



# Venice Neighborhood Council

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## **Board of Officers Regular Meeting Agenda**

Westminster Elementary School (Auditorium)

1010 Abbot Kinney Blvd, Venice, 90291

**Tuesday, May 15, 2018 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**
2. **Pledge Of Allegiance (7:01PM -- 1 minute)**
3. **Approval of Outstanding Board minutes (7:02PM – 1 minute)**  
<http://www.venicenc.org/minutes-and-agendas.php>
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.



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## 6. Scheduled Announcements and Presentations

### 6A Live Stream of Meetings (7:05PM -- 3 minutes)

**All VNC Board meetings are streamed live online.** Please log onto facebook and share the live stream on the VNC homepage to promote community participation. Click here to share!

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**6B Public Safety - LAPD Report ( 7:08PM -- 10 minutes):** Senior Lead Officers Kristan Delatori ([32914@lapd.lacity.org](mailto:32914@lapd.lacity.org)), acting SLO Joe Roberts - [41448@lapd.online](mailto:41448@lapd.online) SLO Adrian Acosta - [39174@lapd.online](mailto:39174@lapd.online) SLO Javier Ramirez - [39174@lapd.online](mailto:39174@lapd.online), Venice Beach Task Force - LT Michael Soliman - [32906@lapd.online](mailto:32906@lapd.online). *Includes a monthly Venice crime report and updates on law enforcement issues in Venice.*

**6C Government Reports (7:18PM -- 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 Olin Wibroe ([Olin.wibroe@sen.ca.gov](mailto:Olin.wibroe@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))
- Empower LA Neighborhood Council Advocate, Gibson Nyambura, 213-978-1551 ([gibson.nyambura@lacity.org](mailto:gibson.nyambura@lacity.org))

### 6D VNC Announcements and Reports (7:33PM -- 5 minutes)

- President -Ira Koslow ([President@VeniceNC.org](mailto:President@VeniceNC.org))
  - Success of Cityhood Town Hall & Sounds at the Shore.
  - Reminder that nominations for vacant Board seat are open until June 11, 2018 at 7pm
- Vice President - George Francisco ([Vice President@VeniceNC.org](mailto:Vice President@VeniceNC.org))
- 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
- Budget Advocates - Hugh Harrison, Treasurer



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**6 E Presentation Top 10 Logo Contest Contestants and Announcement of 3 Finalist( 7:38PM --20 minutes, [hollie.stenson@venicenc.org](mailto:hollie.stenson@venicenc.org))**

**7. Treasurer's Report (7:58PM -- 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 Approve Monthly Expenditure Report for March 2018**

**MOTION:** The VNC approves the Monthly Expenditure Report [MER] for March 2018.

*Recommended by the Budget and Finance committee 4-0-0 on 5/7/18*

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## **7B Approve Expenditure To Date Report**

**MOTION:** The VNC approves the Expenditure to Date Report for March.

*Recommended by the Budget and Finance committee 4-0-0 on 5/7/18*

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## **7C Approve Reimbursement**

**MOTION:** The Venice Nc approves reimbursement to Board member Colleen Saro for expenses for Sounds at the Shore: MPI Parking \$242.00 Guitar Center \$239.25 Ralphs \$ 46.06 Smart & Final \$ 16.39

## **7D Approve Reallocation of Budget**

**MOTION:** The VNC approves the attached reallocated budget.

*Recommended by the Budget and Finance committee 4-0-0 on 5/7/18*

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## **7E Approve Funds for Congress and Advocates**

**MOTION:** The VNC approves \$1500 for the 2018 Congress of Neighborhood Councils and \$1000 for the Budget Advocates.

*Recommended by the Budget and Finance committee 4-0-0 on 5/7/18*

## **7F Approve Expenditures for Equipment Upgrades**

**MOTION:** The VNC approves the attached expenditures for new equipment.

*Recommended by the Budget and Finance committee 4-0-0 on 5/7/18*

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## **7G Approve Outreach Expenditures**

**MOTION:** The VNC approves the attached general outreach expenditures.

*Recommended by the Budget and Finance committee 4-0-0 on 5/7/18*

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## **7H Approve Outreach Expenditures**

**MOTION:** The VNC approves the attached expenditures to incorporate the new VNC logo.

*Recommended by the Budget and Finance committee 4-0-0 on 5/7/18*

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## **7I Approve Board Member Reimbursements.**

**MOTION:** The VNC approves the attached requests for reimbursement from Board members.

*Recommended by the Budget and Finance committee 4-0-0 on 5/7/18*

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## **8. Announcements and Public Comment on items not on the Agenda (8:08PM - 10 minutes)**

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

## **9. General Consent Calendar (8:18PM -- 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 Request 2018 Jones Settlement report (Will Hawkins, [william.hawkins@venicenc.org](mailto:william.hawkins@venicenc.org))**

**MOTION:** Whereas the city has yet to present updated stats and figures that show whether or not the terms of the Jones Settlement have been satisfied.

Therefore the VNC requests such information be provided in writing within 90 days by Councilman Bonin, Mayor Garcetti, Deputy Mayor Christina Miller and LAHSA Director Peter Lynn and to present to the city and up to date accounting on where the city stands to meet Jones Settlement housing threshold. And if those numbers have been met to immediately start enforcing LAMC 41.18.

*Recommended 7-1-0 by the Homeless Committee on 5/1/18*



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## **9B Support City Motion to Create Full-time Office of Reunification** (Will Hawkins, [william.hawkins@venicenc.org](mailto:william.hawkins@venicenc.org))

**MOTION:** The Venice Neighborhood Council shall write a community impact statement supporting Councilmembers Nury Martinez and Marqueece Harris-Dawson's motion that the city create a full-time office of reunification that was originally supported through efforts of our own reunification program that was created here in October, 2016.

LETTER: The Venice Neighborhood Council (VNC) requests that the following statement of "Support" be attached to Council File 17-1383: Family Reunification Through Service Providers. The Venice Neighborhood Council supports "CF 17-1383: Family Reunification Through Service Providers" for the positive impacts that such a coordinated program will have on the homeless population, their families, residents and businesses of the City of Los Angeles. We have witnessed first-hand the incredible success our own pilot program at reducing homelessness in Venice and reducing the millions of dollars associated with serving the homeless crisis.

*Recommended 8-0-0 by the Homeless Committee 5/1/18*

## **9C Support the West LA VA's Master Plan to Provide Housing to Veterans on Their Campus** (Will Hawkins, [william.hawkins@venicenc.org](mailto:william.hawkins@venicenc.org))

**MOTION:** The Homeless Committee asks that the The VNC shall provide a letter of support for the VA's plan to build housing for homeless veterans on their West LA Campus.

LETTER: To whom it may concern; The West LA campus of the Veterans Association was donated to the federal government in 1888 for the explicit purpose of providing homes for disabled veterans, many of whom had fought in the Civil War. We find it shameful that so much time has passed to utilize these facilities in the way they that were intended. If all 5,000 beds that the facility was designed to hold were to be made available we would be able to house and care for almost every homeless veteran on the streets of Los Angeles county. It is imperative that we immediately fund and execute this reclamation project and serve each and every veteran that seeks help and assistance. The VNC fully supports this project and asks you to make immediate approval so it can move forward swiftly. Let's give these veterans what they fought so bravely for. Dignity. Respect. Honor.

*Recommended 8-0-0 by the Homeless Committee on 5/1/18*

## **9D Polystyrene Ban** (George Francisco, [vp@venicenc.org](mailto:vp@venicenc.org))

**MOTION:** The Neighborhood Committee proposes that the VNC Board recommend to Mayor Eric Garcetti and the Los Angeles City Council that:

Whereas The U.S. Department of Human Health & Services has listed polystyrene as a 'reasonably anticipated human carcinogen' and:



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Whereas polystyrene #6 packaging is pervasive in the environment, extremely damaging throughout its lifecycle, and difficult to recycle and:

Whereas food-service polystyrene greatly contributes to litter and constitutes the second most abundant form of beach debris littering California beaches

Therefore: the Neighborhood Council supports a city-wide phaseout of Polystyrene #6 foam and rigid/oriented food containers, utensils, straws and lids, because of both the human health and environmental threat associated with these products.

*Recommended by the Neighborhood Committee 7-0-1 on 4/25/18*

10. **LUPC (8:23PM – 30 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 629 Sunset Ave (10 minutes)**

Case: DIR-2017-3396-CDP-MEL, ZA-2017-3397-ZAA

Applicant: Alex Goodson

LUPC Staff: Brian Silveira

Representative: Mark Bittoni

Description: New Duplex, ZAA request for a reduced passageway

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

*Recommended by LUPC 4-1-0 on 3/8/18*

**10B 3104 Yale Ave (10 minutes)**

Case: DIR-2018-589-CDP-MEL

Address: 3104 Yale Ave

Applicant: Dimitri Logothetis

LUPC Staff: Matthew Royce

Representative: Rudy Alegre

Description: Convert existing garage into new ADU and roof deck and 2nd floor addition to existing house

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

*Recommended by LUPC 6-0-0 on 5/3/18*

**10C 510 Boccaccio Ave (10 minutes)**

Case: DIR-2018-1244-CDP-MEL-WDI

Address: 510 Boccaccio Ave

Applicant: Robert Thibodeau

LUPC Staff: Tim Bonefeld

Representative: DU Architects

Description: New 4 unit Small Lot Subdivision

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

*Recommend by LUPC 6-0-1 on 5/3/18*



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11. **Old Business (8:53PM - 0 minutes)** See attached addendums at <http://www.venicenc.org/minutes-and-agendas.php>  
[Discussion and possible action]

12. **New Business (8:53PM – 10 minutes)**  
[Discussion and possible action] See attached addendums at <http://www.venicenc.org/minutes-and-agendas.php>

**12A MOTION TO ADOPT NEW VNC LOGO** (Hollie Stenson, [hollie.stenson@venicenc.org](mailto:hollie.stenson@venicenc.org))

**MOTION:** The Venice Neighborhood Council recommends to vote and adopt the new VNC logo from the logos recommended by the outreach committee and the existing logo.

*Recommended by the Outreach Committee 5-0-1 on 4/16/18*

**12B Opposition to renewal of city bus shelter contract with Decaux** (Ira Koslow, [president@venicenc.org](mailto:president@venicenc.org))

**MOTION:** The Venice Neighborhood Council strongly opposes the automatic renewal of the City’s Bus Shelter/Advertising 20-year contract with AC Decaux. The Council further requests the City to withdraw the renegotiation of the sidewalk furniture contract with Decaux from the City Attorney’s office, and to allow a process of community input which can culminate in an open RFP, awarded based on parameters laid out by community impact and ridership needs. The City should solicit comments from the community about problems/issues, and then issue an open RFP that addresses these issues/problems to numerous advertising firms.

13. **Board Member Comments on subject matters within the VNC jurisdiction (9:03PM - 5 minutes)**

14. **Adjourn (approx. 9:08PM)**

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

<b><u>Standing Committees</u></b>	<b><u>Ad Hoc Committees</u></b>
Administrative - Ira Koslow	Homeless - Will Hawkins
Neighborhood - George Francisco	Parking & Transportation - Jim Murez
Outreach - Hollie Stenson	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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