



Venice Neighborhood Council

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Board of Officers Meeting Agenda

Westminster Elementary School (Auditorium)

1010 Abbot Kinney Blvd, Venice, 90291

Tuesday, December 15th, 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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DISABILITY POLICY: See last page.

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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.

PRESENT: Marc Saltzberg, Kristopher Valentine, Hugh Harrison, Jed Pauker, Sylvia Aroth, Mike Bravo, Melissa Diner, George Francisco, George Gineris, Ira Koslow, Eduardo Manilla, Joe Murphy, Abigail Myers, Kelley Willis, Bud Jacobs, Robin Rudisill,

ABSENT: Mike Newhouse, Erin Darling, Matt Kline, Max Sloan, Tommy Walker,

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/2012/12/151117BoardMinutes.pdf>

ACTION: Minutes approved (IK/JP 15-0-1).

IN FAVOR: Kristopher Valentine, Hugh Harrison, Robin Rudisill, Jed Pauker, Sylvia Aroth, Mike Bravo, Melissa Diner, George Francisco, George Gineris, Ira Koslow, Eduardo Manilla, Joe Murphy, Abigail Myers, Kelley Willis, Bud Jacobs,

AGAINST: NONE

ABSTAIN: Marc Saltzberg

4. **Approval of the Board Agenda (7:03PM – 1 minute)**

ACTION: Amendment to postpone 12C, 12D, and 13A. 12B will be 13F. Agenda approved as amended. (MD/KW 15-0-1)



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IN FAVOR: Kristopher Valentine, Hugh Harrison, Robin Rudisill, Jed Pauker, Sylvia Aroth, Mike Bravo, Melissa Diner, George Francisco, George Gineris, Ira Koslow, Eduardo Manilla, Joe Murphy, Abigail Myers, Kelley Willis, Bud Jacobs,

AGAINST: NONE

ABSTAIN: Marc Saltzberg

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.

Eduardo Manilla, Melissa Dinner, Ira Koslow – Spoke to applicant for 601 OFW. Ira recused due to distance.

Melissa Dinner spoke to sunscreen advocate.

6. Scheduled Announcements and Presentations (7:05PM – 45 minutes)

A Intro of Ocean Front Walk Park Supervisor: Rob Davis (10 minutes)

Not present.

B 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.

Not present.

C Government Reports (15 minutes) (Representatives have standing place on the agenda, but are not always available to attend)

- City Councilmember Mike Bonin, Field Deputy, Jesus “Chuy” D. Orozco, 310-568-8772 (jesus.d.orozco@lacity.org) **Donations for Westside Winter Shelter still needed. Pick-up to shelter is at OFW/Market. Bonin introduced 7 motions re: traffic.**
- 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) **Not present.**
- State Assemblyperson Autumn Burke, Rep Odysseus Bostick, 310-412-6400 (odysseus.bostick@asm.ca.gov) **Not present.**
- LA County Supervisor Sheila Kuehl Westside Field Deputy Rachel Zaiden, 213-974-3333 (rzaiden@bos.lacounty.gov) **Not present.**
- Mayor Eric Garcetti, Westside Deputy, Daniel Tamm, 213-978-0836 (Daniel.Tamm@Lacity.org) **Not present.**
- Ejjah Cooper – Oakwood Rec Park Director, 310-452-7479 (ejjah.cooper@lacity.org) **Not present.**
- Commissioner Joel Jacinto - Board of Public Works; Rep Shelley Wong (shelley.wong@lacity.org) **Not present.**



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D 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
- **Jeff Zimmerman – Overseeing election for CD11.**

E Great Venice Toy Drive (3 Minutes) Mariana Aguilar (thegreatvenicetoydrive@gmail.com)

THE GREAT VENICE TOY DRIVE IS UNDERWAY! The VNC and Vera Davis McClendon Youth and Family Center are collecting new, unwrapped, non-violent toys through December 17, 2015 at the following locations: (1) Abbot’s Habit, 1401 Abbot Kinney Blvd.; (2) CaliSons, 2013 Ocean Front Walk; (3) HUZZAHI!, 2010 Lincoln Blvd.; (4) Le Cellier Wine Bar & Restaurant, 417 Washington Blvd.; (5) Oscar’s Cerveteca, 523 Rose Ave.; (6) Superba Food & Bread, 1900 Lincoln Blvd.; (7) the VNC booth at the Venice Farmers’ Market (Fridays from 7:30 a.m. to 10:30 a.m.), intersection of Venice Blvd. and Venice Way; (8) the VNC’s Board meeting on December 15, 2015, Westminster Elementary School, 1010 Abbot Kinney Blvd.; and (9) Councilman Bonin’s Westchester Office, 7166 W. Manchester Ave. (Make sure to look for the bin with the reindeer riding the bicycle!) Then, on Saturday December 19, 2015, the VNC and Vera Davis will give the toys away to kids at their annual free holiday festival at Oakwood Recreation Center from 10am-2pm. At the festival, children up to 16 years of age present with a parent or guardian will be able to select a toy. (First come, first served.) Santa will be available for photos. Kids will be able to engage in arts and crafts or play on a moon bounce or in the snow. There will be facepainting as well as a caricature artist and deejay. Food will be provided. Interested in helping, donating, sponsoring, sharing an idea, or having a collection bin at your company/place of employment? Contact thegreatvenicetoydrive@gmail.com.

7. **Treasurer’s Report (7:50PM - 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 Monthly Expenditure Reports for November 2015.

ACTION: Motion approved (HH/JP 15-0-1).

IN FAVOR: Kristopher Valentine, Hugh Harrison, Robin Rudisill, Jed Pauker, Sylvia Aroth, Mike Bravo, Melissa Diner, George Francisco, George Gineris, Ira Koslow, Eduardo Manilla, Joe Murphy, Abigail Myers, Kelley Willis, Bud Jacobs

AGAINST: NONE

ABSTAIN: Marc Saltzberg



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B Allocation of Additional \$5000 in Budget

MOTION: The VNC shall allocate the additional \$5000 in funding from the City of Los Angeles as follows:

1. \$2000 for Elections.
2. \$2000 for General Outreach.
3. \$1000 for Community Barbecue.

RECOMMENDED BY BUDGET COMMITTEE 3-0-1

ACTION: Motion approved (HH/IK 15-0-1).

IN FAVOR: Kristopher Valentine, Hugh Harrison, Robin Rudisill, Jed Pauker, Sylvia Aroth, Mike Bravo, Melissa Diner, George Francisco, George Gineris, Ira Koslow, Eduardo Manilla, Joe Murphy, Abigail Myers, Kelley Willis, Bud Jacobs

AGAINST: NONE

ABSTAIN: Marc Saltzberg

C Funding for Vera Davis Thanksgiving

MOTION: The VNC approves the additional expenditure of \$66.91 for the 2015 Vera Davis Thanksgiving turkey giveaway.

RECOMMENDED BY BUDGET COMMITTEE 4-0-0

ACTION: Motion approved (HH/IK 15-0-1).

IN FAVOR: Kristopher Valentine, Hugh Harrison, Robin Rudisill, Jed Pauker, Sylvia Aroth, Mike Bravo, Melissa Diner, George Francisco, George Gineris, Ira Koslow, Eduardo Manilla, Joe Murphy, Abigail Myers, Kelley Willis, Bud Jacobs,

AGAINST: NONE

ABSTAIN: Marc Saltzberg

D Allocation of Funds for Election Manager

MOTION: The VNC approves the allocation of \$2000 for a contract with EmpowerLA for the services of an Election Manager for the 2016 Board election.

RECOMMENDED BY BUDGET COMMITTEE 3-0-1

Public Comment: DeDe Audet

ACTION: Motion approved (IK/JP 13-1-2).

IN FAVOR: Kristopher Valentine, Hugh Harrison, Robin Rudisill, Sylvia Aroth, Melissa Diner, George Francisco, George Gineris, Ira Koslow, Eduardo Manilla, Joe Murphy, Abigail Myers, Kelley Willis, Bud Jacobs,

AGAINST: Mike Bravo

ABSTAIN: Marc Saltzberg, Jed Pauker

E Augment Toy Drive Budget

MOTION: The Venice Neighborhood Council shall allocate an additional \$1000 for the 2015 Toy Drive with unspent funds from the Art Fair.



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ACTION: Motion approved (HH//IK 15-0-1).

IN FAVOR: Kristopher Valentine, Hugh Harrison, Robin Rudisill, Jed Pauker, Sylvia Aroth, Mike Bravo, Melissa Diner, George Francisco, George Gineris, Ira Koslow, Eduardo Manilla, Joe Murphy, Abigail Myers, Kelley Willis, Bud Jacobs,

AGAINST: NONE

ABSTAIN: Marc Saltzberg

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.]

A Support for the Los Angeles Homeless Veterans Leasing Act of 2015 (Marc Saltzberg on behalf of WRAC vicepresident@venicenc.org)

MOTION: WHEREAS, Los Angeles County has the highest number of homeless Veterans in the nation. According to the most recent homeless count conducted by the Los Angeles Homeless Services Authority, there are 4,363 homeless Veterans in the county.

WHEREAS, in order to address this crisis, the U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) is currently implementing a Homeless Plan and developing a Master Plan which will serve as a roadmap for housing and programs at the West LA VA.

WHEREAS, the current best practices for housing homeless Veterans is to offer Permanent Supportive Housing with comprehensive services. There is strong evidence-based data confirming a high rate of success and stability using this Housing First model.

WHEREAS, the VA would like to build an appropriate number of Permanent Supportive Housing units on the West LA VA based on the needs of the most chronically homeless Veterans, including women, aging and disabled Veterans. Permanent Supportive Housing requires a vehicle called an Enhanced Use Lease. The West LA VA does not currently have Enhanced Use Leasing authority and therefore cannot build Permanent Supportive Housing.

WHEREAS, Senator Feinstein and Congressman Lieu have introduced companion bills known as the Los Angeles Homeless Veterans Leasing Acts of 2015. This Act gives the VA the authority to enter into Enhanced Use Leases for the sole purpose of providing supportive housing. The authority has a number of safeguards, including the prohibition against selling or disposing of the land for private development. There are also regular reporting requirements to Congress about the status and success of the supportive housing.

WHEREAS, we are pleased the VA is striving to transform the West LA VA into a Veteran-centric property and we support their efforts to use the property to serve our nation's Veterans.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, the Venice Neighborhood Council adopts a resolution in support of the Los Angeles Homeless Veterans Leasing Act of 2015 (S. 2013 and H.R. 3484)

~~**B Pagoda Beautification Light Shows (Melissa Diner on behalf of the Ocean Walk Front Committee**~~



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melissa.diner@venicenc.org

~~**MOTION:** The Venice Neighborhood Council supports light shows on all the Ocean Front Walk Pagodas every evening from 8-9pm weekdays and 9-10pm weekends in continuation of the Pagoda Beautification Project. Light will shine toward the beach.~~

~~RECOMMENDED BY OCEAN FRONT WALK COMMITTEE 6-0-2~~

~~**Pulled and postponed to January Meeting.**~~

~~**C** RFI proposals Westminster Senior Center and Dog Park USES FOR ALL and alternative site for exclusive homeless storage (Melissa Diner melissa.diner@venicenc.org)~~

~~**MOTION:** The Venice Neighborhood Council recommends that the Westminster Dog Park not be utilized exclusively for homeless storage as the RFI specifically states "provide community services and/or of a recreational nature," for ALL. (see RFI attached.)~~

~~**Pulled and postponed to January Meeting.**~~

D Evening "Art Walk, Crawl, Block," etc. event to activate Ocean Front Walk (Melissa Diner on behalf of the Ocean Walk Front Committee melissa.diner@venicenc.org)

MOTION: The Venice Neighborhood Council recommends that the Art walk, Art block, Venice Art Crawl and other interested art organizations consider collaborating on an evening event to activate Ocean Front Walk.

RECOMMENDED BY OCEAN FRONT WALK COMMITTEE 8-0-0

~~**E** Allow events on piers, sand & Ocean Front Walk (Melissa Diner on behalf of the Ocean Walk Front Committee melissa.diner@venicenc.org)~~

~~**MOTION:** The Venice Neighborhood Council recommends that the County of Los Angeles, the Dept. of Public Works and the City of Los Angeles allow event permits for all for all applicants, such as weddings and local concerts on Ocean Front Walk, the sand and the Washington and Rose Ave. Pier. They further encourage transparency in the permit process for all.~~

~~RECOMMENDED BY OCEAN FRONT WALK COMMITTEE 7-0-1~~

~~**Pulled and postponed to January Meeting.**~~

F Appoint community Liaison Board of Public Works (Melissa Diner melissa.diner@venicenc.org)

MOTION: The Venice Neighborhood Council will appoint a community liaison or group of community liaisons to the Board of Public Works.

ACTION: Consent calendar items A, D, and F approved (IK/KV 15-0-1).

IN FAVOR: Kristopher Valentine, Hugh Harrison, Robin Rudisill, Jed Pauker, Sylvia Aroth, Mike Bravo, Melissa Diner, George Francisco, George Gineris, Ira Koslow, Eduardo Manilla, Joe Murphy, Abigail Myers, Kelley Willis, Bud Jacobs,



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AGAINST: NONE

ABSTAIN: Marc Saltzberg

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 1317 Cabrillo Ave, North Venice Subarea

RD1.5-1-O, General Plan Land Use Plan designation: Multiple-Family Residential Low Medium II
DIR-2015-2856-VSO and DIR-2015-3491-CEX

<http://www.venicenc.org/1317-cabrillo-ave/>

Project Description: Add 21'-9" x 11'-6" to connect 2 1-story SFD's to create 3-story duplex. Add 22' x 60' 2nd floor including 3 bedrooms and 3 bathrooms.

Recommended by LUPC on 12-7-15 by a vote of 6-0-0 (RR/KR):

MOTION: Whereas, complete demo of original structure was done/they did not retain 50% or more of the exterior walls, as required for a Coastal Exemption, Therefore, the VNC Board recommends that the Coastal Exemption for this project be revoked and that the applicant be required to apply for a CDP.

B 2614 Grand View Ave, Southeast Venice Subarea

R2-1 zone, General Plan Land Use Plan designation: Multiple-Family Residential Low Medium I
ZA-2015-1138-CDP-ZAA and ENV-2015-1139-CE and DIR-2015-828-VSO

VCZSP Compliance: VSO (Note: there are 2 separate CEQA cases for this project and the 908 Harding Ave project, and not one MND for both CDP's due to the common ownership.)

<http://www.venicenc.org/2614-grand-view-ave/>

City Hearing took place on December 3, 2015

Project Description: Construction of a 30' tall, 2,676 sq ft duplex located on a 6,634 sq ft lot and a Zoning Administrator's Adjustment per LAMC Section 12.28 to permit a 4'-4" passageway between an entrance and a street in lieu of 10' as required by LAMC Section 12.21-C, 2(b), with 5 parking spaces—4 covered and 1 uncovered

Applicant: Laurence Tighe, for Berta Gehry

LUPC Staff: Mehrnoosh Mojallali

RECOMMENDED BY LUPC on 11-30-15 by a vote of 9-0-0 (MM/RD):

MOTION: The VNC Board recommends approval of the project as presented.

C 908 Harding Ave, Southeast Venice Subarea

R2-1 zone, General Plan Land Use Plan designation: Multiple-Family Residential Low Medium I



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ZA-2015-1240-CDP-F and ENV-2015-1241-EAF and DIR-2015-827-VSO

VCZSP Compliance: VSO

<http://www.venicenc.org/908-harding-ave/>

City Hearing took place on December 3, 2015

Project Description: Construction of a 30' tall, 2,669 sq ft SFD located on a 7,463 sq ft lot and a Zoning Administrator's Adjustment per LAMC Section 12.24-X, 7 to allow the construction and continued use of a wall, landscaping, and entry gates with a maximum height of 8', in lieu of the maximum 3'-6" in height otherwise permitted in the front yard by LAMC Section 12.21-C, 1(g).

Applicant: Laurence Tighe, for Berta Gehry

LUPC Staff: Mehrnoosh Mojallali

RECOMMENDED BY LUPC on 11-30-15 by a vote of 6-1-2 (RA/MK):

MOTION: The VNC Board recommends approval of the project as proposed, except that the front yard wall shall not be in excess of the allowable height of 42".

~~D — **330-330½-332-332½ Rennie Ave ("Rennie Row"), Oakwood Subarea**~~

~~RD1.5-1 zone, General Plan Land Use Plan designation: Multiple Family Residential Low-Medium II
ZA-2014-1264 CDP SPP MEL and VTT 72727-SL (Vesting Tentative Tract—5+ lots) and ENV-2014-1262-MND~~

~~VCZSP Compliance: SPP (DIR for SLS/VCZSP pre-October 2014)~~

~~<http://www.venicenc.org/330-332-rennie-ave/>~~

~~CITY HEARING NOT YET SCHEDULED~~

~~Project Description: Mello Act Determination, demo of 5 existing residential units in 4 buildings on two separate lots totaling 12,700 sq ft, Small Lot Subdivision to create 7 new record lots with 7 new individual SFD's (note: case filed on 4/10/14, accepted for review on 1/22/15)~~

~~Applicant: Brian Silveira~~

~~LUPC Staff: Robin Rudisill, Chair~~

~~RECOMMENDED BY LUPC on 12-7-15 by a vote of 5-0-0 (RR/MR):~~

~~**MOTION:** The VNC Board recommends approval of the project as presented, with the following additions to the Project Description:~~

- ~~1. Trees shown in renderings and plans will be transplanted mature trees of the approximate height shown;~~
- ~~2. There will be no roof access structures for the first, second and seventh units.~~
- ~~3. The project will include:

 - ~~● mature landscape of the approximate height shown on the south side yard;~~
 - ~~● community bike racks~~
 - ~~● a community garden~~
 - ~~● flowering landscape (birds of paradise)~~
 - ~~● use of front yard area of the building for a "pedestrian friendly," front porch-like open gathering area~~
 - ~~● other "neighborhood friendly features"~~~~

Pulled and postponed to January Meeting.



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E 4264 Lincoln Blvd (“Starbucks”), East of Lincoln

~~[Q] M2-1 CDO zone~~

~~ZA-2015-3966-CUB and ENV-2015-3967-CE~~

~~VCZSP Compliance: n/a as only for a CUB~~

~~<http://www.venicenc.org/4264-lincoln-blvd-starbucks/>~~

~~City Hearing took place on December 15, 2015~~

~~Project Description: CUB application for proposed evening program, which includes menu addition of beer & wine for on-site consumption, at its existing 1,608 sq ft coffee shop/restaurant/store at 4264 Lincoln Blvd, with 20 existing interior seats and existing hours of operation from 5 am to 9:30 pm on Monday – Saturday, and 5:30 am to 9:00 pm on Sunday, with “last call” ½ hour prior to closing and alcohol not sold prior to 12 noon~~

~~Applicant: Spencer Regnery, Glassman Planning Associates, Inc., for Coffee House Holdings, Inc.~~

~~LUPC Staff: Mehrnoosh Mojalalli~~

~~RECOMMENDED BY LUPC on 12-7-15 by a vote of 6-0-0 (KR/MR):~~

~~**MOTION:** The VNC Board recommends approval of the project as presented, with operating hours not to extend past 11 pm and no alcohol in the outdoor patio.~~

~~**Pulled and postponed to January Meeting.**~~

~~**ACTION: D and E pulled. Consent calendar items A, B, and C approved (RR/KV 13-0-2).**~~

~~**IN FAVOR: Kristopher Valentine, Hugh Harrison, Robin Rudisill, Jed Pauker, Sylvia Aroth, Mike Bravo, Melissa Diner, George Francisco, George Gineris, Ira Koslow, Eduardo Manilla, Abigail Myers, Kelley Willis, Bud Jacobs,**~~

~~**AGAINST: NONE**~~

~~**ABSTAIN: Marc Saltzberg, Joe Murphy**~~

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]

Molly Hedford re: Westminster Elementary Banner Sponshership Program, Irv Katz, Mark Lipman, Lydia Ponce, Judy Goldman, Elizabeth Wright, Gloria Dobbsman, Yolanda Gonzalez, Yada, Chris Baca

11. Old Business [Discussion and possible action] (8:03PM -- 0 minutes)

12. LUPC (8:03PM – 80 minutes) Robin Rudisill on behalf of LUPC, (Chair-lupc@VeniceNC.org)

[Discussion and possible action]

A 601 Ocean Front Walk, North Venice Subarea

C1-1 zone, General Plan Land Use Plan designation: Community Commercial, Dual Permit Jurisdiction Coastal Zone



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ZA-2015-0102-CDP-CU-SPP and ENV-2015-103-MND

VCZSP Compliance: SPP

Conditional Use (CU): to permit deviations from commercial corner establishment/mini-shopping center requirements by allowing on-site tandem parking otherwise not permitted by LAMC Section 12.22-A.23(a)(4)(i), & relief from the requirement to landscape all street frontages and perimeters as required by LAMC Section 12.22-A.23(a)(10)(i)

<http://www.venicenc.org/601-ocean-front-walk/>

City Hearing took place on December 3, 2015

Project Description: construction of a 35' tall (3 stories on Ocean Front Walk side & 2 stories on Speedway side) 28,782 sq ft mixed-use building, featuring 7,985 sq ft of retail space (5,250 sq ft along the Boardwalk & 2,735 sq ft on the 2nd floor along Sunset Ave), 20,000 sq ft of office space on the 2nd & 3rd floors, & one 800 sq ft dwelling unit, all sited on a 19,195 sq ft parcel consisting of 4 lots (w/4 APN's) that have been tied via a recorded lot tie for the last 27 years (executed pre-VCZSP), with a parking requirement of 170 spaces, to be met with 134 auto parking spaces within 2 ½ levels of subterranean parking, 128 bicycle parking spaces (covers 32 automobile parking spaces), and an in-lieu parking fee payment for 4 parking spaces (representing 50% of the BIZ required parking), with no roof deck, and with setbacks of zero for the front yard ground floor and south side yard, 6' side yard on Sunset Ave, 5' rear yard (15' required less ½ alley width).

Applicant: Glen Irani, Glen Irani Architects Inc.

LUPC Staff: Robert Aronson

RECOMMENDED BY LUPC on 12-7-15 by a vote of 6-0-0 (RR/RD):

MOTION: WHEREAS the L.A. General Plan Venice Community Plan Land Use Plan (LUP), certified by the California Coastal Commission in 2001 and thus may be used as guidance in determining compliance of a project with Chapter 3 of the Coastal Act, one of the key Findings required for a CDP, states the following:

Development Within Natural and Recreational Resource Areas/Protection of Views—"Policy I. D. 3. Views of Natural and Coastal Recreation Resources. The scale of development shall comply with height limits, setbacks and standards for building massing specified in Policy Groups I.A and I.B, Residential and Commercial Land Use and Development Standards of this LUP, in order to protect public views of highly scenic coastal areas and vista points, including, but not limited to, the canals, lagoon, jetty, pier, Ocean Front Walk, walk streets and pedestrian oriented special communities."
and

Preservation of Venice as a Special Coastal Community—"Policy I. E. 2. Scale. New development within the Venice Coastal Zone shall respect the scale and character of community development. Buildings which are of a scale compatible with the community (with respect to bulk, height, buffer and setback) shall be encouraged." and "Policy I. E. 3. Architecture. Varied styles of architecture are encouraged with building facades which incorporate varied planes and textures while maintaining the



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neighborhood scale and massing.”

and

Commercial Land Use and Development Standards—“Policy I. B. 2. Mixed-Use Development. Mixed-use residential-commercial development shall be encouraged in all areas designated on the Land Use Policy Map for commercial use....the design of mixed-use development is intended to help mitigate the impact of the traffic generated by the development on coastal access roads and reduce parking demand by reducing the need for automobile use by residents and encouraging pedestrian activity.” and “Policy I. B. 7. Commercial Development Standards. Density/Intensity: Maximum Floor Area Ratio (FAR): 1.0 to 1 for retail/office and 1.5 to 1 for retail and/or office and residential.” and “Lot Consolidation. Two commercial lots may be consolidated, or three with subterranean parking, with the following restrictions: 1. Methods for insuring that the structure does not look consolidated (breaks in front wall of ten feet minimum) shall be utilized, and 2. Subterranean parking shall be fully depressed with roof at natural grade. Exception: Lot consolidation of more than two lots shall be permitted for mixed-use projects which conform to the existing scale and character of the surrounding community and provide adequate on-site parking.....Building Separation: A minimum of five feet between commercial and residential buildings (except for mixed-use projects).”

2. WHEREAS the following concerns impacting mass, scale and character have been identified:

* the project is allowed to be treated as a mixed-use project per code, based on the inclusion of a residential unit of 800 sq ft, which is less than 3% of the total square footage of the project, resulting in a benefit of a 50% larger maximum FAR, allowing approximately 9,000 additional square feet over the square footage that would be allowed for a strictly commercial project with a 1.0 to 1 maximum FAR.

* for the past 27 years, four vacant lots have been consolidated into one parcel via a recorded lot tie that is revocable only by the owner.

* the building separation requirement of five feet between commercial and residential buildings does not apply to this project as it is a mixed-use project per code.

3. WHEREAS neither the VCZSP nor the LUP provides for an exception to substitute required auto parking spaces with bike (or any other mode of transportation) parking spaces, thus using 128 bike parking spaces to meet the parking requirement for 32 auto parking spaces is not acceptable; and many Community members/neighbors and LUPC members believe that due to major flaws in its assumptions the DOT (Department of Transportation) Traffic Impact Study does not adequately address the project issues/requirements for traffic and parking.

THEREFORE, the VNC Board *recommends approval* of the project according to the plans dated October 28, 2015, subject to the following conditions:

1. There shall be a 5-foot setback between the office building and the south side adjacent residential



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building (1'-10" setback from the property line), starting above the parking garage roofline;

2. The air conditioning units shall be located lower into the sloped roof to allow the mechanical systems mounted on the roof to sit at the 33' flat roof deck rather than on top of the varied roofline, which will decrease the required mechanical screen from five feet high to approximately one foot high, thus reducing the overall height of the building;

3. The Applicant and its tenant lease agreements shall allow for the Public to park in the building on evenings, nights, and weekends at prevailing rates, in good faith and to the maximum extent reasonably possible;

4. The Applicant shall avoid obstructing the view and the transparency of the windows for the office areas fronting Ocean Front Walk on the 2nd and 3rd floors, in order to protect public views and to maximize the effect of the aesthetics of the building and its lightness and openness created by the visually interesting curved glass and terraces/open air areas, which serve as visual breaks and both vertical and horizontal articulation, thus reducing the mass of the building;

5. The Council Office shall work with the Applicant, the City's DOT, the VNC and other interested Community members/neighbors to facilitate the City's commitment to implement as many traffic and parking mitigating measures as possible prior to the project breaking ground.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

IN FAVOR: Time Bonefeld, Rosina Lardoen, Darin Morris, Scott Spector, Jeff Harris

AGAINST: Kristina Kropp, Josey Bravo, Jerome Fleischman, Irv Katz, Janet Jones, Vrein Merrian, John Stein, Mansanet Molloy, Steve Meadows, Mark Lipman, Mark Kleiman, Gigi Gaston

ACTION: RR makes amendment to replace condition 5. [INSERT TEXT – between rose and winward.] Amendment to motion approved (RR/GG – 9-4-2)

IN FAVOR: Hugh Harrison, Robin Rudisill, Jed Pauker, Melissa Diner, George Francisco, George Gineris, Eduardo Manilla, Abigail Myers, Kelley Willis,

AGAINST: Kristopher Valentine, Sylvia Aroth, Mike Bravo, Bud Jacobs,

ABSTAIN: Marc Saltzberg, Joe Murphy

GG makes an amendment. Amendment to motion approved (GG/AM 11-2-2)

IN FAVOR: Kristopher Valentine, Hugh Harrison, Robin Rudisill, Jed Pauker, Sylvia Aroth, Melissa Diner, George Francisco, George Gineris, Eduardo Manilla, Abigail Myers, Kelley Willis



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**AGAINST: Mike Bravo, Bud Jacobs,
ABSTAIN: Marc Saltzberg, Joe Murphy**

GG made motion to read entire motion. GG/MB. Motion defeated.

Amended motion failed. (RR/MD 5-8-2)

**IN FAVOR: Robin Rudisill, Melissa Diner, George Francisco, Eduardo Manilla, Abigail Myers,
AGAINST: Kristopher Valentine, Hugh Harrison, Jed Pauker, Sylvia Aroth, Mike Bravo, George Gineris, Kelley Willis, Bud Jacobs,
ABSTAIN: Marc Saltzberg, Joe Murphy**

ACTION: Motion for recommend denial of project as presented approved. (HH/JP 9-4-2)

**IN FAVOR Kristopher Valentine, Hugh Harrison, Jed Pauker, Sylvia Aroth, Mike Bravo, George Gineris, Abigail Myers, Kelley Willis, Bud Jacobs,
AGAINST: Robin Rudisill, Melissa Diner, George Francisco, Eduardo Manilla,
ABSTAIN: Marc Saltzberg, Joe Murphy,
RECUSED: Ira Koslow**

B 533 Rose Ave (“Superba Snack Bar”), Oakwood Subarea

C4-1 zone, General Plan Land Use Plan designation: Community Commercial Area of Special Interest—Oakwood Community Commercial Area (Rose Avenue between 4th and 7th Avenues, to be used for residential, neighborhood retail and services, personal services, and small scale businesses oriented to the local community)

ZA-2015-3040-CUB

VCZSP Compliance: n/a as only for a CUB

<http://www.venicenc.org/533-rose-ave-superba-snack-bar/>

CITY HEARING NOT YET SCHEDULED

Project Description: upgrade of an existing CUB for a full line of alcohol, with 32 existing seats and 5 parking spaces. No change in hours.

Applicant: Dafne Gokcen, FE Design & Consulting

LUPC Staff: Mehrnoosh Mojallali

RECOMMENDED BY LUPC on 11-30-15 by a vote of 5-3-1 (MM/RD):

MOTION: The VNC Board recommends approval of the project as presented.

ACTION: Moved to after 13E. Postponed to January Meeting.

~~**C 658 Venice Blvd (“Extra Space Storage” repair & expansion), Southeast Venice Subarea**~~

~~M1-1-O zone, General Plan Land Use Plan designation: Limited Industrial~~

~~ZA 2015 2789 CEX and ZA 2014 1463 CEX and DIR 2015 3076 CEX and DIR 2015 3188 VSO~~



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~~VCZSP Compliance: VSO (2015 vs. 2014?)~~

~~<http://www.venicenc.org/658-venice-blvd-extra-space-storage/>~~

~~CITY HEARING NOT YET SCHEDULED~~

~~Project Description: the repair, replacement, renovation and expansion of a public storage facility partially destroyed by fire~~

~~Applicant: James Goodman, AIA~~

~~LUPC Staff: Robert Aronson~~

~~RECOMMENDED BY LUPC on 11-30-15 by a vote of 5-2-2 (RR/KR):~~

~~**MOTION:** The VNC Board recommends approval of the project as presented.~~

~~**ACTION: Postponed to January Meeting.**~~

~~D — **Amendments to the Venice Land Use Plan**, Robin Rudisill, Chair (Returned to LUPC by AdCom for a more detailed recommendation)~~

~~RECOMMENDED BY LUPC on 11-30-15 by a vote of 6-2-0 (RR/MK):~~

~~**MOTION:** The VNC Board recommends the following amendments to the Venice Land Use Plan:~~

~~a. — **Definition of Remodel, page I-15**~~

~~The definition of “Remodel” shall be changed to be essentially the same as the definition used by the City of Malibu in their Local Coastal Program, as follows:~~

~~“Remodel: the upgrade or improvement of the interior or exterior faces of an existing structure without altering the existing foundation, footprint or building envelope, and removing or replacing no more than 50% of the exterior walls, in accordance with all other applicable Building Code and LAMC zoning requirements.”~~

~~and~~

~~b. — **Policy I. F. 1. Historic and Cultural Resources, page II-28**~~

~~The second paragraph shall be changed to: “The following buildings, streets, and trees have been identified through the coordinated efforts of surveys performed by the Venice Historical Society, Venice Community, State Coastal Conservancy and City of Los Angeles, including but not limited to Survey LA, as significant architectural, historical and cultural landmarks in the Venice Coastal Zone.”~~

~~The following sentence shall be added at the bottom of the listing of significant architectural, historical and cultural landmarks in the Venice Coastal Zone: “All potential historical districts and historic and cultural resources identified in the 2015 Survey LA, which is incorporated herein by reference.”~~

~~**ACTION: Postponed to January Meeting.**~~

13. **New Business (9:23PM – 55 minutes)**

[Discussion and possible action]



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~~A **Grassy Knolls allowed to be maintained by community partners (10 minutes)** (Melissa Diner on behalf of the Ocean Walk Front Committee melissa.diner@venicenc.org)~~

~~**MOTION:** The Venice Neighborhood Council recommends permitting green areas to be redesigned and available for community space overseen by adjunct community partners.~~

~~RECOMMENDED BY OCEAN FRONT WALK COMMITTEE 7-1-0~~

~~**ACTION: Postponed to January Meeting.**~~

B Sunscreen dispensers on OFW (10 minutes) (Melissa Diner on behalf of the Ocean Walk Front Committee melissa.diner@venicenc.org)

MOTION: The Venice Neighborhood Council recommends the implementation of free sunscreen dispensers in designated areas on Ocean Front Walk. The SnappyScreen, Inc. has reached out and should be implemented with minimal signage similar to how Sun Shield provided sunscreen to all participants on Ciclovía Oct. 18, 2015 etc.

RECOMMENDED BY OCEAN FRONT WALK COMMITTEE 5-3-0

ACTION: Motion approved. (MD/KV 10-3-2)

IN FAVOR: Kristopher Valentine, Hugh Harrison, Jed Pauker, Sylvia Aroth, Mike Bravo, Melissa Diner, George Francisco, Joe Murphy, Abigail Myers, Kelley Willis,

AGAINST: George Gineris, Ira Koslow, Bud Jacobs,

ABSTAIN: Marc Saltzberg, Robin Rudisill,

C 338-340 Indiana Ave, Oakwood Subarea (15 minutes) (Robin Rudisill & Gabriel Ruspini)

RD1.5-1 zone, General Plan Land Use designation:

Multiple-Family Residential Low Medium II

ZA-2015-1389-CDP and ENV-2015-1390-CE and DIR-2012-1705-VSO-MEL

VCZSP Compliance: VSO

City Hearing took place on December 10, 2015

<http://www.venicenc.org/338-340-indiana-ave/>

Project Description: construction of a 30' tall duplex sited on a vacant 5,282 sq ft lot

Applicant: Jason Berk, for Aubrey Balkind

MOTION: The VNC Board recommends approval of the project as presented.

PUBLIC COMMENT: Irv Katz

ACTION: RR amendment: contingent on the removal of storage areas included as part of the rooftop structure. (RR/HH 11-0-3)

IN FAVOR: Kristopher Valentine, Hugh Harrison, Robin Rudisill, Jed Pauker, Sylvia Aroth, Mike Bravo, George Francisco, George



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Gineris, Ira Koslow, Kelley Willis, Bud Jacobs,
AGAINST: None
ABSTAIN: Marc Saltzberg, Joe Murphy, Abigail Myers,

Motion as amended fails. (RR/JP)

IN FAVOR: Kristopher Valentine, Hugh Harrison, Robin Rudisill, Melissa Diner, George Francisco, Abigail Myers,
AGAINST: Marc Saltzberg, Jed Pauker, Mike Bravo, George Gineris, Ira Koslow, Kelley Willis, Bud Jacobs,
ABSTAIN: Sylvia Aroth, Joe Murphy,

D **505 28th Ave, Southeast Venice Subarea (10 minutes)** (Robin Rudisill)

R1-1-O zone, General Plan Land Use Plan designation: Single-Family Residential Low, Dual Permit Jurisdiction Coastal Zone

DIR-2015-3474-CDP and ENV-2015-3475-CE and DIR-2015-3647-VSO

VCZSP Compliance: VSO

<http://www.venicenc.org/505-28th-ave/>

City Hearing took place on December 7, 2015

Project Description: Demo of 405 sq ft detached accessory garage, construction of 2nd floor addition of 646 sq ft & a new attached 370 sq ft garage to the existing SFD, with 3 parking spaces, 2 covered & 1 uncovered, max building height of 25' to the top edge of the flat roof and a residential floor area of 2,877 sq ft, on a 4,300 sq ft lot

Applicant: Robert Thibodeau, for Gavin Dogan

MOTION: The VNC Board recommends approval of the project as presented.

PUBLIC COMMENT: Irv Katz

ACTION: Motion approved (RR/MD 12-0-3).

IN FAVOR: Kristopher Valentine, Robin Rudisill, Sylvia Aroth, Mike Bravo, Melissa Diner, George Francisco, George Gineris, Ira Koslow, Eduardo Manilla, Abigail Myers, Kelley Willis, Bud Jacobs
AGAINST: None
ABSTAIN: Marc Saltzberg, Jed Pauker, Joe Murphy
RECUSED: Hugh Harrison

E **310-312 Venice Way, North Venice Subarea (10 minutes)** (Robin Rudisill)

RD1.5-1-O, General Plan Land Use Plan designation: Multiple-Family Residential Low Medium II

ZA-2015-1963-ZAD and ENV-2015-1965-CE

VCZSP Compliance: none



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<http://www.venicenc.org/310-312-venice-way/>

CITY HEARING Thursday December 17, 2015, 9:30 am, West L.A. Municipal Bldg, 2nd floor Hearing Room, 1645 Corinth Ave

Project Description: Zoning Administrator’s Determination pursuant to LAMC Section 12.24-X, 27 to permit the continued operation of a 4,134 sq ft office building in the RD1.5-1-O zone, otherwise not permitted by LAMC Section 12.23-B, 2

Applicant: Steve Catalano for Laura Alice & Peter Scaturro

MOTION: The VNC Board *recommends approval* of the project as presented.

PUBLIC COMMENT: Irv Katz

ACTION: Motion fails (RR/SA 5-7-2)

IN FAVOR: Kristopher Valentine, Hugh Harrison, Robin Rudisill, Melissa Diner, George Francisco,

AGAINST: Marc Saltzberg, Sylvia Aroth, Mike Bravo, George Gineris, Ira Koslow, Kelley Willis, Bud Jacobs,

ABSTAIN: Eduardo Manilla, Abigail Myers,

14. **Board Member Comments on subject matters within the VNC jurisdiction (10:15PM - 5 minutes)**

15. **Adjourn**

ACTION: Meeting adjourned 9:50PM (RR/MD 15-0-1).

IN FAVOR: Kristopher Valentine, Robin Rudisill, Sylvia Aroth, Mike Bravo, Melissa Diner, George Francisco, George Gineris, Ira Koslow, Eduardo Manilla, Abigail Myers, Kelley Willis, Bud Jacobs, Marc Saltzberg, Jed Pauker, Joe Murphy, Hugh Harrison

AGAINST: None

ABSTAIN: None

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