



Venice Neighborhood Council

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Board of Officers Regular Meeting Agenda
Westminster Elementary School (Auditorium)
1010 Abbot Kinney Blvd, Venice, 90291
Tuesday, October 15, 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 the Agenda (7:02PM – 1 minute)**
4. **Approval of the Minutes of the September 17, 2019 VNC Board meeting (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 -- 60 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!
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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 (10 minutes):** Senior Lead Officers SLO Jederdiare Roberts 40122@lapd.online LO Adrian Acosta - 37285@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 (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)



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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 (10 minutes)

- President -Ira Koslow (President@VeniceNC.org)
 - Nisa Kove is appointed the chair of the Venice Neighborhood Council Public Safety Committee.
 - Agenda requests will not go on the Adcom agenda if they are not submitted via the online Agenda Request form prior to the Adcom deadline.
 - Names and email addresses of all recipients must be included in all motions submitted to the Board for Adcom that require a communication be sent.
 - Open LUPC nominations for vacant seat, form is online, deadline for submission is 7pm on November 11 at the start of the Adcom meeting. The Board will fill the seat at the November 19th Board meeting.
- Westside Regional Alliance of Councils- Ira Koslow, VNC Representative (Chair@westsidecouncils.org),
- Los Angeles Neighborhood Council Coalition (LANCC) Ivan Spiegel (Parliamentarian@VeniceNC.org)
- VNC Representative to DWP/Gas Company: Yolanda Gonzales
- Budget Advocates - Hugh Harrison, Treasurer
- Outreach Update
- Verdant Venice Update

6F RYLAN (Ready Your Neighborhood) (15 minutes) (Sima Kostovetsky)

Presentation by Jaqueline Koci Tamayo, Emergency Management Coordinator for the City of LA, to introduce and explain the Program.

6G LAX-it Taxi and Ride App Pick-Up Lot (10 minutes) Stephanie Sampson, SSAMPSON@lawa.org, Director of Communications, LAX Landside Access Modernization Program

7. Treasurer's Report (8:05PM -- 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 August 2019.

Uploaded Documents: Download 1569964134.pdf

Recommended by Budget & Finance Committee 4-0-0 on 10-1-2019



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7B Approval of Expenditure to Date Report

MOTION: The Venice NC approves the Expenditure to Date Report for August 2019

Uploaded Documents: Download 1569964198.pdf

Recommended by Budget & Finance Committee 4-0-0 on 10-1-2019

7C Approval of Funding for Business Cards

MOTION: The Venice NC approves up to \$800 for the printing of VNC business cards.

Recommended by Budget & Finance Committee 4-0-0 on 10-1-2019

8. Announcements and Public Comment on items not on the Agenda (8:15PM - 10 minutes)

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

9. General Consent Calendar (8:25PM -- 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 Enhanced Pedestrian Access to Venice-Abbot Kinney Memorial Branch Library (Joseph Murphy on behalf of the Discussion Forum Committee joedmur@gmail.com)

MOTION: Whereas, the Discussion Forum Committee of the VNC exists to “Provide a monthly forum for discussion of long-term matters affecting the Venice Community within the context of the VNC Vision Goals”, and

Whereas, the Discussion Forum Committee has resolved to turn its efforts to the “Focus on Children” Vision Goal, and

Whereas, the “Focus on Children” Vision Goal establishes that the VNC will “Consider strategies that promote & expand opportunities for children to experience direct meaningful involvement in all aspects of the social and economic and cultural activities of the Venice Community”, and

Whereas, VNC Vision Goals such as “Participation” and “Walkability” remain of keen interest to the DFC, particularly as they relate to children’s issues, and

Whereas, public libraries are vital assets in a neighborhood, for the promotion of learning, reading, and for general community-building, particularly among children and families, and

Whereas, Venice is favored with a splendid public library, the Venice-Abbot Kinney Memorial Branch Library, but it is undisputed that its location on – in effect – a “traffic island” between North and South Venice Boulevard may serve automobiles well but creates great barriers to pedestrians desiring to find and visit the library on foot, and

Whereas, increased pedestrian access to this Library would be of great benefit to local children, their parents and the community at large,

Therefore be it resolved that the VNC Board is supportive of the DFC’s efforts to work towards proposals for the permitting, funding, and construction of enhanced pedestrian access features for



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the Venice-Abbot Kinney Memorial Branch Library. Such measures might include crosswalks, stop signs, signals, or pedestrian overpasses. The DFC's efforts on this front are being led by Mehrnoosh Mojallali, licensed architect, urban designer, and former member of the Venice Neighborhood Council Land Use and Planning Committee.

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Recommended by Discussion Forum Committee 7-0-0 on 9-10-2019

9B. Inventory of Trees by City of LA, should also require identification of where new trees can be planted (Noel Johnston, noel.johnston@venicenc.org)

Whereas Mayor Garcetti has recently appointed Rachel Malarich as the City's first forest officer (aka: Tree Tzar) and; Whereas she will be charged with "spearheading the development of a citywide Urban Forest Management Plan" within the Board of Public Works as part of the City's Green New Deal and: Whereas the City is planning an inventory of all street trees in Los Angeles, therefore, the Verdant Venice Committee recommends that the VNC Board send a letter to Mayor Eric Garcetti, Councilman Bonin, the Department of Public Works, Rachel Malarich, Timothy Tyson and Adel Hagekhalil suggesting that any inventory of Los Angeles street trees include possible sites for the planting of new trees, including tree locations that do not currently meet minimum planting guidelines but, if altered, could.

A letter shall be sent to Adel H. Hagekhalil, Executive Director and General Manager, Bureau of Street Services; Greg Spotts, Assistant Director at BOS; Julie Sauter,

Recommended by Verdant Venice Committee 3-0-0. on 9/ 6/19

10. LUPC (8:30PM – 60 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 854 Superba Avenue (15 minutes)

Case: DIR-2018-5452-CDP; ZA-2018-5453-ZAA; ENV-2018-5454-CE

City Hearing date: TBD

Applicant: James Chanes, Tru Properties

LUPC Staff: Michael Jensen

Representative: Noah Greer, Manual Labor noah@manuallabor.com

City staff: Bindu Kannan bindu.kannan@lacity.org

Case Description: Pursuant to LAMC section 12.20.2 a coastal development permit CDP for the demolition of an existing 4 unit residential structure and a small lot subdivision of the existing 6,358 sq ft lot to create two small lots with 2 new single family dwellings in the RD 1.5-1 zone

- Pursuant to government code section 65590 and 65990.1 (the mello act) and the city of Los Angeles interim mello act compliance administrative procedures, a Mello Act Compliance Determination (MEL)
- Pursuant to LAMC section 17.50 a Parcel map/subdivision (PMLA) to create 2 small lot single family dwellings.



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- Pursuant to Venice Coastal Zone specific Plan a SPP or VSO prior to public hearing

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

Recommended by LUPC 5-0-0 with 2 recusals on 8/22/2019

10B 704 Milwood Avenue (15 minutes)

Case: DIR-2019-2122 CDP-MEL; ENV-2019-2123-CE

City Hearing: TBD

Applicant: FIRAS AND MARGOT BUSHNAQ

LUPC Staff: Shep Stern/Jerome Williams

Representative: Lucia Bartholomew, Electric and Bowery lucia@electricbowery.com;
afra@electricbowery.com cayley@electricbowery.com

City Staff Ira Brown: Ira.Brown@lacity.org

Case Description:

- Pursuant to LAMC Section 12.20.2 a coastal development permit (CDP) for the demolition of an existing duplex and the construction of a new 2 story 4319 sq ft single family dwelling with an attached garage and basement, in R2 zone.
- Pursuant to government code section 65590 and 65990.1 (the mello act) and the City of Los Angeles Interim Mello Act Compliance Administration Procedures, a Mello Act Compliance Determination (MEL)
- Pursuant to Venice Coastal Zone specific plan a VSO or SPP prior to public hearing

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

Recommended by LUPC 4-1-1

10C 2499 S Lincoln Boulevard (15 minutes)

Case: DIR-2018-5770-CDP-CDO-SPP & ZA-2018-5771-CUB-CU & ENV-2018-5772CE

City Hearing: October 16, 2019

Applicant: Timan Khoubian [Lincoln Venice Owner, LLC]

LUPC Staff: Daffodil Tyminski

Representative: Brian Silveira silveira.brian@gmail.com

City Staff: Bindu Kannan bindu.kannan@lacity.org

Case Description:

- Pursuant to LAMC Section 12.20.2, a Coastal Development Permit (CDP) to allow a change of use of an existing commercial shopping center from retail, auto repair shop, and auto sales to retail, office, fitness and restaurant. No change in floor area.
- Pursuant to LAMC Section 13.08, Community Design Overlay (CDO) approval to show compliance with the Lincoln CDO district guidelines.
- Pursuant to LAMC Section 11.5.7, a Project Permit Compliance permit (SPP) to determine that the project is in conformance with the regulations of the Venice Coastal Zone Specific Plan.



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- Pursuant to LAMC Section 12.24.W1, a Conditional Use Alcoholic Beverage permit (CUB) to allow the sale and dispensing of a full line of alcoholic beverages for on premises consumption at one new restaurant located in the C2-1 zone. The proposed restaurant will have 2,245 sq ft of service floor area as expressed on sheet A-121 of the Exhibit A plans.
- Pursuant to LAMC Section 12.24.W27, a Conditional Use permit (CU) to allow deviations from commercial corner standards including (1) to allow tandem parking with an attendant at 1166 E Garfield Ave, (2) to allow no bicycle parking in lieu of the required bicycle parking as bicycle parking will be provided in the public right-of-way on Garfield Ave, and (3) to allow no landscape buffer for the portion of the parking lot which abuts 1165 E Van Buren Ave.
- Pursuant to LAMC Section 12.24.W37, a Conditional Use permit (CU) to allow public parking in the R2 zone in conjunction with a commercial corner shopping center located in the C2 and R2 zones. The proposed parking in the R zone is for 20 tandem parking spaces with an attendant.

MOTION: The Venice Neighborhood Council recommends approval of the project as presented with the following conditions:

- a) Require all tenants in the project to provide rideshare carpooling public transportation incentives to their employees;
- b) Require all tenants to provide the adjacent neighbors with direct phone contact information in the event of any problems at the site;
- c) Require the Applicant to implement further sound reducing measures;
- d) Require the traffic flow from the project be right turn only from Garfield;
- e) Require the valet operation to obtain a permit under LAMC 102.201 and LAMC 103.201.1.

The Applicant shall obtain a contract for life with the valet service and submit it to the Zoning Administrator in the file. If the valet service is replaced, the Applicant shall place the new contract with the ZA. Finally, the Valet Service shall train employees to refrain from idling cars or creating any excess noise and shall direct traffic out of Garfield to the right towards Lincoln.

Recommended by LUPC 4-1-2 on 10/4/19

10D 1043 Abbot Kinney (15 minutes)

Case: DIR-2018-6394-SPP-CDP, ENV 2018 6395-CE

City Hearing: August 5, 2019

Address: 1043 Abbott Kinney

Applicant Jocelyn Zayco Albion Gardens

LUPC Staff Barry Cassily

Representative Ada Castellon Satoh Brothers International contact: acastellon@satohbrothers.com

City Staff Jeff Khao contact: jeff.khao@lacity.org

Case Description: Improvements and a 75 sq ft addition to the ground floor of a two story mixed use structure comprised of a change of use of 1090 sq ft retail use to 381 sq ft of retail use,



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664 sq ft of a café (restaurant) use having 293 sq ft of Service Floor area, and 81 sq ft of beauty salon use. No work proposed to the second floor residential use (duplex). A total of 9 parking spaces are provided, 4 existing spaces are maintained in a detached garage and 5 spaces are provided offsite of which 1 space will be replaced with 4 bicycle parking spaces.

Director of planning shall consider an exemption from CEQA pursuant to CEQA guidelines, section 15301 and determine that there is no substantial evidence demonstrating that an exception to the categorical exemption pursuant to CEQA guidelines, section 15300.2 applies.

Pursuant to LAMC section 12.20.2 a coastal development permit for the change of use and addition to the ground floor of an existing two story mixed use building, on a lot located in the single permit jurisdiction of the California Coastal Zone.

Pursuant to LAMC section 11.5.7 a project permit compliance review for a project within the Venice Coastal Zone Specific Plan Area.

Public Comment & Possible Action: Motion

MOTION: The Venice Neighborhood Council recommends approval of the project as presented.
Recommended by LUPC 4-0-1 on 10/3/19.

11. Old Business (PM - 0 minutes)

[Discussion and possible action]

12. New Business (9:30PM – 35 minutes)

[Discussion and possible action]

12A CIS in Opposition to Council File 11-1705: Citywide Sign Regulation Ordinance (Bruno Hernandez on behalf of the Arts Committee bruno.hernandes@venicenc.org) (10 minutes)

MOTION: The Venice Neighborhood Council (VNC) requests that the following statement of “Opposition Unless Amended” be attached to Council File 11-1705: Citywide Sign Regulation Ordinance. The Venice Neighborhood Council opposes “CF 11-1705: Citywide Sign Regulation Ordinance” unless it is amended due to the negative impact it will have on independent artists and small business and property owners in the Venice community and the city of Los Angeles. Due to the positive social and economic impact of hand-painted “sponsored” murals and signs; artists, small businesses and mom & pop property owners should be able to control a portion of the media where such can be placed and the proposed Sign Regulation Ordinance does not provide for this. Additionally, hand painted murals that recognize sponsors and commercial projects are not currently allowed by right under the Fine Art Mural Ordinance. (LAMC Sec 14.4 et seq). Furthermore, in an effort to remove “billboard blight,” the proposed Ordinance considers issuing new permits in exchange for the removal of such blight. However, it does not create any other criteria to acquire these legal permits except for such an exchange or payment of an in lieu fee. Neither the Planning Department Report of May 28, 2019 regarding “Equity for Smaller Outdoor Advertising Companies” nor current sign regulations allow for a sustainable mechanism for independent artists and small outdoor sign



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companies to acquire legal permits or to afford in lieu fees in order to create hand-painted commercial projects.

Recommended by Arts Committee 3-0-0 on 9-30-2019

12B Renewal of VNC Ad Hoc Homeless Committee (Charles Rials charles.rials@venicenc.org)
(10 minutes)

MOTION: Due to the delayed appointment of the Committee Chairs, we are requesting the renewal of the Ad Hoc Homeless Committee with the following Mission Statement as approved by the Administrative Committee: The mission of the Ad Hoc Homeless Committee shall be to analyze and address the various sides of homelessness and its effects on the Venice community. Using experience, understanding and inclusive resolutions, it will work closely with service providers, local government, enforcement agencies and most importantly Venice stakeholders, to help propose solutions to the VNC Board that will address everyone's needs.

12C. Amend VNC Bylaws to Increase the Number of Community Officers that stakeholders can vote for (15 minutes)

MOTION: The VNC Board shall amend its bylaws to allow each LWO stakeholder of Venice to be able to cast three (3) votes for the thirteen (13) Community Officers.

ARTICLE X: ELECTIONS Section 4A **shall be amended as follows:** . Each **LWO (Live-Work-Own Property stakeholder)** shall be entitled to cast votes as follows: One (1) Vote for President; One (1) Vote for Vice President; One (1) Vote for Secretary; One (1) Vote for Treasurer; One (1) Vote for Communications Officer; One (1) Vote for Community Outreach Officer; One (1) Vote for Land Use and Planning Committee Chair; and **Up to Three (3) votes** for Community Officer.

ARTICLE X: ELECTIONS Section 4B. "Each Community Interest Voting Member shall be entitled to cast one (1) vote for a Community Interest Community Officer candidate"

Recommended by Rules and Selections 7-0-0 on 9/16/19

NOTE: Amendments to the bylaws require a two-thirds (2/3) majority vote of the full Board of Officers.

13. Board Member Comments on subject matters within the VNC jurisdiction (10:05PM - 5 minutes)

14. Adjourn (approx. 10:10PM)



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<u>Standing Committees</u>	<u>Ad Hoc Committees</u>
Administrative - Ira Koslow Neighborhood - George Francisco Outreach - Sima Kostovetsky Land Use and Planning - Budget & Finance - Hugh Harrison Rules & Selections - John Reed Arts - Bruno Hernandez Ocean Front Walk - Jim Robb	Parking & Transportation - James Murez Resiliency - Keith Harrison Discussion Forum - Joe Murphy Venice Dog Park - Jamie Paige, James Murez Verdant Venice - Isabell, Noel

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