



Venice Neighborhood Council

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Board of Officers Meeting Agenda Westminster Elementary School (Auditorium) 1010 Abbot Kinney Blvd, Venice, 90291 **Tuesday, January 20th, 2015 at 7:00 PM**

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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. Meeting called to order in memory of Robert Valentine, grandfather of Kristopher Valentine: a WWII veteran and local business owner for over twenty-five years in Santa Monica.

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/2012/05/141215BoardMinutes.pdf>

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

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

6. Scheduled Announcements and Presentations (7:05PM – 41 minutes)

A Public Safety - LAPD Report (5 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.

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

- City Councilmember Mike Bonin, Cecilia Castillo, Field Deputy, Cecilia.Castillo@lacity.org (310-568-8772)
- Congressman Ted Lieu, Representative _____
- State Senator Ben Allen, Representative _____ 310-318-6994



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- State Assemblyperson Autumn Burke, Rep Odysseys Bostick 310.412.6400
- LA County Supervisor Sheila Kuehl, Representative _____
- Mayor Eric Garcetti, Westside Deputy, Daniel Tamm, (Daniel.Tamm@Lacity.org) 213-978-0836

C VNC Announcements (5 Minutes)

- President - Mike Newhouse (President@VeniceNC.org)
Cancellation of Spaghetti on OceanFront Walk CIP
- 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: Catherine Chevalier, President VCC (Catherine@notmaurice.com)

D 2015-2016 CIP Applications (5 minutes) (Ivan Spiegel parliamentarian@venicenc.org)

The applications for the 2015-2016 Community Improvement Projects are now available. The submission date is April 1, 2015.

E BONC Code of Conduct (1 minute) (Ivan Spiegel parliamentarian@venicenc.org)

All Board members shall sign the new BONC Code of Conduct

F Airport Committee Report on Environmental Impact (10 minutes) (Abigail Myers abigail.myers@venicenc.org)

7. General Consent Calendar (7:46PM -- 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 Green Venice Expo Town Hall (Sylvia Aroth chair.outreach@venincenc.org)

MOTION: The VNC Board approves a Town Hall: Green Venice Expo to be held on February 28, 2015.

B Community Improvement Project extension (Ivan Spiegel, Program Administrator parliamentarian@venicenc.org)

MOTION: The VNC Board grants Kiss The Ground an additional 60 days to acquire a permit so that the project can move forward. If the applicant does not receive their permit within the next 60 days the funding allocation will expire.



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- C** **ABC Alcohol-Related Notices and Correspondence** (Robin Rudisill Chair-LUPC@venicenc.org)
for LUPC (to be reviewed and made into a Motion to the VNC Board at a LUPC meeting prior to the Board meeting)

MOTION: The Venice Neighborhood Council Board requests that the 11th District City Council Office forward a copy of all ABC alcohol-related notices and correspondence received that are related to Venice, directly to the VNC President, the VNC Vice-President and the Land Use and Planning Chair, within 48 hours of receipt, via both email and U.S. mail.

- D** **Housing and Caring for Homeless Veterans** (Ivan Spiegel on behalf of LAANC
parliamentarian@venicenc.org)

MOTION: Whereas, Los Angeles has the largest homeless Veteran's population in the United States, and
Whereas, Los Angeles also has the largest VA Veteran's Home property in the United States, and
Whereas, Mayor Garcetti has pledged to end Veteran homelessness in Los Angeles by the end of 2015 without ever mentioning the utilization of nearly 400 acres of land at the West LA VA property as a solution, and
Whereas, the challenge to end Veteran homelessness in less than 12 months must require immediate supportive housing and healthcare which can only happen at the WLA VA property where there is plenty of space and an existing VA hospital
Therefore be it resolved that the Venice Neighborhood Council joins other Los Angeles Neighborhood Councils in recognizing that Los Angeles is in a "state of emergency" for homeless Veteran and hereby requests that the Los Angeles City council direct the City of Los Angeles, with all of its resources, and the Veteran's Administration to unify and open a large-scale Crisis Humanitarian Relief Project on VA land to immediately house and care for the thousands upon thousands of disabled homeless Veterans in the City of Los Angeles.

- 8. Land Use and Planning Committee (LUPC) Consent Calendar**
[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.]

NONE

- 9. Announcements & Public Comment on items not on the Agenda (7:47PM -- 10 minutes)**
[No more than 1 minute per person – no Board member announcements permitted]



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10. **Old Business** [*Discussion and possible action*] (7:58PM -- 10 minutes)

A **Pavilion on Windward Plaza (5 minutes)** (Melissa Diner on behalf of the OFW Committee melissa.diner@venicenc.org)

MOTION: The Venice Neighborhood Council supports the installation of a permanent pavilion on Windward Plaza that can be used for multiple activities including dance hall, ice rink, roller rink, central market, movies etc. APPROVED BY OFW COMMITTEE 3-0-0

B **Pagoda Beautification (5 minutes)** (Melissa Diner melissa.diner@venicenc.org)

MOTION: The Ocean Front Walk Committee recommends that the Venice Neighborhood Council support the formation of an “ Adopt- A-Pagoda” project and adjacent benches project.

The pagodas currently serve as a gathering place for a wide range of locals and tourists and function as a true community amenity that could be improved by hosting local artists as muralists who adopt the space on a rotating basis.

Artists would have the ability cover the entire pagoda space, surrounding mini wall, bench and trashcan with their work.

Artists submit their Pagoda rendering via online form below. Pagoda rendering required to be considered. No additional applications of fixtures or structural applications allowed.

Residents and Businesses can submit interest to adopt a pagoda and collaborate with artists but artist must ultimately submit rendering and application in order for application to be considered. All adoptees will be included in credits.

Once online form is completed, Concepts or interest are sent via email to Arts Committee, OFW Committee and Venice Neighborhood Council. After artists have presented projects in front of art and ofw join committee, OFW and Arts will make recommendation to support or not support said projections and VNC will vote to support or not support implementation 8 projects for the 8 padogas for a 1 year installation. After 1 year, projects will be reviewed and decided on whether they will continue based on community feedback and artist experience.

One pagoda will be dedicated to Alicia Gruppioni as a permanent installation on Sunset Ave.

Link to draft form:

https://docs.google.com/forms/d/1z_L30UwJaa7Rrq0h0XcNlsxX9a8T6WTVoW8rp2RXgPI/viewform?usp=send_form

APPROVED BY OFW COMMITTEE (Shelly Motion, Gail second) 5-0-0

11. **LUPC** (Robin Rudisill on behalf of LUPC, Chair-lupc@VeniceNC.org)

[See Item 12 A2]



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12. **New Business (8:08PM – 35 minutes)** *[Discussion and possible action]*

NOTE: TWO DIFFERENT MOTIONS (FOR ITEM A) HAVE BEEN SUBMITTED ON THIS ISSUE. THE BOARD MAY DECIDE BETWEEN THEM OR TO WRITE A COMPROMISE MOTION.

A1 **Support for Short Term Vacation Rentals Motion in City Council (15 minutes)** Marc Saltzberg marc.saltzberg@venicenc.org

MOTION: The Venice Neighborhood Council supports Los Angeles City Council motion 14-1635 requesting that the Council direct the City Administrative Officer and the Chief Legislative Analyst, in conjunction with the relevant City Departments and the City Attorney to work with stakeholder groups to make recommendations for an ordinance regulating the legal operation of short-term rentals in Los Angeles that (a) protects residential neighborhoods from large numbers of or a concentration of short term rentals in any particular neighborhood at a given time; (b) provides for collection of the Transit Occupancy Tax; and (c) prohibits the removal of large numbers of units from the City's stock of rental or affordable housing. We agree that it makes sense to examine the experience of other states and municipalities in developing such regulations.

The VNC urges LA City to compile more information on the number of short-term rentals in residential zones throughout the City, and in Venice in particular. The VNC passed the following motion on 10/21/2014: The VNC Board shall request the CAO to compile and provide information on the number of short-term rentals in Venice, including the number of single-family dwellings where only one dwelling unit exists on the lot, the number of multi-family dwellings, including duplexes and condominiums, and the number of listings, whether registered or unregistered properties, that fall under the Rent Stabilization Ordinance.

Per our request to involve stakeholder groups, the VNC sent a letter to the Los Angeles City Council on September 24, 2014 regarding Council File Council File 14-0593, which created the Sharing Economy Work Group. The letter stated, in part: "the Venice Community deserves to be included in preparing the Work Group's report and recommendation to the City Council; and that the VNC Board recommends that... the Work Group focus on the positive and negative impacts of the recent exponential expansion of the short-term rental market on Venice..., and that they carefully research and analyze the impact of non owner-occupied short-term rentals on the availability of longterm housing stock in Venice, the number of rent controlled units in Venice, and on the quality of life and socio-economic diversity in Venice's residential neighborhoods (including commercial zones with rent-controlled properties).

We also wish to remind the Los Angeles City Council that on August 8, 2014, the VNC submitted a CIS re: Council File Council File 14-0593 requesting that Sharing Economy Working Group consider a report dated Nov. 7, 2013 by the VNC Neighborhood Committee regarding Short Term Vacation Rentals. The report can be found at <http://www.venicenc.org/wp-content/uploads/2012/09/Short-Term-Vacation-Rental-Report.pdf>.

In the meantime, the VNC urges the City to enforce current laws to protect our communities.
link to Bonin motion: http://clkrep.lacity.org/onlinedocs/2014/14-1635_mot_12-02-14.pdf



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A2 Community Impact Statement (CIS) on City Council's Short-Term Rental Legislation (15 minutes) (Robin Rudisill Chair-LUPC@venicenc.org on behalf of LUPC)

MOTION: The Venice Neighborhood Council Board shall submit the following Community Impact Statement (CIS) in response to City Council File 14-1635:

The Venice Neighborhood Council (VNC) wholeheartedly supports Councilmember Bonin's motion, with emphasis on the following important points:

Research and evaluate the best practices of S.F., Portland, NY. and other cities to develop the most effective controls/enforcement processes to protect quality of life and right to quiet enjoyment in Venice's residential neighborhoods, by prohibiting removal of entire long-term rental units, especially low income (no conversions of RSO units), and by prohibiting a concentration of short-term rentals (STR's) in a neighborhood at any given time. Work with Stakeholder groups, Community and Neighborhood Representatives as well as platform and hosts/operators to gather input for preparing an Ordinance for the legal operation of STR's.

As Venice has already been severely adversely impacted by the actions of operators hijacking the "shared" economy for decidedly non-sharing purposes, and as the difficulty of enforcement cannot be underestimated, the VNC also strongly supports:

1. Genuine peer-to-peer sharing of homes/rooms as the guiding principle for changes to the framework, controls and Zoning Codes;
2. A dedicated oversight entity, with a budget that grows with the level of activity, funded by the related taxes and fees;
3. STR platforms and hosts/operators held responsible and liable for abuses, and required to provide access to relevant data as well as provide regular required reporting, in order to accurately track trends and impacts and to catch violations; and
4. Minimal disturbance to current laws in making the changes necessary to legalize and regulate STR's, an immediate Interim Control Ordinance (ICO) to provide basic regulations/controls and collection of the STR-related taxes and fees, and, in the meantime, enforcement of current laws to protect our communities.

Link to Bonin motion: http://clkrep.lacity.org/onlinedocs/2014/14-1635_mot_12-02-14.pdf

APPROVED BY LUPC on 1/16/15 by a vote of 5-0-0 (RR/MK)

B Support for Turning LA's Streets into the World's Largest Public Arts Gallery (10 minutes) (Eduardo Manilla on behalf of the Arts Committee eduardo.manilla@venicenc.org)

MOTION: Whereas, Los Angeles, America's second largest city, has over 6,000 miles of road and 4,400 traffic signal boxes; and

Whereas, Los Angeles, America's most creative city, has over 300 museums, 200 art galleries, thousands of artists, and hundreds of professional arts organizations and nonprofits; and

Whereas, Los Angeles, America's largest provider of arts education, has hundreds of schools teaching the arts and thousands of students studying the arts; and



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Therefore be it resolved, that the City of Los Angeles supports The Power of Art's efforts to empower our artists and arts institutions to create 'mini-murals' on every street corner by decorating every traffic signal box.

APPROVED BY ARTS COMMITTEE 4-0-0

C Installation of Topiary Sculptures at Westminster Elementary School (5 minutes) (Eduardo Manilla on behalf of the Arts Committee eduardo.manilla@venicenc.org)

MOTION:The Venice Neighborhood Council shall provide a Letter of Support for the installation of Venice Camel Group Topiary Sculptures at the entry of Westminster Avenue Elementary School on Abbot Kinney Boulevard.

The Sculptures bring to life a colorful story of Venice's history. They will surprise, delight, and inspire community pride in the children of Westminster and engage the public in the dialog. The Topiaries are a "green," living, sculptural installation by Venice's own public artist, Robin Murez. No funding is requested; it has been secured by the Artist.

APPROVED BY ARTS COMMITTEE 4-0-0

D Approval in concept of Walkability Impact Disclosure Ordinance (5 minutes) Joe Murphy joedmur@gmail.com

MOTION: The VNC Board endorses in concept and encourages implementation of the below proposal contained in the Discussion Forum Committee's VNC Vision Goals Idea Matrix:

Idea	Submitted by Joe Murphy (310-305-1444 joedmur@gmail.com)	Suggested Implementation Strategy	Generated while Brainstorming
<u>Walkability Impact Disclosure Ordinance (WIDO)</u>	Require government departments to prepare & publish a report indicating the impact of their proposed actions on the walkability of the communities in which the actions are to be implemented. Currently, many government departments act without being required to consult a community & without regard to impacts of their actions on community walkability such as: (i) Cutting down trees; (ii) Installing street-lights & telephone poles & bus-stops in sidewalks; (iii) Widening streets; (iv) Unknowns.	Create committee with the necessary expertise to: · Draft & lobby <u>Walkability Impact Disclosure Ordinance (WIDO)</u> into all applicable ordinances · Arrange for easy community monitoring of compliance of all departments with the WIDO	Focus on Children Participation Walkability Diversity Creativity Collaboration Brainstorming

APPROVED unanimously (6-0-0) by the Discussion Forum Committee 12/9/2014



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- 13. Treasurers Report (8:45PM - 10 minutes)** (Hugh Harrison on behalf of Budget & Finance Committee, Treasurer@VeniceNC.org) **[EXHIBIT]**
[Discussion and possible action]

- A MOTION:** The Venice Neighborhood Council approves the attached Monthly Expenditure Reports for December 2014.

APPROVED by Budget and Finance Committee 4-0-0 on 1-6-15

- B MOTION:** The Venice Neighborhood Council approves the expenditure for and requests cash to be allocated to its NC checking account in the following amounts for February 2015 to cover the expenses of the Green Venice Town Hall 2014:

VNC Budget Item	DONE	Vendor (if Known)	Amount
Facility rental	OUT	LAUSD	\$ 500.00
Water	OUT	Smart & Final	\$ 20.00
Printing	OUT	Office Depot	\$ 100.00
Total			\$ 620.00

APPROVED BY Budget and Finance Committee 4-0-0 on 1-6-15

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

- 15. Adjourn (approx. 9:00PM)**

List of Venice Neighborhood Council Committees & Chairs – Volunteers Welcome

Administrative	Mike Newhouse	Communications	Jed Pauker
Arts	Eduardo Manilla	Discussion Forum	Joe Murphy
Budget & Finance	Hugh Harrison	Business	George Francisco
Education	Bud Jacobs	Housing	Abigail Myers, Helen Stotler
Land Use and Planning	Robin Rudisill	Mass/Scale/Character	Sue Kaplan
Neighborhood	Marc Saltzberg	Parking/Transportation	Abigail Myers
Ocean Front Walk	Melissa Diner	Public Safety	George Francisco
Outreach	Sylvia Aroth	Santa Monica Airport	Laura Silagi, Abigail Myers
Rules & Election	Ira Koslow		
Environmental	Abigail Myers, Erin Sullivan-Ward, Barbara Lonsdale		

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