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Board of Officers Regular Meeting Agenda

Westminster Elementary School (Auditorium) 1010 Abbot Kinney Blvd, Venice, 90291 Tuesday, April 16, 2019 at 7:00 PM

- 1. Call to Order in memory of Suzann Chevalier and Roll Call (7:00 PM)
- 2. Pledge Of Allegiance (7:01PM -- 1 minute)
- 3. <u>Approval of Outstanding Board minutes</u> (7:02PM 1 minute) http://www.venicenc.org/minutes-and-agendas.php
- 4. Approval of the Agenda (7:03PM 1 minute)
- 5. <u>Declaration of Ex Parte Communications or Conflicts-Of-Interest</u> (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 <u>Live Stream of Meetings</u> (7:05PM -- 3 minutes)

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- **Spanish Translation Available** (Esteban Pulido, pulido.esteban@gmail.com) Spanish Interpretation services and agendas are available with advance notice.
- 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 SGT Theresa Skinner 31142@lapd.online.
- **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)
- 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 (7:33PM -- 5 minutes)

- President -Ira Koslow (<u>President@VeniceNC.org</u>)
 Yolanda Gonzalez appointed representative to Southern California Gas Co.
- Vice President George Francisco (Vice <u>President@VeniceNC.org</u>)
- Westside Regional Alliance of Councils- Ira Koslow, VNC Representative (<u>Chair@westsidecouncils.org</u>),
- Los Angeles Neighborhood Council Coalition (LANCC) Ivan Spiegel (<u>Parliamentarian@VeniceNC.org</u>)
- Election Update Ivan Spiegel, Election Chair
- VNC Representative to DWP: Yolanda Gonzales
- Budget Advocates Hugh Harrison, Treasurer White Paper
- Outreach Hollie Stenson
- **10** Introduction to The Power Of A Shower (7:38PM -- 10 minutes) (Rachel Sunday rachel@powerofashower.org) (10 Uploaded Documents: Download 1553629961.pdf
- 6G Presentation on Affordable Accessory Dwelling Unit (ADU) Pilot Program (7:48PM --10 minutes) (Alejandro Gonzalez <u>alejandro@mas.la</u>) (323) 392-7951

LA-Más would like to share a new opportunity for homeowners in your community that can create affordable housing while also helping homeowners build equity. The Backyard Homes Project is an affordable accessory dwelling unit (ADU) pilot program led by LA-Más and a collective of partners - Genesis LA, Self-Help Federal Credit Union, Restore Neighborhoods LA (RNLA), Housing Authority for the City of Los Angeles (HACLA), LA Family Housing, St. Joseph Center, and Housing Rights Center. This incentive program offers homeowners a "one-stop-shop" for the design, finance, and construction of a new ADU in the City of Los Angeles.

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- **6H** Presentation on Venice Pier (7:58PM -- 10 minutes) Mr. Gus Malkoun, Department of Public Works, Bureau of Engineering
- 7. <u>Treasurer's Report</u> (8:08PM -- 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]





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7A Approval of Monthly Expenditure Report

MOTION: The Venice NC Board approves the monthly expenditure report for February 2019.

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7B Approval of Expenditure To Date Report

The Venice NC Board approves the Expenditure to Date Report for February 2019.

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Recommended by Budget & Finance Committee 4-0-0

7C Approval of Funding for Election Voter Guide

MOTION: The Venice NC approves up to \$5,200 for the creation, printing and distribution of the Voter Guide for the 2019 VNC election. Recommended by Budget & Finance Committee 4-0-0

7D Approval of Outreach Expenses for Election

MOTION: The Venice NC approves up to \$5000 for outreach for the 2019 VNC election, including, but not limited to, printing of postcards and flyers, advertising, candidate forums, and election materials.

Recommended by Budget & Finance Committee 4-0-0

7E Approval of Purchase of Tablecloths for Farmers Market

MOTION: The Venice NC approves the expenditure of up to \$250 for the purchase of new tablecloths for the Venice Farmers Market outreach table with the new VNC logo.

Recommended by Budget & Finance Committee 4-0-0

7F Approval of 2 Emergency Preparedness Town Halls

MOTION: The Venice NC approves up to \$1000 for two Town Halls on Emergency Preparedness. *Recommended by Budget & Finance Committee 4-0-0*

7G Reallocate Funds and Authorize CIP for Oakwood Recreation Center

The VNC approves the reallocation of \$750 from Office Equipment to Community Improvement Projects and authorizes the expenditure of those funds for a new game table for Oakwood Park. Recommended by Budget & Finance Committee 4-0-0

8. <u>Announcements and Public Comment on items not on the Agenda</u> (8:18PM - 10 minutes) [No more than 1 minute per person – no Board member announcements permitted]





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9. General Consent Calendar (8:28PM -- 5 minutes)

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9A Reward for destruction of mural: Remembering Venice 1913 (Stewart Oscars, Stewart.oscars@gmail.com, 310-305-8248)

MOTION: The Mural titled "Remembering Venice 1913" created by David Legaspie in 2003 located on two sides of the building at the southeast corner of Main St and Market Ave, Venice was destroyed by people tagging the entire mural with painted scribblings about two weeks ago. In hopes of identifying and bringing the criminals to justice, the Venice Neighborhood Council requests that Councilmember Bonin establish a reward of \$30,000.00 payable for information leading to the arrest and conviction of any of the criminals who performed the destruction of this iconic mural.

9B Automobile Display Signs (James Murez on behalf of the Parking & Transportation Committee, james.murez@venicenc.org)

MOTION: Whereas, dynamic message sign (DMS) advertisements can be considered distracting if allowed to exist unregulated,

The Venice Neighborhood Council shall submit a Community Impact Statement for Council File 19-0104 in opposition to the legalization of dynamic message signs (DMS) advertisements mounted on taxicabs and for hire vehicles (including services such as Lyft and Uber), unless static images (no video or motion pictures) are displayed and not changed with a frequency greater than allowed for roadside digital billboards (about 30 seconds intervals) and these signs emit a diffused non-glaring light of not more than .05 candela per square inch of area as recommended by the California Highway Patrol (CHP) thereby not creating any greater impact than currently allowed by Taxicab Rule 415.

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Recommended by Parking and Transportation Committee 3,0,0 on 4/1/19

9C Urban Forestry Support (Isabelle Duvivier, <u>Isabelle@idarchitect.com</u>, 3102910871)

MOTION: The VNC shall send a letter to the Mayor's office and the City Council Budget Committee requesting that the following priority budgetary items should be considered in the City's budget for fiscal year 2019-2020: ■ Professional street tree inventory conducted by Certified Arborists as the first priority (\$3 Million); ■ Funding for a complete Urban Forestry Management Plan (a minimum of \$400,000); ■ Tree management software (\$35,000-\$250,000 initially with ongoing annual licensing fees); ■ Financing study (\$100,000); ■ Funding to create and implement a Public Education program (the City needs to immediately develop goals and scope to determine budget).

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10. <u>LUPC</u> Consent (8:33PM – 2 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 2405 Cloy Ave

Case: DIR-2019-1760-CDP
Applicant: Susan Beningfield
LUPC Staff: Tim Bonefeld

Representative: Susan Beningfield

Description: Major Remodel of Single Family Home

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

Recommended by LUPC 8-0-0 on 3/28/19

10B Shared Parking and Shuttle Program

MOTION: Whereas Venice has many public parking lots, BIZ (Beach Impact Zone) parking, and other private parking lots which are not optimized for various different uses, seasonal and daily cycles, etc., and

Whereas Venice has many underutilized and derelict commercial properties due to excessive parking requirements and it is infeasible to build sufficient quantities of parking on substandard lots

Therefore the VNC Board requests that the City conduct a comprehensive parking utilization study as part of the LCP and Community Plan update in order to implement a shared parking and shuttle system, which when implemented will replace the commercial parking requirement with an annual in-lieu fee to support the shared parking and shuttle system. The in-lieu fee shall be tied to the conditional use permit of the property and must be maintained annually for any conditional use permits to remain valid.

The Parking Study shall evaluate existing capacity for a shared parking and shuttle plan including: 1.BIZ spaces

2. Public parking lots not on the beach

3. Any other excess parking available

Any final proposed program from the City shall return to LUPC and the VNC for review Recommended by LUPC 6-0-0 on 4/11/19





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11. <u>LUPC</u> (8:35PM – 10 minutes) (Matthew Royce on behalf of LUPC, <u>Chair-lupc@VeniceNC.org</u>) (see project files for more detailed info at http://www.venicenc.org/land-use-committee.php)

11A 700 Brooks Ave

Case: DIR-2018-4438-CDP-MEL Applicant: Hip Hea Production, LLC

LUPC Staff: Joe Clark

Representative: Danielle Hayman Description: New Single Family Home

MOTION: The VNC Board recommends approval of the project with the following conditions:

- 1. Setback along San Miguel Ave to comply with the definition of a Street
- 2. Fence along the 7th Ave side yard to be no more than 42 inches high
- 3. Ground floor level to be no more than 12 inches above grade

Recommended by LUPC 5-1-0 on 4/11/19

12. <u>Old Business</u> (8:45PM - 5 minutes) See attached addendums at http://www.venicenc.org/minutes-and-agendas.php [Discussion and possible action]

12A Keeping Ocean Front Walk & Venice Bike Path Free of Motorized Scooters and Vehicles (8:20PM -10 minutes) (Colleen Saro on behalf of the Ocean Front Walk Committee colleen.saro@venicenc.org,

MOTION: Whereas motorized vehicles (scooters & bikes) are still an issue on Ocean Front Walk and the Bike Path, because these vehicles are operating on those pathways; and Whereas, these vehicles are creating safety issues for pedestrians, locals, and tourists; and Whereas, there is a high probability that the vehicle users are uninsured; and Whereas, the one person rider restriction is not being enforced;

Therefore, the VNC requests that CD11 and the LA City Council ENFORCE and SUPPORT the Venice Community and LAPD in keeping ALL MOTORIZED vehicles, including motorized scooters, Segway, and bikes off the Bike Path & OFW Boardwalk from Navy to Washington and West of Speedway.

Addendum:

https://drive.google.com/file/d/0B8IM2U0uPEPPRDA3VExCVDICdjdSMXU3ek15Zlc3M094VmE4/view?usp=sharing

Recommended by OFW Committee 5-0-0 on Feb 28, 2019

13. New Business (8:50PM –30 minutes)

[Discussion and possible action]





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Regulation of Ride Share Devices (James Murez on behalf of the Parking & Transportation Committee, <u>james.murez@venicenc.org</u>)

MOTION: Whereas, Mobility Device Providers (MDP) (companies such as Bird, Lime, etc.) are responsible for strictly controlling device usage, including but not limited to speed of devices and location specific conditions; and

Whereas, all devices need to be equipped with GPS coordinate location mechanisms having the ability to provide data to the MDP's that includes determining the direction of travel of the device and reducing the speed of or disabling the device from operating; and

Whereas, some MDP's have devices that require battery recharging being performed by contracted individuals and/or companies; and

Whereas, the City Of Los Angeles allowed the MTA to create 16 special parking zones that are dedicated to servicing their proprietary devices, which removed 13 on-street parking spaces throughout the Venice community. Besides creating unfair practices between the public and private service providers, these MTA zones are often underutilized while MDP devices clutter our sidewalks.

Therefore be it resolved that the VNC shall send a letter to Councilman Mike Bonin, the Mayor, the Coastal Commission, and LADOT requesting that the following recommendations be considered for adoption to help regulate ride share devices such as scooters and bicycles within the Venice Coastal Zone:

- 1. In order to control excessive clutter on the sidewalks and ensure devices are not restricting pedestrian passage, the VNC would like to participate in designating the size and locations of Designated Parking Zones (DPZ). The DPZ shall be white painted rectangular regions on the sidewalk. MDP Charger Personal or Inventory Stocking Personal (persons moving inventory to and from locations to balance rider needs) shall only place devices within DPZ's when returning devices into service for the public to use. These locations should become available for all MDP devices and all MTA proprietary equipment shall be removed.
- 2. The personnel who are performing the tasks of charging and moving inventory must have proof of valid a DWP utility bill in their own name before being allowed to participate in MDP charging program. A utility bill in the name of an apartment owner would require a letter of approval from owner whose name the bill is addressed to before apartment renter can participate in the charging program. Individuals or businesses without a utility bill in their name at a valid Los Angeles City address shall be prohibited from participating in the charging program.
- The MDP's shall disable all devices on public right-of-ways including but not limited to dedicated bike paths, where such devices are prohibited from operation and/or in violation of Los Angeles Municipal Code.

Recommended by Parking and Transportation Committee 3,0,0 on 4/1/19





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13B LADWP Natural Gas Power Plant Proposal (keith.harrison@venicenc.org)

MOTION: The Venice Neighborhood Council (VNC) send a letter to LADWP and the Mayor congratulating the Mayor on his decision to utilize Green Alternatives which do not increase the use or footprint of natural gas, in the refurbishing of the existing electrical generating plant in Playa Del Rey with the proviso that such alternatives do not adversely affect the disaster resilience of the plant. Further, the VNC shall cooperate with other Neighborhood Councils and groups, as appropriate, to provide input to the LADWP planning process in support of Green Alternatives to the use of natural gas as long as the alternatives do not compromise the disaster resilience of the plant.

Recommended by Venice Community Resiliency Committee (VCRC) 2-1-0 on 2/20/19

- 13. <u>Board Member Comments on subject matters within the VNC jurisdiction</u> (9:20PM 5 minutes)
- 14. Adjourn (approx. 9:25PM)

List of Venice Neighborhood Council Committees & Chairs - Volunteers Welcome

Standing Committees

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

Ad Hoc Committees

Discussion Forum - Joe Murphy
Education - Justin Brezhnev
2019 Election - Ivan Spiegel
Parking & Transportation - James Murez
Resiliency - Keith Harrison





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