



Venice Neighborhood Council

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Board of Officers Meeting Minutes

Westminster Elementary School (Auditorium)

1010 Abbot Kinney Blvd, Venice, 90291

Tuesday, October 20th, 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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1. **Call to Order and Roll Call (7:00PM – 1 minute)**

Meeting called in honor of Chris Williams. Thank you to Whole Foods, Abbot's Habit, and Jessica Blumenthal for the food and refreshments.

PRESENT: Mike Newhouse, Marc Saltzberg, Kristopher Valentine, Hugh Harrison, Robin Rudisill, Jed Pauker, Sylvia Aroth, George Francisco, George Gineris, Matt Kline, Ira Koslow, Joe Murphy, Kelley Willis, Bud Jacobs, Max Sloan, Melissa Diner

ABSENT: Mike Bravo, Erin Darling, Eduardo Manilla, Abigail Myers, 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/2012/12/150915BoardMinutes.pdf>

ACTION: Minutes approved (MK/JP 12-0-1)

IN FAVOR: Kristopher Valentine, Hugh Harrison, Robin Rudisill, Jed Pauker, Sylvia Aroth, George Francisco, George Gineris, Matt Kline, Ira Koslow, Joe Murphy, Kelley Willis, Bud Jacobs

AGAINST: NONE

ABSTAIN: Marc Saltzberg



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

ACTION: 12A and 12F postponed for one month. Agenda approved (KW/RR 12-0-1)

IN FAVOR: Kristopher Valentine, Hugh Harrison, Robin Rudisill, Jed Pauker, Sylvia Aroth, George Francisco, George Gineris, Matt Kline, Ira Koslow, Joe Murphy, 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.

Marc Saltzberg spoke re: to 11A

Mike Newhouse arrived.

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

- A 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.*

Max Sloan arrived.

- B 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)
- Congressman Ted Lieu, Representative Janet Turner, 310-496-9896 janet.turner@mail.house.gov
- U.S. Senator Dianne Feinstein, Representative Cameron I. Onumah, (310) 914-7300 (Cameron_Onumah@feinstein.senate.gov)
- State Senator Ben Allen, Representative Fernando Morales, 310-318-6994 (fernando.morales@sen.ca.gov)
- State Assemblyperson Autumn Burke, Rep Odysseus Bostick, 310-412-6400 (odysseus.bostick@asm.ca.gov)
- LA County Supervisor Sheila Kuehl Westside Field Deputy Rachel Zaiden, 213-974-3333 (rzaiden@bos.lacounty.gov)
- Mayor Eric Garcetti, Westside Deputy, Daniel Tamm, 213-978-0836 (Daniel.Tamm@Lacity.org)
- Ejjah Cooper – Oakwood Rec Park Director, 310-452-7479 (ejjah.cooper@lacity.org)
- Commissioner Joel Jacinto - Board of Public Works; Rep Shelley Wong (shelley.wong@lacity.org)

Melissa Diner arrived.



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C VNC Announcements (5 Minutes)

- President - Mike Newhouse (President@VeniceNC.org)
- Vice President - Marc Saltzberg (VicePresident@VeniceNC.org)
- Westside Regional Alliance of Councils- Mike Newhouse, WRAC President, Marc Saltzberg, VNC Representatives. (Chair@westsidecouncils.org),
- Los Angeles Neighborhood Council Coalition (LANCC) Ivan Spiegel (Parliamentarian@VeniceNC.org)
- VNC Elections 2016: Ivan Spiegel, Elizabeth Wright
- VNC Representative to DWP: Dede Audet
- Venice Chamber Of Commerce: Carl Lambert, President (carl@lambertinc.com)

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

Please save the date. Sat Dec 19, 2015 10am – 2pm @ Oakwood Recreation Center, Venice, CA, We currently plan for the Festival to include the toy giveaway, arts and crafts, a moon bounce, face painting, a used book giveaway, free food, free photos with Santa (for at least a portion of the event), and a snow play area. Please also feel free to contact members of the committee with any questions or with any ideas you have as to how to improve the event. We will be collecting toys beginning in November, including at the November and December Board meetings.

E Venice Bikeshare Update (5 Minutes) (Jessie Holzer jessie.holzer@lacity.org)

Provide an update on planned Venice bikeshare station locations

F Revisions to LA Billboard Ordinance (5 Minutes) (Patrick Frank plf@grabados.org) **[EXHIBIT]**

Venice Residents should inform themselves about the CPC action on revising the LA Billboard Ordinance.

7. Treasurer's Report (7:50PM - 5 minutes) Hugh Harrison on behalf of Budget & Finance Committee, (Treasurer@VeniceNC.org) [Discussion and possible action] **[EXHIBIT]**

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

Recommended by Budget and Finance Committee 3-0-0 [10/6/15]

ACTION: Motion approved (HH/MK 12-0-1)

IN FAVOR: Marc Saltzberg, Kristopher Valentine, Hugh Harrison, Robin Rudisill, Jed Pauker, Sylvia Aroth, George Francisco, George Gineris, Matt Kline, Ira Koslow, Joe Murphy, Kelley Willis, Bud Jacobs

AGAINST: NONE

ABSTAIN: Mike Newhouse



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- B** **MOTION:** The Venice Neighborhood Council allocates \$500 from Board Community Improvement Projects to the Vera Davis Thanksgiving event.
Neighborhood Committee Vote 12-0-1 [9/24/2015]
Recommended by Budget and Finance Committee 3-0-0 [10/6/15]

ACTION: Motion approved (HH/JP 13-0-1)

IN FAVOR: Marc Saltzberg, Kristopher Valentine, Hugh Harrison, Robin Rudisill, Jed Pauker, Sylvia Aroth, George Francisco, George Gineris, Matt Kline, Ira Koslow, Joe Murphy, Kelley Willis, Bud Jacobs

AGAINST: NONE

ABSTAIN: Mike Newhouse

- C** **MOTION:** The Venice Neighborhood Council shall hire a graphic artist to assist in the preparation of outreach and election materials.
Recommended by Budget and Finance Committee 3-0-0 [10/6/15]

ACTION: Amendment to have Outreach Committee will create a formal proposal and bring back to the board (HH/SA 15-0-1)

IN FAVOR: Marc Saltzberg, Kristopher Valentine, Hugh Harrison, Robin Rudisill, Jed Pauker, Sylvia Aroth, Melissa Diner, George Francisco, George Gineris, Matt Kline, Ira Koslow, Joe Murphy, Max Sloan, Kelley Willis, Bud Jacobs,

AGAINST: NONE

ABSTAIN: Mike Newhouse

Motion approved as amended (HH/SA 15-0-1)

IN FAVOR: Marc Saltzberg, Kristopher Valentine, Hugh Harrison, Robin Rudisill, Jed Pauker, Sylvia Aroth, Melissa Diner, George Francisco, George Gineris, Matt Kline, Ira Koslow, Joe Murphy, Max Sloan, Kelley Willis, Bud Jacobs,

AGAINST: NONE

ABSTAIN: Mike Newhouse

- 8. General Consent Calendar (7:55PM -- 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** **Approval of Election Procedures Stipulation Worksheet** (Ivan Spiegel
elections@venicenc.org)

[EXHIBIT]

MOTION: The VNC Board approves the 2016 Election Procedures Stipulation Worksheet as recommended by the Elections Committee with the following choices:



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Election Time: 10AM to 6PM
Election Location: Westminster School
Translation: Spanish
Election Chairs: Elizabeth Wright, Ivan Spiegel
Outreach Chair: Sylvia Aroth

B Motion to Accelerate Street Repairs (Marc Saltzberg vicepresident@venicenc.org)

MOTION: WHEREAS, the City of Los Angeles Bureau of Street Services Small Truck Street Repair Program made minor street repairs at 7 locations on September 21st, 2015 but referred 8 additional locations to BSS District Maintenance, 8 others to BSS Resurfacing Division and did not repair two others (see locations: http://www.venicenc.org/wp-content/uploads/2012/09/Street-Repairs-NC-Req-form-1-2015_final.pdf AND WHEREAS, all locations were suggested by residents and representatives of residents serving on the VNC Neighborhood Committee;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Venice Neighborhood Council Board refers the unrepaired 18 locations to CD11 Council Member Mike Bonin for evaluation for accelerated repairs and possible funding.

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

IN FAVOR: Marc Saltzberg, Kristopher Valentine, Hugh Harrison, Robin Rudisill, Jed Pauker, Sylvia Aroth, Melissa Diner, George Francisco, George Gineris, Matt Kline, Ira Koslow, Joe Murphy, Max Sloan, Kelley Willis, Bud Jacobs,

AGAINST: NONE

ABSTAIN: Mike Newhouse

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 Due Process Considerations re. ZA Determination for 320 Sunset Ave, Oakwood Subarea,

Robin Rudisill, Chair & Mark Kleiman

ZA-2013-3376-CDP-CUB-SPP-1A

West L.A. Area Planning Commission Appeal Hearing Wednesday October 21, 2015, 4:30 pm, Henry Medina West L.A. Parking Enforcement Facility 2nd Floor, Roll Call Room, 11214 Exposition Blvd
Due process concerns re. ZA approval without final plans and without public review/hearing for significant changes to project specs.

For copy of citizen Appeal of CDP, CUB & SPP Determination:



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<http://www.venicenc.org/320-sunset-ave/>

Recommended by LUPC on 10-5-15: 6-0-0 (RR/MK)

MOTION: The VNC Board recommends to the West L.A. Area Planning Commission that they consider the numerous procedural due process issues in their decision on this Appeal, including:

1. Significant and ongoing ex-parte communications
2. Inappropriate and insufficient Exhibit A plans
3. That, in spite of the significance of the changes to the project, it was not sent back to the community to review through the Public **City** Hearing process
4. That the ZA assigned was not changed to another ZA when the project changed significantly, as is usually done when a case has another **Public** City Hearing due to significant project changes
5. Insufficient community outreach

B 78 Market St (aka 1501 Pacific Ave), North Venice Subarea, CM-1 zone, General Plan

Land Use Plan designation: Limited Manufacturing

ZA-2014-4913-CDP-SPP and ENV-2014-4914-CE

VCZSP Compliance: SPP

<http://www.venicenc.org/78-market-st/>

City Hearing Thursday October 22, 2015, 10:00 am, West L.A. Municipal Bldg, 2nd floor Hearing Room, 1645 Corinth Ave

Project Description: remodel of existing 2,310 sq ft (2,121 sq ft per ZIMAS) commercial structure, consisting of a change of use of the ground floor from medical office to 1,823 sq ft floor area of retail use and a 1,531 sq ft 2nd story addition consisting of 1,092 sq ft floor area of retail use and 329 sq ft floor area of office use. The project will result in a 27' 6" tall, 3,581 sq ft commercial structure, on a 3,784.7 sq ft lot, with grandfathered parking for the 1st floor (parking grandfathered at 0 as there is no parking increase required for change of use due to decrease in parking required based on current LUP parking regulations for a change from medical office use, 1 space for each 150 sq ft floor area, to retail use, 1 space for each 225 sq ft floor area, and latest 1966 C of O indicates NO parking required for Medical Office use, and no BIZ parking required in 1966); and parking required and provided of 6 on-site spaces for the 2nd floor addition, 4 of which are tandem (2/2), one of which is a handicapped space, and one of which is met with 4 bicycle parking racks (in the outdoor patio area)

Applicant: Robert Thibodeau

LUPC Staff: Kathleen Rawson

Recommended by LUPC on 10-5-15: 5-0-1 (KR/RD)

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

~~**C 1656 Abbot Kinney Blvd, North Venice Subarea, C2-1-O-CA zone, General Plan Land**~~

~~Use Plan designation: Commercial Arterial~~

~~DIR-2015-2823-CDP and ENV-2015-2716-EAF~~

~~VCZSP Compliance: None~~



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~~<http://www.venicenc.org/1656-abbot-kinney-blvd/>~~

~~**City Hearing Thursday October 22, 2015, 9:30 am, City Hall, 200 N. Spring St., Room 1050**~~

~~**Project Description:** "reversion to acreage" (TT 72841 REV) to legally delineate, acknowledge and record the property and approve minor site and landscape maintenance/improvements, including installing "living fence" no more than 3'6" tall with bougainvillea, along Venice Blvd, refinishing 703 sq ft of decorative concrete access driveway from Venice Blvd w/740 sq ft of decorative concrete to match, adjoining the existing driveway, installing custom swinging gate adjoining existing driveway from Venice Blvd, planting new landscaping, including 8 living fence planters with one extended planter along Abbot Kinney and Venice Blvd containing approx. 41 5 gallon shrubs, 3 boxed trees & approx. 1,324 sq ft of botanical ground cover to replace existing pavement or gravel~~

~~**Applicant:** Chris Parker~~

~~**LUPC Staff:** Robin Rudisill, Chair~~

~~**Recommended by LUPC on 9-21-15: 4-0-2 (TD/MK)**~~

~~**MOTION:** The VNC Board recommends denial of the project.~~

D **910 Abbot Kinney Blvd & 916 Main St, North Venice Subarea,** C2-1 zone, General Plan Land Use

Plan designation: Neighborhood Commercial

ZA-2014-3288-CDP-SPP and ENV-2014-3289-MND and ZA-2015-2104-CEX and ZA-2015-2105-CEX

VCZSP Compliance: SPP

~~<http://www.venicenc.org/910-abbot-kinney-blvd/>~~

City Hearing took place on August 6, 2015

Project Description: change of use of existing 1-story commercial building from office, retail, medical offices and storage to 5 retail spaces (6,503 sq ft), 1 restaurant space (2,061 sq ft) with outdoor patio (550 sq ft) & storage

Applicant: Robert Thibodeau

LUPC Staff: Robert Aronson, Vice Chair

Recommended by LUPC on 9-21-15: 4-0-2 (RA/MK)

MOTION: The VNC Board recommends approval of the shell and core as presented, with 20 actual parking spaces and 8 bike spaces with no outdoor alcohol or food adjacent to the school on the outside patio.

E **820 Indiana Ave, Oakwood Subarea,** RD1.5-1 zone, General Plan Land Use Plan designation: Multiple-Family Residential Low Medium II, continued from August 24, 2015 meeting ZA-2014-3801-CDP-ZAA-MEL and ENV-2014-3802-MND and DIR-2014-3591-VSO

VCZSP Compliance: VSO

~~<http://www.venicenc.org/820-indiana-ave/>~~

City Hearing took place on September 10, 2015



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Project Description: Mello Act Determination, construction, use & maintenance of a 3-story, **30' 1 1/2" tall (51' 10" vs. ground floor elevation of 21' 8 1/2") with sloped roof**, 2,300 sq ft, second SFD & attached 2-car garage and 3 uncovered **parking** spaces, on a lot with an existing 1-story, 1,357 sq ft SFD, built in 1922, which is to remain; ZAA **requested** to allow a 6' wide passageway in lieu of 8' as required, all on a 5,281 sq ft lot, with total project size of 3,657 sq ft (69% FAR)

Applicant: Matthew Royce

LUPC Staff: Mehrnoosh Mojallali

Recommended by LUPC on 10-5-15: 6-0-0 (MM/RD)

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

F **414-414 1/2 Brooks Ave, Oakwood Subarea**, RD1.5-1 zone, General Plan Land Use designation:

Multiple-Family Residential Low Medium II

ZA-2014-4273-CDP and ENV-2014-4274-CE and ZA-2013-1079-ZAA* and DIR-2014-4145-VSO

VCZSP Compliance: VSO

<http://www.venicenc.org/414-brooks-ave/>

City Hearing took place on September 24, 2015

Project Description: demo of existing detached 325 sq ft garage & construction of a 3-story, 29' 6" tall, 692 sq ft 2nd dwelling unit w/408 sq ft of uncovered deck/balcony areas over a 675 sq ft attached 3-car garage, in conjunction with an existing single-family dwelling & detached 2-car garage, all on a 5,200 sq ft lot.

(* ZAA for reduced passageway of 5' (**as is existing**) in lieu of required 10' for the purpose of constructing a 2nd dwelling unit at the rear of the property was approved in advance, on 7/2/13)

Applicant: Milton Devore

LUPC Staff: Gabriel Ruspini

Recommended by LUPC on 9-21-15: 5-0-1 (GR/MR)

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

ACTION: 9C pulled. Consent Calendar approved as amended (SA/HH 14-0-2).

IN FAVOR: Marc Saltzberg, Kristopher Valentine, Hugh Harrison, Robin Rudisill, Jed Pauker, Sylvia Aroth, Melissa Diner, George Francisco, George Gineris, Matt Kline, Ira Koslow, Max Sloan, Kelley Willis, Bud Jacobs,

AGAINST: NONE

ABSTAIN: Mike Newhouse, Joe Murphy

10. Announcements & Public Comment on items not on the Agenda (7:58PM -- 10 minutes)

[No more than 1 minute per person – no Board member announcements permitted]

Jared ben-Noah, Rita Opermeyer, Mark Lipman, Lydia Ponce, Jean Harrington, Sage Clemenco



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- 11. **Old Business** [*Discussion and possible action*] (8:10PM -- 15 minutes)
- A1 **Presentation by Jessie Holzer from Councilman Bonin's office** (5 minutes)
- A2 **Additional Crosswalks implemented on Pacific Ave bet. Navy and Washington Ave.** (5 minutes) Melissa Diner on behalf of the OFW Committee (melissa.diner@venicenc.org)

MOTION: The Venice Neighborhood Council recommends the installation of crosswalks from Navy to Washington on Pacific Ave. Printed on road, with flashing lights or markers.

Pulled and sent back to committee by maker of the motion.

- A3 **Traffic Light Installation on Pacific Ave., @ Sunset Ave.** (5 minutes) (Aaron Davis aaronloringdavis@gmail.com)

MOTION: The Venice Neighborhood Council supports the investigation and feasibility of a traffic light to be installed on Pacific Ave., @ Sunset Ave., which is at approximately 510 Pacific Ave.

Pulled from agenda.

Joe Murphy left 8:50PM.

- 12. **LUPC (8:25PM – 80 minutes)** Robin Rudisill on behalf of LUPC, (Chair-lupc@VeniceNC.org) [*Discussion and possible action*]

~~A **934 Amoroso Place, Milwood Subarea**, (15 minutes) R2-1 zone, General Plan Land Use Plan designation: Multiple-Family Residential Low-Medium-Density, DIR-2015-2907-GDP-SPP and ENV-2015-2906-GE
 VCZSP Compliance: SPP
<http://www.venicenc.org/934-amoroso-place/>~~

~~**City Hearing Thursday October 26, 2015 has been CANCELLED**~~

~~Project Description: On a Walk Street - demo of 148 sq ft of existing 833 sq ft SFD & demo of detached accessory garage; construct 1st floor addition of 169 sq ft, new 2nd floor of 1,463 sq ft, a roof deck and a new attached 2-car garage to the existing SFD. New Recreation Room. Total sq ft proposed is 2,317, on a 3,590 sq ft lot~~

~~Applicant: Bill Tsui, YU2e, Inc., LOC Equities, LLC~~

~~LUPC Staff: Gabriel Ruspini~~

~~**Recommended by LUPC on 10-5-15: 3-2-1 (GR/MK)**~~

~~**MOTION:** The VNC Board recommends denial of the project as presented, for the following reasons:~~

- ~~1. The project is on a Walk Street, on the south side of the 900 block, with a predominance of original, small, 1-story buildings.~~
- ~~2. The proposed project is a 2-story single family dwelling that is significantly larger than the existing structure on the site, a 1-story craftsman style bungalow circa 1921, and significantly larger than the other structures in the surrounding existing neighborhood, and as such does not meet the standards required such that Findings can be made as per Section 8. C. 1. of the Venice Coastal~~



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~~Zone Specific Plan, which requires: "That the Venice Coastal Development Project is compatible in scale and character with the existing neighborhood, and that the Venice Coastal Development Project would not be materially detrimental to adjoining lots or the immediate neighborhood."~~

~~3. The project does not comply with the Venice LUP Policies on Preservation of Venice as a Special Coastal Community, which require the preservation of neighborhood scale, mass and character and architectural diversity.~~

Postponed to next board meeting.

- B** **2919 Sanborn Ave, Southeast Venice Subarea, (10 minutes)** R1-1-O zone, General Plan Land Use Plan designation: Single-Family Residential Low, Dual Permit Jurisdiction Coastal Zone, continued from September 21, 2015 meeting
ZA-2014-4517-CDP-SPP-MEL and ENV-2014-4518-CE
VCZSP Compliance: SPP
<http://www.venicenc.org/2919-sanborn-ave/>
City Hearing took place on September 17, 2015
Project Description: Mello Act Determination, demo of existing SFD & construction of a 30' 7", 2-story, 3,186 sq ft SFD w/ attached 400 sq ft garage & 1 uncovered parking space, on a 4,584 sq ft lot (70% FAR)
Applicant: Daphne Abergel
LUPC Staff: Maury Ruano
Recommended by LUPC on 10-5-15: 4-2-0 (RR/RD)
MOTION: The VNC Board recommends approval of the project as presented.

ACTION: Motion approved (RR/JP 11-2-2).

IN FAVOR: Marc Saltzberg, Kristopher Valentine, Hugh Harrison, Robin Rudisill, Sylvia Aroth, Melissa Diner, George Francisco, Matt Kline, Ira Koslow, Max Sloan, Bud Jacobs,
AGAINST: Kelley Willis, George Gineris
ABSTAIN: Mike Newhouse, Jed Pauker

- C** **2205 Ocean Ave, Southeast Venice Subarea, (10 minute)** RD1.5-1-O zone, General Plan Land Use designation: Multiple-Family Residential Low Medium II, Dual Permit Jurisdiction Coastal Zone
ZA-2015-1118-CDP-ZAA-SPP and ENV-2015-1119-CE
Recommended by LUPC on 10-5-15: 5-0-1 (RR/KR)
MOTION:
The VNC Board recommends approval of the project as a "VNC De Minimis Project."

ACTION: Motion approved (RR/MD 14-0-1).

IN FAVOR: Marc Saltzberg, Kristopher Valentine, Hugh Harrison, Robin Rudisill, Jed Pauker, Sylvia Aroth, Melissa Diner, George Francisco, George Gineris, Matt Kline, Ira Koslow, Max Sloan, Kelley Willis, Bud Jacobs
AGAINST: NONE
ABSTAIN: Mike Newhouse



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- D** **333 Windward Ave, North Venice Subarea, (15 minute)** RD1.5-1-O zone, General Plan Land Use designation: Multiple-Family Residential Low Medium II
ZA-2015-1894-CEX and DIR-2014-1514-VSO
Recommended by LUPC on 10-5-15: 3-2-1 (MK/KR)
MOTION: The VNC Board recommends to the Coastal Commission and to City Planning that the project is not a candidate for a Coastal Exemption (CEX) and recommends that it go through the CDP process.
- ACTION: Motion fails (RR/MS 4-8-3).**
- IN FAVOR:** Kristopher Valentine, Jed Pauker, Kelley Willis, Bud Jacobs,
AGAINST: Marc Saltzberg, Hugh Harrison, Melissa Diner, George Francisco, George Gineris, Matt Kline, Ira Koslow, Max Sloan,
ABSTAIN: Mike Newhouse, Robin Rudisill, Sylvia Aroth
- ACTION: Motion to recommend approval of project at 333 Windward Ave passes (MD/HH 6-5-4)**
- IN FAVOR:** Hugh Harrison, Melissa Diner, George Francisco, Max Sloan, Kelley Willis, Bud Jacobs,
AGAINST: Marc Saltzberg, Kristopher Valentine, Jed Pauker, George Gineris, Ira Koslow,
ABSTAIN: Mike Newhouse, Robin Rudisill, Sylvia Aroth, Matt Kline
Public Comment: Jim Murez
- E** **219 Howland Canal, Venice Canals Subarea, (10 minute)** RW1-1-O zone, General Plan Land Use designation: Single-Family Residential Low Medium I, Dual Permit Jurisdiction Coastal Zone, Continued from September 21, 2015 meeting
DIR-2015-2795-VSO, and Administrative CDP to be obtained from State
Recommended by LUPC on 10-5-15: 5-0-1 (RR/KR)
MOTION: The VNC Board recommends approval of the project as a “VNC De Minimis Project.”
- Public Comment:** Chris Parker
- ACTION: Motion approved (RR/HH 14-0-1).**
- IN FAVOR:** Marc Saltzberg, Kristopher Valentine, Hugh Harrison, Robin Rudisill, Jed Pauker, Sylvia Aroth, Melissa Diner, George Francisco, George Gineris, Matt Kline, Ira Koslow, Max Sloan, Kelley Willis, Bud Jacobs
AGAINST: NONE
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F ~~Request for Change in the City Attorney's Position on CUB Conditions, (20 minutes)~~ Sarah Blanche, Public Strategies

~~Recommended by LUPC on 10-5-15: 6-0-0 (RR/KR)~~

~~MOTION:~~ Whereas: The City Attorney's Office has taken a position that the City of Los Angeles does not have the authority to regulate (e.g. is preempted from regulating) retailers' alcohol sales and distribution practices, and

~~Whereas: An examination of legal precedent implies that the City Attorney's position overstates the breadth of the State's alcohol licensing authority, ignores recent case law, and disregards the practices of multiple other California jurisdictions, and~~

~~Whereas: Substantial legal precedent exists, establishing local jurisdictions' ability to impose conditions restricting or impacting the sale, use or distribution of alcohol if the conditions are reasonably tailored to address legitimate zoning/land use impacts, and~~

~~Whereas: The City Attorney's position significantly undermines local communities' ability to prevent and abate public nuisances associated with the sale of alcohol by restricting the placement of conditions on, among other examples, hours of sale of alcohol, happy hours (rules and regulations), container sizes, and types of alcohol sold.~~

~~Therefore, Be It Resolved, the VNC Board recommends that Councilmember Bonin advocate for the City Attorney's Office to change its position regarding preemption and the City's authority to regulate, i.e. condition and enforce, alcohol sales and distribution practices, to reflect that:~~

~~1. The City of Los Angeles is *not* preempted and therefore does have the authority to regulate retailers' alcohol sales and distribution practices.~~

~~2. Nuisance activities can be directly related to alcohol sales, thus establishing a clear nexus between local police/zoning powers and alcohol sales and thereby rendering admissible the placement on CUB permits of conditions restricting or impacting the sale of alcohol.~~

~~3. All City Personnel should allow conditions on CUB permits that regulate, i.e. condition and enforce, retailers' sales and distribution of alcohol.~~

Postponed to next board meeting.

G 1656 Abbot Kinney Blvd, North Venice Subarea, C2-1-O-CA zone, General Plan Land

Use Plan designation: Commercial Artcraft

DIR-2015-2823-CDP and ENV-2015-2716-EAF

VCZSP Compliance: None

<http://www.venicenc.org/1656-abbot-kinney-blvd/>

City Hearing Thursday October 22, 2015, 9:30 am, City Hall, 200 N. Spring St., Room 1050

Project Description: "reversion to acreage" (TT-72841-REV) to legally delineate, acknowledge and record the property and approve minor site and landscape maintenance/improvements, including installing "living fence" no more than 3'6" tall with bougainvillea, along Venice Blvd, refinishing 703 sq ft of decorative concrete access driveway from Venice Blvd w/740 sq ft of decorative concrete to match, adjoining the existing driveway, installing custom swinging gate adjoining existing driveway from Venice Blvd, planting new landscaping, including 8 living fence planters with one extended planter along Abbot Kinney and Venice Blvd containing approx. 41 5-gallon shrubs, 3 boxed trees & approx. 1,324 sq ft of botanical ground cover to replace existing pavement or gravel



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Applicant: Chris Parker

LUPC Staff: Robin Rudisill, Chair

Recommended by LUPC on 9-21-15: 4-0-2 (TD/MK)

MOTION: The VNC Board recommends denial of the project.

ACTION: Moved from Consent Calendar.

Public Comment: Jim Faul, Chris Parker, Jim Murez

Motion approved (RR/SA 13-1-1).

IN FAVOR: Marc Saltzberg, Kristopher Valentine, Hugh Harrison, Robin Rudisill, Jed Pauker, Sylvia Aroth, Melissa Diner, George Gineris, Ira Koslow, Max Sloan, Kelley Willis, Bud Jacobs, Matt Kline,

AGAINST: George Francisco

ABSTAIN: Mike Newhouse

13. New Business (9:45PM – 30 minutes)

[Discussion and possible action]

A Creation of an OFW Community Liaison to the Dept. of Recreation and Parks (15 minutes)

(Melissa Diner melissa.diner@venicenc.org)

MOTION: The Venice Neighborhood Council recommends the the LA Dept. of Recreation and Parks (RAP) work with a Community Liaison, to be appointed by the VNC, as a participant in the decision-making process for OFW Event and Film Permits. The VNC further recommends that the Dept. of Recreation and Parks notify the Community Liaison of all permit applicant info.

ACTION: Motion approved (MD/IK 14-0-1).

Public Comment: Lydia Ponce

IN FAVOR: Marc Saltzberg, Kristopher Valentine, Hugh Harrison, Robin Rudisill, Jed Pauker, Sylvia Aroth, Melissa Diner, George Gineris, George Francisco, Ira Koslow, Max Sloan, Kelley Willis, Bud Jacobs, Matt Kline

AGAINST: NONE

ABSTAIN: Mike Newhouse

B 644 Sunset Ave, Oakwood Subarea, (15 minutes) (Robin Rudisill)

RD1.5-1 zone, General Plan Land Use designation: Multiple-Family Residential Low Medium II
ZA-2015-913-CDP-MEL and ENV-2015-914-CE and DIR-2015-762-VSO

VCZSP Compliance: VSO

<http://www.venicenc.org/644-sunset-ave/>



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City Hearing Thursday November 12, 2015, 11 am, West L.A. Municipal Bldg, 2nd floor Hearing Room, 1645 Corinth Ave

Project Description: Mello Act Determination and demo of existing 1-story SFD & construction of a new 2-story SFD w/roof deck & attached garage, on a 4,802 sq ft lot (note: square footage of project not provided on VSO or any plans provided)

Applicant: David Crimmins

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

ACTION: Motion approved (RR/IK 14-0-1).

Public Comment: Irv Katz, Lydia Ponce

IN FAVOR: Marc Saltzberg, Robin Rudisill, Kristopher Valentine, Hugh Harrison, Jed Pauker, Sylvia Aroth, Melissa Diner, George Gineris, George Francisco, Ira Koslow, Max Sloan, Kelley Willis, Bud Jacobs, Matt Kline

AGAINST: NONE

ABSTAIN: Mike Newhouse

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

15. **Adjourn**

ACTION: Meeting adjourned 10:15PM (KV/IK 14-0-1).

IN FAVOR: Marc Saltzberg, Robin Rudisill, Sylvia Aroth, Melissa Diner, George Francisco, George Gineris,

AGAINST: Kristopher Valentine, Ira Koslow, Kelley Willis, Bud Jacobs,

ABSTAIN: Mike Newhouse, Hugh Harrison, Jed Pauker, Matt Kline, Max Sloan,

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