



Venice Neighborhood Council

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Board of Officers Regular Meeting Minutes **Westminster Elementary School (Auditorium)** **1010 Abbot Kinney Blvd, Venice, 90291** **Tuesday, November 20, 2018 at 7:00 PM**

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

Meeting called to order with a moment of silence for those slain in the Tree of Life Congregation Synagogue in Pittsburgh, PA, Borderline Bar and Grill Thousand Oaks, CA and the California Fires.

PRESENT: Ira Koslow, George Francisco, Hugh Harrison, Melissa Diner, Justin Brezhnev, Evan White, Sunny Bak, Brad Aarons, Cindy Chambers, Alex Neiman, Ilana Marosi, Holly Stenson, Michelle Meehos, James Murez, John Reed, Robert Thibodeau, (16)

ABSENT: Matthew Royce, Joslyn Williams, Colleen Saro (3)

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



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

<http://www.venicenc.org/minutes-and-agendas.php>

GF, JR (15, 0, 1)

Unanimous

FAVOR: George Francisco, Hugh Harrison, Melissa Diner, Justin Brezhnev, Evan White, Sunny Bak, Brad Aarons, Cindy Chambers, Alex Neiman, Ilana Marosi, Holly Stenson, Michelle Meepos, James Murez, John Reed, Robert Thibodeau,

OPPOSED:

ABSTAIN: Ira Koslow

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

GF, JR (15, 0, 1)

Unanimous

FAVOR: George Francisco, Hugh Harrison, Melissa Diner, Justin Brezhnev, Evan White, Sunny Bak, Brad Aarons, Cindy Chambers, Alex Neiman, Ilana Marosi, Holly Stenson, Michelle Meepos, James Murez, John Reed, Robert Thibodeau,

OPPOSED:

ABSTAIN: Ira Koslow

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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IK talked with VCHC

GF spoke to

6. Scheduled Announcements and Presentations

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



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- 6B Spanish Translation Available** (Esteban Pulido, pulido.esteban@gmail.com)
Spanish Interpretation services and agendas are available with advance notice.
- 6C Public Safety - LAPD & LAFD Report (7:08PM -- 10 minutes)**: Senior Lead Officers Kristan Delatori (32914@lapd.lacity.org), SLO Jennifer Muther 36051@lapdonline 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.*
- 6D Government Reports (7:28PM -- 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 (Olin.wibroe@sen.ca.gov)
 - 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 Zac Gaidzik (310)231-1170, zgaidzik@bos.lacounty.gov
 - Mayor Eric Garcetti, Westside Deputy,
 - Empower LA Neighborhood Council Advocate, Jasmine Elbarbary, 213-978-1551 (jasmine.elbarbary@lacity.org)
- 6E VNC Announcements and Reports (7:43PM -- 5 minutes)**
- President -Ira Koslow (President@VeniceNC.org)
Steve Livigni has resigned and there are now two vacant Board seats. Nominations for both are now open and the Board will select two applicants at the December Board meeting. Applications forms are on the VNC website and must be submitted by the December 10 Ad Com meeting.
<http://www.venicenc.org/productphotos/VNC%20Community%20Officer%20application%20updated%20December%202018.pdf>
 - 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)
 - Election Update - Ivan Spiegel, Election Chair



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- VNC Representative to DWP: Yolanda Gonzales
- Budget Advocates - Hugh Harrison, Treasurer
- Outreach - Hollie Stenson

6F Transportation Committee Planning report (7:48PM -- 5 minutes)
(James Murez, james.murez@venicenc.org)

7. Treasurer's Report (7:53PM -- 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]

7A Approval of Expenditure To Date Report

MOTION: The Venice NC approves the Expenditure To Date Report for September 2018.

Uploaded Documents:

<https://drive.google.com/file/d/0B8IM2U0uPEPPWnhqQ0swWkE0UG1wNk4tbzVVMjFVaFA0ckhZ/view?usp=sharing>

Recommended by Budget and Finance Committee 5-0-0 on 11/02/18

HH, RT (15, 0, 1)

FAVOR: Ira Koslow, George Francisco, Hugh Harrison, Melissa Diner, Justin Brezhnev, Evan White, Sunny Bak, Brad Aarons, Cindy Chambers, Alex Neiman, Ilana Marosi, Holly Stenson, Michelle Meepos, James Murez, John Reed, Robert Thibodeau, (15)

OPPOSED:

ABSTAIN Ira Koslow

7B Approval of Monthly Expenditure Report

MOTION: The Venice NC approves the Monthly Expenditure Report (MER) for September 2018.

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<https://drive.google.com/file/d/0B8IM2U0uPEPPMIJvbjVUdEY2Wlp0eHUzNXBSNTFDYjBLUFZj/view?usp=sharing>

Recommended by Budget and Finance Committee 5-0-0 on 11/02/18

HH, GF (15, 0, 1)

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7C Approval of Funding for New Banner

MOTION: The Venice NC approves up to \$500 from Outreach to print a new meeting banner for Westminster Elementary School as per attached budget.

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Recommended by Budget and Finance Committee 5-0-0 on 11/02/18

Recommended by Outreach Committee 4-0-0 on 11/02/18

HH, GF (15, 0, 1)

FAVOR: George Francisco, Hugh Harrison, Melissa Diner, Justin Brezhnev, Evan White, Sunny Bak, Brad Aarons, Cindy Chambers, Alex Neiman, Ilana Marosi, Holly Stenson, Michelle Meepos, James Murez, John Reed, Robert Thibodeau, (15)

OPPOSED:

ABSTAIN Ira Koslow

7D Approval of Funding for Venice Sign Lighting Event

MOTION: The Venice NC approves up to \$800 from Outreach for VNC participation in the 2018 Venice Sign Lighting Event as per attached budget.

Uploaded Documents:

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Recommended by Budget and Finance Committee 5-0-0 on 11/02/18

Recommended by Outreach Committee 4-0-0 on 11/02/18

Recommended by Arts Committee 5-0-0 on 11/02/18

HH, GF (15, 0, 1)

FAVOR: George Francisco, Hugh Harrison, Melissa Diner, Justin Brezhnev, Evan White, Sunny Bak, Brad Aarons, Cindy Chambers, Alex Neiman, Ilana Marosi, Holly Stenson, Michelle Meepos, James Murez, John Reed, Robert Thibodeau, (15)

OPPOSED:

ABSTAIN Ira Koslow

7E Approval of Funding for New Years' Event

MOTION: The Venice NC approves up to \$3,500 from Outreach to hold a Meet Your Neighbors event as per attached budget.

Uploaded Documents:

<https://drive.google.com/file/d/0B8IM2U0uPEPPMFA5LXIHSWljVGldvjBIVFRaU1RwTFFJTEpj/view?usp=sharing>

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OPPOSED:

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8. **Announcements and Public Comment on items not on the Agenda (8:03PM - 10 minutes)**
[No more than 1 minute per person – no Board member announcements permitted]

9. **General Consent Calendar (8:13 PM -- 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 **Lot 761 Bike Corral Install People Street Program** (James Murez, james.murez@venicenc.org)
MOTION: The Venice Neighborhood Council recommends to LADOT and the CD11 Council Office, the installation of 2 or more bike corrals under the LADOT People Street program in Lot 761 and work with the owner of Great White, Sam Trude (the applicant). to determine placement of the corrals.
Attachment:
<https://drive.google.com/file/d/0B8IM2U0uPEPPRzctRFFoMUg2V1ROaGctV1FjTDNmaWRacDRB/view?usp=sharing>

- 9B **Affordable Housing Accountability** (George Francisco, vp@venicenc.org)
MOTION: The VNC Board will write a letter to Councilman Bonin, Supervisor Sheila Kuehl, the LAHSA, CDLA and the LA Dept of Planning, requesting a full and accurate accounting of the amount and location of ALL units of “affordable” housing including but NOT LIMITED TO all forms of covenanted, rent controlled, Section 8, Permanent Supportive, and all other types of housing generally referred to as “affordable” located within the boundaries of the Venice Neighborhood Council’s borders AND within a mile of those borders.
Recommended by the Neighborhood Committed 7-0-1 on 10/24/18

- 9C **Resolution Calling for the City’s Street Tree Division to Replace Concrete Tree Well Covers in Venice with Decomposed Granite** (Mark Ryavec, President, Venice Stakeholders Association, and Urban Forester, TreePeople, VeniceStakeholders@ca.rr.com)
MOTION: Whereas, an extensive street tree planting campaign was undertaken in Venice with funding from CalTrans by the Venice Action Committee under the leadership of Jim Murez approximately 30 years ago; and
Whereas, several thousand trees were planted; and



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Whereas, the City of Los Angeles required that concrete tree well covers be placed around the base of all of the trees to avoid the collection of trash and to present a surface level with the adjoining sidewalk; and

Whereas, the trees long ago outgrew the covers and are constricted in their growth by the covers, which are strangling the trees; and

Whereas, licensed landscape architects have advised that the “best practice” in this instance is to immediately remove the concrete covers and fill in the tree wells with decomposed granite,

Now, therefore be it resolved, the Venice Neighborhood Council shall send a letter to the City of Los Angeles’ Street Tree Division calling for the immediate removal of all the concrete tree well covers installed by the Venice Action Committee and to replace them with decomposed granite.

PASSED

10. LUPC (8:18PM – 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>)

10A Required in-depth feasibility study for Bridge Housing in CD11 (8:18PM -- 10 minute presentation, 30 minutes on item overall) (James Murez, james.murez@venicenc.org)

MOTION: The VNC Board recommends the City of Los Angeles complete and publish an in-depth feasibility study for Bridge Housing in CD11 “**during the decision making process.**” The City shall make clear its evaluation methodology and the study shall include a comparison of the former Venice MTA bus yard with alternate sites within CD 11 including but not limited to:

1. West LA Municipal Center
2. Westchester Municipal Center
3. Daniel Freeman Hospital
4. LAPD Ahmanson Recruit Training Center
5. Various small scale interface stations within each neighborhood of CD11 focused on the specific needs of each

Recommended by LUPC 5-1-0

Addendum:

<https://drive.google.com/file/d/1-u0RmOP58oimlTBINJX7l2tl6w29vHBh/view?usp=sharing>

JM, GF (15, 0, 1)

FAVOR: George Francisco, Hugh Harrison, Melissa Diner, Justin Brezhnev, Evan White, Sunny Bak, Brad Aarons, Cindy Chambers, Alex Neiman, Ilana Marosi, Holly Stenson, Michelle Meepos, James Murez, John Reed, Robert Thibodeau, (15)

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BA, SB (11, 3, 2)

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OPPOSED: Robert Thibodeau, James Murez, John Reed,
ABSTAIN Ira Koslow, Alex Neiman

“during the decision making process.”

10C 720 Rose Ave (8:58PM -- 60 minutes)

Case: CPC-2018-2140-CU-DB-CDP-SPP-MEL

Applicant: Venice Community Housing

LUPC Staff: Tim Bonefeld

Representative: Johnathan Lonner

Description: New mixed-use 35 Unit Permanent Supportive Housing and offices

MOTION: The VNC Board recommends approval of this project if the parking covenant for the Whole Foods parking lot can be legally validated.

Recommended by LUPC 7-2-0

NOTE: This motion had been postponed from the September VNC Board meeting.

Addendums:

<https://drive.google.com/file/d/0B8IM2U0uPEPPRGNKc0I1N0FvaGE4OEFybnR0bkhkdkItMEVJ/view?usp=sharing>

MD, CC (9, 4, 1)

FAVOR: Hugh Harrison, Justin Brezhnev, Sunny Bak, Brad Aarons, Cindy Chambers, Alex Neiman , Ilana Marosi, Holly Stenson, Michelle Meepos,

OPPOSED: George Francisco, Melissa Diner, Evan White, James Murez,

ABSTAIN: Ira Koslow

11. **Old Business (9:58PM - 0 minutes)** See attached addendums at

<http://www.venicenc.org/minutes-and-agendas.php>

[Discussion and possible action]

12. **New Business (9:58PM – 5 minutes)**

[Discussion and possible action]

12A **Creation of Ad Hoc Education Committee (10:03PM---5 minutes)** (Ira Koslow, President@venicenc.org)

MOTION: The VNC Board creates an Ad Hoc Education Committee with the following Mission Statement as approved by the Administrative Committee:

The mission of the Ad Hoc Education Committee is to empower Venice stakeholders and students with educational resources for personal and professional development.



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NOTE: If this motion is approved, the President shall appoint a committee chair.

Appointed **Justin Brezhnev**

GF, HH (15, 0, 1)

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OPPOSED:

ABSTAIN Ira Koslow

13. Board Member Comments on subject matters within the VNC jurisdiction (10:08PM - 5 minutes)

14. Adjourn (approx.10:08 PM)

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<u>Standing Committees</u>	<u>Ad Hoc Committees</u>
Administrative - Ira Koslow	Discussion Forum - Joe Murphy
Neighborhood - George Francisco	2019 Election - Ivan Spiegel
Outreach - Hollie Stenson	
Land Use and Planning - Matthew Royce	
Budget & Finance - Hugh Harrison	
Rules & Selections - John Reed	
Arts - Sunny Bak	
Ocean Front Walk - Colleen Saro	

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