



Venice Neighborhood Council

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Joint VNC Board & Administrative Committee Virtual Meeting Agenda Monday, July 13, 2020, 7pm via Zoom

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When: Jul 13, 2020 07:00 PM Pacific Time (US and Canada)

Topic: VNC Administrative Committee Webinar, Monday, July 13, 2020, 7:00 p.m.

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1. Call to Order and Roll Call
 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. **Rename The Homeless Committee** (Lisa Redmond, lisaredmond@gmail.com)

MOTION: Whereas, the word “homeless” comes with an armful of derogatory connotations, negative stereotypes, assumptions, and accusations, and Whereas, homelessness is a complicated subject and labeling someone as “homeless” can hurt more than it helps the situation, and Whereas, the use of the term “Unhoused” instead has a profound personal impact upon those in insecure housing situations, and implies that there is a moral and social assumption that everyone should be housed in the first place, and Whereas, as a society we no longer label someone as “crippled” or “blind,” but instead use terms such as “person with a disability” and “person who is visually impaired,” so it applies that Unhoused individuals are not homeless but “people experiencing homelessness,” and Whereas, by describing someone as “experiencing homelessness” rather than simply “homeless,” you are describing something a person is going through rather than defining them by it, and Whereas, the Unhoused are a protected class of people, and Whereas, the Venice Neighborhood Council would never have a supported committee for other protected classes such as a “Black Committee” or “Mexican Committee,” and Whereas, the words we use to describe people powerfully affect our attitudes and assumptions about them, and Whereas, the social issue is homelessness and not the



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individual at fault, now, Therefore, be it resolved, that the Venice Neighborhood Council immediately changes the name of its "Homeless Committee" to the "Homelessness Committee."

6B Consideration and approval of July 21, 2020 Draft Board Agenda

7. Adjourn



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- 1 **Call to Order and Roll Call (7:00 PM)**
- 2 **Pledge Of Allegiance (7:01PM -- 1 minute)**
- 3 **Approval of the Agenda (PM – 1 minute)**
- 4 **Approval of the Minutes of the June 2020 VNC Board meeting.**
- 5A **Declaration of Ex Parte Communications or Conflicts-Of-Interest (PM -- 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**
- 6A **Previous Months Minutes have been emailed (7:15PM -1 minute)**
Ensure the prior months minutes have been sent to ALL emails outlined by each motion writer from the previous month's motions.
- 6B **Previous Months Letters (7:16PM -1 minute)**
Ensure all letters have been sent for each item from the previous month and if NOT announce what letters are still outstanding and what information is needed in order to have them sent out.
- 6C **Live Stream of Meetings (PM -- 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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- 6D **Spanish Translation Available** (Esteban Pulido, pulido.esteban@gmail.com)
Spanish Interpretation services and agendas are available with advance notice.
- 6E **Public Safety - LAPD & LAFD Report (10 minutes):** Public Safety - LAPD & LAFD Report (10 minutes): Senior Lead Officers Monique Contreras (38228@lapd.online), SLO Adrian Acosta - (39174@lapd.online) SLO Javier Ramirez (39174@lapd.online), SLO Karwon Villery (38717@lapd.online) Venice Beach Task Force - SGT Theresa Skinner (31142@lapd.online). *Includes a monthly Venice crime report and updates on law enforcement issues in Venice.*
- 6F **Government Reports (15 minutes)** (Representatives have standing place on the agenda, but are not always available to attend)
 - City Councilmember Mike Bonin
Field Deputy, Nisa Kove nisa.kove@lacity.org
Bridge Housing Deputy
Congressman Ted Lieu, Representative Janet Turner, 310-496-9896
(j.anet.turner@mail.house.gov)
 - State Senator Ben Allen, Representative Liliana Pond (liliana.pond@sen.ca.gov)



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

6G VNC Announcements and Reports (5 minutes)

- President -Ira Koslow (President@VeniceNC.org)
Open nominations for vacant Communications Officer seat. Applications available on VNC website homepage. Must be submitted no later than August 10th Adcom meeting
Bylaws approved by DONE and now in effect
- Westside Regional Alliance of Councils- Ira Koslow, VNC Representative (Chair@westsidecouncils.org),
- Los Angeles Neighborhood Council Coalition (LANCC) Ivan Spiegel (Parliamentarian@VeniceNC.org)
- VNC Representative to DWP/Gas Company: Yolanda Gonzales
- Budget Advocates - Hugh Harrison, Treasurer
- Outreach Announcements - Sima Kostovetsky

6H Board Member Announcements on subject matters within the VNC jurisdiction- One (1) minute per Board member (5 minutes)

6I Multi-Layer Bus Route Map

Presentation of current and proposed Venice bus routes as interactive map. (Map to be publicly available to continue open discussion and possible revisions at August PTC meeting before final presentation to Board in August). (5-0-0)

- 7 Treasurer's Report (10 minutes)** (Hugh Harrison on behalf of Budget & Finance Committee) (Treasurer@VeniceNC.org)
*See attached addendums at <http://www.venicenc.org/minutes-and-agendas.php>
[Discussion and possible action]*

7A. Approval of Monthly Expenditure and Expenditure to Date Reports for May 2020

MOTION: The Venice NC approves the Monthly Expenditure Report for May 2020.

Recommended by Budget & Finance Committee on 7-7-20 4-0-0

Uploaded Documents: [Download 01594158830.pdf](#)

- 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.]

0 **LUPC (PM – minutes)** (Alix Gucovsky on behalf of LUPC, Chair-lupc@VeniceNC.org) (see project files for more detailed info at <http://www.venicenc.org/land-use-committee.php>)

1 **Old Business (PM - 0 minutes)** *[Discussion and possible action]*

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

12A **Regulation of Electric Transportation Devices (ETDs) on OFW** (jim.rob@venicenc.org)

MOTION: Whereas there has been a huge surge in private non-geofenced ETD rentals on OFW and Whereas LADOT has still not installed signage communicating the illegality of these devices on OFW and Whereas the safety of our residents and visitors is of the utmost importance, The Venice Neighborhood Council recommends timely installation of the aforementioned signage, including the \$197.00 fine amount, along OFW with notifications sent to both CD11 and LADOT.

Recommended by Ocean Front Walk Committee on 6-24-2020 8-0-0

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12B. **Creation of a Farmers Market on Windward Ave/Windward Plaza** (Melissa Diner sec@venicenc.org)

MOTION:The Venice Neighborhood Council supports the creation of a farmers market on Windward Ave. or Windward Plaza.

Recommended by Ocean Front Walk Committee on 6-24-2020 7-0-1

Uploaded Documents: [Download 01594149240.pdf](#)

12C. **Community Impact Statement in opposition to Reduced Funding of the Los Angeles Police Department** (Mark Ryavec (mark.ryavec@venicenc.org))

MOTION: Be it resolved, that the Venice Neighborhood Council shall submit a CIS in opposition to Council File 20-0692 which calls upon the Mayor and City Council to hold funding for the Los Angeles Police Department at current levels for fiscal year 2021.

12D **Creation of Citywide Commission to Report on Current LAPD Tasks**

MOTION: The Venice Neighborhood Council calls upon the Mayor and City Council to quickly establish a citywide commission of law enforcement officials, criminal justice experts, prosecutors, mental health and medical experts, domestic violence counselors, homelessness experts, and representatives of at least one-third of the city's Neighborhood Councils and Community Councils, to investigate and report to the Mayor and City Council on tasks now undertaken by the LAPD which may appropriately be outsourced or given to civilian city employees, said recommendations to be available



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for consideration by the City Administrative Officer before submission of the Mayor's 2021 budget. Upon Approval this Motion shall be forwarded to Los Angeles Mayor Eric Garcetti at mayor.garcetti@lacity.org, Councilman Mike Bonin at councilmember.bonin@lacity.org, and the Los Angeles City Clerk at CityClerk@lacity.org

Attachment

12E. Resolution of No Confidence in the Los Angeles City Planning Commission (Mark Ryavec (mark.ryavec@venicenc.org))

MOTION: The Venice Neighborhood Council declares it has no confidence in the LACPC's ability to execute its planning and land-use responsibilities in a fair and unbiased manner. Upon Approval this Motion shall be forwarded to the Los Angeles City Planning Commission at cpc@lacity.org, Mayor Eric Garcetti at mayor.garcetti@lacity.org, Councilman Mike Bonin at councilmember.bonin@lacity.org, Councilman Marqueece Harris-Dawson at Councilmember.Harris-Dawson@lacity.org, and leyla.campos@lacity.org and it shall be forwarded to the Los Angeles City Clerk as a Community Impact Statement to be attached to CPC-2019-6069-CU-DB-CDP-CDOSP-MEL-WDI (and any successor council file) at CityClerk@lacity.org.

Attachment

3 Adjourn (approx. PM)

List of Venice Neighborhood Council Committees & Chairs – Volunteers Welcome

<u>Standing Committees</u>	<u>Ad Hoc Committees</u>
Administrative - Ira Koslow	Parking & Transportation - James Murez
Neighborhood - George Francisco	Resiliency - Keith Harrison
Outreach - Sima Kostovetsky	Discussion Forum - Joe Murphy
Land Use and Planning - Alix Gucovsky	Venice Dog Park - Jamie Paige, James Murez
Budget & Finance - Hugh Harrison	Verdant Venice - Isabell Duvivier, Noel Johnson
Rules & Selections - John Reed	Homeless - Charles Rials, Frank Murphy
Arts - Bruno Hernandez	
Ocean Front Walk - Jim Robb	

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SUBMISSIONS REFERRED TO COMMITTEES

1. Resurface California Avenue

Submitted by Nick Antonicello on 2020-07-06

Committee Referred To: Parking and Transportation Committee

Agenda Motion Request: WHEREAS, California Avenue runs both east and west from Lincoln Boulevard to Abbot Kinney, and WHEREAS, California Avenue is in dire need of resurfacing and another in a long line of streets that demand paving and resurfacing, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Venice Neighborhood Council request that California Avenue between Lincoln due east and Abbot Kinney due west be paved to alleviate the potholes and crushed surface that currently exists and that a letter be sent to CD-11 for their support and endorsement.

2. Cleanup and Resurfacing of Oceanfront Walk

Submitted by Nick Antonicello on 2020-06-29

Committee Referred To: OFW

Agenda Motion Request: WHEREAS, the current conditions of the Venice Boardwalk also known as Oceanfront Walk is in dire need of renovation and repaving, and WHEREAS, the Venice Boardwalk has not



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been repaved, power washed or renovated since the Spring of 2000, some twenty years ago, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Venice Neighborhood Council endorse the repaving and resurfacing of the area known as Oceanfront Walk from the Venice Fishing Pier south and the Santa Monica border due north and that a letter be sent urging immediate construction and renovation to Council Office #11 and the Office of Mayor Eric Garcetti for their approval of said funding.

3. Monthly Scooter Status Report

Submitted by Nick Antonicello on 2020-06-29

Committee Submitted To: Parking & Transportation

Agenda Motion Request: WHEREAS, the neighborhood of Venice has upwards to 30,000 electric scooters within it's boundaries according to LA DOT, and WHEREAS, the volume of scooters is unregulated and generally unknown by the residents of Venice, and WHEREAS, this information is not proprietary and should be known to government entities like the Venice Neighborhood Council and the appropriate sub-committees of the same, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that a letter be sent to District Council Office #11 as well as Los Angeles Department of Transportation and that a monthly report as to the number of electric scooters be reported at the monthly general meetings of the VNC by a representative of CD-11 and that this information be included in the website (www.venicenc.org) for improved transparency purposes and thus promote better regulation of these devices by the neighborhood of Venice moving forward.

4. Timely Execution of VNC Correspondence to the Appropriate Parties

Submitted by Nick Antonicello on 2020-07-08

Committee Referred To: Rules + Selections

Agenda Motion Request: WHEREAS, the Venice Neighborhood Council (VNC) passes numerous resolution(s) and motions to lobby and influence public policy while expressing the opinions and issues important to Venice Stakeholders, and WHEREAS, these resolutions/motions are a reflection of the sentiments of the Venice Community and need to be sent to the appropriate public officials, agencies and other parties to ensure our collective voices be heard, and WHEREAS, the effectiveness and influence of these passed resolutions/motions become diminished over time when the information is not distributed in a timely fashion to the appropriate policymakers, and WHEREAS, the Venice Neighborhood Council's most important tool and influence is to express it's opinions in its advisory capacity to these policymakers at the local, county, state and federal levels, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Venice Neighborhood Council (VNC) upon passage of any motion or resolution that requires distribution to other governmental agencies, public officials and alike be executed and sent before the next General Meeting of this body (VNC) and that a copy of these letters and correspondence be made available as a viewable document to any interested stakeholder.

5. Speed Bumps

Submitted By Lisa Redmond on 2020-07-05



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Committee Referred To: Parking and Transportation

Agenda Motion Request: Whereas, 3rd Street between Rose Avenue and Sunset Avenue is a large dwelling site of unhoused stakeholders in Venice, and Whereas, 3rd Street commonly has pedestrians wandering in the traffic lanes including both community stakeholders and visitors to Venice, and Whereas, there are no stop signs at both the intersections of Rose/3rd and Sunset/3rd to slow traffic thus allowing motorized vehicles to blindly accelerate with higher speeds into turns onto this particular street block, and Whereas, there are no open business fronts, merchants or resident structures yet consistent high traffic of motorized vehicles for this particular street block, and Whereas, motorized vehicles, including oversized heavy and slow-to-stop vehicles such as delivery and garbage collection trucks, more often than not use this particular street block to unnecessarily speed, and Whereas, these stated circumstances for this particular street block are a perfect recipe for a future pedestrian loss of life, now Therefore, be it resolved, that the Venice Neighborhood Council send a letter to the Department of Street Services Division recommending the installation of speed bumps for this particular high traffic street block to maintain a safe environment year round for community stakeholders and visitors to Venice alike. Send to: CD11 Venice Councilman Mike Bonin (mike.bonin@lacity.org), CD11 Venice Field Deputy Nisa Kove (nisa.kove@lacity.org), CD11 Mobility Deputy Alek Bartrosouf (alek.bartrosouf@lacity.org), Los Angeles Department of Transportation General Manager Seleta Reynolds (seleta.reynolds@lacity.org)

6. Request for Updated Homeless Information

Submitted By Nick Antonicello on 2020-06-29

Committee Referred To: Homeless

Agenda Motion Request: WHEREAS, there has been a spike in the homeless population of 14% year over calendar year, and WHEREAS, the data provided by the Los Angeles Homeless Services Authority (LAHSA) regarding the 2020 homeless count is unreliable and in all cases inaccurate given the COVID-19 crisis that broke out after this count, and WHEREAS, given the acute public interest in this issue as to the accuracy of the homeless in Venice, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Venice Neighborhood Council request from CD-11 the actual homeless counts here in Venice on a monthly basis and that this information be made available as part of the presentation made by the CD-11 representative at all future VNC meetings and that this information be posted at www.venicenc.org when reported and updated when new statistics are submitted by CD-11.

7. Covid-19 Cleanup of Oceanfront

Walk/Boardwalk Submitted by Nick Antonicello on

2020-06-29 Committee Referred To: Ocean Front

WalkCommittee

Agenda Motion Request: Whereas, Oceanfront Walk more commonly referred to as the \"Venice Boardwalk\" has become dirty, unsafe and in some ways uninhabitable and uninviting due to the closure of most retailers and park amenities in lieu of COVID-19 over the last four months, and Whereas, the maintenance of this tourist destination has become non-existent and a health hazard to tourists and residents alike, and Whereas,



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with the re-opening of the parking lots and other park offerings, the need for a comprehensive power washing and sanitizing is evident, Therefore be it resolved, that the Venice Neighborhood Council requests a comprehensive maintenance plan be implemented on a weekly basis that includes power washing and the sanitation of the rest rooms, benches, and other structures that are susceptible to the spread of COVID-19 through human transmission and that a letter requesting such action be sent to Los Angeles Parks & Recreation, Mayor Eric Garcetti and the 11th District Council Office of the City of Los Angeles.

8. Closure of Venice Beach Parking Lots

Submitted By Nick Antonicello on 2020-06-27

Committee Referred To: Parking and Transportation

Agenda Motion Request: WHEREAS, the State of California and specifically southern California has seen a continued spike in COVID-19 cases, and WHEREAS, California should not replicate the mistake of other states that re-opened too quickly and irresponsibly, and WHEREAS, the reopening of the Venice Beach parking lots will increase the overall visitation and potentially cause yet further increases of COVID-19 infections here in our neighborhood by over-populating the beaches for the summer months as we witnessed in Florida, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Venice Neighborhood Council endorse a policy of keeping the Venice Beach parking lots at the oceanfront closed for the remainder of 2020 and that a letter be sent to Mayor Eric Garcetti, Council Office #11 and to the entire Los Angeles County Board of Supervisors to ensure responsible beach visitation and avoid the lack of social distancing at the beach as well as the bike path and boardwalk

9. Timely Execution of VNC Correspondence to the Appropriate parties

Submitted by: Nicholas Antonicello

Referred to Rules and Selection Committee

Agenda Motion Request: WHEREAS, the Venice Neighborhood Council (VNC) passes numerous resolution(s) and motions to lobby and influence public policy while expressing the opinions and issues important to Venice Stakeholders, and WHEREAS, these resolutions/motions are a reflection of the sentiments of the Venice Community and need to be sent to the appropriate public officials, agencies and other parties to ensure our collective voices be heard, and WHEREAS, the effectiveness and influence of these passed resolutions/motions become diminished over time when the information is not distributed in a timely fashion to the appropriate policymakers, and WHEREAS, the Venice Neighborhood Council's most important tool and influence is to express its opinions in its advisory capacity to these policymakers at the local, county, state and federal levels, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Venice Neighborhood Council (VNC) upon passage of any motion or resolution that requires distribution to other governmental agencies, public officials and alike be executed and sent before the next General Meeting of this body (VNC) and that a copy of these letters and correspondence be made available as a viewable document to any interested stakeholder.

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