



Joint meeting of Parking and Transportation Committee and Board of Directors – Minutes

REVISED 4/2/2021

Meeting Date: 4/5/2021
Meeting Time: 7:00pm
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James Murez (Chair)	x	Nick Antonicello	x
Selena Inouye	x	Jonathan Deer	x
Alyson Wilson	x	Robert Thibodeau	x
		Ira Koslow (ex-officio)	

2. 07:00pm – Call to Order and Roll Call **7:08**

3. Start time + 00:05 -- Approve Agenda as Presented [na,si 6,0,0](#)

4. Review, Comment and Adopt Minutes from prior meeting [na,rt 6,0,0](#)

5. PUBLIC COMMENT – non-agenda items related to Parking and Transportation Committee only
 Old Business: *(carried over from prior meetings)*

6. PTC 2016-2019 Report

- a. Item for discussion and possible action,
- b. Public Comment
- c. Committee Discussion
- d. Motion:

7. Certified Land Use and/or Community Plans

a. Item for discussion and possible action, review

Planning Webinars

<https://planning.lacity.org/plans-policies/community-plan-update/westside-events/draft-concepts-westside-plans-webinars>

Venice Community Plan video:

https://cdn2.webdamdb.com/md_A5qL0nrqR12.mp4?1596227077

Concept Boards:

https://planning.lacity.org/odocument/e5dff6ba-719d-4583-bd10-31031f7d0a3e/Venice_Land_Use_Draft_Concept_Boards_Summer2020.pdf

Historic Timeline:

https://planning.lacity.org/odocument/fb8ab74e-4e83-43f4-b115-90705a43b6aa/Venice_Timeline.pdf

Existing Community Plan:

https://planning.lacity.org/odocument/b1ce0423-e344-4dc1-8dfe-3f493eaddf6c/Venice_Community_Plan.pdf

- b. Public Comment
- c. Committee Discussion
- d. Motion:

8. Streetscape, Landscape and Sidewalks

- a. Item for discussion and possible action,
- b. Public Comment



- c. **Committee Discussion**
- d. **Motion:**
- 9. **Bus Stop and Layover Locations (carry over)**
 - a. **Item for discussion and possible action,** MTA, Big Blue Bus and Culver Green Line consideration for Venice location(s),.
 - b. **Public Comment**
 - c. **Committee Discussion:** give update
 - d. **Motion: Recommend considerations**
- 10. **Mobility Station, LADOT 701 (carry over)**
 - a. **Item for discussion and possible action:** Proposed landscape, hardscape and infrastructure improvements, evaluate needs and solutions to address community issues.
 - b. **Public Comment**
 - c. **Committee Discussion**
 - d. **Motion:**

NEW BUSINESS

- 11. **Observation Deck - Ballona Lagoon Marine Preserve (Greg Strause, stakeholder)**
 - a. **Item for discussion and possible action:** The public observation deck that overlooks the Grand Canal at the southernmost outlet of Ballona Lagoon has become severely damaged by recent fire(s). This deck was created as part of the Ballona Lagoon Marine Preserve Restoration project in the mid 1990's and was permitted by the LA City Engineer and the Coastal Commission. This deck serves the community by allowing visitors including inner city school children on field trips, an observation lookout where birds (including Blue Heron, Great White Egrets), native plants, animals, and marine life can exist in a protected habitat.
 - b. **Public Comment:**
 - c. **Committee Discussion:**
 - d. **Motion:** The Venice Neighborhood Council send a letter to La County Supervisor Kuehl, CD11, LA City Rec and Parks Commission and LA City Public Works Commissioners, Coastal Commission Executive Director Jack Ainsworth (John.Ainsworth@coastal.ca.gov), Adel Hagekhalil <adel.hagekhalil@lacity.org>, Gary Harris <gary.harris@lacity.org>, Steven Chen <steven.chen@lacity.org> requesting a solution be created that eliminates access to the area below the areal walkway and lookout platform areas. Furthermore, the ADA compliant walkway and the lookout platform deck be repaired and restored to a safe condition that allows public access. Lastly, request LAFD and LAPD become more actively involved with enforcing all safety and fire prevention regulations in this area.

Whereas, in the early 1990's a group of local citizens created a non-profit called Ballona Lagoon Marine Preserve (BLMP) who's mission was to restore the banks of the lagoon with environmentally correct plant life and raise money to create a public observation deck where endangered wildlife could be viewed. (See Coastal Commission 1996 Permit <https://documents.coastal.ca.gov/reports/1996/1/W18b-1-1996.pdf>); and whereas, the walkway and deck have continuously served the general public for recreation, to students and school field trips for educational uses; and whereas access to the area below the walkway and deck is causing a public nuisance and danger to the nearby homes because of the illegal cooking and open fires under the deck structure; and whereas these conditions create a high fire hazard environment to both the dry native plant life and structures in the dense surrounding residential neighborhood. **(NA/JD 6,0,0)**

- 12. **Temporary Signs Need More Regulation (Patrick Frank, Scenic Los Angeles)**
 - a. **Item for discussion and possible action:** The Planning and Land Use Committee (PLUM) of the L.A. City Council is considering an ordinance that pretends to regulate temporary wall signs that surround vacant lots and construction sites. These signs are intended to influence people utilizing the streets and roadways throughout our City. The proposed new regulations do not forbid "temporary" signs on fully businesses such as the car wash on the NW corner of Venice Blvd and Lincoln Blvd. where off-site advertising signs have existed for many years.
 - b. **Public Comment:**
 - c. **Committee Discussion:**
 - d. **Motion:** The Venice Neighborhood Council submit a CIS (Council File 17-0893).stating the VNC is not in support of off-site advertising on Temporary Fences past the expiration date of LADBS construction or fence



permit on which said advertising is attached. Furthermore, the VNC does not support any internally illuminated signs on Temporary Fences. **(NA/RT 6,0,0)**

13. Lincoln Blvd Fast Forward Update – postponed one month

- e. **Item for discussion and possible action:** Several proposed improvements and alterations to Lincoln Blvd between City of Santa Monica and Venice Blvd. The proposed includes new crosswalk controls, a dedicated bus lane in PM Peak Traffic Hours and a reduction of street parking. Visit <https://ladotlivablestreets.org/projects/lincoln> for more details.
- f. **Public Comment:**
- g. **Committee Discussion:**
- h. **Motion:** The Venice Neighborhood Council...

14. Street Sweeping Alterations

- a. **Item for discussion and possible action:** The City has implemented a reduced schedule for sweeping that only provides alternate bi-weekly cleaning of the existing street sweeping streets. Does this new program meet the needs of Venice or should the VNC propose solutions that might better meet the community needs. Existing Street Sweeping Schedule see:

<https://labss.maps.arcgis.com/apps/opsdashboard/index.html#/249b1978db82471ebca937183cb2f9b2>

- b. **Public Comment:**
- c. **Committee Discussion:**
- d. **Motion:** The Venice Neighborhood Council send a letter to DPW Street Services and CD11 requesting the City restore weekly street sweeping to Venice. If alternate street sweeping must to continue, the VNC recommends reconsideration of schedule to be weekly on all commercial and heavily impacted residential streets which serve beach and visitor access. **(NA/SI 6,0,0)..**

15. Lincoln Blvd – Proposed Cannabis Store

- a. **Item for discussion and possible action:** Pursuant to LAMC 104.05(b)(1), this is a notice of PCN Requests for Retail Storefront Commercial Cannabis Activity that were transmitted to the City Clerk on March 23, 2021: Shivas Venice, LLC, 1619 S Lincoln Blvd, Los Angeles, CA 90291, Council File No. 21-0420-S39 DCR Application No. LA-P-19-310876-R-APP. Additionally, DCR permit application seems to be unaware of the proposed Express Bus Lane and the hours of operation where street parking will be prohibited. After communications with LADOT about potential impacts, they reported a Retail Store which was the last use of this site has a vehicle Trip Count of 5/hour. The proposed Cannabis Shop is rated at 20 trips per hour. The proposed site does not seem to have any onsite parking. LA City Planning Department has said in their evaluation of the proposed use there is no change since both the existing and new uses are Retail Store. The following is a link to the Council File showing the Application.

https://clkrep.lacity.org/onlinedocs/2021/21-0420-s39_misc_03-23-21.pdf

- b. **Public Comment:**
- c. **Committee Discussion:**
- d. **Motion:** The Venice Neighborhood Council sends a letter to the applicant, DCR, CC Planning Dept. and files a CIS (CF .21-0420-S39) as follows: The Venice Neighborhood Council recommends denial of permit request as presented due to inadequate parking plan. The applicant proposed valet parking using the nearby residential alley for customer loading and did not identify any off street parking location for customers, employees or the proposed valet service. Furthermore, the LADOT responded to VNC inquire about Trip Count of the current Retail Use (5/Hour) vs. proposed Retail Cannabis Use (20/hour) which requires applicant to apply for and receive a Coastal Development Permit. No CDP is documented by DCR case file nor did the applicant have one available at the PTC meeting. **(SI/RT 6,0,0)**

16. Bus Landing Pads



- a. **Item for discussion and possible action:** Several of the bus landings have separated from the asphalt street. These landing pads often divide the Bike Lane where cyclists and skaters legally occupy this portion of the public right-of-way for travel. And where the separation between the concrete and asphalt is not maintained a large gap exists that causes a hazard for these smaller modes of transportation.
- b. **Public Comment:**
- c. **Committee Discussion:**
- d. **Motion:** The Venice Neighborhood Council send a letter to DPW Commission, CC CD11 requesting all bus loading pads (concrete areas at bus stops) and the abutting asphalt street be maintained in such a way to reduce the gap between these two materials to less than 1/2" in width. Whereas, the conditions that exist at present in many locations throughout the Venice area exceed this maximum gap, and whereas a bicycle tire can easily get stuck in a gap over 1/2" causing a very dangerous condition for riders, whereas the joint between the landing pad and street normally falls within the designated bike lane. **(JD,NA 6,0,0)**

17. Commercial Delivery Lane – postponed

- a. **Item for discussion and possible action:** Many of the commercial streets in Venice have a center lane, which is intended for left turn access out of the path of vehicle traffic during the left turn process.
- b. **Public Comment:**
- c. **Committee Discussion:**
- d. **Motion:**

18. Comments on items not on the agenda for consideration

19. ADJOURN 9:29p

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