



# Venice Neighborhood Council

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

**Monday, December 10, 2018 at 7:00PM**

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

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

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## 1. Call to Order and Roll Call

**Present: IR, RD, GF, HH, AN MD**

**Not present: MM, JB**

## 2. Approval of the Administrative Committee Agenda

**GF, HH**

## 3. Approval of outstanding Administrative Committee minutes

**GF, HH**

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

### **MOTION**

**JR, HH**

**Board meeting on the 22nd  
Deadline 8th  
Adcom regular day**

**HH, GF,**

**FAVOR; IR, RD, GF, HH, AN  
OPPOSED 1**

## 5. Old Administrative Committee Business

Nomination period for vacant Board seats closes.

**7 applications. Jon to send in to post.**

## 6. New Administrative Committee Business

### **6A Consideration and approval of December 18, 2018 Draft Board Agenda**

## 7. Adjourn

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

Westminster Elementary School (Auditorium)

1010 Abbot Kinney Blvd, Venice, 90291

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

1. **Call to Order and Roll Call (7:00 PM) In memory of Sarah Dennison**
  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)**
- HH, GF**
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.*

### 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))

GF, JR

Yolanda submitted request put on agenda if recieved.

Unanimous

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

- President -Ira Koslow ([President@VeniceNC.org](mailto:President@VeniceNC.org))

Meeting date

- Vice President - George Francisco ([Vice President@VeniceNC.org](mailto:Vice President@VeniceNC.org))



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- 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), 310 740-6718) (10 minutes)  
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).

**GF, JR**  
**Unanimous**

**6G Vote to select board members**  
Send links to ethics, financial and code of ethics

**MD, JR**

- 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 Monthly Expenditure Report**  
**MOTION:** The Venice NC approves the Monthly Expenditure Report for October 2018.  
**Uploaded Documents:** [Download 1543974495.pdf](#)  
*Recommended by Budget and Finance Committee 5-0-0 on 12/04/18*
- 7B Approval Expenditure to Date Report**  
**MOTION:** The Venice NC approves the Expenditure to Date Report for October 2018.  
**Uploaded Documents:** [Download 1543974570.pdf](#)  
*Recommended by Budget and Finance Committee 5-0-0 on 12/04/18*
- 7C Approval Funding of Stakeholder Survey**  
**MOTION:** The Venice NC approves \$600 for a stakeholder survey.  
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*Recommended by Budget and Finance Committee 5-0-0 on 12/04/18*



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## 7D Approval Funding for an Elections Facilitator

**MOTION:** The Venice NC approves up to \$3000 for a personal services contract for an election facilitator.

*Recommended by Budget and Finance Committee 2-1-2 on 12/04/18*

**Attachment:**

<https://docs.google.com/document/d/1ljkGyOZS1MxaFK6ruv5mvLv5CgCnZSiZW9TDoAX3Cs/edit?usp=sharing>

## 7E Approval Personal Services Contract

**MOTION:** The Venice NC approves a personal services contract with Michael Lynn to perform services as an election facilitator for the Venice NC 2019 election.

*Recommended by Budget and Finance Committee 4-0-1 on 12/04/18*

HH, 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]*

## 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.]*

## 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*

## 10B 533-537 Grand Blvd (8:59PM -- 20 minutes)

Case: DIR-2017-3983-CDP-MEL, DIR-2017-3988-CDP-MEL



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Applicant: 533 Grand LLC  
LUPC Staff: Ramsey Daham  
Representative: Brett Engstrom - Engstrom Planning  
Description: 2 New Single Family Homes  
**MOTION:** The VNC Board recommends approval of the project as presented  
*Recommended by LUPC 5-1-1*

**GF, JR**  
**GF, JR**  
**Unanimous**

**10C 237 E Linnie Canal**  
Case: DIR-2018-3915-CDP-SPP-MEL  
Applicant: Christian Salceda  
LUPC Staff: Michael Jensen  
Representative: Austin Peters  
Description: New Single Family Dwelling  
**MOTION:** The VNC Board recommends approval of the project as presented  
*Recommended by LUPC 8-0-0*

**GF, JR**  
**Unanimous to consent**

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

**11A Reconsideration of Item 10C from Nov Board meeting (720 Rose Ave)** (Ilana Marosi, [ilana.marosi@venicenc.org](mailto:ilana.marosi@venicenc.org)) **15-1 hour**  
**MOTION:** The VNC Board shall reconsider Item 10c from the November 2018 VNC Board meeting:  
**720 Rose Ave**  
Case: CPC-2018-2140-CU-DB-CDP-SPP-MEL  
Applicant: Venice Community Housing  
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*  
*Approved by the VNC Board 9-4-1 on November 20, 2018*  
IN FAVOR: Hugh Harrison, Justin Brezhnev, Sunny Bak, Brad Aarons, Cindy Chambers, Alex Neiman, Ilana Marosi, Holly Stenson, Michelle Meepos,  
OPPOSED: George Francisco, Melissa Diner, Evan White, James Murez,





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ABSTAIN: Ira Koslow

Addendums:

<https://drive.google.com/file/d/0B8IM2U0uPEPPRGNKc0I1N0FvaGE4OEFybnR0bkhkdkltMEVJ/view?usp=sharing>

PARLIAMENTARIAN'S NOTE: The process for Reconsideration is as follows:

1. The Motion to Reconsider must be made at the very next meeting.
2. It must be made by a Board member who voted on the prevailing side when the motion was originally presented. Any Board member may second it.
3. There must have been no previous action taken (such as sending a letter).
4. The Motion to Reconsider requires a  $\frac{2}{3}$  vote of the members present and voting to be approved.
5. If the reconsideration is approved, the original motion will be immediately placed on the agenda and taken up by the Board. It now becomes like any other Main Motion and action can be taken by a majority vote of the Board.

GF, MD  
Unanimous

IF reconsidered 15 minutes for applicant to speak

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

12A **Traffic Officer Requested at intersection of Rose and Pacific (James Murez on behalf of the Parking and Transportation Committee)** (James Murez on behalf of the Parking and Transportation Committee) ( [james.murez@venicenc.org](mailto:james.murez@venicenc.org)) **20 minutes**

**MOTION:** Whereas: motorists regularly exceed the speed limit on Pacific Ave and frequently do not yield for the red light at the intersection of Rose and Pacific

The VNC requests that LAPD provide a traffic officer at or near the intersection of Rose Ave. and Pacific Ave. between the hours of 10:00 and 16:00 to enforce traffic laws.

*Recommended by Parking and Transportation Committee 3-0-0 on 12-3-2018*

12B **Widen the street width of Pacific Ave between North and South Venice Blvd.** (James Murez on behalf of the Parking and Transportation Committee) ( [james.murez@venicenc.org](mailto:james.murez@venicenc.org))

**MOTION:** Whereas: Traffic on North Venice Blvd (west bound) on holidays and throughout the summer months backs up as far east as Abbot Kinney and W

Whereas; during congestion times Venice Blvd contributes to grid lock at Pacific Ave., and

Whereas: electronic traffic signage could restrict traffic once beach lots at the end of Venice Blvd fill up to divert cars to utilize the U-turn, and



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Whereas Venice Blvd south (east bound) does not typically have any congestion problems during holiday or summer peak periods. See attached drawings  
Therefore the VNC Board shall send a letter to LADOT recommending the widening of the street width of Pacific Ave between North and South Venice Blvd. for the purpose of creating a dedicated U-turn lane.

*Recommended by Parking and Transportation Committee 3-0-0 on 12-3-2018*

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**12C Proposal to construct a parking structure on the Venice Blvd median (James Murez on behalf of the Parking and Transportation Committee)** (James Murez on behalf of the Parking and Transportation Committee) ([james.murez@venicenc.org](mailto:james.murez@venicenc.org))

**MOTION:** The VNC Board shall send a letter to LADOT recommending a proposal to construct a 43,000 SF per floor parking structure on Venice Blvd median parking lot 731 between Dell Av. and historic bridge at the Grand Canal. (see drawing) The proposed structure would be limited in height to 25 feet. The City should consider both a conventional ramp configuration and fully automated solution. Estimated capacity 600 standard cars. Outdoor area to east of structure for over height cars and ingress and egress from Dell. West of structure converted to pedestrian open space to accent the Grand Camel and boat launch area.

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*Recommended by Parking and Transportation Committee 3-0-0 on 12-3-2018*

**12D Parking requirement for MTA Bus Yard** (James Murez on behalf of the Parking and Transportation Committee) ([james.murez@venicenc.org](mailto:james.murez@venicenc.org))

**MOTION:** Whereas the City is conducting an on street and off street inventory of all parking as part of the updated Land Use Plan (LUP) and Community plan, and  
Whereas the City has identified a shortage of parking due to historic buildings that were constructed prior to LAMC having a parking requirement; and  
Whereas additional parking under this request shall be considered in addition to all LUP required spaces including BIZ parking requirements, and  
Whereas parking lot rates shall not exceed County beach daily or monthly rates, and  
Whereas said lot shall be subterranean.

The VNC shall send a letter to the LA Department of Planning and the California Coastal Commission recommending that any permanent development at the MTA Bus Yard (100 Sunset Av.) be conditioned to provide a public parking lot with a minimum stall count to offset the defense of parking as defined in the LA City parking inventory for North Venice and Oakwood subareas of the LUP.

*Recommended by Parking and Transportation Committee 3-0-0 on 12-3-2018*

**12E Affordable Housing Parking Standards** (James Murez on behalf of the Parking and Transportation Committee) ([james.murez@venicenc.org](mailto:james.murez@venicenc.org))

**MOTION:** Whereas Venice suffers from a lack of visitor serving public parking; and  
Whereas the City has documented many people are living in their vehicles on the streets of Venice;  
and



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Whereas the LA Homeless Services Authority (LAHSA) has documented the people living on the streets in their vehicles qualify for affordable housing assistance, and  
Whereas affordable housing residents living in a beach community such as Venice have visitors that need parking

Therefore the VNC Board shall send a letter to LA City Planning, LAHSA and the California Coastal Commission recommending the requirement that all affordable housing projects be held to the existing parking standards as described in the City prepared, State Coastal Commission Certified, Land Use Plan.

*Recommended by Parking and Transportation Committee 3-0-0 on 12-3-2018*

**12F Traffic Lights at Pacific at Venice Blvd and Pacific Avenue** (James Murez on behalf of the Parking and Transportation Committee) ([james.murez@venicenc.org](mailto:james.murez@venicenc.org))

**MOTION:** VNC to request LADOT reconfigure existing traffic light timing at the intersections on No and So Venice Blvd and Pacific Ave to allow six way pedestrian crossing (AKA scramble) and paint the street with diagonal crossing lines. Examples available on request

*Recommended by Parking and Transportation Committee 3-0-0 on 12-3-2018*

GF, JR All new business  
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

<p style="text-align: center;"><b><u>Standing Committees</u></b></p> <p>Administrative - Ira Koslow  Neighborhood - George Francisco  Outreach - Hollie Stenson  Land Use and Planning - Matthew Royce  Budget &amp; Finance - Hugh Harrison  Rules &amp; Selections - John Reed  Arts - Sunny Bak  Ocean Front Walk - Colleen Saro</p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><b><u>Ad Hoc Committees</u></b></p> <p>Discussion Forum - Joe Murphy  Education - Justin Brezhnev  2019 Election - Ivan Spiegel</p>
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