



# Venice Neighborhood Council

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## **Joint VNC Board & Administrative Committee Minutes**

**Monday, November 12, 2018 at 7:00PM**

**Extra Space Storage, President's Row Room**

**658 South Venice Blvd, Venice, 90291**

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.

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## 1. Call to Order and Roll Call

**Present: IK, GF, HH, MM, JR, AN, MD**

**Absent: JB**

## 2. Approval of the Administrative Committee Agenda

## 3. Approval of outstanding Administrative Committee minutes

## 4. Announcements & Public Comment on items not on the Agenda

## 5. Old Administrative Committee Business

## 6. New Administrative Committee Business

## 6A Approval of Ad Hoc Education Committee Mission Statement (Justin Brezhnev, [justin.brezhnev@venicenc.org](mailto:justin.brezhnev@venicenc.org))

**MOTION:** The Administrative Committee approves the following Mission Statement for an Ad Hoc Education Committee: The mission of the Ad Hoc Education Committee is to empower Venice stakeholders and students with educational resources for personal and professional development.

## 6B Consideration and approval of November 20, 2018 Draft Board Agenda

**MM, HH**

**Unanimous**

## 7. Adjourn

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## **Draft Board of Officers Regular Meeting Agenda**

Westminster Elementary School (Auditorium)

1010 Abbot Kinney Blvd, Venice, 90291

**Tuesday, November 20, 2018 at 7:00 PM**

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1. **Call to Order and Roll Call**

Meeting called to order with a moment of silence for those slain in the Tree of Life Congregation Synagogue in Pittsburgh, PA, Borderline Bar and Grill Thousand Oaks, CA and the California Fires.

2. **Pledge Of Allegiance (7:01PM -- 1 minute)**

3. **Approval of Outstanding Board minutes (7:07PM – 1 minute)**

<http://www.venicenc.org/minutes-and-agendas.php>

4. **Approval of the Agenda (7:08PM – 1 minute)**

5. **Declaration of Ex Parte Communications or Conflicts-Of-Interest (7:09PM -- 1 minute)**



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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**

### 6A **Live Stream of Meetings (7:05PM -- 3 minutes)**

**All VNC Board meetings are streamed live online.** Please log onto facebook and share the live stream on the VNC homepage to promote community participation. Click here to share!  
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### 6B **Spanish Translation Available** (Esteban Pulido, [pulido.esteban@gmail.com](mailto:pulido.esteban@gmail.com)) Spanish Interpretation services and agendas are available with advance notice.

### 6C **Public Safety - LAPD & LAFD Report (10 minutes)**: Senior Lead Officers Kristan Delatori ([32914@lapd.lacity.org](mailto:32914@lapd.lacity.org)), SLO Jennifer Muther [36051@lapdonline](mailto:36051@lapdonline) SLO Adrian Acosta - [39174@lapd.online](mailto:39174@lapd.online) SLO Javier Ramirez - [39174@lapd.online](mailto:39174@lapd.online), Venice Beach Task Force - LT Michael Soliman - [32906@lapd.online](mailto:32906@lapd.online). *Includes a monthly Venice crime report and updates on law enforcement issues in Venice.*

MM, GF  
Unanimous

### 6D **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 Olin Wibroe ([Olin.wibroe@sen.ca.gov](mailto:Olin.wibroe@sen.ca.gov))
- State Assemblyperson Autumn Burke, West Los Angeles Field Representative, Brandon Stansell, (310) 412-6400, ([brandon.stansell@asm.ca.gov](mailto:brandon.stansell@asm.ca.gov))
- LA County Supervisor Sheila Kuehl Westside Field Deputy Zac Gaidzik (310)231-1170, [zgaidzik@bos.lacounty.gov](mailto:zgaidzik@bos.lacounty.gov)
- Mayor Eric Garcetti, Westside Deputy,
- Empower LA Neighborhood Council Advocate, Jasmine Elbarbary, 213-978-1551 ([jasmine.elbarbary@lacity.org](mailto:jasmine.elbarbary@lacity.org))

### 6E **VNC Announcements and Reports (5 minutes)**

- President -Ira Koslow ([President@VeniceNC.org](mailto:President@VeniceNC.org))  
Nomination period for vacant Board seat remains open until December Ad Com 12/10  
We are now opening a 2nd seat as Steve Livigni has resigned so we will select and vote on 2 applicants at the December board meeting.  
Link to application here



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- Vice President - George Francisco ([Vice President@VeniceNC.org](mailto:VicePresident@VeniceNC.org))
- Westside Regional Alliance of Councils- Ira Koslow, VNC Representative ([Chair@westsidecouncils.org](mailto:Chair@westsidecouncils.org)),
- Los Angeles Neighborhood Council Coalition (LANCC) Ivan Spiegel ([Parliamentarian@VeniceNC.org](mailto:Parliamentarian@VeniceNC.org))
- Election Update - Ivan Spiegel, Election Chair
- VNC Representative to DWP: Yolanda Gonzales
- Budget Advocates - Hugh Harrison, Treasurer
- Outreach - Hollie Stenson

- 6F Venice Community Resiliency** (Keith Harrison, [Keith.Harrison@venicenc.org](mailto:Keith.Harrison@venicenc.org), 3107406718)  
Report by Chair Keith Harrison on committee actions and plans as well as a presentation by Ms Faye Cousin City of LA Emergency Management Division on the Ready Your Los Angeles Neighborhood Program (RYLAN).

**POSTPONED to December**

**GF, MD**  
**Unanimous**

- 7. Treasurer's Report (10 minutes)** (Hugh Harrison on behalf of Budget & Finance Committee) ([Treasurer@VeniceNC.org](mailto:Treasurer@VeniceNC.org))  
*See attached addendums at <http://www.venicenc.org/minutes-and-agendas.php>  
[Discussion and possible action]*
- 7A Approval of Expenditure To Date Report**  
**MOTION:** The Venice NC approves the Expenditure To Date Report for September 2018.  
**Uploaded Documents:**  
<https://drive.google.com/file/d/0B8IM2U0uPEPPWnhqQ0swWkE0UG1wNk4tbzVVMjFVaFA0ckhZ/view?usp=sharing>  
*Recommended by Budget and Finance Committee 5-0-0 on 11/02/18*
- 7B Approval of Monthly Expenditure Report**  
**MOTION:** The Venice NC approves the Monthly Expenditure Report (MER) for September 2018.  
**Uploaded Documents:**  
<https://drive.google.com/file/d/0B8IM2U0uPEPPMIJvbjVUdEY2Wlp0eHUzNXBSNTFDYjBLUFZj/view?usp=sharing>  
*Recommended by Budget and Finance Committee 5-0-0 on 11/02/18*
- 7C Approval of Funding for New Banner**  
**MOTION:** The Venice NC approves up to \$500 from Outreach to print a new meeting banner for Westminster Elementary School as per attached budget.



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*Recommended by Budget and Finance Committee 5-0-0 on 11/02/18*

*Recommended by Outreach Committee 4-0-0 on 11/02/18*

## **7D Approval of Funding for Venice Sign Lighting Event**

**MOTION:** The Venice NC approves up to \$800 from Outreach for VNC participation in the 2018 Venice Sign Lighting Event as per attached budget.

### **Uploaded Documents:**

<https://drive.google.com/file/d/0B8IM2U0uPEPPbVBiUm95NThNV01aNmE0aIA2a093U1o2X1pj/view?usp=sharing>

*Recommended by Budget and Finance Committee 5-0-0 on 11/02/18*

*Recommended by Outreach Committee 4-0-0 on 11/02/18*

*Recommended by Arts Committee 5-0-0 on 11/02/18*

## **7E Approval of Funding for Stakeholder Survey**

**MOTION:** The Venice NC approves up to \$700 from Outreach to prepare and take stakeholder survey for the Venice NC as per attached budget. The final survey questions shall be approved by the Board at a future meeting.

### **Uploaded Documents:**

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*Recommended by Budget and Finance Committee 5-0-0 on 11/02/18*

*Recommended by Outreach Committee 4-0-0 on 11/02/18*

## **7F Approval of Funding for New Years' Event**

**MOTION:** The Venice NC approves up to \$3,500 from Outreach to hold a Meet Your Neighbors event as per attached budget.

### **Uploaded Documents:**

<https://drive.google.com/file/d/0B8IM2U0uPEPPMFA5LXIHSWljVGIvdjBIVFRaU1RwTFFJTEpj/view?usp=sharing>

*Recommended by Budget and Finance Committee 5-0-0 on 11/02/18*

*Recommended by Outreach Committee 4-0-0 on 11/02/18*

MM, GF  
Unanimous

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



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## 9. **General Consent Calendar (PM -- 5 minutes)**

*[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.]*

**GF, MM Unanimous**

## 10. **LUPC (PM – minutes)** (Matthew Royce on behalf of LUPC, [Chair-lupc@VeniceNC.org](mailto:Chair-lupc@VeniceNC.org)) (see project files for more detailed info at <http://www.venicenc.org/land-use-committee.php>)

### 10A **2308 Pisani Place**

Case: DIR-2015-3883-CDP-SPP-MEL

Applicant: Steve Meepos

LUPC Staff: Tim Bonefeld

Representative: Breakform Design

Description: DEMOLITION OF 6 LEGAL UNITS (THREE DUPLEXES) AND THE CONSTRUCTION OF A THREE-STORY MULTI-FAMILY RESIDENTIAL STRUCTURE (6 CONDOMINIUM UNITS)

**MOTION:** The VNC Board recommends approval of this project if the agreement with the tenants can be modified to include a long term affordability deed restriction and sliding scale for resale value.

*Recommended by LUPC 4-2-1 BS, RD Recused*

**POSTPONED BY APPLICANT til December**

### 10B **Required in-depth feasibility study for Bridge Housing in CD11 (10 minute presentation, 30 minutes on item overall)**

**MOTION:** The VNC Board recommends the City of Los Angeles complete and publish an in-depth feasibility study for Bridge Housing in CD11 prior to making a final decision. The City shall make clear its evaluation methodology and the study shall include a comparison of the former Venice MTA bus yard with alternate sites within CD 11 including but not limited to:

1. West LA Municipal Center
2. Westchester Municipal Center
3. Daniel Freeman Hospital
4. LAPD Ahmanson Recruit Training Center
5. Various small scale interface stations within each neighborhood of CD11 focused on the specific needs of each

*Recommended by LUPC 5-1-0*

### 10C **720 Rose Ave 1 hour**

Case: CPC-2018-2140-CU-DB-CDP-SPP-MEL

Applicant: Venice Community Housing



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LUPC Staff: Tim Bonefeld

Representative: Johnathan Lonner

Description: New mixed-use 35 Unit Permanent Supportive Housing and offices

MOTION: The VNC Board recommends approval of this project if the parking covenant for the Whole Foods parking lot can be legally validated.

*Recommended by LUPC 7-2-0*

NOTE: This motion had been postponed from the September VNC Board meeting.

[Insert link to document addendums](#)

11. **Old Business (PM - 0 minutes)** See attached addendums at <http://www.venicenc.org/minutes-and-agendas.php>  
*[Discussion and possible action]*

12. **New Business (PM – minutes)**  
*[Discussion and possible action]*

12A **Creation of Ad Hoc Education Committee** (Ira Koslow, President)

**MOTION:** The VNC Board creates an Ad Hoc Education Committee with the following Mission Statement as approved by the Administrative Committee:

The mission of the Ad Hoc Education Committee is to empower Venice stakeholders and students with educational resources for personal and professional development.

NOTE: If this motion is approved, the President shall appoint a committee chair.

MM, GF

Unanimous

12B **Lot 761 Bike Corral Install People Street Program** (James Murez, [james.murez@venicenc.org](mailto:james.murez@venicenc.org))

**MOTION:** The Venice Neighborhood Council recommends to LADOT and the CD11 Council Office, the installation of 2 or more bike corrals under the LADOT People Street program in Lot 761 and work with the owner of Great White, Sam Trude (the applicant). to determine placement of the corrals.

Attachment:

<https://drive.google.com/file/d/0B8IM2U0uPEPPRzctRFFoMUg2V1ROaGctV1FjTDNmaWRacDRB/view?usp=sharing>

MM, GF to consent

12C 8. Item for Discussion and Possible Action – Motion. Affordable Housing Accountability. PASSED 7-0-1. (SO, JW; RM, NHC, BB, DD, NC//GF) a. The Neighborhood Committee proposes that the VNC Board write a letter to Councilman Bonin, Supervisor Sheila Kuehl, the LAHSA, CDLA and the LA Dept of Planning, requesting a full and accurate accounting of the amount and location of ALL units of “affordable” housing including but NOT LIMITED TO all forms of covenanted, rent controlled, Section 8, Permanent Supportive, and





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all other types of housing generally referred to as “affordable” located within the boundaries of the Venice Neighborhood Council’s borders AND within a mile of those borders.

to consent

## 12D Resolution Calling for the City’s Street Tree Division to Replace Concrete Tree Well Covers in Venice with Decomposed Granite

Whereas, an extensive street tree planting campaign was undertaken in Venice with funding from CalTrans by the Venice Action Committee under the leadership of Jim Murez approximately 30 years ago; and

Whereas, several thousand trees were planted; and

Whereas, the City of Los Angeles required that concrete tree well covers be placed around the base of all of the trees to avoid the collection of trash and to present a surface level with the adjoining sidewalk; and

Whereas, the trees long ago outgrew the covers and are constricted in their growth by the covers, which are strangling the trees; and

Whereas, licensed landscape architects have advised that the “best practice” in this instance is to immediately remove the concrete covers and fill in the tree wells with decomposed granite,

Now, therefore be it resolved, the Venice Neighborhood Council calls upon the City of Los Angeles’ Street Tree Division to immediately remove all the concrete tree well covers installed by the Venice Action Committee and to replace them with decomposed granite.

Submitted by Mark Ryavec, President, Venice Stakeholders Association, and Urban Forester, TreePeople

To consent

12E Jim Murez 5 minutes committee report on work being done under presentations.

MM, MD

Unanimous

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

14. **Adjourn (approx. PM)**

**List of Venice Neighborhood Council Committees & Chairs – Volunteers Welcome**



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

## **Ad Hoc Committees**

Homeless - no current chair  
Venice Cityhood - Nick Antonicello  
Discussion Forum - Joe Murphy  
2019 Election - Ivan Spiegel

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