & their messes can be accommodated.

C **Adoption of SMO Ad Hoc Committee Environmental Report** (Abigail Myers abigail.myers@venicenc.org)

MOTION: The SMO Ad Hoc Committee requests that the Environmental report researched and drafted by our esteemed committee over the past 3 years be officially adopted by this council.

13. Treasurers Report (9:35PM - 3 minutes) (Hugh Harrison on behalf of Budget & Finance Committee, Treasurer@VeniceNC.org) [Discussion and possible action] **[EXHIBIT]**

A **MOTION:** The Venice Neighborhood Council approves the attached Monthly Expenditure Reports for February 2015.



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APPROVED by Budget and Finance Committee

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

15. Adjourn (approx. 9:43)

List of Venice Neighborhood Council Committees & Chairs – Volunteers Welcome

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| 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 | | |
| Environmental | Abigail Myers, Erin Sullivan-Ward, Barbara Lonsdale | | |

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