



# Venice Neighborhood Council

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**1. Call to Order and Roll Call (7:00 PM)**

**OLD BOARD:**

PRESENT: Ira Koslow, George Francisco, Hugh Harrison, Melissa Diner, Robert Thibodeau, James Murez, Alex Neiman, CJ Cole, Vicki Halliday, Sima Kostovetsky, Soledad Ursua, Alix Gucovsky, Jim Robb, Jon Reed, CC Carter, Jaime Paige, Brian Averill, Bruno Hernandez,

ABSENT: Mark Ryavec, Tom McComas, Starla Caldwell

**2. Pledge Of Allegiance (7:01PM -- 1 minute)**

**3. Approval of Board Minutes (1 minute)**

**MOTION: The VNC Board approves the minutes of the June 15, 2021 Board meeting.**

**GF, HH (17, 0, 1)**

FAVOR: Ira Koslow, George Francisco, Hugh Harrison, Melissa Diner, Robert Thibodeau, James Murez, Alex Neiman, Vicki Halliday, Sima Kostovetsky, Soledad Ursua, Alix Gucovsky, Jim Robb, Jon Reed, CC Carter, Jaime Paige, Brian Averill, Bruno Hernandez,

OPPOSED:

ABSTAIN: CJ Cole,

**4. Installation of 2021-2023 Board of Officers**

**Oath administered by Ira Koslow.**

**NEW BOARD:**

PRESENT: James Murez, Daffodil Tyminski, Melissa Diner, Andrea Boccaletti, Alix Gucovsky, Vicki Halliday, Sima Kostovetsky, Alley Bean, Chie Lunn, CJ Cole, Mike Bravo, Elizabeth Clay, Soledad Ursua, Jason Sugars, Oliver Fries, James Robb, Nico Ruderman, Clark Brown, Stan Muhammad, Robert Thibodeau, Bruno Hernandez (21)

James	Murez
Daffodil	Tyminski
Melissa	Diner



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Andrea	Boccaletti
Alix	Gucovsky
Vicki	Halliday
	Kostovetsk
Sima	y
Alley	Bean
Chie	Lunn
CJ	Cole
Mike	Bravo
Elizabeth	Clay
Soledad	Ursua
Jason	Sugars
Oliver	Fries
James	Robb
Nico	Ruderman
Clark	Brown
Stan	Muhammad
Robert	Thibodeau
Bruno	Hernandez

## 5. Approval of the Agenda ( PM – 1 minute)

**DT, AG (16, 2, 1)**

**FAVOR:** James Murez, Daffodil Tyminski, Melissa Diner, Alix Gucovsky, Vicki Halliday, Sima Kostovetsky, Alley Bean, Chie Lunn, CJ Cole,, Elizabeth Clay, Soledad Ursua, Oliver Fries, Nico Ruderman, Clark Brown,, Robert Thibodeau, Bruno Hernandez

**OPPOSED:** Mike Bravo, James Robb,

**ABSTAIN:** Jason Sugars,

**INELIGABLE:** Andrea Boccaletti, Stan Muhammad

## 6. VNC President’s Report & Announcements (James Murez [president@VeniceNC.org](mailto:president@VeniceNC.org))

**A. Welcome to the new Board**

**B. Please follow VNC Standing Rule 5: *Board Members & Committees must use the Online Agenda Request Form***

**C. *Appointment of Parliamentarian***

**D. *Open nominations for Chairs of Standing Committees (Arts, Ocean Front Walk, Rules & Selections). Any Community Officers wishing to fill one of these positions should notify the President in writing by August 2.***



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- E. All current Ad hoc Committees are now expired. Anyone wishing to create a new Ad hoc committee or re-establish a previous one must submit a Mission Statement through Agenda Request.*
- F. Nominations are open for stakeholders who wish to be selected to the Land Use and Planning and Neighborhood Committees. Please complete the online application and return it to the Secretary prior to the August AdCom meeting (8/9).*

7. 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.

**Soledad 14 B 22 Paloma Recusal**  
**Daffodil 14 B 22 Paloma Recusal**

8. Election/Transition Report (Ivan Spiegel, Election Administrator)  
Announcement of Official Results and statistics.

**3250 applications for ballots**  
**1983 venetians that voted**

9. Scheduled Announcements and Presentations

9A Public Safety - LAPD & LAFD Report (10 minutes)

9B 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, Tristen Marler ([tristen.marler@lacity.org](mailto:tristen.marler@lacity.org))
- Congressman Ted Lieu, Representative Janet Turner, 310-496-9896 ([janet.turner@mail.house.gov](mailto:janet.turner@mail.house.gov))
- State Senator Ben Allen, Representative Liliana Pond ([liliana.pond@sen.ca.gov](mailto:liliana.pond@sen.ca.gov))
- State Assemblyperson Autumn Burke, West Los Angeles Field Representative, Brandon Stansell, (310) 412-6400, ([brandon.stansell@asm.ca.gov](mailto:brandon.stansell@asm.ca.gov))
- LA County Supervisor Sheila Kuehl Westside Field Deputy Zac Gaidzik (310)231-1170, [zgaidzik@bos.lacounty.gov](mailto:zgaidzik@bos.lacounty.gov)
- Mayor Eric Garcetti, Westside Deputy Brad Fingard [brad.fingard@lacity.org](mailto:brad.fingard@lacity.org)
- Empower LA Neighborhood Council Advocate, Freddy Cupen-Ames, 213-978-1551 ([freddy.cupen-ames@lacity.org](mailto:freddy.cupen-ames@lacity.org))

- 9C East Venice cleanup (2 minutes)(David Ewing on behalf of East Venice Neighborhood Association)  
East Venice Neighborhood Association will make an announcement about a cleanup.



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10. **Treasurer's Report (10 minutes) (Hugh Harrison on behalf of Budget & Finance Committee)**  
([Treasurer@VeniceNC.org](mailto:Treasurer@VeniceNC.org))

*See attached addendums at <http://www.venicenc.org/minutes-and-agendas.php>  
[Discussion and possible action]*

10A Selection of Additional Board Financial Officers

1. VNC Bank Card Holder - **Andrea Boccaletti**
2. Second Card Holder (optional) **Daffodil Tyminski**
3. Second Signer **Daffodil Tyminski**

**AB, CJ (15, 0, 2)**

**FAVOR:** James Murez, Daffodil Tyminski, Alix Gucovsky, Vicki Halliday, Sima Kostovetsky, Chie Lunn, CJ Cole, Mike Bravo, Soledad Ursua, Jason Sugars, Oliver Fries, James Robb, Nico Ruderman, Clark Brown, Robert Thibodeau, Bruno Hernandez,

**ABSTAIN:** Melissa Diner, Elizabeth Clay,

**ENLIGIBLE:** Andrea Boccaletti, Alley Bean, Stan Muhammad,

**AB, CJ (14, 0, 2)**

**FAVOR:** James Murez, Daffodil Tyminski, Alix Gucovsky, Vicki Halliday, Chie Lunn, CJ Cole, Mike Bravo, Soledad Ursua, Jason Sugars, Oliver Fries, James Robb, Nico Ruderman, Clark Brown, Robert Thibodeau, Bruno Hernandez

**ABSTAIN:** Melissa Diner, Elizabeth Clay,

**ENLIGIBLE:** **Andrea Boccaletti**, Alley Bean, Stan Muhammad,

**ABSENT:** Sima Kostovetsky,

10B Approve Expenditure Reports

**MOTION:** The Venice NC approves the Monthly Expenditure and Expenditure to Date reports for May 2021.

<https://councils.thewebcorner.com/agendaRequest/download/164>

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*Recommended by Budget & Finance Committee 4-0-0 on 07/06/2021*

**MD, CJ (15, 0, 2)**



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**ABSTAIN:** Melissa Diner, Elizabeth Clay,

**ENLIGIBLE:** Andrea Boccaletti, Alley Bean, Stan Muhammad,

## 10C Approve Purchase of Hard Drive Storage

**MOTION:** The Venice NC approves \$100 for the purchase of hard drive storage for the VNC web site.

*Recommended by Budget & Finance Committee 4-0-0 on 07/06/2021*

**MD, JRobb (15, 0, 2)**

**FAVOR:** James Murez, Daffodil Tyminski, Alix Gucovsky, Vicki Halliday, Sima Kostovetsky, Chie Lunn, CJ Cole, Mike Bravo, Soledad Ursua, Jason Sugars, Oliver Fries, James Robb, Nico Ruderman, Clark Brown, Robert Thibodeau, Bruno Hernandez

**ABSTAIN:** Melissa Diner, Elizabeth Clay,

**ENLIGIBLE:** Andrea Boccaletti, Alley Bean, Stan Muhammad,

## 11. Selection of 4 Administrative Committee (Ad Com) members

**MOTION:** The Board's Community Officers shall select four (4) Community Officers to serve on the Administrative Committee.

### **Winners:**

**Nico Ruderman (8)**

**Mike Bravo (6)**

**Jason Sugars (6)**

**Alley Bean (8)**

[Link to Ivan's vote count](#)

## 12. Selection of Liaisons and Organization Representatives

**MOTION:** The President shall select liaisons and representatives to the following organizations:

1. WRAC
2. WRAC LUPC



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3. LANCC
4. Homeless Liaison
5. LA Plan Check
6. Emergency Preparedness
7. Budget Advocates (2)
8. Others
9. **Date liaison ?**

**James Murez send to me for names correctly noted**

**TABLED BY JIM MUREZ**

**NOT A MOTION, an announcement**

13. **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.]*
14. **LUPC** (PM – minutes) (Alix Gucovsky on behalf of LUPC, [Chair-lupc@VeniceNC.org](mailto:Chair-lupc@VeniceNC.org))
- 14A 4020 Lincoln  
Case: ENV 2021-2945-CE ZA-2021-2944-CUB  
  
City Hearing  
Applicant: Jason Kho  
LUPC Staff: Chris Zonnas  
Representative: Michelle Kagan [michellekagan77@outlook.com](mailto:michellekagan77@outlook.com)  
City Staff Bob Babajian  
Case Description: A CUP for the sale of service of beer and wine for onsite consumption in conjunction with an existing restaurant motion to approve project as presented 6-0-0.  
*Recommended by LUPC 6-0-0*

**AG, RT 19, 0, 0**

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**OPPOSED:**

**ABSTAIN:**

**INELIGIBLE :** Andrea Boccaletti, Stan Muhammad



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**14B 22 Paloma**  
Case: PM2020-5349. DIR 2020 5351-CDP-SPP City Hearing: Address: 22 Paloma  
Applicant:  
LUPC Staff: Chris Zonnas  
Representative: Sheri Gould [sheri@harveygoodman.com](mailto:sheri@harveygoodman.com)  
City Staff Bindu Kannan Case  
Description: Small lot subdivision  
MOTION: The Venice Neighborhood Council recommends approval of the project as presented.  
*Recommended by LUPC 4-0-2 on 7/12/21*

**MD, RT**

**MB, JROBB**  
**POSTPONE TO LUPC**  
**17, 0, 0**

FAVOR: James Murez, Melissa Diner, Alix Gucovsky, Vicki Halliday, Sima Kostovetsky, Alley Bean, Chie Lunn, CJ Cole, Mike Bravo, Elizabeth Clay, Jason Sugars, Oliver Fries, James Robb, Nico Ruderman, Clark Brown., Robert Thibodeau, Bruno Hernandez

OPPOSED:

ABSTAIN:

INELIGIBLE : Andrea Boccaletti, Stan Muhammad

RECUSAL: Soledad Ursua, Daffodil Tyminski,

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

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

17A **Monthly Reporting by Venice Bridge Housing (Soledad Ursua)**  
MOTION: The VNC requests that CD11 report monthly occupancy reports from Bridge Housing in Venice. The reports will be submitted monthly to all VNC Board Members.

**SU, CJ COLE (19, 0, 0)**

FAVOR: James Murez, Daffodil Tyminski, Melissa Diner, Alix Gucovsky, Vicki Halliday, Sima Kostovetsky, Alley Bean, Chie Lunn, CJ Cole, Mike Bravo, Elizabeth Clay, Soledad Ursua, Jason





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Sugars, Oliver Fries, James Robb, Nico Ruderman, Clark Brown, Robert Thibodeau, Bruno Hernandez  
INELIGIBLE : Andrea Boccaletti, Stan Muhammad

**17B Enforcement of Crimes In or Near Homeless Encampments - WRAC Motion (Passage Deadline July 2021)**

**MOTION:** The Venice Neighborhood Council and the Westside Regional Alliance of Councils calls on the Los Angeles City Council and Mayor Eric Garcetti to direct the Los Angeles Police Department and other relevant law enforcement agencies to enforce all existing, enforceable laws prohibiting the sale and distribution of illegal drugs, human trafficking, and other **serious-felony**-crimes taking place in or near homeless encampments in Venice and more broadly on the Westside of Los Angeles. Notify the offices of: Councilman Mike Bonin Mayor Eric Garcetti Los Angeles Police Department.  
*Recommended by Homeless Committee 5-0-1*

**DT, VH ---- we did not vote on it as amended**

**AG, VH Amend serious to FELONY**

**(19, 0, 0)**

**FAVOR:** James Murez, Daffodil Tyminski, Melissa Diner, Alix Gucovsky, Vicki Halliday, Sima Kostovetsky, Alley Bean, Chie Lunn, CJ Cole, Mike Bravo, Elizabeth Clay, Soledad Ursua, Jason Sugars, Oliver Fries, James Robb, Nico Ruderman, Clark Brown, Robert Thibodeau, Bruno Hernandez  
**INELIGIBLE :** Andrea Boccaletti, Stan Muhammad

**17C Homeless Committee information request (Frank Murphy on behalf of Homeless Committee)**

**MOTION:** The Venice Neighborhood Council Board is requests that Councilman Mike Bonin, the LA City Council and the LA City Planning Dept provide its plans to Venice and all other Neighborhood Councils throughout LA as to how, when and where it proposes to provide the supply and location of permanent housing necessary to meet the demand required to deal with the housing shortage which has and will, unless resolved, maintain the systemic cycle of homelessness affecting our LA communities. If there are no such plans in existence at this time, why isn't there one and when will there be one? Notify the offices of: Councilman Mike Bonin Mayor Eric Garcetti Los Angeles Planning Department  
*Recommended by Homeless Committee 6-0-0*

**DT, CB (15, 3, 1)**





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**OPPOSED:** Alix Gucovsky, CJ Cole, James Robb

**ABSTAIN:** Nico Ruderman,

**INELIGIBLE:** Andrea Boccaletti, Stan Muhammad,

**18A 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](mailto:president@venicenc.org) ),

- Los Angeles Neighborhood Council Coalition (LANCC) Ivan Spiegel ([Parliamentarian@VeniceNC.org](mailto:Parliamentarian@VeniceNC.org))
- Budget Advocates - Hugh Harrison, Treasurer
- Outreach Announcements - Sima Kostovetsky

**18B Announcements and Public Comment on items not on the Agenda (PM - 15 minutes)**

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**18C Board Member Announcements on subject matters within the VNC jurisdiction- One (1) minute per Board member (5 minutes)**

**19. Adjourn (approx. 10:00 PM)**

**List of Venice Neighborhood Council Committees & Chairs – Volunteers Welcome**

<u>Standing Committees</u>	<u>Ad Hoc Committees</u>
Administrative - Ira Koslow Neighborhood - George Francisco Outreach - Sima Kostovetsky Land Use and Planning - Alix Gucovsky Budget & Finance - Hugh Harrison Rules & Selections - Arts - Ocean Front Walk -	All Ad Hoc Committees defunct until further notice



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