



# Neighborhood Council

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## Board of Officers Regular Meeting Minutes

Westminster Elementary School (Auditorium)

1010 Abbot Kinney Blvd, Venice, 90291

**Tuesday, August 15, 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. TRANSLATION Services: Si requiere servicios de traducción, favor de notificar a la oficina 3 días de trabajo (72 horas) antes del evento. Si necesita asistencia con esta notificación, por favor llame a nuestra oficina 213.473.5391.

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### 1. Call to Order and Roll Call (7:00 PM – 1 minute)

PRESENT: George Francisco, Hugh Harrison, Melissa Diner, Evan White, Sunny Bak, Brads Aarons, Stephen Livigni, James Murez, Colleen Saro, Matt Shaw, Robert Thibodeau,

NOT PRESENT: Ira Koslow, Matt Kline, Matthew Royce, William Hawkins, Cayley Lambur, Ilana Marosi, Hollie Stenson, Michelle Meepos,

**JR, MR arrives**

### 2. Pledge Of Allegiance (7:01PM -- 1 minute)

### 3. Approval of Outstanding Board minutes (7:02PM – 1 minute)

<http://www.venicenc.org/docs/34484217-6927.pdf>

MS, RT (10, 0, 1)

FAVOR: Hugh Harrison, Melissa Diner, Evan White, Sunny Bak, Brads Aarons, Stephen Livigni, James Murez, Colleen Saro, Matt Shaw, Robert Thibodeau,

OPPOSED:

ABSTAIN: George Francisco,

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

October 14, 2017 for consent calendar item

HH, BA (12, 0, 1)



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**FAVOR:** Hugh Harrison, Melissa Diner, Evan White, Sunny Bak, Brads Aarons, Stephen Livigni, James Murez, Colleen Saro, Matt Shaw, Robert Thibodeau, John Reed, Matt Royce

**OPPOSED:**

**ABSTAIN:** George Francisco,

## **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.

RH spoke to applicant on Hampden 10H, Rescual 10G

MR recusal from Hampden 10H

JM recusal 10H

HS, MM arrives

## **6. Scheduled Announcements and Presentations (7:05PM -- 35 minutes)**

**6A 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)), Javier Ramirez (39174@lapd.online); Lt. Michael Soliman ([32906@lapd.lacity.org](mailto:32906@lapd.lacity.org)), OFW Beach Detail Supervisor. *Includes a monthly Venice crime report and updates on law enforcement issues in Venice.*

**6B 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 Lauren Pizer Mains, (310) 318-6994, ([lauren.pizermains@sen.ca.gov](mailto:lauren.pizermains@sen.ca.gov))
- State Assemblyperson Autumn Burke, West Los Angeles Field Representative, Brandon Stansell, (310) 412-6400, ([brandon.stansell@asm.ca.gov](mailto:brandon.stansell@asm.ca.gov))
- LA County Supervisor Sheila Kuehl Westside Field Deputy FYI, Stephanie Cohen (310)231-1170 ([scohen@bos.lacounty.gov](mailto:scohen@bos.lacounty.gov))
- Mayor Eric Garcetti, Westside Deputy, Daniel Tamm, 213-978-0836 ([Daniel.Tamm@Lacity.org](mailto:Daniel.Tamm@Lacity.org))

## **6C VNC Announcements and Reports (5 minutes)**

- President -Ira Koslow ([President@VeniceNC.org](mailto:President@VeniceNC.org))  
Grievances have been filed against the VNC Board. According to the VNC Bylaws they will be referred to the Department of Neighborhood Empowerment for adjudication.  
(Grievance policy: <https://empowerla.org/wp-content/uploads/2016/03/Grievance-Policy.pdf>)



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Grievance file:

<https://drive.google.com/open?id=0B81M2U0uPEPPcFY4Y2NrcnUxZ0oteHFzdDh2elduN25pZFA4>, it can also be found at <http://www.venicenc.org> under exhibits for said adcom and board meeting dates)

- Vice President - George Francisco ([VicePresident@VeniceNC.org](mailto:VicePresident@VeniceNC.org))  
Congress of Neighborhood Councils September 9, 2017  
Disband Public Safety Committee
  - Westside Regional Alliance of Councils- ,Ira Koslow, VNC Representative ([Chair@westsidecouncils.org](mailto:Chair@westsidecouncils.org)),
- Los Angeles Neighborhood Council Coalition (LANCC) Ivan Spiegel ([Parliamentarian@VeniceNC.org](mailto:Parliamentarian@VeniceNC.org))
- VNC Representative to DWP: Yolanda Gonzales – post link from Yolanda to article
- Budget Advocates - Hugh Harrison, Treasurer

**6D Presentation on Oakwood Recreation Center Programs & Events(5 minutes)(Keith Rice)**

**7. Treasurer’s Report (7:40PM -- 10 minutes)** (Hugh Harrison on behalf of Budget & Finance Committee) ([Treasurer@VeniceNC.org](mailto:Treasurer@VeniceNC.org))  
*See attached addendums at <http://www.venicenc.org/minutes-and-agendas.php>  
[Discussion and possible action]*

**7A Monthly Expenditure Report** (Hugh Harrison, Treasurer [treasurer@venicenc.org](mailto:treasurer@venicenc.org))  
**MOTION:** The VNC Board approves the Monthly Expenditure Report for July 2017.

HH, EW (14, 0, 1)

**FAVOR:** Hugh Harrison, Melissa Diner, Matthew Royce, Evan White, Sunny Bak, Brad Aarons, Stephen Livigni, Holly Stenson, Michelle Meepos, James Murez, John Reed, Colleen Saro, Matt Shaw , Robert Thibodeau,

**OPPOSED**

**ABSTAIN:** George Francisco,

**7B Expenditure to date Report** (Hugh Harrison, Treasurer [treasurer@venicenc.org](mailto:treasurer@venicenc.org))  
**MOTION:** The VNC Board approves the Expenditure to Date report for May 2017.

HH, MS (14, 0, 1)

**FAVOR:** Hugh Harrison, Melissa Diner, Matthew Royce, Evan White, Sunny Bak, Brad Aarons, Stephen Livigni, Holly Stenson, Michelle Meepos, James Murez, John Reed, Colleen Saro, Matt Shaw , Robert Thibodeau,

**OPPOSED**

**ABSTAIN:** George Francisco,

**7C Additional Funding for Sound System** (Hugh Harrison on behalf of the Budget &



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Finance Committee, [treasurer@venicenc.org](mailto:treasurer@venicenc.org))

**MOTION:** The VNC authorizes up to \$250 to purchase additional equipment, including, but not limited to, a carrying case for the new sound system.

*Recommended by Budget & Finance Committee 4-0-0 on 8-1-2017*

HH, SB(14, 0, 1)

**FAVOR:** Hugh Harrison, Melissa Diner, Matthew Royce, Evan White, Sunny Bak, Brad Aarons, Stephen Livigni, Holly Stenson, Michelle Meepos, James Murez, John Reed, Colleen Saro, Matt Shaw, Robert Thibodeau,

**OPPOSED**

**ABSTAIN:** George Francisco,

**8. Announcements and Public Comment on items not on the Agenda (7:50PM - 10 minutes)**  
*[No more than 1 minute per person – no Board member announcements permitted]*

Abbot Kinney Festival [kim@abbotkinney.org](mailto:kim@abbotkinney.org) 3109049736  
October 14, 2017 20<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the Venice Pier [venicepierproject@gmail.com](mailto:venicepierproject@gmail.com)

**9. General Consent Calendar (8:00PM -- 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.]*

**9A Venice Fishing Pier 20th Anniversary** (Peter John Ruiz, [venicepierproject@gmail.com](mailto:venicepierproject@gmail.com))  
**MOTION:** Whereas the Venice Fishing Pier was re-opened on October 14, 1997 and Whereas the Pier is an iconic neighborhood destination and symbol,  
Be It Resolved the the VNC shall endorse and promote a small celebration of the Pier's history and significance to be held on Saturday, October 15, 2017.

**PASSED**

**10. LUPC (8:05PM – 170 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/land-use-committee.php>)

**10A 210 San Juan Avenue/213 Horizon Avenue (20 minutes)**  
DIR-2016-2172-CDP-MEL  
Applicant: Lion Horizon 26, LLC  
Representative: Breakform Design  
Description: Three-story new single family residence. Zoning is RD1.5-1.  
**MOTION:** The VNC Board approves the project as presented.  
*Recommend by LUPC June 29, 2017*



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MR, MM (11, 0, 1)

FAVOR: Melissa Diner, Matthew Royce, Evan White, Sunny Bak, Brad Aarons, Stephen Livigni, Holly Stenson, Michelle Meepos, John Reed, Colleen Saro, Matt Shaw, Robert Thibodeau,

OPPOSED

ABSTAIN: Hugh Harrison

Recusal Jim Murez, George Francisco

## 10B 685 Westminster Ave (20 minutes)

Case: DIR-2017-1895-CDP-MEL, DIR-2017-2506-VSO

Applicant: Jay Penske

LUPC Staff: Matthew Royce

Representative: DU Architects

Description: Remodel and Change of Use from a Church to a Single Family

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

*Recommended by LUPC (JC/RA 7-2-0)*

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MOTION TO POSTPONE

MR, MM (14, 0, 1)

FAVOR: Hugh Harrison, Melissa Diner, Matthew Royce, Evan White, Sunny Bak, Brad Aarons, Stephen Livigni, Holly Stenson, Michelle Meepos, James Murez, John Reed, Colleen Saro, Matt Shaw, Robert Thibodeau,

OPPOSED

ABSTAIN: George Francisco,

## 10C 1209 Abbot Kinney Blvd (30 minutes)

Case: DIR-2016-2330-CDP-MEL-SPP, ZA-2017-2340-ZAA

Applicant: Winston Cenac for Bulldog Realtors

LUPC Staff: Matthew Royce

Representative: Wil Nieves

Description: 3 Story addition and remodel to convert an existing Single Family Residence to a Live/Work space. ZAA for reduced setbacks.

**MOTION:** The VNC Board recommends approval of the project with the condition that the applicant provides 2 parking spaces.

*Recommended by LUPC (JC/RD 7-2-0)*

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MR, MS (12, 2, 1)

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**OPPOSED:** John Reed, Colleen Saro,  
**ABSTAIN:** George Francisco,

**10D 1184 Nelrose Ave (20 minutes)**

Case: Non-Coastal Project (will file with city planning after LUPC & VNC approvals)

Applicant: Domyan Properties

LUPC Staff: Michael Jensen

Representative: Breakform Design

Description: new 3 unit small lot each with attached two car garages

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

*Recommended by LUPC (DT/MJ 6-1-0)*

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**MR, JM (14, 0, 1)**

**FAVOR:** Hugh Harrison, Melissa Diner, Matthew Royce, Evan White, Sunny Bak, Brad Aarons, Stephen Livigni, Holly Stenson, Michelle Meepos, James Murez, John Reed, Colleen Saro, Matt Shaw , Robert Thibodeau,

**OPPOSED**

**ABSTAIN:** George Francisco,

**10E 2405 Boone Ave (20 minutes)**

Case: DIR-2017-1608-CDP-MEL

Applicant: David Podleski

LUPC Staff: Joe Clark

Representative: David Crimmins

Description: New Single Family Residence

**MOTION:**The VNC Board recommends approval as presented.

*Recommended by LUPC (JC/TB 6-0-0) RD Recused*

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**MR, MM (13, 0, 2)**

**FAVOR:** Hugh Harrison, Melissa Diner, Matthew Royce, Evan White, Sunny Bak, Brad Aarons, Stephen Livigni, Holly Stenson , Michelle Meepos, James Murez, John Reed, Matt Shaw , Robert Thibodeau,

**OPPOSED:**

**ABSTAIN:** George Francisco, Colleen Saro,

**10F 2345 Wilson Ave (20 minutes)**

Case: DIR-2017-1917-CDP-MEL, ZA-2017-1918-ZAA, DIR-2017-2380-VSO



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Applicant: Kelly McCann Douglas

LUPC Staff: Joe Clark

Representative: Kelly McCann Douglas

Description: New Single Family Residence

**MOTION:** The VNC Board recommends approval with the condition that all site fences comply with the Venice Specific Plan

*Recommended by LUPC (JC/RD 6-0-0) MR Recused*

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MS, JR (13, 0, 1)

FAVOR: Hugh Harrison, Melissa Diner, Evan White, Sunny Bak, Brad Aarons, Stephen Livigni, Holly Stenson, Michelle Meepos, James Murez, John Reed, Colleen Saro, Matt Shaw, Robert Thibodeau,

OPPOSED:

ABSTAIN: George Francisco,

## 10G 615 E Boccaccio Ave (20 minutes)

Case: DIR-2017-1426-CDP, DIR-2017-2048-VSO

Applicant: Peter Lazarus

LUPC Staff: Mehrnoosh Mojallali

Representative: Greg Wittmann

Description: New Single Family Residence

**MOTION:** The VNC Board recommends approval as presented.

*Recommended by LUPC (MM/RD 7-0-0)*

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MR, MM (13, 0, 1)

FAVOR: Hugh Harrison, Melissa Diner, Matthew Royce, Evan White, Sunny Bak, Brad Aarons, Stephen Livigni, Holly Stenson, Michelle Meepos, James Murez, John Reed, Colleen Saro, Matt Shaw,

OPPOSED:

ABSTAIN: George Francisco,

## 10H 706 Hampton Drive (20 minutes)

Case: DIR-2017-1124-CDP-SPP-MEL, ZA-2017-1123-ZAA

Applicant: Erinn P. Berkson

LUPC Staff: Daffodil Tyminski

Representative: Democratic Design Studio

Description: New Mixed-Use building with ground floor retail and a live/work unit above

**MOTION:** The VNC Board recommends approval as presented.

*Recommended by LUPC (JC/ 5-1-0) MR, TB Recused*

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MS, JR (10, 0, 3)



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**OPPOSED:**

**ABSTAIN:** George Francisco, Hugh Harrison, Colleen Saro,

- 11. **Old Business (PM - 0 minutes)** See attached addendums at <http://www.venicenc.org/minutes-and-agendas.php>  
*[Discussion and possible action]*
- 12. **New Business (PM – 0 minutes)**  
*[Discussion and possible action]* See attached addendums at <http://www.venicenc.org/minutes-and-agendas.php>
- 13. **Board Member Comments on subject matters within the VNC jurisdiction (10:55PM - 5 minutes)**
- 14. **Adjourn (approx. 11PM)**

### List of Venice Neighborhood Council Committees & Chairs – Volunteers Welcome

<u>Standing Committees</u>	<u>Ad Hoc Committees</u>
Administrative - Ira Koslow	Homeless - Will Hawkins
Neighborhood - George Francisco	Parking & Transportation - Jim Murez
Outreach - Matthew Kline	Venice Cityhood - Nick Antonicello
Land Use and Planning - Matthew Royce	Discussion Forum - Joe Murphy
Budget & Finance - Hugh Harrison	
Rules & Selections - John Reed	
Arts - Sunny Bak	
Ocean Front Walk - Colleen Saro	

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