



Venice Neighborhood Council

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Board of Officers Regular Meeting Agenda

Westminster Elementary School (Auditorium)
1010 Abbot Kinney Blvd, Venice, 90291
Tuesday, January 22, 2019 at 7:00 PM

1. **Call to Order and Roll Call (7:00 PM)**
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.
6. **Scheduled Announcements and Presentations (7:05PM -- 50 minutes)**
- 6A **Live Stream of Meetings**
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!
<https://www.facebook.com/VeniceNC/>
- 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 (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 (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)



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- LA County Supervisor Sheila Kuehl Westside Field Deputy Zac Gaidzik (310)231-1170, zgaidzik@bos.lacounty.gov
- Mayor Eric Garcetti, Westside Deputy, Ami Fields-Meyer, 323 552-6730 (ami.fields-meyer@lacity.org)
- Empower LA Neighborhood Council Advocate, Jasmine Elbarbary, 213-978-1551 (jasmine.elbarbary@lacity.org)

6E **VNC Announcements and Reports (5 minutes)**

- President - Ira Koslow (President@VeniceNC.org)
- Vice President - George Francisco (Vice President@VeniceNC.org)
- Westside Regional Alliance of Councils- Ira Koslow, VNC Representative (president@venicenc.org)
- Los Angeles Neighborhood Council Coalition (LANCC) Ivan Spiegel (Parliamentarian@VeniceNC.org)
- Election Update - Ivan Spiegel, Election Chair
- VNC Representative to DWP: Yolanda Gonzales
- Budget Advocates - Hugh Harrison, Treasurer
- Outreach - Hollie Stenson

6F **Parking and Transportation Committee presentation (James Murez) (5 minutes)**

6G **Update on the new State Regulations for new Construction by Dan Kegel of the DWP Engineering Dept. (Yolanda Gonzalez, VNC DWP Representative) (10 minutes)**

7. **Treasurer's Report (7:55PM -- 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 Monthly Expenditure Report**

MOTION: The Venice NC approves the Monthly Expenditure Report for November 2018.

Uploaded Documents: [Download 1547004688.pdf](#)

Recommended by Budget and Finance Committee 4-0-0 on 1/08/19

7B **Approval Expenditure to Date Report**

MOTION: The Venice NC approves the Expenditure to Date Report for November 2018

Uploaded Documents: [Download 1547004772.pdf](#)

Recommended by Budget and Finance Committee 4-0-0 on 1/08/19

7C **Approve Purchase of Planters**

MOTION: The Venice NC approves an allocation from the Outreach budget of up to \$600 for the purchase of two Behlen planters for 7th Avenue behind Whole Foods

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Recommended by Budget and Finance Committee 4-0-0 on 1/08/19



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7D Approve \$1350 for Election Candidate Recruitment Meetings

MOTION: The Venice NC approves the expenditure of up to \$1000 from the Elections Budget for two Election Committee Candidate recruitment meetings.

Recommended by Budget and Finance Committee 4-0-0 on 1/08/19

Addendum:

<https://drive.google.com/file/d/0B8IM2U0uPEPPWTB1ak5TZkFESDF5RVMtcnILOE9yQmswYUJn/view?usp=sharing>

8. **Announcements and Public Comment on items not on the Agenda (8:05PM - 10 minutes)**

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

9. **General Consent Calendar (8:15PM -- 5 minutes)**

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9A **Lighthouse St Bridge Repairs** (George Francisco on behalf of the Neighborhood Committee vp@venicenc.org)

MOTION: Whereas the Lighthouse St. Bridge on the Venice Marina Peninsula is a prominent architectural and historical structure in the Venice community and serves as the only beach access between Washington Blvd and the Marina Jetty for thousands of residents and visitors and; Whereas the Bridge has fallen into severe disrepair that presents major safety and beach access concerns,

Therefore, the VNC Board shall send letters to Mayor Eric Garcetti, CM Mike Bonin, the LA City Council and the LA Bureau of Engineering recommending that they make funds available in order to comply with current BoE estimates to repair, remediate and secure the Lighthouse St Bridge.

Recommended by the Neighborhood Committee 6-0-1 on 12-26-18

9B **Venice Blvd/Hwy 187 Evacuation Plan** (James Murez on behalf of the Parking and Transportation Committee, james.murez@venicenc.org)

MOTION: The VNC Board recommends that the City be asked to address Venice evacuation in the event of an emergency by providing a written response setting forth evacuation plans for Venice; and that the VNC ask the City to address how it will provide a peak hour dedicated lane for express bus service into and out of Venice on Venice Blvd.

Recommended by the Parking and Transportation Committee 3-0-0 on 1/7/2019



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- 9C Washington/Pacific turn arrows** (James Murez on behalf of the Parking and Transportation Committee, james.murez@venicenc.org)
MOTION: Whereas, the Los Angeles Dept. Of Transportation recently installed a scramble light at the intersection of Washington Blvd. and Pacific Ave., and Whereas, north and west bound traffic is delayed when when no pedestrians are crossing because of existing No Right on Red signs, The VNC shall send a letter to LADOT recommending that these right turn signs be removed to allow traffic to flow better. *Recommended by the Parking and Transportation Committee 3-0-0 on 1/7/2019*
- 9D Welcome Neighbor pilot program** (Hollie Stenson on behalf of the Outreach Committee hollie.stenson@venicenc.org) (5 minutes for presentation)
MOTION: Whereas the we believe that the mission statement of Miry's List that a Los Angeles that welcomes refugees and asylees with open arms - and in a way that promotes volunteerism and civic participation through the Neighborhood Council system - will be a better, more compassionate, and more engaged place for all Angelenos, The VNC Board shall apply to be part of the Welcome, Neighbor program in collaboration with Miry's List and Empower LA. If approved, the programming would begin in January 2019. This program would give the VNC and its stakeholders a framework for supporting families resettling in Los Angeles as refugees.
Uploaded Documents: [Download 1546919891.pdf](#)
Recommended by the Outreach Committee 8-0-0
- 9E Enforce LAMC 63.44 banning scooters on OFW and bike path** (Alexander Poe, alexanderpoe@gmail.com, 6467347051)
MOTION: Whereas Ocean Front Walk and the bike path are designated by LAMC 63.44(O) as areas where electric scooters are banned The VNC Board shall send a letter to CD11, LA Beaches and Harbors, LADOT, and the LAPD requesting that the City must require electric scooter companies to use their existing geo-fence technology to make Ocean Front Walk and the bike path "No Ride" zones in which electric scooters will gradually and safely slow down to a full and complete stop if they enter those areas.
Uploaded Documents: [Download 1546991704.doc](#)
- 10. LUPC Consent (8:20PM – 5 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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10A 609 Broadway St

Case: DIR-2018-1195-CDP-MEL, ZA-2018-1197-ZAA
Applicant: Lew Futterman
LUPC Staff: Tim Bonefeld
Representative: Howard Robinson
Description: CDP/MEL to allow the demolition of an (e) SFD and construction of a (n) 3-story, 5,483 SF duplex. ZAA for reduced passageway of 8 ft. in lieu of required 12 ft.

MOTION: The VNC Board recommends approval of the project as presented
Recommended by LUPC 5-0-0 1/10/19

10B 441 Sherman Canal

Case: DIR-2018-4375-CDP-MEL-SPP
Applicant: Darryl & Theresa Eaton
LUPC Staff: Matthew Royce
Representative: Rosemary Medel
Description: Major Remodel and Addition to an existing Single Family Home

MOTION: The VNC Board recommends approval of the project as presented
Recommended by LUPC 5-0-0 1/10/19

10C 623 Boccaccio Ave

Case: Case Filing Pending VNC Review
Applicant: Brent Massman
LUPC Staff: Matthew Royce
Representative: Alegre Howell
Description: New Single Family Home

MOTION: The VNC Board recommends approval of the project as presented
Recommended by LUPC 5-0-0 1/10/19

11. **LUPC (8:25PM – 40 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>)

11A 2308 Pisani Place

THIS PROJECT WAS POSTPONED FROM THE DECEMBER 2108 VNC BOARD MEETING

Case: DIR-2015-3883-CDP-SPP-MEL

Applicant: Steve Meepos
Representative: Breakform Design
LUPC Staff: Tim Bonefeld

Project Description: DEMOLITION OF 6 LEGAL UNITS (THREE DUPLEXES) AND THE CONSTRUCTION OF A THREE-STORY MULTI-FAMILY RESIDENTIAL STRUCTURE (6 CONDOMINIUM UNITS)

MOTION: The VNC Board recommends approval of this project if the agreement with the tenants can be modified to include a long term affordability deed restriction and sliding scale for resale value.

Recommended by LUPC 4-2-1 BS, RD Recused



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11B Support for Senate Bill 50, Introduced by Senator Scott Weiner

Description per Senator Weiner:

SB 50 creates new zoning standards for the construction of housing near job centers and public transportation, while protecting against the displacement of renters and vulnerable communities living in those areas. SB 50 eliminates hyper-low-density zoning near transit and job centers, thus legalizing apartment buildings in these locations so that more people can live near transit and near where they work. It also reduces or eliminates minimum parking requirements for new developments. SB 50 will help relieve California's acute housing shortage (currently a deficit of 3.5 million homes), make housing more affordable, increase the supply of low-income housing, and reduce pressure to create more sprawl and build in wildfire zones. The bill will also reduce carbon emissions by allowing more people to live near transit and near where they work. SB 50 is modeled on SB 827, which Senator Wiener introduced earlier this year and which did not advance. Since SB 827's demise, Senator Wiener has worked with a broad coalition of stakeholders to recraft the bill, in order to protect vulnerable communities.

MOTION: The VNC Board shall send a letter to the Los Angeles City Council recommending that they vote to support SB 50.

Recommended by LUPC 5-0-0 1/10/19

Addendums:

https://leginfo.legislature.ca.gov/faces/billTextClient.xhtml?bill_id=201920200SB50

https://drive.google.com/drive/u/2/mobile/folders/1lp9yClxQKtyWjk2VBY4RZ4GP4wo-9Cgk/1DqaUX_7w3aS7iqwSM3GCdGDjFgF9YU9m?usp=sharing&sort=13&direction=a

<https://drive.google.com/file/d/0B8IM2U0uPEPPNV9GXzdZempMSGVxUG9tYm1zZWdSYXpnemxn/view?usp=sharing>

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12. **Old Business** (9:05PM - 0 minutes)

13. **New Business** (9:05PM – 5 minutes)

[Discussion and possible action]

13A **Creation of the Ad Hoc Innovation Committee** (Alex Neiman, alex.neiman@venicenc.org)

MOTION: The VNC Board creates an Ad Hoc Innovation Committee with the following Mission Statement as approved by AdCom: The Innovation Committee will work with stakeholders, on behalf of stakeholders to consider emerging trends, issues and technology that may positively shape the future of Venice. The results of our discovery and workshops will be presented to the public during the General Board meetings.

14. **Board Member Comments on subject matters within the VNC jurisdiction** (9:10PM - 5 minutes)

15. **Adjourn** (approx. 9:15PM)



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List of Venice Neighborhood Council Committees & Chairs – Volunteers Welcome

<p style="text-align: center;"><u>Standing Committees</u></p> <p>Administrative - Ira Koslow Neighborhood - George Francisco 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</p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><u>Ad Hoc Committees</u></p> <p>Discussion Forum - Joe Murphy Education - Justin Brezhnev 2019 Election - Ivan Spiegel Parking & Transportation - James Murez</p>
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