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1. **Call to Order and Roll Call (7:00 PM)**
2. **Pledge Of Allegiance (7:01PM -- 1 minute)**
3. **Approval of the Agenda (PM – 1 minute)**
4. **Approval of Board Minutes**
5. **Declaration of Ex Parte Communications or Conflicts-Of-Interest (PM -- 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 **Previous Months Minutes have been emailed (7:15PM -1 minute)**
Ensure the prior months minutes have been sent to ALL emails outlined by each motion writer from the previous month's motions.
- 6B **Previous Months Letters (7:16PM -1 minute)**
Ensure all letters have been sent for each item from the previous month and if NOT announce what letters are still outstanding and what information is needed in order to have them sent out.
- 6C **Live Stream of Meetings (PM -- 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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- 6D **Spanish Translation Available** (Esteban Pulido, pulido.esteban@gmail.com)
Spanish Interpretation services and agendas are available with advance notice.
- 6E **Public Safety - LAPD & LAFD Report (10 minutes):** Public Safety - LAPD & LAFD Report (10 minutes): Senior Lead Officers Monique Contreras (38228@lapd.online), SLO Adrian Acosta - (39174@lapd.online) SLO Javier Ramirez (39174@lapd.online), SLO Karwon Villery (38717@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.*



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- 6F Government Reports (15 minutes)** (Representatives have standing place on the agenda, but are not always available to attend)
- City Councilmember Mike Bonin
Field Deputy, Nisa Kove nisa.kove@lacity.org
Bridge Housing Deputy Dexter O'Connor dexter.oconnor@lacity.org
Congressman Ted Lieu, Representative Janet Turner, 310-496-9896
(janet.turner@mail.house.gov)
 - State Senator Ben Allen, Representative Liliana Pond (liliana.pond@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 Kevin Taylor kevin.taylor@lacity.org
 - Empower LA Neighborhood Council Advocate, Freddy Cupen-Ames, 213-978-1551 (freddy.cupen-ames@lacity.org)
- 6G VNC Announcements and Reports (15 minutes)**
- President -Ira Koslow (President@VeniceNC.org)
 - Committees must pick a specific day in the month for meetings
 - Committee chairs must practice Zoom techniques especially **screen sharing**
 - Selection of Community Officer replacementWestside Regional Alliance of Councils-
Ira Koslow, VNC Representative (president@venicenc.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 Announcements - Sima Kostovetsky
 - Election Report - Ivan Spiegel
- 6H Board Member Announcements on subject matters within the VNC jurisdiction- One (1) minute per Board member (5 minutes)**
- 6I LADOT presentation on Lincoln Blvd Project (10 minutes) (matt.gertz@lacity.org, 213-972-4957)**
- 6J Selection Of Stakeholder to Fill Vacant Community Officer Seat**
MOTION: The VNC Board shall select a Stakeholder from the following submitted applicants to fill a vacant Community Officer seat.
Applicants -
Tom McComas, Ryan Anderson, Remi Salter, Nayely Martinez, Mehrnoosh Mojallali, Justin Brezhnev, Helen Fallon, Beth Greenwald, Anthony Reyes, Andrew W, Walter
[Applications](#)



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7. **Treasurer's Report (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 Reports**
MOTION: The Venice NC approves the Monthly Expenditure and Expenditure to Date Reports for August 2020.
Recommended by Budget & Finance Committee 5-0-0 on 2020-10-06
Uploaded Documents: [Download 01602029670.pdf](#) [Download 11602029670.pdf](#)

- 7B **Approve Agreement to Hire Election Administrative Assistant**
MOTION: The Venice NC approves an agreement for \$3100 with Bridge Gap Services to engage the services of Michael Lynn as an Election Administrative Assistant.
Recommended by Budget & Finance Committee 5-0-0 on 2020-10-06
[Attachment](#)

- 7C **Approval of Allocation of \$4500 for Community Improvement Project to Frederick Passageway Beautification Project**
MOTION: The Venice NC approves a Community Improvement Project in the amount of \$4500 for The Frederick Passageway Beautification Project. The funds will require a reallocation of the approved budget with \$4500 moved to Community Improvement Projects from Facilities (\$1000); Copies (\$900); Equipment (\$500); Refreshments (\$500); Town Halls (\$500); and General Outreach (\$1100).
Recommended by Budget & Finance Committee 5-0-0 on 2020-10-06
Uploaded Document: [Attachment](#)
[Additional Documents](#)

- 7D **Approval of Homeless Resources Guide**
MOTION: The Venice NC approves \$500 for the printing, promotion and distribution of the Homeless Resources Guide.
Recommended by Budget & Finance Committee 5-0-0 on 2020-10-06
Uploaded Document: [Attachment](#)

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

9. **General Consent Calendar (PM -- 5 minutes)**
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- 9A CIS in Support of CONRAC LAX** (James Murez on behalf of Parking & Transportation Committee)
MOTION: The VNC shall submit a Community Impact Statement supporting Council File 19-1586 as follows: The VNC supports Council File 19-1586's call for a study of the feasibility of reaching up to 80% electric car rentals at LAX by 2024. This could save money and help reduce smog. Planning ahead for rental EVs at LAX just makes sense.
Recommended by Parking & Transportation Committee 6-0-0 on 2020-10-05
- 9B CIS in Support of Motor Vehicle Idling Time** (James Murez on behalf of Parking & Transportation Committee)
MOTION: The VNC shall submit a CIS in support of Councilmember Koretz's motion to limit parked motor vehicle idling time – Council File 19-0604 as follows: CIS: The VNC, representing more than 40,000 resident stakeholders, supports Councilmember Paul Koretz's motion to ban parked vehicle idling. It is necessary to address the issues of poor air quality in Los Angeles in light of concerns about the climate emergency. At least 7 states, and many cities, have already implemented a car idling ban. NYC has had one of the strongest all-vehicle parking idling laws for decades. We are in support of adopting the best practices from these other states and cities. There are exemptions for extreme temperatures, the health and the well-being of passengers, safety or emergency vehicles and commercial vehicles. This will not hurt low-income or homeless people, it will not be enforced in any way if the health or wellness of vehicle occupants are at stake, it will not interfere with necessary emergency and safety vehicle functions, and it will not interfere with commercial vehicle functions that require a parked idling engine. Research has consistently found that it's less polluting and more fuel-efficient to turn off a modern, fuel-injected vehicle than let it idle for more than 10 seconds long. Limiting needless vehicle idling to one minute or less will protect everyone. We need an effective ordinance coupled with a good educational campaign by LADOT. This motion would raise consciousness to turn off parked idling vehicles. The VNC calls on LA City Council to support Koretz's parked vehicle idling ban and post "Clean Air Zone - No Idling Allowed" signs in sensitive areas.
Recommended by Parking & Transportation Committee 6-0-0 on 2020-10-05
- 9C CIS in Support of Telecommuting** (James Murez on behalf of Parking & Transportation Committee)
MOTION: The shall submit a CIS in support of City Council Files 20-0584 and 20-0498 which would create incentives for employees of businesses and for government officials and employees to work from home. While remote work is not a panacea for the climate crisis, making the practice more widespread and available in Los Angeles could help to reduce commuter traffic, which would have the benefit of reducing vehicle air pollution and greenhouse gas emissions. Teleworking is just one of many tools in our toolbox that we must utilize to fight the climate crisis and create sustainable air quality improvements to our region. By improving air quality, we also create healthier Angelenos. Air pollution is linked to a host of health problems and makes people more vulnerable to COVID-19. A recent UCLA study found that approximately 14,000 premature deaths could be avoided annually if California decreases greenhouse gas emissions to net-zero by 2050. Underserved communities who suffer the most from air pollution would see disproportionately higher levels of benefits from cleaner air, the study also found. The VNC supports the City studying these issues further and exploring its implementation in the City of Los Angeles.



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Recommended by Parking & Transportation Committee 6-0-0 on 2020-10-05

- 9D METRO Bus Capacity** (James Murez on behalf of Parking & Transportation)
MOTION: The VNC shall send a letter to the Metro (Los Angeles County Metropolitan Transportation Authority) requesting: To lower Metro's COVID-19 Max Load limit for 60' busses from 30 to 20 in order to enable safer Social Distancing and increasing the frequency of affected routes to make up for the reduced seating capacity.
Recommended by Parking & Transportation Committee 6-0-0 on 2020-10-05
- 9E Add Stop Sign 5th & Vernon** (James Murez on behalf of Parking & Transportation Committee)
MOTION: The VNC shall write a letter to LADOT requesting stop signs be installed on Vernon Ave at the corner of 5th Ave.
Recommended by Parking & Transportation Committee 6-0-0 on 2020-10-05
- 9F Endorsement of Protective Masks in the Venice Community** (Nicholas Antonicello)
MOTION: WHEREAS, the neighborhood of Venice is a tourist community visited by millions on an annual basis, and WHEREAS, in light of the current COVID-19 crisis and pandemic, hundreds of businesses have closed and remain so, and WHEREAS, hundreds of businesses have relocated outside and curbside to remain safe and open, and WHEREAS, the current COVID-19 crisis continues to thrive here in the state of California and specifically the City of Los Angeles, and WHEREAS, the usage of Social Distancing practices and the wearing of face masks have deemed useful in protecting individuals from transmission, and WHEREAS, the CDC strongly recommends the usage of Social Distancing practices indoors as well as outdoors and the application of masks as a prerequisite of entrance in all businesses here in Los Angeles, and WHEREAS, the usage of masks has been deemed a deterrent of the transmission of COVID-19,
THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Venice Neighborhood Council go on the record endorsing the wearing of masks here in the neighborhood of Venice as a tool to flatten the curve and that all possibilities be considered to promote a 100% face mask environment here in this neighborhood and that a copy of this resolution be sent to the Office of Mayor Eric Garcetti, the Los Angeles Health Department and Council District #11 Office for support and the promotion of the wearing of face masks by all here in Venice.
- 9G Cleanup and Resurfacing of Ocean Front Walk** (Jim Robb on behalf of Ocean Front Walk Committee)
MOTION: WHEREAS the current conditions of the Venice Boardwalk also known as Ocean Front Walk is in dire need of renovation and repaving, and WHEREAS the Venice Boardwalk has not been repaved, power washed or renovated since the Spring of 2000, some twenty years ago
THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Venice Neighborhood Council endorses the repaving and resurfacing of the area known as Ocean Front Walk from the Venice Fishing Pier in the south and the Santa Monica border due north, and that a letter be sent urging immediate construction and renovation to Council Office 11 and the Office of Mayor Eric Garcetti for their approval of said funding.
Recommended by Ocean Front Walk Committee 6-0-0 on 2020-10-06



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9H Lighting and Security Camera improvements along OFW and the Beach Parking Lots (Jim Robb on behalf of Ocean Front Walk Committee)

MOTION: Whereas violent crime has risen dramatically along OFW and the nearby blocks and whereas OFW remains dimly lit at night and whereas our current camera systems haven't been updated in years, the Venice Neighborhood Council hereby requests the timely installation of improved lighting and updated camera technology along Ocean Front Walk and its parking lots with letters sent to CD11, the Mayor's Office, Rec/Parks, Capt Steven Embrich (30993@lapd.online) and SLO Monique Contreras (38228@lapd.online)

Recommended by Ocean Front Walk Committee 5-0-1 on 2020-10-06

9I Community Plan Recommendations (james.murez@venicenc.org)

MOTION: Recommend the VNC send the following statement to LA City Planning in reference to the Venice Draft Community Plan update (VDCP). (NA,AW 6,0,0) The VNC recommends that the following items be amended to the draft Community Plan. i. The heritage of our unique beach front community shows that Venice of America was created to be a visitor serving destination, occupied by uses that enhanced the amusement experience while nourishing all classes of local residents. ii. Venice's founders laid out the entire city around visitor access to be provided through several modes of transportation, starting with the arrival and departure by railroad. Then, once in the region, local circulation occurred by smaller shuttles and other means of mobility, which included horse drawn buggies, boat rides, bicycles and walking. Several of these original forms of transportation no longer exist. For example, the right-of-ways which were dedicated for railroad use have been converted into substandard automobile streets. Many of the historic boat canals were filled in and now service as oversized streets. These adaptations need to be reconsidered as to how to best serve the current needs, particularly where limited ADA compliant walking access exists. iii. All future transportation and mobility designs for Venice must address local needs while also serving visitor access. iv. Local requirements for parking need to offer solutions that allow preservation of the historic nature of the community to exist. Smaller commercial lots cannot meet the minimum parking requirements mandated by ADA while also meeting the vision of having vibrant resident and visitor serving uses. v. The tract map dedications for streets and alleys must accommodate transportation goals while addressing the character, scale and mass of private property development. Increasing the street widths to comply with the 2035 Mobility Transportation must be stopped. vi. Transportation related issues for commercial corridors must serve their workforce and customers without creating negative impacts on surrounding residential neighborhoods. vii. All forms of visitor serving uses need to address access and transportation requirements. viii. Parking and transportation demands must consider access to public beaches and ocean front walk in addition to private property requirements. ix. Property intensity and trip traffic generating uses must be factored into a comprehensive analysis that balances transportation capacity, travel time and quality of life indicators for existing and future development. x. Thoroughfare uses need to address local needs and discourage commuter cut through traffic on all roadways excluding Lincoln Blvd. (CA #1) and Venice Blvd. east of Lincoln Blvd. xi. Bus routes need to serve commercial and residential uses with a frequency and scale that does not restrict access nor oversaturate service based on ridership load or drop-off demands. When ridership demands within the coastal zone drop below 50% of service capacity on north/south bound



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routes, buses should be detoured to Lincoln Blvd. xii. Bus Layover Zones should be restricted to loading and unloading of visitors with a 10 minute maximum layover allowance. Public buses should be restricted from any form of non-operation, including end-of-route layovers or resynchronizing of bus schedules, within the coastal zone. xiii. Encourage multiple family residential units by introducing a simplified parking standard similar to areas outside the coastal zone within Los Angeles City.
Recommended by Parking and Transportation Committee 6-0-0 on 10/5/20

9J **Metro NexGen Postponement** (james.murez@venicenc.org)

MOTION: The VNC send a letter to the Metro (Los Angeles County Metropolitan Transportation Authority) requesting: To postpone the adoption of the LRTP (Long Range Transportation Plan) for at least a year. The LRTP in its current form is based entirely on pre-COVID-19 data. It would make more sense to wait until we have a better understanding of how the COVID-19 crisis reshapes working and commuting behavior before adopting a plan for the next 10+ years of transit policy.
Recommended by Parking and Transportation Committee 6-0-0 on 10/5/20

9K **Making Slow Streets Permanent** (james.murez@venicenc.org)

MOTION: The VNC supports submitting a Community Impact Statement regarding making Slow Streets permanent for Council File 20-0838 as follows: CIS: The VNC has multiple concerns about the feasibility of developing a permanent network of Slow Streets, specifically: 1. There should be thorough outreach to stakeholders before this program is implemented and a requirement for Neighborhood Councils to be part of the process 2. There should be clear criteria for how neighborhoods opt-in to the Slow Street program a. The report should address issues regarding liability for sponsoring organizations b. The report should address the current lack of consistency in street selection and establish criteria for what is an appropriate street for a Slow Street 3. There should be a requirement for ongoing follow-up studies and publicly available data on whether these changes actually yield the desired outcomes 4. The report should identify the means of enforcement, whether by LAPD, LADOT, Parking Enforcement or another entity. In addition: a. Will street sweeping be enforced on a Slow Street? b. Will overnight parking restrictions be enforced on a Slow Street? 5. The report should address the problem of cut-through traffic when drivers re-route to avoid Slow Streets a. The report should also address ways to minimize driver confusion with the new signage and street usage The VNC encourages the City to redouble its efforts to find appropriate green space, i.e. new parks, walk streets, pedestrian plazas, etc. versus taking away needed transportation infrastructure to meet green space needs. The VNC would like to see these issues be addressed in any feasibility study and see this feasibility study made publicly available.
Recommended by Parking and Transportation Committee 6-0-0 on 10/5/20

9L **Resolution Supporting East Grand Blvd. Community Median Garden** (Pietro Martini, EMAILPIETROMARTINI@GMAIL.COM)

MOTION: Whereas, the City of Los Angeles is hard pressed to maintain the many street medians and parkway areas in Venice, and
Whereas, the resident group Neighbors of Grand has landscaped the southern median at the intersection of East Grand Blvd. and North Venice Blvd. at considerable time and expense, and



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Whereas, this community garden significantly enhances the neighborhood and this entrance to Venice, and

Whereas, Neighbors of Grand is committed to continuing to water, prune and maintain the garden free from trash,

Whereas, it is problematic to stretch a water hose across East Grand Blvd. each time the garden needs to be watered (one hose has already been ruined by the tires of a large truck), now, Therefore, be it resolved, the Venice Neighborhood Council recognizes and applauds the creation of the East Grand Blvd. community median garden, calls upon the Bureau of Street Services to coordinate any and all of its activities regarding the garden with the Neighbors of Grand, and asks the Bureau of Street Services to provide water to the site, from the median of Venice Blvd., in a locked box from which a drip irrigation system may be installed and administered by Neighbors of Grand to allow for the healthy growth of this garden.

Upon approval this Resolution shall be forwarded to Bureau of Street Services General Manager Adel Hagekhalil at adel.hagekhalil@lacity.org and Councilmember Mike Bonin

Recommended by ADCOM 6-0-0 on 10/12/20

9M Venice Blvd Median Project ([James Murez, james.murez@venicenc.org](mailto:james.murez@venicenc.org))

MOTION: (Case: VTT-82288 & CPC-2018-7344-GPAJ-VZCJ-HD-SP-SPP-CDP-MEL-WDI-SPR-PHP)

Whereas: The City is lacking of public parking for beach visitors as well as commercial and residential projects throughout the Venice Coastal Zone, and whereas this location is one of two parcels where the City owns properties large enough to make a sizable deficit to this shortcoming, and whereas the California Coastal Commission has made it clear to the City by denying two prior Permit Parking Coastal Development Permit Applications that any removal of on-street public parking must be replaced at a 1:1 ratio with off-street parking before they will approve the application request and whereas any development project that does not address the traffic congestion that occurs on Venice Blvd and Pacific Ave during warm weekends and holidays is not addressing a major regional transportation problem. Furthermore, Venice Blvd has an approved and adopted Landscape Plan that is tied to the CCC Certified Land Use Plan whereby it specifies this roadway as the "Ceremonial Gateway to Venice Beach" and as such the proposal to remove mature trees would violate the intent and prior CDP that approved planting native trees at this location. Additionally, the proposed project intends to remove a huge amount of dirt during construction thereby causing a lot of disruptions to local traffic which can't be fully mitigated in this residential neighborhood. And finally, the proposed project is described to incorporate LADOT Lot #701 where the Venice Farmers' Market operates serving the local community with farm fresh produce on a weekly basis and any impacts on Fridays during operation hours will force the market to shut down and cease to exist. The VNC shall send a letter to LA City Planning, Mayor Garcetti, County Supervisors and California Coastal Commissioners recommending denial of the proposed project.

Recommended by Parking and Transportation Committee 4-0-0 on 10/5/20



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10. **LUPC Consent Calendar (PM -- 5 minutes)**

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(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 **Venice Community Plan update a delay**

The Venice Neighborhood Council supports and includes for official input to the Los Angeles Department of City Planning in the Venice Community Plan update a delay of 6 months due to COVID 19 and restriction of public access and the following:

An appropriate assessment of how the COVID 19 and future pandemics will impact current and future mobility, housing, design, environmental and health and safety needs and concerns.

Send to: Simi Aliu simi.aliu@lacity.org, Kinikia Gardner kinikia.gardner@lacity.org, Jason Douglas Jason.p.douglas@lacity.org, Mike Bonin Mike.Bonin@lacity.org, Nisa Cove Nisa.Cove@lacity.org, Laura Macpherson Laura.Macpherson@lacity.org, Jeff Khau Jeff.Khau@lacity.org, Haydee Urita Lopez Haydee.Urita-lopez@lacity.org, Len Ngyuen Len.Ngyuen@lacity.org
Recommended by LUPC 8-0-0 on 9/24/20

10B **Westside Community Plan**

MOTION: Whereas the public feedback period for the Westside Community Plan update is scheduled to close October 15, 2020, and

Whereas LA City Planning is committed to “Charting [a] Course for More Fair, Just, and Equitable Los Angeles” (<https://planning.lacity.org/resources/message-city-planning>); and

Whereas COVID-19 has required the city’s outreach to be conducted remotely over the internet, leaving those without access to computers and internet to be left out of the outreach process; and

Whereas other Community Plan Updates have included mobility elements, demographic trends, and the Dwelling Unit Capacity calculated for the existing and updated plans including population estimates used, such as the San Pedro Community Plan

([https://planning.lacity.org/odocument/ee5aaccb-fce7-4dc2-9f91-](https://planning.lacity.org/odocument/ee5aaccb-fce7-4dc2-9f91-2df177a48417/San_Pedro_Community_Plan.pdf)

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Community Plan ([https://planning.lacity.org/odocument/b909e749-754e-4caa-af7f-](https://planning.lacity.org/odocument/b909e749-754e-4caa-af7f-14c82adaa2b7/South_Los_Angeles_Community_Plan.pdf)

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Whereas Venice stakeholders have voiced concerns **at regarding** the draft concepts presented by the LA City Department of **City** Planning's proposed Planning the Westside Community Plan update **and the lack of adequate community outreach during the COVID-19 pandemic;**

Therefore, be it resolved that:

- 1) the Venice Neighborhood Council requests Los Angeles City Planning commit to a second public presentation of draft plans and period of public feedback for the Westside Community Plan update, and**
- 2) a second presentation of draft plans include, but not be limited to, elements pertaining to mobility; infrastructure; demographics; existing and proposed zoning of the entire Venice Community Plan Area in a redline format for comparison; the Dwelling Unit Capacity calculated for the existing and updated plans including population estimates used; and average tenure of current renters and owners, and**
- 3) the second period of presentation-will take place no later than March 2021 or when emergency restrictions due to COVID-19 are lifted allowing in-person meetings; and**
- 4) The public be given a 30-day period to submit additional comments after the aforementioned presentation.**

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Recommend by LUPC 7-0-0 on 9/24/20

10C City Planning develop standards for land use and zoning in Venice

MOTION: WHEREAS the production of new housing units across the City and the Venice community should be knowingly and responsibly shared equitably, such that no one community or neighborhood within any community shoulders a disproportionate burden of housing production.

WHEREAS the Los Angeles Department of City Planning (City Planning) released a draft update for the Venice Land Use Plan wherein it identifies only the Oakwood neighborhood in its Overview of Potential Change Areas, as a neighborhood where additional dwelling units should be produced, thereby placing the entirety of the burden of production of the required additional dwelling units in Venice solely on the Oakwood neighborhood.

WHEREAS the City's land use and zoning plans over the last 70 years, as well as City Planning's latest draft update for the Venice Land Use Plan, imposes a plan on the Oakwood community that is inconsistent with the historical urban character and fabric of the community.



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NOW THEREFORE, the Land Use and Planning Committee of the Venice Neighborhood Council moves to have the City Planning develop standards for land use and zoning in Venice that will be consistent with RHNA requirements and that will distribute the production of additional housing in Venice fairly and equitably across the entire community while respecting the historical, cultural and urban character of the Oakwood community.

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Recommended by LUPC 5-1-1 on 9/24/20

10D Google Drive Space

Whereas LUPC handles a large volume of files and data.

Whereas LUPC must have adequate storage space in the google drive to properly notice public about upcoming project.

Whereas LUPC must preserve all correspondence and information pertaining to previous cases. Therefore the VNC Board that the inadequate storage space is rectified immediately.

Recommended by LUPC 7-0-0 on 10/6/20

10G 205 -213 Ocean Front Walk

Case: APCW-2020-1521-SPE-SPP-CDP-CUB-ZV

City Hearing: TBD

LUPC Staff: Carlos Zubieta

Representative: Marcia Davalos marcia@citylanduse.com

City Staff: Bindu Cannan bindu.cannan@lacity.org, Jason Douglas Jason.douglas@lacity.org, Nisa Cove nisa.cove@lacity.org

Case Description: New construction of a 2-Story, 1,792 sq ft accessory building to an existing restaurant and bar. The project will include a 180 sq ft beach-front walk-up counter with a 372 sq ft outdoor sit-down dining area, a 558 sq ft outdoor recreation area, and a new 10-stall restroom facility on the ground floor. The second floor will consist of restaurant storage and office space. 29 on-site parking spaces will be provided (auto & bike).

The applicant is requesting a Zone Variance to allow for no commercial loading space, a Specific Plan Exception for parking modification for beach-front walk-up, and a new CUB for full-line alcohol with live music.

A second storage area of 918 sq ft will be added to the north side ground-floor of the existing 3,288 sq ft restaurant and bar.

MOTION: The Venice Neighborhood Council recommends approval of the project as presented.

Recommended by LUPC 5-1-1 on 10/8/20



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11. **LUPC (PM – 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>)

11A 709 East Brooks

Case: DIR-2019-6455-CDP-MEL, AA-2019-6453-PMLA, ENV-2019-6456-EAF
City Hearing: TBD
Applicant: Jared Johnson jared@howardrobinson.net; Lew Futterman lewfutt@aol.com
LUPC Staff: Michael Jenssen
Representative:
City Staff: Ira Brown ira.brown@lacity.org, Jason Douglas Jason.douglas@lacity.org
Juliet Oh Juliet.Oh@lacity.org

Case Description:

- Demolition of a duplex plus detached dwelling and new construction of two 3 story approximate 3400 sq ft sfd on 2 lot small subdivision in single jurisdiction coastal zone.
- Demolition of a duplex plus detached dwelling and new construction of two 3 story approximate 3400 sq ft sfd on 2 lot small subdivision pursuant to LAMC sec 17.50, coastal development permit pursuant to LAMC sec 12.20.2 in single jurisdiction coastal zone and mello review.

MOTION: The Venice Neighborhood Council recommends approval of the project as presented.
Recommended by LUPC 5-0-3 on 10/6/20

11B 2102-2120 S Pacific Avenue, 116-302 E North Venice Boulevard, 2016-2116 S Canal Street and 319 E South Venice Boulevard

Case: VTT-82288
CPC-2018-7344-GPAJ-VZCJ-HD-SPP-SPP-CDP-MEL-WDI-SPR-PHP
ENV-2018-6667-SE
City Hearing: October 22, 2020
Applicant: Sarah Lett Hollywood Community Housing Corporation, and Becky Dennison Venice Community Housing Corporation
LUPC Staff: Matthew Royce, Carlos Zubieta, Michael Jenssen
Representative: Chris Murray Rosenheim and Associates
City Staff: Ira Brown ira.brown@lacity.org Jason Douglas Jason.douglas@lacity.org
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Case Description: The demolition of an existing surface parking lot containing 196 spaces bi-sected by Grand Canal, and a two story 4 unit residential structure and the construction, use and maintenance of a 104,140 sq ft mixed use 100 percent affordable housing



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stories development. A 36,340 sq ft structure west of grand canal, and a 67,800 sq ft structure east of grand canal consisting of 140 residential units, 136 affordable, 4 manager, 685 sq ft of social service office use, 2255 sq ft of retail use, 810 sq ft of restaurant use with 500 sq ft of outdoor service floor area and 3,155 sq ft of community arts center/art studio.

The structure west of Grand Canal is 3 stories and 35 in height with a 59 foot tall campanile located at the Northwest corner of the subject site with a roof access structure resulting in a structure with a maximum 67 feet in height and five stories. The structure east of Grand Canal is 3 stories and 35 ft in height. The project will provide a total of 360 on site automobile parking spaces comprising 61 residential spaces 42 commercial spaces 196 public spaces, 23 beach impact zone spaces and 38 non required spaces and 136 bicycle spaces.

REQUESTED ACTIONS:

VTT-82288

The Advisory Agency shall consider:

1. Pursuant to Assembly Bill 1197 in furtherance of providing Supportive Housing under Public Resources Code Section 21080.27(b)(1), that based on the whole of the administrative record as supported by the justification prepared and found in the environmental case file, the project is statutorily exempt from the California Environmental Quality Act;
2. Pursuant to Los Angeles Municipal Code (LAMC) Sections 17.03, 17.06, and 17.15, a Vesting Tentative Tract Map, VTT No. 82288, for the merger and re-subdivision of 40 existing lots into two master ground lots and seven airspace lots; and
3. Pursuant to Los Angeles Municipal Code Section 17.53-D, a Waiver of Dedication and/or Improvements to waive the requirement to:
 - a. Dedicate 20.5 feet to complete a 43-foot half right-of-way along Pacific Avenue;
 - b. Dedicate a 15-foot by 15-foot corner cut at the intersection of South Venice Boulevard and Pacific Avenue;
 - c. Dedicate a 15-foot by 15-foot corner cut at the intersection of North Venice Boulevard and Pacific Avenue;
 - d. Dedicate a 15-foot by 15-foot corner cut at the intersection of South Venice Boulevard and Dell Avenue; and
 - e. Dedicate 10 feet to complete a 30-foot half right-of-way along Dell Avenue.

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On behalf of the City Planning Commission, the Hearing Officer will take public testimony regarding the following:

4. An exemption from CEQA, pursuant to California Public Resources Code (PRC) Section 21080.27(b)(1);
5. Pursuant to Los Angeles City Charter Section 555 and LAMC Section 11.5.6, a General Plan Amendment to the:
 - a. Venice Community Plan General Plan Land Use Map to amend the land use designation of the subject site from Open Space and Low Medium II Multiple Family Residential to Neighborhood Commercial;
 - b. Certified Venice Local Coastal Program Land Use Plan (LUP) maps to amend the land use designation of the subject site from Open Space and Low Medium II Multiple Family Residential to Neighborhood Commercial; and
 - c. Certified Venice Local Coastal Program Land Use Plan (LUP) text pertaining to the proposed development;
6. Pursuant to LAMC Section 12.32 F, a Vesting Zone Change and Height District Change from OS-1XL-O to (T)(Q)C2-1L-O and pursuant to LAMC Section 11.5.11(e) and California Government Code 65915(k), three Developer Incentives to permit:
 - a. Reduced residential parking pursuant to AB744;
 - b. The required residential parking for the building on the East Site to be located in the building on the West Site; and

NOTIFICATION REQUIREMENT TO OWNERS:

Within a 500-foot Radius

AND OCCUPANTS:

Within a 500-foot Radius

AND INTERESTED PARTIES

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c. RAS3 side and rear yard requirements per LAMC 12.10.5 in lieu of the yard requirements in the proposed C2 zone;



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7. Pursuant to LAMC Section 11.5.7 G, a Specific Plan Amendment to the Venice Coastal Zone Specific Plan to:

a. Create a new subarea "Subarea A" to permit a Permanent Supportive Housing project that includes Restricted Affordable housing units with supportive services and establishes Land Use Regulations and Development Standards; and

b. Amend the Map Exhibits to add the new subarea and change the zoning from OS-1XL and RD1.5 to C2-1L-O for the new subarea;

8. Pursuant to LAMC Section 11.5.7 C, a Project Permit Compliance Review for a project within the Venice Coastal Zone Specific Plan;

9. Pursuant to LAMC Section 12.20.2, a Coastal Development Permit for a Project located within the Dual Permit Jurisdiction of the California Coastal Zone;

10. Pursuant to Government Code Sections 65590 and 65590.1 and the City of Los Angeles Interim Mello Act Compliance Administrative Procedures, a Mello Act Compliance Review for demolition of four Residential Units and the construction of 140 Residential Units in the Coastal Zone; and

11. Pursuant to LAMC Section 16.05, Site Plan Review for a Project which creates or results in an increase of 50 or more dwelling units.

MOTION: The Venice Neighborhood Council recommends that the above referenced project be subject to a full CEQA review and EIR study due to its close proximity to the coast, sea level rise, the significant impact on the surrounding neighborhood due to the scale, and possible re-zoning from open space to neighborhood commercial.

Recommended by LUPC 8-0-0 on 10/6/20

11C 851 Venezia

Case: DIR-2019-6670-CDP-MEL ENV-2019-6673-CE

City Hearing TBD

Applicant: Jennifer Tuft

LUPC Staff: Carlos Zubieta

Representative: Thomas Carson Architects tom@carsonarchitects.com

City Planner: Ira Brown ira.brown@lacity.org sienna.kuo@lacity.org Jason.p.douglas@lacity.org
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Case Description: DEMOLITION OF AN ONE-STORY, SINGLE-FAMILY DWELLING WITH A DETACHED ONE-CAR GARAGE AND TO ALLOW FOR THE CONSTRUCTION, USE, AND MAINTENANCE OF A (N) 2-STORY, 3,873 SF, SFD (INCLUDING 354 SF

MOTION: The Venice Neighborhood Council recommends approval of the project as presented.

Recommended by LUPC 4-2-1 on 10/8/20



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12. **Old Business (PM - 0 minutes)**
[Discussion and possible action]
13. **New Business (PM – minutes)**
[Discussion and possible action]
- 13A **Approval of 2021 Election Information Worksheet**
MOTION: The VNC Board approves the 2021 Election Information Worksheet.
[Election Worksheet Attachment](#)
- 13B **Mission Statement for Ad Hoc Committee on Bridge Housing (vicki.halliday@vnc.org)**
Mission Statement for Ad Hoc Committee on Bridge Housing (Vicki Halliday)
MOTION: The Administrative Committee approves the following Mission Statement for the Bridge Housing AdHoc Committee: *The Oversight Committee for Bridge Housing shall be composed of nine (9) members of which at least five (5) will live within 500 feet of this facility to ensure maximum representation from the community. All community members must be a Venice stakeholder. That the Oversight Committee Chair be a current member of the Venice Neighborhood Council to ensure productivity and community input. The goals of the Oversight Committee shall be the following:*
- *To ensure neighborhood transparency while inviting the appropriate city officials including CD-11 so that residents are fully informed.*
 - *To ensure community benefit rules are enforced*
 - *That the appropriate security guidelines be enforced*
 - *That all data related to bridge housing residency be distributed to the committee online from data gathered from PATH, SPY and LAHSA*
 - *Mandatory Sanitation Department clean-ups occur in and around this facility on a timely basis*
 - *That all crime statistics regarding this facility be updated on a monthly basis and posted on the VNC website.*
 - *That the Bridge Housing facility be free of drugs, weapons and alcohol*
- Uploaded Documents:** [Download 01601240558.pdf](#)
- 13C **Creation of Public Health & Safety Committee (soledad.ursua@venicenc.org)**
MOTION: The VNC Board creates an AdHoc Public Health & Safety Committee with the following Mission Statement as approved by the Administrative Committee: *The Venice Neighborhood Council's Public Health & Safety Committee's ("PHSC") mission is to increase all aspects of the personal safety and health of Venice residents and visitors, in concert with Public Health Officials, the Los Angeles City Police and Fire Departments, and all Los Angeles City Departments with a similar mission, such as Building and Safety, Sanitation, and Animal Services. The PHSC will recommend ways for the VNC to advise government agencies on measures to effectively improve stakeholder safety, while also promoting a direct departmental-to-stakeholder collaborative approach, encouraging community-based solutions to address local challenges.*
13. **Adjourn (approx. PM)**



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Neighborhood - George Francisco	Resiliency - Keith Harrison
Outreach - Sima Kostovetsky	Discussion Forum - Joe Murphy
Land Use and Planning - Alix Gucovsky	Venice Dog Park - Jamie Paige, James Murez
Budget & Finance - Hugh Harrison	Homeless - Frank Murphy
Rules & Selections - John Reed	
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Ocean Front Walk - Jim Robb	

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