



# Venice Neighborhood Council

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## **Board of Officers Meeting Agenda**

Westminster Elementary School (Auditorium)

1010 Abbot Kinney Blvd, Venice, 90291

**Tuesday, February 21, 2017 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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**COMMUNITY IMPACT STATEMENTS:** Any action taken by the Board may result in the filing of a related CIS

**DISABILITY POLICY:** See last page.

**ALL AGENDA TIMES ARE APPROXIMATE AND SUBJECT TO CHANGE ON THE NIGHT OF THE MEETING.**



1. **Call to Order and Roll Call (7:00PM – 1 minute)**  
The meeting is being called to order in recognition of LAPD Senior Lead Officer Peggy Thusing who is retiring after many years of service to the Venice community.
2. **Pledge Of Allegiance (7:01PM -- 1 minute)**
3. **Approval of Outstanding Board minutes (7:02PM – 1 minute)**  
<http://www.venicenc.org/docs/34484073-6531.pdf>
4. **Approval of the 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 – 40 minutes)**
- A **Public Safety - LAPD Report (10 minutes):** Senior Lead Officers Peggy Thusing (25120@lapd.lacity.org), Kristan Delatori ([32914@lapd.lacity.org](mailto:32914@lapd.lacity.org)), Gregg Jacobus,



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[35162@lapd.lacity.org](mailto:35162@lapd.lacity.org), Lt. Lydia Leos [23216@lapd.lacity.org](mailto: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, Field Deputy Taylor Bazley, 310-568-8772 ([taylor.bazley@lacity.org](mailto:taylor.bazley@lacity.org))
  - Congressman Ted Lieu, Representative Janet Turner, 310-496-9896 ([janet.turner@mail.house.gov](mailto:janet.turner@mail.house.gov))
  - State Senator Ben Allen, Representative Fernando Morales, 310-318-6994 ([fernando.morales@sen.ca.gov](mailto:fernando.morales@sen.ca.gov))
  - State Assemblyperson Autumn Burke, Rep Ari Ruiz 310-412-6400
  - LA County Supervisor Sheila Kuehl Westside Field Deputy Rachel Zaiden, 213-974-3333 ([rzaiden@bos.lacounty.gov](mailto:rzaiden@bos.lacounty.gov))
  - Mayor Eric Garcetti, Westside Deputy, Daniel Tamm, 213-978-0836 ([Daniel.Tamm@Lacity.org](mailto:Daniel.Tamm@Lacity.org))
- C VNC Announcements and Reports (5 minutes)**
- President -Ira Koslow ([President@VeniceNC.org](mailto:President@VeniceNC.org))
  - Vice President - George Francisco ([VicePresident@VeniceNC.org](mailto:VicePresident@VeniceNC.org))
  - Westside Regional Alliance of Councils-Ira Koslow, VNC Representatives. ([president@venicenc.org](mailto:president@venicenc.org)),
  - Los Angeles Neighborhood Council Coalition (LANCC) Ivan Spiegel ([Parliamentarian@VeniceNC.org](mailto:Parliamentarian@VeniceNC.org))
  - VNC Representative to DWP: Yolanda Gonzales
  - Budget Advocates - Hugh Harrison, Treasurer
  - Film LA & Recs & Parks liaison - Cathy Dreyfuss
  - Beaches & Harbors liaison - Noel Johnston
- D CERT basic training class (Gregg Aniolek, [gregganiolek@gmail.com](mailto:gregganiolek@gmail.com)) (5 minutes)**  
LAFD CERT training starting March 1st at 6:30pm - 9pm, Fire Station #5, 8900 Emerson Ave, Westchester. The class will be 7 consecutive weeks to April 12th. There will also be a Battalion #4 CERT meeting on Feb 23rd at 6:30pm also at Fire Station #5 for CERT graduates. This meeting will be mostly organizational to see who is still participating and to review emergency response procedures.
- E Civic University Report** from attending members George Francisco & Ilana Morosi **(5 minutes)**
- 7. Treasurer's Report (7:45PM -- 10 minutes)** (Hugh Harrison on behalf of Budget & Finance Committee) ([Treasurer@VeniceNC.org](mailto:Treasurer@VeniceNC.org))  
*[Discussion and possible action] See attached addendums at <http://www.venicenc.org/minutes-and-agendas.php>*



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## **A Expenditure Reports**

**MOTION:** The VNC Board approves the Monthly Expenditure Report for January 2017. Recommended by Budget & Finance Committee 3-0-0 on 2/7/2017.

## **B Expenditure to date Report**

**MOTION:** The VNC Board approves the Expenditure to Date report. Recommended by Budget & Finance Committee 3-0-0 on 2/7/2017.

## **C Approval of Revised Budget**

**MOTION:** The VNC Board approves the proposed revised budget for 2016-2017 to include the additional \$5000 provided to each NC. Recommended by Budget & Finance Committee 3-0-0

## **D Approval of Public Safety Town Hall Funding**

**MOTION:** The VNC shall allocate \$1,600 from the Town Hall and Advertising budgets to present a Public Safety Town Hall with \$400 for facilities; \$200 for refreshments; and \$1000 for promotion. Recommended by Budget & Finance Committee 4-0-0 on 2/7/2017

## **E Fund Community Improvement Project for Restoration of Veterans Mural**

**MOTION:** The VNC approves the application of the Community Improvement Project "Conservation of Vietnam Memorial Mural" for \$2,500 . Recommended by Budget & Finance Committee 3-0-0 (Francisco recused) on 2/7/2017. Motion also passed Neighborhood Committee 7-0-0 (Francisco recused ); 1/25/2017

## **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)**

See attached addendums at <http://www.venicenc.org/minutes-and-agendas.php>

*[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 Section 8 Vouchers for Roommates and Stipend for Homeless Care**

**MOTION:** Whereas there are over 1,000 homeless people living on streets of Venice; and Whereas the current situation is not safe for housed or unhoused; and Whereas the homeless population in Venice is expected to continue to grow; and Whereas the VNC wants to support programs that help people transition off the street and result in a net reduction of number of unhoused living on the streets in Venice Therefore be it resolved that:



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1. The Venice Neighborhood Council recommends that the City of Los Angeles agree to allow Section 8 vouchers to be used to pay for single rooms in private residences to pre-approved homes to pre-approved individuals registered in the LA City's Coordinated Entry System.
2. The Venice Neighborhood Council recommends that the City of Los Angeles agree to create a program and put aside funds to pay a set amount of funds to families housing homeless individuals who have been properly registered through the LA City's Coordinated Entry System. Recommended by the Homeless Committee [4-0-0]

**B Lifeguard Tower Removal** (Colleen Saro on behalf of the Ocean Front Walk Committee [colleen.saro@venicenc.org](mailto:colleen.saro@venicenc.org) )

**MOTION:** The Venice Neighborhood Council shall send a letter to Councilman Mike Bonin and LA County, Beaches & Harbors requesting that they take steps to remove the upper part of the Lifeguard Tower at 2300 Ocean Front Walk, as it has been deemed unsafe, too expensive to repair and is an eyesore to the community.

Recommended by the Ocean Front Walk Committee 4-2-3

**C Considerations on CD11 Proposed Development Projects** (Jim Murez on behalf of the Parking & Transportation Committee, [james.murez@venicenc.org](mailto:james.murez@venicenc.org) )

**MOTION:** Be it resolved that the VNC requests that the City present a mitigation plan capable of improving the present heavily impacted areas and providing for zero additional negative impact on public right of ways, including sidewalks, roads and public landscaping, from the proposed developments.

Recommended by the Parking and Transportation Committee 6-0-0

**10. Land Use and Planning Committee (LUPC) Consent Calendar (8:10PM -- 0 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]*

**11. LUPC (8:10PM – 105 minutes)** (Matthew Royce on behalf of LUPC, [Chair-lupc@VeniceNC.org](mailto:Chair-lupc@VeniceNC.org))

(see project files for more detailed info at <http://www.venicenc.org/committees/lupc/> )  
*[Discussion and possible action]*

**A 746 Marco Place (30 minutes)**

Case: DIR-2015-4156-CDP-SPP

Applicant: Rocky Morton

LUPC Staff: Tim Bonefeld

Representative: Robert Thibodeau

Description: PURSUANT OF 11.57C (SPP) AND 12.20.2 (CDP) TO DEMOLISH DETACHED GARAGE AND ACCESSORY STRUCTURE, AND MAJOR REMODEL/ADDITION TO SFD (3,006) COMPROMISED OF ALTERATIONS TO THE FIRST FLOOR, A NEW SECOND



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STORY ADDITION, AND NEW DETACHED 2 CAR GARAGE, AND DETACHED 330 SQUARE FEET REC ROOM AND 3 PARKING SPACES ON SITE IN THE R2-1 ZONE.

**MOTION:** The VNC Board recommends approval of the project as presented Recommended by LUPC (TB/MJ 6-0-1)

## **B 849 Amoroso Place (15 minutes)**

Case: DIR-2016-3140-CDP-SPP-MEL

Applicant: Joe Clark

LUPC Staff: Tim Bonefeld

Representative: Mario Fonda Bonardi

Description: Remodel existing 964 SF single family dwelling and addition of 1234 SF. Total 2,198 SF

**MOTION:** The VNC Board recommends approval of the project as presented. Recommended by LUPC (TB/MJ 6-0-0) JC Recused

## **C 2334 Frey Ave (15 minutes)**

Case: DIR-2016-3140-CDP-SPP-MEL

Applicant: Sejong Ding

LUPC Staff: Mehrnoosh Mojallali

Representative: Patrick Winters

Description: Major Remodel of existing 978 SF single family dwelling and addition of 2,087 SF. Total 3,065 SF

**MOTION:** The VNC Board recommends approval of the project as presented. Recommended by LUPC (TB/MJ 6-0-0) RD Recused

## **D Simon's Market, 1709 Lincoln Blvd (15 minutes)**

Applicant: Simon Mellor

LUPC Staff: Michael Jensen

Representative: Simon Mellor

Description: Applicant requests modification to condition #9 in connection with his license from the Department of Alcoholic Beverage Control to be able to sell single bottles of craft beer which are less than 32 ounces.

**MOTION:** The VNC Board recommends single beer and all other single bottle liquor sales be allowed in sizes less than 32 ounces if they cost \$4.00 or more. Recommended by LUPC (TB/JC 5-0-0)

## **E 913 Milwood Ave (15 minutes)**

Case: Requesting Administrative CDP

Applicant: Ophir Marish

LUPC Staff: Tim Bonefeld





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Representative: Ophir Marish for Matthew Royce

Description: Remodel of existing 2,190 SF single family dwelling and addition of 410 SF. Total 2,600 SF.

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

Recommended by LUPC (TB/MJ 6-0-0) MR Recused

## F **3011 Ocean Front Walk (15 minutes)**

Case: DIR-2016-4749-CDP-MEL

Applicant: Mike Targon

LUPC Staff: Ramsey Daham

Representative: Ron Howell and Rudy Alegre

Description: DEMOLITION OF AN EXISTING 2,300 S.F. MULTI-FAMILY BUILDING AND THE CONSTRUCTION OF A NEW 4,113 S.F. SINGLE FAMILY HOME

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

Recommended by LUPC (TB/JC 5-0-0)

## 12. **Old Business (9:55PM - 0 minutes)**

*[Discussion and possible action]*

## 13. **New Business (9:55PM – 65 minutes)**

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*[Discussion and possible action]*

## A **Reduce Return Rehouse Principles** (Will Hawkins on behalf of the Homeless Committee [william.hawkins@venicenc.org](mailto:william.hawkins@venicenc.org)) (10 minutes)

**MOTION:** Whereas there are over 1,000 homeless people living on streets of Venice; and

Whereas the current situation is not safe for housed or unhoused; and

Whereas the homeless population in Venice is expected to continue to grow; and

Whereas the VNC wants to support programs that help people transition off the street and result in a net reduction of number of unhoused living on the streets in Venice

Therefore be it resolved that the VNC adopts the following principles and aims to support programs that

- REDUCE the number of new homeless people coming to or becoming homeless in Venice

- RETURN those willing and able to go home

- RE-HOUSE with priority (elderly, families, single mothers, veterans, teens, mentally ill)

Recommended by the Homeless Committee 4-0-0

## B **Oxford Triangle Resolution** (George Francisco on behalf of the Neighborhood Committee [vp@venicenc.org](mailto:vp@venicenc.org)) (30 minutes)

**MOTION:** Be it resolved, that the Venice Neighborhood Council recommend to Mayor Eric Garcetti and Councilman Mike Bonin to honor the request of Oxford Triangle residents and the



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recommendations of the 1988 Oxford Triangle Neighborhood Study to either rebuild maintenance facilities on the property known as Thatcher Yard to resume City maintenance operations or rezone the property to R1-1 status to complement and protect the Scale and Character of the adjoining single-family residential neighborhood and then sell the property to a developer who intends to redevelop the site in a manner consistent with existing Oxford Triangle single-family homes.

Recommended by the Neighborhood Committee 7-0-2

**C Removal of Erin Darling from VNC Board (Melissa Diner [secretary@venicenc.org](mailto:secretary@venicenc.org)) (5 minutes)**

As per article V, section 7 of the VNC by-laws, *Absences: If an Officer fails to consistently attend those meetings at which he or she is expected, the Board may remove the Officer and declare the seat vacant. Officers are expected to attend all Board of Officers and Stakeholder meetings. Absence from four (4) consecutive meetings or seven (7) or more meetings during the previous twelve (12) months shall be deemed a failure to consistently attend. A three-quarters (3/4) vote of Officers present at a Board of Officers meeting is required for removal. Such action shall be effective immediately upon the Board vote to remove. In such case, the President shall send a certified letter to the person, stating that he or she is no longer an Officer.*

**MOTION:** The Venice Neighborhood Council shall remove Erin Darling from the Board due to 5 consecutive absences from the last 5 board meetings. (Oct. 2016-Jan. 2017) NOTE: there were 2 Board meetings in October, 2016.)

If this motion is approved the President will open nominations to fill the vacant seat.

**D Community Impact Statement in support of Council File # 15-1022-S2 Suspension of online voting (Ivan Spiegel on behalf of the Los Angeles Neighborhood Council Coalition "LANCC") (20 minutes)**

**MOTION:** Whereas the City plans to change Neighborhood Council election procedures unilaterally and,  
Whereas the City plans to make all NC elections self-affirmation against the will of some boards and bylaws, and  
Whereas the City plans to reduce unilaterally the voting age of stakeholders in some NC's to 16 years of age against the bylaws and will of the boards, and  
Whereas the City is mandating all NC's use online voting only, against the will of the some boards who voted against online voting, and  
Whereas the City is attempting to mold neighborhood councils to fit an electronic voting model rather than fitting the contracted for electronic voting model to neighborhood councils,  
Therefore be it resolved that the Venice Neighborhood Council shall file a Community Impact Statement in support of Council File 15-1022-S2 and demand the City suspend online voting unless and until it can show evidence that the online model is complete and secure as contracted for, that the City will provide proper outreach, that the Department can show it has returned to its core mission of supporting NC's, and can truly support neighborhood councils per its Charter mandate, and allow all of the councils, per the Charter, Ordinance and Plan, to self-rule for the benefit of its stakeholders, and to allow the NC's to determine whether it should be online, self-determination and age specific for its voters.



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14. **Board Member Comments on subject matters within the VNC jurisdiction (11:00PM - 5 minutes)**
  
15. **Adjourn (approx. 11:05PM)**

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

### **Ad Hoc Committees**

Public Safety - Matt Shaw & Will Hawkins  
Homeless - Will Hawkins  
Parking & Transportation - Jim Murez  
Venice Cityhood - Nick Antonicello  
Discussion Forum - Joe Murphy

**RECONSIDERATION AND GRIEVANCE PROCESS:** For information on the VNC's process for board action reconsideration, stakeholder grievance policy, or any other procedural matters related to this Council, please consult the VNC Bylaws. The Bylaws are available at our Board meetings and our website [www.venicenc.org](http://www.venicenc.org).

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