



Venice Neighborhood Council

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Board of Officers Regular Virtual Meeting Agenda

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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! <https://www.facebook.com/VeniceNC/>
- 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 - (37285@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*



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enforcement issues in Venice. NOTE: This report will now be given in writing by the Public Safety Committee.

- 6F Government Reports (15 minutes)** (Representatives have standing place on the agenda, but are not always available to attend or required to speak. The following written reports are for public dissemination and are also posted online (LINK))
- City Councilmember Mike Bonin Field Deputy, Nisa Kove nisa.kove@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 President's Report & Announcements - Ira Koslow** (President@VeniceNC.org)
Open nominations for vacant board seat
- 6H Election Report - Ivan Spiegel**, Election Administrator (elections@venicenc.org)
- 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**
The Venice NC Board approves the monthly expenditure reports for November 2020.
Uploaded Documents:
[Download 01609814860.pdf](#)
[Download 11609814860.pdf](#)
- 8. Announcements and Public Comment on items not on the Agenda (PM - 15 minutes)**
[Public comment is limited to 30 seconds per speaker with a total comment time not to exceed 15 minutes, unless adjusted by the presiding officer of the Board. No comment on Items appearing on the Agenda. No Board member announcements permitted]



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9. General Consent Calendar (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.]

10. LUPC (PM – minutes) (Alix Gucovsky on behalf of LUPC, Chair-lupc@VeniceNC.org)

10A 2213, 2215, 2217, 2217 ¼, 2217 ½, and 2219 Marian Place; and 845- 847 Venice Blvd

Case: DIR 2020-4146-CDP-MEL-PSH-SIPand ENV-2020-4148-CE

City Hearing: January 4, 2021

LUPC Staff: Shep Stern, Barry Cassily, Chris Zonnas

Applicant: Becky Dennison, Venice Community Housing Corporation

Representative: Allison Riley, Venice Community Housing Corporation

City Staff: Ira Brown

Case Description: Demolition of two detached garages, improvements and the conversion of 7 existing single-family dwellings to 8 permanent supportive housing units, 1 manager's unit and 2,491 square feet of supportive services. The improvements consist of: the rehabilitation of 5 residential structures (2213-2219 Marian Place), a 1,970 square-foot addition to an existing 1-story, 790 square-foot single-family dwelling (845 Venice Blvd) resulting in a 2,760 square-foot, 2-story, 2-unit structure with 1,380 square feet of supportive services; the rehabilitation of an existing 1,825 square-foot single-family dwelling (847 Venice Blvd) resulting in a 714 square-foot dwelling unit and 1,111 square feet of supportive services; and the construction of a new, 770 square-foot detached Accessory Dwelling Unit (2213 Marian Place), with 2 parking spaces are onsite, in the R3-1 zone.

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

Recommended by LUPC 5-0-1 on 1/14/21

Uploaded Documents: [Download 01609791032.pdf](#)

10B 409 E Sherman Canal

Case: DIR-2020-4810-CDP-SPP-MEL and ENV-2020-4811-CE

City Hearing: January 4, 2021

LUPC Staff: Carlos Zubieta

Applicant: Catherine and Nolan Gallagher, Chen Gallagher LLC

Representative: Austin Peters, Peters Architecture

City Staff: Bindu Kannan

Case Description: Demo of an existing 2-story single-family dwelling and construction of a new 3-story 4,273 square-foot single-family dwelling with attached garage, providing 3 parking spaces, and a roof deck, in the RW1-1-O zone

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

Recommended by LUPC 7-0-0 on 1/14/21



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

11A Support of East Grand Blvd. Community Median Garden
(Pietro Martini, pietromartini@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 It's YOUR Venice - get involved and 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, and 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), Therefore, be it resolved, that 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 AdelHagekhalil at adel.hagekhalil@lacity.org and Councilmember Mike Bonin

12. New Business (PM – minutes)
[Discussion and possible action]

12A Monthly Cleaning of All Encampments In Venice (Frank Murphy on behalf of the Homeless Committee, frankmurphy@ca.rr.com)

MOTION: Whereas, the homeless are struggling to keep their dignity and the City is failing them left and right; and Whereas, the people have voted many times to fund housing with Prop H, Prop HHH, Prop 63, And Prop 2; and Whereas, the wasteful spending of allowing developers to build city and county housing at outrageous costs of \$550k – 900k per unit will never allow the city to build enough housing for those on the street; and Whereas, the City has not created a balance between helping the homeless and helping the residents and homeowners keep and maintain a clean and healthy community while still staying within the parameters of the Boise Idaho decision; and Whereas, it is the city that is allowing the homeless to languish on the street, due to their poor financial management of bond monies meant to help the homeless and mentally ill. Therefore be it resolved that the Venice Neighborhood Council calls upon the City of Los Angeles and its Sanitation Department to help keep the homeless encampments clean and as sanitary as possible for human conditions to prevail, and to prevent diseases due to rodents attracted to open food sources and asks that the city provide rat-proof trash cans at all encampments of ten or more people, and calls for the cleaning of all



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homeless encampments in Venice one time a month, including the TEMPORARY shifting of all possessions, tents, furniture, etc., to allow thorough cleaning of sidewalks, parkways, and any other public areas. Upon passage, this Resolution shall be forwarded to Mayor Eric Garcetti, Councilman Mike Bonin, President of the Board of Public Works Kevin James, and Department of Sanitation General Manager Enrique C. Zaldivar, and the entire city council

Recommended by Homeless Committee 6-1-0 on 2020-12-1

12B Immediate Sheltering Opportunities for the Homeless Population (Frank Murphy on behalf of the Homeless Committee, frank.murphy@venicenc.org)

MOTION: Whereas, the homeless population in Los Angeles, including Venice, has continued to grow at alarming rates year after year; and Whereas, while every day unhoused people in Los Angeles are being housed there are more people each day who are entering homelessness; and Whereas, the number of tent encampments for homeless people in Los Angeles, including Venice and other neighborhoods within CD 11, has increased, causing consternation amongst both Venice residents and homeless advocates; and Whereas, the population of Venice represents 14% of the population of CD 11 and the population of homeless people in Venice represents 56% of the population of homeless people in CD 11; and Whereas, decreasing the homeless population in Venice by providing temporary shelter while permanent supportive housing is sought in and about Los Angeles will improve public safety, alleviate personal property on public property, open up more sidewalks, protect homeless people from the elements, and decrease the quantity of RVs on the streets; and Whereas, most unhoused people want to be re-housed; and Whereas, all 15 City Council persons are coordinating efforts with a Federal Court Judge to find options to immediately reduce the homeless population within their respective Council Districts, and further delays are unacceptable;

Therefore be it resolved that the Venice Neighborhood Council supports efforts by local, state and federal agencies and officials, as well as local service providers, to immediately reduce the growing, unhoused population in Venice by advocating master leasing, shared housing, safe parking, rapid re-housing, pallet sheltering, and other similar accommodations. In addition, they shall seek to collaborate with other neighborhoods of CD11 to find ways to reduce homelessness and distribute the care and accommodations of homelessness throughout CD11 including, but not limited to, Venice.

Recommended by Homeless Committee 7-0-0 on 2020-12-1

13A. VNC Announcements and Reports (15 minutes)

[Committees may, but are not required, to provide a written report included below and available online. [LINK](#)]

Westside Regional Alliance of Councils-

Ira Koslow, VNC Representative (president@venicenc.org),



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- Los Angeles Neighborhood Council Coalition (LANCC) Ivan Spiegel (Parliamentarian@VeniceNC.org)
 - Budget Advocates - Hugh Harrison, Treasurer
 - Outreach Announcements - Sima Kostovetsky
- [Small Business Assistance information Federal PPP Program](#)

13B Board Member Announcements on subject matters within the VNC jurisdiction- One (1) minute per Board member (5 minutes)

14. Adjourn (approx. 11:00 PM)

List of Venice Neighborhood Council Committees & Chairs – Volunteers Welcome

<u>Standing Committees</u>	<u>Ad Hoc Committees</u>
Administrative - Ira Koslow	Parking & Transportation - James Murez
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	Public Health & Safety - Soledad Ursua
Arts - Bruno Hernandez	
Ocean Front Walk - Jim Robb	

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