



Venice Neighborhood Council

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Board of Officers Regular Meeting Minutes

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

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

PRESENT: Ira Koslow, George Francisco, Hugh Harrison, Melissa Diner, Theresa White, Robert Thibodeau, James Murez, John Reed, Jaime Paige , Alex Neiman, CJ Cole , Brian Averill, Matt Fisher, Alix Gucovsky, Sima Kostovetsky, Nisa Kove, Charles Rials, Jim Robb, Mark Ryavec,
NOT PRESENT: Bruno Hernandez, Christian Wrede,

2. Pledge Of Allegiance (7:01PM -- 1 minute) correct numbering of Agenda

3. Approval of the Agenda (7:02PM – 1 minute)

GF, JM (18, 0, 1)

FAVOR:

George Francisco, Hugh Harrison, Melissa Diner, Theresa White, Robert Thibodeau, James Murez, John Reed, Jaime Paige , Alex Neiman, CJ Cole , Brian Averill, Matt Fisher, Alix Gucovsky, Sima Kostovetsky, Nisa Kove, Charles Rials, Jim Robb, Mark Ryavec,

OPPOSED:

ABSTAIN: Ira Koslow,

Unanimous

4. Approval of Minutes (7:03PM -1 minute)

May & June 2019

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

GF, MD (17, 0, 2)

FAVOR:

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OPPOSED:

ABSTAIN: Ira Koslow, Mark Ryavec,

Mark Ryavec abstain



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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!
<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 (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. *Includes a monthly Venice crime report and updates on law enforcement issues in Venice.*
- 6D **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 Morgan Bostic, 310-568-8772 (morgan.bostic@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 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 (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/Gas Company: Yolanda Gonzales
- Budget Advocates - Hugh Harrison, Treasurer

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]*

7A Monthly Expenditure Report (Hugh Harrison, treasurer@venicenc.org)
MOTION: The Venice NC approves the Monthly Expenditure Report for May 2019.
Recommended by Budget and Finance Committee 6-0-0 on 7/2/19
Uploaded Documents:
[Download 1562112660.pdf](#)

7B Expenditure To Date Report (Hugh Harrison, treasurer@venicenc.org)
The Venice NC approves the monthly Expenditure to Date Report for May 2019.
Recommended by Budget and Finance Committee 6-0-0 on 7/2/19
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7 A & B

HH, GF (18, 0, 2)

FAVOR: George Francisco, Hugh Harrison, Melissa Diner, Theresa White, Robert Thibodeau, James Murez, John Reed, Jaime Paige, Alex Neiman, CJ Cole, Brian Averill, Matt Fisher, Alix Gucovsky, Sima Kostovetsky, Nisa Kove, Charles Rials, Jim Robb, Mark Ryavec,

OPPOSED:

ABSTAIN: Ira Koslow, Bruno Hernandez,

7C \$1000 for Town Halls (Hugh Harrison, treasurer@venicenc.org)
MOTION: The Venice NC approves up to \$1000 for two Town Halls relating to Emergency Preparedness.
Recommended by Budget and Finance Committee 6-0-0 on 7/2/19

HH, GF (19, 0, 1)

FAVOR: George Francisco, Hugh Harrison, Melissa Diner, Theresa White, Robert Thibodeau, James Murez, John Reed, Jaime Paige, Alex Neiman, CJ Cole, Brian Averill, Matt Fisher, Alix Gucovsky, Bruno Hernandez, Sima Kostovetsky, Nisa Kove, Charles Rials, Jim Robb, Mark Ryavec,

OPPOSED:

ABSTAIN: Ira Koslow

7D Increase in Monthly Web Services (Hugh Harrison, treasurer@venicenc.org)



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MOTION: The Venice NC approves the increase in monthly web services performed by The Web Corner to \$245.

Recommended by Budget and Finance Committee 6-0-0 on 7/2/19

HH, GF (17, 0, 3)

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OPPOSED:

ABSTAIN: Ira Koslow, CJ Cole, Mark Ryavec,

7E Reimbursement of President (Hugh Harrison, treasurer@venicenc.org)

MOTION: The Venice NC approves the reimbursement of \$90 to President Ira Koslow for the permit approval fee for LAUSD to be paid before VNC funds unblocked by City of Los Angeles.

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Recommended by Budget and Finance Committee 6-0-0 on 7/2/19

HH, GF (19, 0, 1)

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OPPOSED:

ABSTAIN: Ira Koslow

8. Announcements and Public Comment on items not on the Agenda (7:44PM - 10 minutes)
[No more than 1 minute per person – no Board member announcements permitted]

9. General Consent Calendar (7:54 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 MOTION: The VNC Board shall submit a Community Impact Statement in support of Council File 07-0629-S1 which calls for an OFW retail study.

Addendum:

[Council File 07-0629-S1](#)

PULLED to 12D



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MR, HH 3-13-3 send to committee land use and ofw

FAVOR: Hugh Harrison, CJ Cole , Mark Ryavec,

OPPOSED: George Francisco, Melissa Diner, Theresa White, Robert Thibodeau, James Murez, Jaime Paige ,
Alex Neiman, Matt Fisher, Bruno Hernandez, Sima Kostovetsky, Nisa Kove, Charles Rials, Jim Robb,

ABSTAIN: Ira Koslow, John Reed, Brian Averill,

GF, JM 16-2-2

FAVOR: George Francisco, Hugh Harrison, Melissa Diner, Theresa White, Robert Thibodeau, James Murez,
Jaime Paige , Alex Neiman, Brian Averill, Matt Fisher, Alix Gucovsky, Bruno Hernandez, Sima

Kostovetsky, Nisa Kove, Charles Rials, Jim Robb,

OPPOSED: CJ Cole , Mark Ryavec,

ABSTAIN: Ira Koslow, John Reed,

10. **LUPC (7:59PM – 15 minutes)** (Alix Gucovsky 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 **3011 Ocean Front Walk**

Case: ZA 2019-3329

Applicant: Ronald e Howell architecture

Applicant Representative: Ronald Howell

Staff Member: Tim Bonefeld

Project Description: Demolish existing 2300 sf multi-family building and build a new three story mixed use building with ground floor retail, ground floor jadu (Junior Assessorly Dwelling Unit) attached adu (assessorly dwelling unit) fd on 2nd and 3rd floor, 5 car parking and 4 car bike parking

MOTION: The Venice Neighborhood Council recommends the project as proposed with the following conditions: clarification on front yard, parking considerations with calculations, explanation of adjustments and variances for front and side yards.

Recommended by LUPC 5-0-0 on 7/5/19

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AG, MD (14, 5, 1)

FAVOR: George Francisco, Hugh Harrison, Melissa Diner, Theresa White, Robert Thibodeau, James Murez, John Reed, Jaime Paige , Alex Neiman, CJ Cole , Alix Gucovsky, Sima Kostovetsky, Nisa Kove, Mark Ryavec,

OPPOSED: Brian Averill, Matt Fisher, Bruno Hernandez, Charles Rials, Jim Robb,

ABSTAIN: Ira Koslow

11. **Old Business (8:14PM - 0 minutes)**
[Discussion and possible action]

12. **New Business (8:14PM – 30 minutes)**
[Discussion and possible action]



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12A Selection of Standing Committee Chairs

MOTION: The VNC Board shall select the Chairs of the following Standing Committees as nominated by the Administrative Committee:

1. Ocean Front Walk **Jim Robb**

19-0-1

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OPPOSED:

ABSTAIN: Ira Koslow

Unanimous

2. Arts **Bruno Hernandez**

19-0-1

FAVOR: George Francisco, Hugh Harrison, Melissa Diner, Theresa White, Robert Thibodeau, James Murez, Jaime Paige, Alex Neiman, Brian Averill, Matt Fisher, Alix Gucovsky, Bruno Hernandez, Sima Kostovetsky, Nisa Kove, Charles Rials, Jim Robb, John Reed, CJ Cole, Mark Ryavec,

OPPOSED:

ABSTAIN: Ira Koslow

Unanimous

3. Rules & Selections **John Reed**

18-1-1

FAVOR: George Francisco, Hugh Harrison, Melissa Diner, Theresa White, Robert Thibodeau, James Murez, Jaime Paige, Alex Neiman, Brian Averill, Alix Gucovsky, Bruno Hernandez, Sima Kostovetsky, Nisa Kove, Charles Rials, Jim Robb, John Reed, CJ Cole, Mark Ryavec,

OPPOSED: Matt Fisher

ABSTAIN: Ira Koslow

12B Select members of the Land Use And Planning Committee (15 minutes)

MOTION: The VNC Board shall select the members of the Land Use and Planning Committee from submitted applications. Application period closes at the beginning of the Board meeting meeting on July 16, 2019.

Application period to have your application posted in advance closed beginning of Adcom July 8, 2019 to be posted in advance. Applicants that did not submit by Adcom must bring enough copies of full application for the public and board to be considered.

[LUPC Applications](#)

[See results here](#)

New LUPC Board:
Tim Bonfield



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Barry Cassilly
Michael Jensen
Matthew Royce
Shep Stern
Daffodil Tyminski
Jerome Williams
Carols Zubieta

12C Select members of Neighborhood Committee (10 minutes)

MOTION: The VNC Board shall select the members of the Neighborhood Committee from submitted applications. Application period closed at the beginning of the AdCom meeting on July 8, 2019 period. .

Ballona Lagoon West

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Silver Strand --- Bill Boyd

Marina Peninsula --- John Weston

Venice Canals ---Darryl Dufay

North Venice ---Tamara Johnson
Noel Johnston

Oakwood Milwood-SE Venice --- Isabelle Duvivier

Oxford Triangle --- Reta Moser

East of Venice --- Will Kain

All applicants elected

[NHC Applications](#)

- 13. Board Member Comments on subject matters within the VNC jurisdiction (8:44PM - 5 minutes)**
- 14. Adjourn (approx. 8:49PM)**

List of Venice Neighborhood Council Committees & Chairs – Volunteers Welcome



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Standing Committees

Administrative - Ira Koslow

Neighborhood - George Francisco

Outreach - Sima Kostovetsky

Land Use and Planning - Alix Gucovsky

Budget & Finance - Hugh Harrison

Rules & Selections - John Reed

Arts - Bruno Hernandez

Ocean Front Walk - Jim Robb

Ad Hoc Committees

2019 Election - Ivan Spiegel

Parking & Transportation - James Murez

Resiliency - Keith Harrison

Discussion Forum - Joe Murphy

Homeless

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