



Venice Neighborhood Council

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Board of Officers Meeting Agenda

Westminster Elementary School (Auditorium)

1010 Abbot Kinney Blvd, Venice, 90291

Tuesday, November, 15, 2016 at 6:30 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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ALL AGENDA TIMES ARE APPROXIMATE AND SUBJECT TO CHANGE ON THE NIGHT OF THE MEETING.

1. **Call to Order and Roll Call (6:30 p.m. – 1 minute)**

Thank you to Scopa Italian Roots, Whole Foods, Abbot's Habit, Daryl Barnett for the food and refreshments.

2. **Pledge Of Allegiance (6:31PM -- 1 minute)**

3. **Approval of Outstanding Board minutes (6:32PM – 1 minute)**

10/18/16 meeting

<http://www.venicenc.org/wp-content/uploads/2012/12/VNCBoardMinutesOctober182016-1.pdf>

10/20/16 meeting

<http://www.venicenc.org/wp-content/uploads/2012/12/VNCBoardMinutesOct202016-1.pdf>

4. **Approval of the Agenda (6:33PM – 1 minute)**

5. **Declaration of Ex Parte Communications or Conflicts-Of-Interest (6:34PM -- 1 minute)**

All Board members shall declare any ex parte communications or conflicts-of interest relating to items on this meeting's agenda.



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6. **Scheduled Announcements and Presentations (6:35PM – 70 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.*

B Government Reports (25 minutes) (Representatives have standing place on the agenda, but are not always available to attend)

- City Councilmember Mike Bonin, Field Deputy, Taylor Bazley, 310-568-8772 (taylor.bazley@lacity.org)
- 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)
- State Assemblyperson Autumn Burke, Rep TBD, 310-412-6400
- 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)
Presentation on the Mayor's Office of Public Engagement (MOPE)

C VNC Announcements (5 minutes)

- President -Ira Koslow (President@VeniceNC.org)
- Vice President - George Francisco (VicePresident@VeniceNC.org)
- Westside Regional Alliance of Councils- Mike Newhouse, WRAC President,Ira Koslow, VNC Representatives. (Chair@westsidecouncils.org),
- Los Angeles Neighborhood Council Coalition (LANCC) (Ivan Spiegel Parliamentarian@VeniceNC.org)
- VNC Representative to DWP: Yolanda Gonzales
- Budget Advocates - Hugh Harrison, Treasurer

D The Venice Art Wall (5 minutes) Bruno Hernandez & Annie Penman with The Setting The Pace Foundation/The Venice Wall

E Venice Oceanarium (5 minutes) presentation by Tim Rudnick

F Board of Public Works (20 minutes) Kevin James, President of the Board of Public Works will give a presentation on the services offered by Public Works City Departments.

7. Treasurer's Report (7:45PM - 10 minutes) (Hugh Harrison on behalf of Budget & Finance Committee) (Treasurer@VeniceNC.org)

[Discussion and possible action] See attached addendums

A Expenditure Reports

MOTION: The Venice NC approves the expenditure reports for October 2016.



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B Increase Funding for VNC's Family Holiday Festival

MOTION: The VNC approves an additional expenditure of \$3,500 for the 2016 Holiday Celebration. The items are \$2,500 for Kids Fitness Challenge and \$1,000 for supplies. The funds will be allocated from Community Improvement Projects [\$2,500] and General Outreach [\$1,000].

Recommended by the Budget and Finance Committee 4-0-0 on November 4, 2016.

8. Announcements and Public Comment on items not on the Agenda (7:55PM - 10 minutes)

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

9. General Consent Calendar (8:05PM -- 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.]

A Venice High School Renovations (submitted by Jim Murez, james.murez@venicenc.org)

MOTION: The VNC Board shall send a letter to Councilman Bonin, Mayor Eric Garcetti and LAUSD School Board member Steve Zimmer (LAUSD) stating that the proposed modernization of Venice High School does not encompass the entire site and leaves the community with a lot of concern about the proposal being incomplete and lacking good design practices.

B Red Curb revert back to public parking (submitted by Jim Murez, james.murez@venicenc.org on behalf of the Transportation Committee)

MOTION: Whereas the NE corner of Windward Ave at Riviera Ave was previously used by the Blue Bus as a passenger stop, and

hereas the red curb at this location is no longer needed due to the Bus being rerouted,W

Therefore Be It Resolved that the VNC Board recommends that the LA Dept. Of Transportation remove the red curb at the NE corner of Windward Ave at so that it may revert back to public parking, thus creating an additional three to five public parking spaces.

Recommended by Transportation Committee 6-0-0

C Request to cut back bushes (submitted by Jim Murez, james.murez@venicenc.org on behalf of the Transportation Committee)

MOTION: Whereas the bushes overhanging the sidewalk of 18th St. between Pacific Ave. and Speedway are hanging down to about four feet above the ground and completely block the sidewalk from pedestrian access, and

Whereas this is a safety hazard because it forces people to walk in the very narrow street,

Therefore Be It Resolved that the VNC Board recommends that the Department Of Public Works, Street Maintenance Bureau trim the bushes that are overhanging the sidewalk on 18th St. between Pacific Ave. and Speedway.

Recommended by Transportation Committee 6-0-0



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- D Holiday Reunification Program** (submitted by William Hawkins, william.hawkins@venicenc.org, on behalf of the Homeless committee)
MOTION: Whereas an innovative pilot program exists that puts homeless individuals back in touch with family, friends and loved ones via a Social Media Program, and
Whereas similar programs have been executed in other municipalities with a 40% success rate of getting homeless off the streets and living with loved ones and a 90% success rate of connecting them with their loved ones in a positive manner, and
Whereas Miracle Messages and Safe Place for Youth have already offered their services for such a program,
Therefore Be It Resolved that the VNC supports this program to be held in Venice during the second week of December 2016 to coincide with the holiday season and encourages other local organizations to participate as well. Recommended by Homeless Committee 5-0-0
- E Request for Revenue Reports** (Colleen Saro on behalf of the OFW Committee)
MOTION: The Venice Neighborhood Council requests the revenue reports for filmings, recreational activities and events done within the confines of Venice Beach/OFW from all agencies that manage these areas (Public Works, Recreation and Parks, Beaches and Harbors, and Film LA). Furthermore, we require that all films, recreational activities and events in the area are reported to and communicate with local community liaisons.
Recommended by OFW Committee 3-0-4
- F Future Use Of The Venice Lifeguard Headquarters** (submitted by Robert Aronson as an individual, R_Aronson@ureach.com)
MOTION: The VNC Board instructs the Ocean Front Walk Committee to appoint a member to investigate and report to the VNC Board on a regular basis as to the following:
1. the status of the current use of the Venice Lifeguard Headquarters;
 2. the potential future uses of the Venice Lifeguard Headquarters, including the option of removing all improvements and restoration to beach;
 3. the opportunities for the Venice community to become involved and provide input in the decision as to the future use of the Venice Lifeguard Headquarters;
 4. the outreach that will be conducted by the County to provide information to, and seek input from, the Venice community, as to the future use of the Venice Lifeguard Headquarters;
 5. the position of the County and the City as to whether the wishes of the Venice community will be effectuated in any decision as to the future use of the Venice Lifeguard Headquarters.
- 10. Land Use and Planning Committee (LUPC) Consent Calendar (8:10PM -- 5 minutes)**
[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]



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811 Coeur D Alene

Case: Requesting Administrative CDP

Applicant: Carlos Vidal

LUPC Staff: Tim Bonefeld

Representative: Chris McLean for Matthew Royce

Description: Remodel and addition to existing single family house

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

Recommended by LUPC (TB/DT 7-0-0)

11. Old Business (8:15PM - 40 minutes)

[Discussion and possible action]

2819 Grayson Ave

Case: DIR-2016-2088-CDP

Applicant: Thomas James Capital

LUPC Staff: Mehrnoosh Mojallali

Representative: Gavin McKiernan

Description: 2-STORY ADDITION TO AN EXISTING 832 SQ. FT. 1-STORY SINGLE FAMILY RESIDENCES WITH A NEW ATTACHED 2-CAR GARAGE. NEW STRUCTURE WILL ADD 2,438 SQ. FT. FOR A TOTAL OF 3,270 SQ. FT.

MOTION: The VNC Board recommends approval of the CDP application for the project with the following conditions:

1 - The VNC Board recommends that the CCC impose the maximum penalty for continuing construction work after receipt of a letter from the CCC dated April 27, 2016 denying the claim for a Coastal Exemption. The VNC requests this penalty be imposed on the developer, not the current homeowner.

2 - The VNC Board recommends that the CCC and the City of LA impose the maximum penalty for removing a street tree without proper permits and destroying the nesting habitat of a hawk. The VNC requests this penalty be imposed on the developer, not the current homeowner.

THIS ITEM WAS POSTPONED FROM OCTOBER MEETING

12. LUPC (8:55PM – 110 minutes) (Matthew Royce on behalf of LUPC, Chair-lupc@VeniceNC.org)

(see project files for more detailed info at <http://www.venicenc.org/committees/lupc/>)

[Discussion and possible action]

A 213 Ruth Ave

Case: DIR-2016-2060-CDP, DIR-2016-857-VSO

Applicant: Thomas James Capital

LUPC Staff: Merhnoosh Mojallali

Representative: Gavin McKiernan



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Description: TWO-STORY 2,709 SQ. FT. SINGLE-FAMILY AND 2-CAR GARAGE ADDITION TO AN EXISTING SINGLE FAMILY RESIDENCE. PROPOSED DEMOLITION OF THE (E) GARAGE AND PORTIONS OF THE (E) SFD.

MOTION: The VNC Board recommends denial of the project for the following reasons:

1. Substantial evidence exists of lying to neighbors about existence of plans, and ignoring stop work orders from the California Coastal Commission.
2. Project is not compatible with the mass, scale and character of the neighborhood.

Recommended by LUPC (RA/BS 8-0-0)

B 918 California Ave

Case: Requesting Administrative CDP

Applicant: Karolina Sandstrom and Tobias Dahl

Representative: David Reddy

Description: Remodel of an existing accessory building

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

NOTE: LUPC did not take a position on this project.

C 918 Milwood Ave

Case: DIR-2016-1117-CDP-MEL

Applicant: Jim Damavandi

LUPC Staff: Joe Clark

Representative: Zoran Pevec

Description: Demo existing duplex to develop new single family home

Public Comment & Possible Action: Motion

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

Recommended by LUPC (JC/TB 7-0-0)

D 1509 Cabrillo Ave

Case: DIR-2016-2710-VSO, ZA-2016-2201-ZAA, DIR-2016-2301-CDP

Applicant: Josh Blanchard

LUPC Staff: Joe Clark

Description: REMODEL/ADD'N TO (E) 2 DETACHED 2-STORY SFDS. 3RD-STORY ADD'N W/ A ROOF DECK & ROOF ACCESS STRUCTURE (RAS) TO THE REAR UNIT. JOIN 2 DETACHED SFDS TOGETHER

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

Recommended by LUPC (JC/DT 7-0-0)

13. New Business (10:45PM – 30 minutes)

[Discussion and possible action]



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- A Metro Bike Share program expansion into Venice (5 minutes)** presentation by Jessie Holzer
- B Recommended new area for bike share program** (submitted by Jim Murez, james.murez@venicenc.org on behalf of the Transportation Committee)
MOTION: The VNC Board recommends that the City utilize the majority portion of the NW and SW corners of Venice Blvd. at Abbot Kinney be configured for the bike share program. Parking stalls to be allocated evenly based on ridership participation by competing service providers. Service providers to include local bike rental businesses.
 Recommended By Transportation Committee 6-0-0
- C Day of the Doors** (submitted by George Francisco, Vice-President vp@venicenc.org)
MOTION: Whereas the rock group, "The Doors" is recognized as having a globally transformative impact on both popular music and popular culture and;
 Whereas Venice CA is historically considered the birthplace of "The Doors" and;
 Whereas January 4, 2017 will mark the 50th anniversary of the release of the "The Doors" first album,
 Therefore Be It Resolved that the Venice NC shall send a letter to Mayor Eric Garcetti, Councilman Mike Bonin and the Los Angeles Department of Cultural Affairs requesting that January 4th be recognized as "The Day of The Doors" in Los Angeles.
- D Amplified Music on OFW** (Colleen Saro on behalf of the OFW Committee)
MOTION: The VNC recommends that amplified music not be allowed on the west side of the Boardwalk, but does encourage acoustic music.
 Recommended by OFW Committee 7-0-0
- 14. Board Member Comments on subject matters within the VNC jurisdiction (11:15PM - 5 minutes)**
- 15. Adjourn (approx. 11:20PM)**

List of Venice Neighborhood Council Committees & Chairs – Volunteers Welcome

Standing Committees

- Administrative - Ira Koslow
- Neighborhood - George Francisco
- Outreach - Matthew Kline
- Land Use and Planning - Matthew Royce
- Budget & Finance - Hugh Harrison
- Rules & Selections - John Reed
- Arts - Sonny Bak
- Ocean Front Walk - Colleen Saro
- Education - vacant

Ad Hoc Committees

- Public Safety - Matt Shaw & Will Hawkins
- Homeless - Will Hawkins



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Parking & Transportation - Jim Murez

Venice Cityhood - Nick Antonicello

Discussion Forum - Joe Murphy

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