



Venice Neighborhood Council

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Board of Officers Regular Meeting Minutes

Westminster Elementary School (Auditorium)

1010 Abbot Kinney Blvd, Venice, 90291

Tuesday, June 19, 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**

PRESENT: Ira Koslow, George Francisco, Hugh Harrison, Melissa Diner, Justin Brezhnev, Matthew Royce, Evan White, Sunny Bak, Brad Aarons, William Hawkins, Ilana Morosi, Hollie Stenson, Michelle Meepos, James Murez, Colleen Saro, Matt Shaw, Robert Thibodeau

ABSENT: Steve Livigni, John Reed

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

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

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GF, HH

Unanimous

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

HH, GF

MOTION: Delete 7E

Unanimous

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.

11A RT

10C MD and WH

JM spoke to ppl regarding 11D, 13B

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), acting SLO Joe Roberts - 41448@lapd.online SLO Adrian Acosta - 39174@lapd.online SLO Javier Ramirez - 39174@lapd.online, Venice Beach Task Force - LT Michael Soliman - 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)
- Congressman Ted Lieu, Representative Janet Turner, 310-496-9896 (janet.turner@mail.house.gov)
- State Senator Ben Allen, Representative Olin Wibroe (Olina.wibroe@sen.ca.gov)



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- State Assemblyperson Autumn Burke, **West Los Angeles Field Representative**, Brandon Stansell, (310) 412-6400, (brandon.stansell@asm.ca.gov)
- LA County Supervisor Sheila Kuehl Westside Field Deputy FYI, Shannon Louis (310)231-1170, SLouis@bos.lacounty.gov
- Mayor Eric Garcetti, Westside Deputy, Daniel Tamm, 213-978-0836 (Daniel.Tamm@Lacity.org)
- Empower LA Neighborhood Council Advocate, Gibson Nyambura, 213-978-1551 (gibson.nyambura@lacity.org)

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

- President -Ira Koslow (President@VeniceNC.org)
VNC elections tentatively scheduled for early June, 2019
September meeting change
- Vice President - George Francisco (Vice President@VeniceNC.org)
- Westside Regional Alliance of Councils- Ira Koslow, VNC Representative (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 Budget Day June 23, 2018

7. **Treasurer's Report (7:38PM -- 10 minutes)** (Hugh Harrison on behalf of Budget & Finance Committee) (Treasurer@VeniceNC.org)

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

[Discussion and possible action]

Ineligible due to ethics training lapsing yesterday:

Cannot vote on financial or land use:

Evan White, Steve Livigni, Matt Shaw

7A Motion to Approve Fiscal Year Administrative Packet

MOTION: The VNC approves the attached Fiscal Year Administrative Packet and budget for 2018-2019.

Recommended by Budget and Finance committee 5-0-0 on 6/4/18

Uploaded Documents:

[Download 1528169625.pdf](#)

HH, GF (15, 0, 1)

FAVOR: George Francisco, Hugh Harrison, Melissa Diner, Justin Brezhnev, Matthew Royce, Sunny Bak, Brad Aarons , William Hawkins, Ilana Marosi, Michelle Meepos, James Murez, Colleen Saro, Robert Thibodeau, Hollie Stenson, Cindy Chambers

OPPOSED:

ABSTAIN: Ira Koslow



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7B Motion to Approve Contract for Web Services.

MOTION: The VNC approves the contract proposal from Web Corner, Inc. to provide web maintenance and development services for a base price of \$1800 for the 2018-2019 fiscal year plus additional charges as requested pursuant to the attached proposal.

Recommended by Budget and Finance committee 5-0-0 on 6/4/18

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HH, JB (14, 1, 0)

FAVOR: George Francisco, Hugh Harrison, justim, Matthew Royce, Sunny Bak, Brad Aarons, William Hawkins, Cindy Chambers, Ilana Marosi, Michelle Meepos, James Murez, Colleen Saro, Robert Thibodeau, Hollie Stenson

OPPOSED: Melissa Diner

ABSTAIN: Ira Koslow

MD, GF (6, 7, 2)

Payment will not be sent until reports outlined in 9A below are received.

FAILS

FAVOR: Melissa Diner, Justin Brezhnev, Brad Aarons, James Murez, Robert Thibodeau, Hollie Stenson

OPPOSED: George Francisco, Hugh Harrison, Matthew Royce, Cindy Chambers, Ilana Marosi, Michelle Meepos, Colleen Saro,

ABSTAIN: Ira Koslow, Brad Aarons

JM, RT (4, 11, 1)

Until Jim Murez can change his password.

FAILS

FAVOR: George Francisco, Melissa Diner, Matthew Royce, Robert Thibodeau,

OPPOSED: Hugh Harrison, Justin Brezhnev, Sunny Bak, Brad Aarons, Cindy Chambers, William Hawkins, Ilana Marosi, Holly Stenson, Michelle Meepos, James Murez, Colleen Saro,

ABSTAIN: Ira Koslow

7C Motion to Approve Expenditure To Date Report

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



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Recommended by Budget and Finance committee 5-0-0 on 6/4/18

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7D Motion to Approve Monthly Expenditure Report

MOTION: The VNC approves the Monthly Expenditure Report for April.

Recommended by Budget and Finance committee 5-0-0 on 6/4/18

Uploaded Documents:

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HH, GF (15, 0, 1)

FAVOR: George Francisco, Hugh Harrison, Melissa Diner, Justin B, Matthew Royce, Sunny Bak, Brad Aarons, William Hawkins, Cinday Chambers, Ilana Marosi, Michelle Meepos, James Murez, Colleen Saro, Robert Thibodeau, Hollie Stenson

OPPOSE:

ABSTAIN: Hollie Stenson

7E Motion to Approve Inventory

MOTION: The VNC approves the attached Inventory Report. NOTE: At this point, this is a placeholder motion as the inventory list is not complete. **REMOVED SEE ABOVE**

8. Announcements and Public Comment on items not on the Agenda (7:48PM - 10 minutes)

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

9. General Consent Calendar (7:58PM -- 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. Internal Investigation report from ServInt, venicenc.org host server (Melissa Diner, secretary@venicenc.org)

MOTION: Whereas our Federal Government has been under cyber attack and is currently investigating cyber attacks on our elections and beyond, Whereas we live in a democracy with the constitutional right to freedom of speech, freedom of assembly and freedom of the press, The Venice Neighborhood Council strongly denounces any attempt to hinder these rights in anyway and to reinforce this demands to receive an internal investigation report from the ServInt, our website host server, and any entity with access or association to or with www.venicenc.org hosting to gain insight and get answers on why the Venice Neighborhood Council, along with other possible sites, websites were off line for over 7 days prior and after The VNC Town Hall on Cityhood.



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- 10. **LUPC Consent (7:58PM – minutes)** (Matthew Royce on behalf of LUPC, Chair-lupc@VeniceNC.org)
 (see project files for more detailed info at <http://www.venicenc.org/land-use-committee.php>)
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Ineligible due to ethics training lapsing yesterday:
 Cannot vote on financial or land use:
 Evan White, Steve Livigni, Matt Shaw

- 10A **830 Marco Place**
 Case: DIR-2018-1879-CDP-SPP, ZA-2018-1880-ZAA
 Address: [830 Marco Place](#)
 Applicant: Ryan McComb
 LUPC Staff: Mehrnoosh Mojalalli
 Representative: Daniela Rechtszajd
 Description: Major Remodel and addition to an existing single family house. ZAA for rear yard setback adjustment request.

MOTION: The VNC moves to approve the project as presented with the request that the Office of Historic Resources allow the applicant to match the existing, historically accurate siding and shingle. *Recommended by LUPC 8-0-0 on May 31, 2018.*

- 10B **2025 S. Pacific Avenue (Canal Club)**
 Case: ZA-2018-828-CUB-CUX
 Address: 2025 S. Pacific Avenue (Canal Club)
 Applicant: Daniel Samakow and James Evans
 LUPC Staff: Michael Jensen
 Representative: Elizabeth Peterson, Elizabeth Peterson, Inc.
 Description: A Conditional Use Permit to allow the sale and dispensing of a full line of alcoholic beverages for on-site consumption in conjunction with the operation of an existing 4,110 square foot restaurant and bar, including a mezzanine, and featuring live entertainment and public dancing with 177 indoor seats. Proposed hours of operation are 5:00 p.m. to 2:00 a.m. Mondays through Thursdays, and 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 a.m. Saturdays and Sundays.

MOTION: The VNC Board recommends approval of the project as presented.
Recommended by LUPC 7-0 on June 7, 2018

- 10C **404 Sherman Canal**
 Case: DIR-2017-2091-CDP-SPP-MEL
 Address: 404 Sherman Canal



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Applicant: Ridaa Murad

Representative: Miles Haas, Breakform Design

LUPC Staff: Mehrnoosh Mojalalli

Description: New three-story 29'3" 3,398 SFR with 407 square foot attached garage and roof deck.

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

Recommended by LUPC 7-0 on June 7, 2018.

- 11. **LUPC (7:58PM – 80 minutes)** (Matthew Royce on behalf of LUPC, Chair-lupc@VeniceNC.org)
(see project files for more detailed info at <http://www.venicenc.org/land-use-committee.php>)

Ineligible due to ethics training lapsing yesterday:

Cannot vote on financial or land use:

Evan White, Steve Livigni, Matt Shaw

11A 510 Boccaccio Ave (20 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

MOTION to Postpone: GF, SB (16, 0, 1) to June 2018 meeting

MR, GF (15, 0, 1) Unanimous excluding all of the above candidates

FAVOR: George Francisco, Hugh Harrison, Melissa Diner, Justin Brezhnev, Matthew Royce, Sunny Bak, Brad Aarons, William Hawkins, Cindy Chambers, Ilana Marosi, Holly Stenson, Michelle Meepos, James Murez, Colleen Saro, Robert Thibodeau,

OPPOSED:

ABSTAIN: Ira Koslow

11B 421 Venice Way (20 minutes)

Case: DIR-2017-4860-CDP, ZA-2017-4859-ZAA

Address: 421 Venice Way

Applicant: Tiffany Smith

LUPC Staff: Mehrnoosh Mojalalli

Representative: Andrea Schoening

Description: Major Remodel and addition to an existing duplex. ZAA for side yard and passageway adjustment request.

MOTION: The VNC moves to approve the project as presented so long as the Applicant provides Mello clarification from Planning prior to the VNC meeting.



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Recommended by LUPC 5-2-0 on May 31, 2018.

MR, GF

MR, GF (14, 0, 2) Unanimous excluding all of the above candidates

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OPPOSED:

ABSTAIN: Ira Koslow, Colleen Saro

11C

27 29th Ave (20 minutes)

Case: DIR-2017-3858-CDP-SPP

Address: 27 29th Ave

Applicant: Michael Kerns

LUPC Staff: Matthew Royce

Representative: EZ Permits LLC

Description: Major Remodel and addition to an existing single family house

MOTION: The VNC moves to approve the project as presented.

Recommended by LUPC 7-1-0 on May 31, 2018.

NOT ON THIS AGENDA, HAS NOT BEEN HEARD BY LUPC

11D

Protected Tree Ordinance (20 minutes)

MOTION: Motion Refers to City Council file 03-1459-S3 The Venice Neighborhood Council supports the initiative of Councilmembers Paul Koretz (CD5) and Mike Bonin (CD11) in their November 22, 2017 Motion to City Council to strengthen the City's Protected Tree Ordinance #177404.

Recommended by LUPC 8-0-0 on May 31, 2018.

MR, GF (15, 0, 1) Unanimous excluding all of the above candidates

FAVOR: George Francisco, Hugh Harrison, Melissa Diner, Justin Brezhnev, Matthew Royce, Sunny Bak, Brad Aarons, William Hawkins, Cindy Chambers, Ilana Marosi, Holly Stenson, Michelle Meepos, James Murez, Colleen Saro, Robert Thibodeau,

OPPOSED:

ABSTAIN: Ira Koslow

12. **Old Business (9:28PM - 0 minutes)** See attached addendums at

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[Discussion and possible action]

13. **New Business (9:28PM -30 minutes)**



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13A Select to fill Community Officer (10 minutes)

MOTION: The VNC will select Venice Stalkholder to fill Community Officer seat.

Links to candidates http://www.venicenc.org/readpost.php?news_id=359

13B Westminster Plaza agency approved line drawing (Melissa Diner, secretary@venicenc.org) (10 minutes)

MOTION: Final presentation and approval of approved inter agency line drawing as per motion in support of People St. plazas from May 2017.

The VNC approves the city of Los Angeles, inter-agency line drawing for People St. project as presented.

Uploaded Documents:

[Download 1527620629.pdf](#)

MR, HH

Unanimous

ABSTAIN Melissa and Ira

13C Neighborhood Council Reform Motion from City Council (10 minutes)

MOTION : The Venice Neighborhood Council recommends that the Department of Neighborhood Empowerment, and all relevant departments denoted below, be INSTRUCTED to:

- Develop a process, with the assistance of GSD and the City Clerk, to assist Neighborhood Councils with accessing shared space in City facilities, as envisioned in Council File 16-0298.
- Develop an ongoing compendium of best practices generated from Neighborhood Councils and share those on a periodic basis with all Neighborhood Councils and include 'how-to guides' for accomplishing those best practices.

« Develop point of contact lists for key city departments and agencies, including DCP, DOT, Public Works' Bureaus, Aging, Disability, HCID, DCA, LADWP, Port, Airport, Cannabis Regulation, Emergency Management, Animal Services, LAPD, LAFD, Recreation and Parks, Zoo, Finance, Library, Economic and Workforce Development and BIDs, with assistance from those listed departments and agencies, and share those lists with Neighborhood Councils, facilitate the training of those points of contact at those relevant departments on the most fruitful ways to assist and communicate with Neighborhood Council members, and coordinate with Neighborhood Councils to formally appoint a point of contact at each NC to communicate between each NC and the point of contact at each department, thus creating a single line of communication. I FURTHER MOVE that Neighborhood Councils and Neighborhood Council Alliances be REQUESTED to provide feedback and/or Community Impact Statements (CISs) to the Health, Education, and Neighborhood Councils Committee within 90 days.



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Link:

https://d3n8a8pro7vhmx.cloudfront.net/davidryucc/mailings/300/attachments/original/David_Ryu_Letter_Neighborhood_Council_System_Reforms_05-25-18.pdf?1527294399

IK, CC

Unanimous

WH, IK

Ethics training : You have a 30 day grace period once you date is up.

14. **Board Member Comments on subject matters within the VNC jurisdiction (9:58PM - 5 minutes)**

15. **Adjourn (approx. 10:03PM)**

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 - 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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