



Venice Neighborhood Council

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Joint Meeting of the Land Use and Planning Committee and Ocean Front Walk Committee and the VNC Board

DATE: Thursday October 22, 2020
830 pm

TIME: 7:30pm –

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AGENDA ITEMS

1. Call to Order

2. Roll Call

Name	Present	Name	Present
Alix Gucovsky, Chair	X	Matthew Royce	X
Barry Cassily	X	Chris Zonnas	X
Tim Bonefeld	X	Shep Stern	X
Daffodil Tyminski		Michael Jensen	X
		Carlos Zubieta	X

Jim Robb, Chair X

Jason Moore X

Melvin Scheer

Nick Antonicello X

Robin Rudisill X

Mark Rago X

Brian Averill X

Alexandria Yalj X

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Peter Ruiz

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3. Approval of Minutes
see draft minutes for October 6, 2020 and October 8 at: <http://venicenc.org/land-use-committee.php>
shep motion to approve/alix seconds passes 7-1-0 Tim abstains
4. Approval of Agenda
Jim motion to approve/Brian seconds passes all positives
5. LUPC members to declare any conflicts of interest or ex parte communications relating to items on this meeting's agenda
6. Chair's Report
7. General Public Comment on non-agendized items related to Land Use and Planning - 15 minutes

8. CASES FOR REVIEW
(see project files for more detailed info at <http://venicenc.org/land-use-committee.php>)

A.

Venice Community Plan concepts for Ocean Front Walk

(Jim Robb on behalf of Ocean Front Walk Committee)
MOTION:

Whereas, the current Venice Community Plan concepts propose that Ocean Front Walk be a "mixed-use corridor," and that the height limit increase to 4 stories;

Whereas, Section 30253 of the Coastal Act requires siting new development so that that it minimizes risks to life and property. Ocean Front Walk is located in an area vulnerable to flood hazards and sea level rise and as such, development and density and thus the amount of housing in hazardous areas such as Ocean Front Walk must be minimized;

Whereas, land use designations and intensities must be commensurate with the level of available infrastructure and if there are current infrastructure constraints it may be necessary to scale back development potential; and per the certified Venice Coastal Zone Land Use Plan, which is part of the Venice Community Plan (LUP):

"Residential land use densities in this LCP have been assigned in the Venice coastal area to reflect the year 2010 Venice population as projected by the Southern California Association of Governments (SCAG). Based on circulation and infrastructure limitations, the assigned Land Use Categories result in substantially lower build out densities than current zoning capacity. The development standards also define for each land use designation a density of housing units and lot coverage **to maintain the scale and character of existing residential neighborhoods and minimize the impacts of building bulk and mass.** New residential development is linked to the availability of public services and infrastructure, and in addition to traffic consideration, environmental and coastal access concerns as required by the Coastal Act;"

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Whereas, one of the most important goals of the Venice Community Plan is to protect housing;

Whereas, allowing conversion of a 100% residential structure to mixed use, even if the same number of existing residential units are incorporated into the new commercial use, does not protect the 100% residential structure and use and is a violation of the Mello Act state law;

Whereas, in order to keep the same number of units (and the same sized units) as an existing 100% residential use, a new mixed use development must be made significantly larger than the existing 100% residential structure, most likely beyond the upper limits of mass and scale allowed in the LUP, in order to accommodate both the size and number of the existing units as well as the additional commercial business(es). This forced increase in size would change the scale and character of Ocean Front Walk and thus would have an adverse effect on the visual resources and character of the area, in violation of Coastal Act Sections 30251 and 30253 as well as the LUP; and

Whereas, preserving and protecting the character and scale of the Venice Coastal Zone, designated by the Coastal Commission as a Special Coastal Community, is required by Coastal Act Sections 30251 and 30253 as well as the LUP.

Therefore Be It Resolved, that the Venice Neighborhood Council recommends that the Venice Community Plan concepts for Ocean Front Walk indicate that all development standards, including height, remain the same as in the current LUP, that there must not be any conversions of 100% residential structures to mixed-use/commercial, live/work or AIR uses, and that there must not be any changes in zoning from residential to commercial.

Recommended by Ocean Front Walk Committee 6-0-0 on 2020-10-06

Public comment and possible action:

Motion

Motion to be continued. LUPC may hear separately. Meeting started late-not enough time to run meeting.

9. Adjournment

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