



Venice Neighborhood Council

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Board of Officers Regular Meeting Minutes

Westminster Elementary School (Auditorium)

1010 Abbot Kinney Blvd, Venice, 90291

Tuesday, February 19, 2019 at 7:00 PM

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

PRESENT: Ira Koslow, George Francisco, Hugh Harrison, Melissa Diner, Justin Brezhnev, Matthew Royce, Evan White, Robert Thibodeau, Alex Neiman, Jaime Paige , Holly Stenson, James Murez, John Reed, Michael Greco , Sunny Bak ,

ABSENT: Brad Aarons, Cindy Chambers, Joslyn Williams , Ilana Marosi, Michelle Meepos, Colleen Saro,

1. Call the meeting to order in memory of renowned Venice artist Guy Webster.

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>

Jan 22

GF, HS (14, 0, 1)

Unanimous

FAVOR: George Francisco, Hugh Harrison, Melissa Diner, Justin Brezhnev, Matthew Royce, Evan White, Robert Thibodeau, Alex Neiman, Jaime Paige , Holly Stenson, James Murez, John Reed, Michael Greco , Sunny Bak ,

OPPOSED:

ABSTAIN: Ira Koslow

Jan 15

GF, HS (13, 0, 2)

FAVOR: George Francisco, Melissa Diner, Justin Brezhnev, Matthew Royce, Evan White, Robert Thibodeau, Alex Neiman, Jaime Paige , Holly Stenson, James Murez, John Reed, Michael Greco , Sunny Bak ,

OPPOSED:

ABSTAIN: Ira Koslow, Hugh Harrison

Joslyn Williams Arrives 7:08PM

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

GF, HS (14, 1, 1)



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Item 12C removed

Traffic and Safety Title amendment

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OPPOSED: James Murez

ABSTAIN: Ira Koslow

Michelle Meepos arrives 7:10pm

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**
- 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 **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, Ami Seals-Meyer, 323 552-6730 (ami.seals-meyer@lacity.org)



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- Empower LA Neighborhood Council Advocate, Jasmine Elbarbary, 213-978-1551 (jasmine.elbarbary@lacity.org)

Colleen Arrives 7:22pm

Ilana Morosi 7:26PM

- 6E** **Venice Blvd. Sewer Construction** (Adriana Castro, Dept. of Public Works 323-895-3317)
Presentation about a sewer construction project expected in the future on Venice Blvd. in Mar Vista.

Cindy Chambers arrives 7:36PM

6F **VNC Announcements and Reports (7:43PM -- 5 minutes)**

- President - Ira Koslow (President@VeniceNC.org)

Metro 6 meeting 2/20 6:30/7

Opening applications for LUPC position to vote at March meeting. Application will be online shortly.

- Vice President - George Francisco (VicePresident@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
- VNC Representative to DWP: Yolanda Gonzales
- Budget Advocates - Hugh Harrison, Treasurer
- Outreach - Hollie Stenson

- 7.** **Treasurer's Report (7:48PM -- 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 Monthly Expenditure Report**

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

Uploaded Documents:

[Download 1549415481.pdf](#)

Recommended by the Budget and Finance Committee 5-0-0 on 2/5/19

7B **Approve of Expenditure to Date Report**

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

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7A and 7B

HH, GF (17,0,1) (Jim Murez and John Reed not present)

FAVOR:

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OPPOSED:

ABSTAIN: Ira Koslow

7C Approval of Campaign Coordinator Services.

MOTION: The Venice NC approves \$3,100 from the Election budget for the hiring of Michael Lynn as an Election Facilitator through Bridge Gap.

Recommended by the Budget and Finance Committee 5-0-0 on 2/5/19

HH, GF (18, 0, 1) James Murez not present

FAVOR:

George Francisco, Hugh Harrison, Melissa Diner, Justin Brezhnev, Matthew Royce, Evan White, Robert Thibodeau, Alex Neiman, Jaime Paige, Holly Stenson, Michael Greco, Sunny Bak, Joslyn William, Michelle Meepos, Colleen Saro, Ilana Morosi, Cindy Chambers, John Reed

OPPOSED:

ABSTAIN: Ira Koslow

7D Approval of Expenditure for Election Brochure

MOTION: The Venice NC approves up to \$1,800 for the creation of an election brochure. \$300 is allocated to design and \$1,500 allocated to production.

Recommended by the Budget and Finance Committee 5-0-0 on 2/5/19

HH, EW (18, 0, 1) James Murez not present

FAVOR:

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OPPOSED:

ABSTAIN: Ira Koslow

8. Announcements and Public Comment on items not on the Agenda (7:58PM - 10 minutes)

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

9. General Consent Calendar (8:08PM -- 5 minutes)



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9A Opposition to BONC Ad Hoc Committees (Ivan Spiegel on behalf of LANCC) (parliamentarian@venicenc.org, 310 488-4487)

MOTION: The VNC Board shall send a letter to the Board of Neighborhood Commissioners (BONC) at commission@empowerla.org strongly opposing their use of Ad Hoc committees to discuss the business of Neighborhood Councils. The Neighborhood Council system is built on transparency and communication but BONC Ad Hoc committees do not have to comply with the Ralph M. Brown Act which does not allow for the public or Neighborhood Councils to weigh in on the subject.

9A only approved no objection

9B Addition of Oversized Vehicle Restriction Signs (Alexander Poe, alexanderpoe@gmail.com)

MOTION: Whereas there is a lack of parking in North Venice with oversized RV vehicles taking up a significant amount of street parking and
Whereas the DOT requires the agreement of 2/3rds of property owners in order to request oversized vehicle restriction signs,

Therefore the VNC Board asks that the city agree to oversized parking restrictions on the west side of Main Street between Rose Avenue and Sunset Avenue as they are the property owner of the parking lot on that block.

Addendum:

<https://drive.google.com/file/d/0B3mH1-U7kxwHazdiQWllemJtZIFlYzF6YXo1RGp1YnVjODFn/edit>

PULLED 9B to 12C.

GF, EW (12, 6, 1)

FAVOR: George Francisco, Melissa Diner, Justin Brezhnev, Matthew Royce, Evan White, Robert Thibodeau, Jaime Paige, Holly Stenson, James Murez, John Reed, Michael Greco, Sunny Bak,

OPPOSED: Hugh Harrison, Cindy Chambers, Alex Neiman, Joslyn Williams, Ilana Marosi, Colleen Saro,

ABSTAIN: Ira Koslow

10. LUPC (8:13PM – 0 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>)

11. Old Business (8:13PM - 5 minutes) See attached addendums at
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[Discussion and possible action]



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11A Senate Bill 50

NOTE: There are two conflicting motions that have been submitted on this issue, one by LUPC and one by WRAC LUPC. They will be discussed concurrently. If the motion to support passes, then the motion to oppose will not be heard.

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 to support (Matthew Royce on behalf of LUPC, chair-lupc@venicenc.org)

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

MR, MD (12, 5, 3)

FAVOR: Melissa Diner, Matthew Royce, Evan White, Robert Thibodeau, Alex Neiman, Jaime Paige, Holly Stenson, Michelle Meepos, James Murez, John Reed, Michael Greco, Sunny Bak,

OPPOSED: Ira Koslow, Hugh Harrison, Justin Brezhnev, Ilana Marosi, Colleen Saro,

ABSTAIN: George Francisco, Cindy Chambers, Joslyn Williams,

Motion to oppose (Ira Koslow, on behalf of WRAC LUPC, president@venicenc.org, 310 392-0868)

MOTION: The Venice Neighborhood Council opposes SB 50 and urges our City Councilmembers to introduce a resolution in Council forthwith, opposing SB50.

Uploaded Documents: [Download 1549429296.pdf](#)

12. **New Business (8:18PM – 30 minutes)**

[Discussion and possible action]

12A **Developer Contribution Restrictions** (Ivan Spiegel, on behalf of LANCC)

(parliamentarian@venicenc.org, 3104884487)

MOTION: The Venice Neighborhood Council shall submit a CIS strongly SUPPORTING Council File 19-0046 (Developer Contribution Restrictions – Ryu, Krekorian, Koretz, Martinez, Bonin, and Buscaino)



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to reform the Los Angeles City campaign finance system in order to reduce the influence of developer interests at City Hall and urges the Los Angeles City Council to schedule this item and approve it as soon as possible.

Addendum:

<https://drive.google.com/file/d/1aljWKMhUCBpg-F5NQYcURID7gFKrtuiL/view?usp=sharing>

Council File:

<https://cityclerk.lacity.org/lacityclerkconnect/index.cfm?fa=ccfi.viewrecord&cfnumber=19-0046>

GF, MD (17, 1, 2)

FAVOR: Melissa Diner, Matthew Royce, Evan White, Alex Neiman, Jaime Paige, Holly Stenson, James Murez, John Reed, Michael Greco, Sunny Bak, Hugh Harrison, Justin Brezhnev, Ilana Marosi, Colleen Saro, George Francisco, Cindy Chambers, Joslyn Williams,

OPPOSED: Robert Thibodeau

ABSTAIN: Michelle Meepos, Ira Koslow,

12B Traffic and Safety Additional Parking between Windward and Marine on Pacific (James Murez on behalf of the Parking & Transportation Committee james.murez@venicenc.org)

MOTION: The Venice Neighborhood Council recommends allowing parking on both sides of Pacific Ave. between 8am and 8pm will provide a buffer between pedestrians and traffic and slow traffic on Pacific Blvd. The VNC further recommends that LADOT provide for parking along Pacific Ave. between Marine and Windward from 8am-8pm with a minimum of 4 hour parking. These motions are strong recommendations from the community in response to LA City Vision Zero program plans for the identified intersection of Rose and Pacific as a 2019 priority intersection to address and reduce automobile accidents and deaths, and automobiles vs. pedestrian injuries and deaths.

Recommended by the Parking and Transportation Committee 3-0-0 on 2/4/19

JM, JR (10, 8, 1)

FAVOR: Melissa Diner, Justin Brezhnev, Matthew Royce, Evan White, Robert Thibodeau, Jaime Paige, Holly Stenson, James Murez, John Reed, Michael Greco,

OPPOSED: Ira Koslow, Hugh Harrison, Cindy Chambers, Alex Neiman, Joslyn Williams, Ilana Marosi, Colleen Saro, Sunny Bak,

ABSTAIN: George Francisco

AN, CC Substitute Motion (5, 13, 1)



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The Venice Neighborhood Council recommends speed bumps and gard rails. on both sides of Pacific ave to provide a buffer to pedestrians and to conduct a transportation study from Marine to Washington on Pacific in response to LA City Vision Zero.

FAVOR: Cindy Chambers, Alex Neiman, Josyln Williams , Ilana Marosi, Colleen Saro,

OPPOSED: Ira Koslow, Hugh Harrison, Melissa Diner, Justin Brezhnev, Matthew Royce, Evan White, Robert Thibodeau, Jaime Paige , Holly Stenson, James Murez, John Reed, Michael Greco , Sunny Bak ,

ABSTAIN: George Francisco

- 12C** **Removal Ramsey Daham from LUPC** (Matthew Royce, chair_lupc@venicenc.org)
MOTION: The VNC Board removes Land Use and Planning Committee ("LUPC") member, Ramsey Daham, pursuant to Venice Neighborhood Council Bylaws Article VII, Section 1(F), which states that "A LUPC member may be removed from service by a majority of the full Board of Officers."
13. **Board Member Comments on subject matters within the VNC jurisdiction (PM - 5 minutes)**
14. **Adjourn (approx. PM)**



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<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 Resiliency - Keith Harrison</p>
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