



Venice Neighborhood Council

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Board of Officers Regular Virtual Meeting Agenda September 21, 2021 7pm

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Topic: Board

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Virtual Board Meeting Rules

- Raise your hand (or when accessing by telephone, press *9) if you have a public comment only WHEN we get to that specific item.
- After you speak, please lower your hand.

- All panelists (board members) and attendees (public) will be muted until the administrator unmutes you for comment.
- Board members will get one chance to speak for a max of 2 minutes per item.

- Public comment will be limited to one comment for 30 seconds per for agendized items.
- Public comment not on the agenda will be for 1 minute.
- Please do not raise your hand more then once per item
- Raise your hand at the start of the items you want to speak on. We will then close public comment and announce the last person to speak a few minutes after the start of the item.
- No ceding your time to others will be allowed
- The meeting is being video and audio recorded
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All presenters that have items to project are to send them to Secretary@VeniceNC.org and President@VeniceNC.org to have them shared with the meeting. Keep a copy of them on your desktop as a backup.

California State law (54953) allows Zoom type meetings with the following requirements, majority of board members must be within the NC boundaries, the stakeholders are advised how to attend and that any vote be by roll call. Clarify with Freddy

1 Call to Order and Roll Call (7:00 PM)
James Murez, President

2 Approval of Board Minutes (1 minute)
MOTION: The VNC Board approves the minutes of the July 20, 2021 Board meeting.

<https://www.venicenc.org/ncfiles/viewCommitteeFile/21485>

3 VNC President's Report & Announcements
James Murez

4 Declaration of Ex Parte Communications or Conflicts-Of-Interest (1 minute)
All Board members shall declare any ex parte communications or conflicts-of interest relating to items on this meeting's agenda.

5 Scheduled Announcements and Presentations

5A Public Safety - LAPD & LAFD Report (20 minutes)
Questions to the presenter(s) will be limited to the time allotted to this item. Furthermore, all questions from the public must be submitted in writing to Secretary@VeniceNC.org no less than 72 hours prior to the meeting. The Chair at His / Her discretion shell present questions or a summary thereof to the presenter. Questions from Members of the Body will be limited by time allotment for this agenda item following public questions.

5B Government Reports & VNC Announcements and Reports (15 minutes)
Representatives having information to share with the community are requested to submit their written material to Outreach@VeniceNC.org

The Chair at His / Her discretion may choose to provide time for one or more presentations by representative or have the Outreach Chair provide a summary report

based on written materials presented.

City Councilmember Mike Bonin, Field Deputy, Tristan Marler tristan.marler@lacity.gov
 Congressman Ted Lieu, Representative, Janet.Turner@mail.house.gov
 State Senator Ben Allen, Representative, Liliana.Pond@sen.ca.gov
 State Assemblyperson Autumn Burke, Representative Brandon.Stansell@asm.ca.gov
 LA County Supervisor Sheila Kuehl, Deputy Zac Gaidzik zgaidzik@bos.lacounty.gov
 Mayor Eric Garcetti, Deputy TBD
 Empower LA, Advocate, Freddy.Cupen-Ames@lacity.org 213-978-1551
 Westside Regional Alliance of Councils (WRAC)-James Murez, VNC Representative
 Los Angeles Neighborhood Council Coalition (LANCC), Ivan Spiegel
 Budget Advocates – Andrea Boccaletti, Treasurer
 Outreach Announcements - Sima Kostovetsky
 Arbor Committee Isabelle Duvivier
 Public Safety Health Committee - Soledad Ursua
 City Redistricting Task Force

6 Budget & Finance Committee Report (10 minutes)

Andrea Boccaletti, Treasurer

See attached addendums at

<https://www.venicenc.org/committees/viewCommittee/85>

Items for or discussion and possible action

6A MER report (treasurer@venicenc.org)

MOTION: The Venice Neighborhood Council recommends approval of the July MER, Monthly Expenditure Report <https://www.venicenc.org/ncfiles/viewCommitteeFile/23274>

Recommended by Budget and Finance committee 3-0-0- on 9/7/21

6B Administration Packet With Budget Roll-Over Funds report

MOTION: The Venice Neighborhood Council recommends Administration Packet With Budget Roll-Over Funds as presented. <https://www.venicenc.org/ncfiles/viewCommitteeFile/23305>

Recommended by Budget and Finance committee 3-0-0- on 9/7/21

7 Announcements and Public Comment on items not on the Agenda (20 minutes)

Public comment is limited to 1 minute per speaker with a total comment time not to exceed 20 minutes, unless adjusted by the presiding officer of the Board. No comment on Items appearing on the Agenda. No Board member announcements permitted.

NOTE: The public is strongly advised to bring comments up in committees where time restrictions are more flexible and where recommendations from the public can become the bases of action items for Board consideration.

8 General Consent Calendar (5 minutes)

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8A Upgraded Storm Drain Screens (soledad.ursua@venicenc.org)

MOTION: The Storm Drains west of 5th Street in Venice drain out directly onto the beach and anything entering these storm drains is not rerouted to the Hyperion treatment facility. The result is that raw, untreated, and non biodegradable sewage ends up on the beach and in the ocean creating a public health hazard for visitors to the beach and ocean. The VNC requests that the storm drains that are not connected to a pumping station be properly grated, screened and filters installed in order to prevent debris including but not limited to: face masks, needles, wipes, and diapers from entering the storm drains, blocking the storm drains and ending up on the beach and in the ocean. Furthermore, the VNC requests that “no dumping” and “no camping” be painted on the curb adjacent to these storm drains in order to reduce the trash and hazardous materials being deposited on our beach and into the ocean. To be sent to Mayor Garcetti, All members of City Council, LA Bureau of Sanitation, LA City Council Public Health and Safety Committee, Commissioners Board of Public Works.

Recommends by the Public Health and Safety Committee 5-0-1 on 9/14/21

Send to: Mayor's Office: 200 N. Spring Street, LA 90012
 Mayor Eric Garcetti mayor.garcetti@lacity.org

LA CITY COUNCIL: 200 N Spring St. LA 90012
 Gil Cedillo councilmember.cedillo@lacity.org
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 Joe Buscaino councilmember.buscaino@lacity.org;

Chair, LA Public Safety Committee: Monica Rodriguez councilmember.rodriguez@lacity.org

Board of Public Works: Commissioners: 200 N Spring St., Rm 361 LA 90012
 President, Greg Good greg.good@lacity.org
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 Commissioner, Jessica M. Caloza Jessica.caloza@lacity.org;
 Commissioner, M. Teresa Villegas teresa.villegas@lacity.org

8B Warning to Venice Stakeholders about Leptospirosis: a Rare Dog Disease (soledad.ursua@venicenc.org)

MOTION: A Rare Dog Disease on the Rise in West LA County. Leptospirosis, a bacterial disease that can lead to kidney failure and even death. The Venice Neighborhood Council will send an email blast and post on its website posting a warning to constituents.

Addendum:

<http://www.publichealth.lacounty.gov/vet/Leptospirosis.htm>

<https://www.cdc.gov/leptospirosis/pets/prevention/index.html>

Submit to the same ppl as listed above

Recommends by the Public Health and Safety Committee 5-0-1 on 9/14/21

8C WRAC Motion on Sepulveda Transit Corridor Project (Robert.thibodeau@venicenc.org)

MOTION: The committee requests VNC to support and pass the WRAC motion encouraging the DOT to place a station on the UCLA campus.

<https://www.venicenc.org/ncfiles/viewCommitteeFile/23312>

Recommended by Parking and Transportation Committee 3-0-1 on 9/8/21

8D WRAC Motion Request for Improved Signage & Enforcement re EV Charging Stations
 (Robert.thibodeau@venicenc.org)

MOTION: Committee asks VNC to support WRAC motion re additional signage and enforcement for EV parking.

<https://westsidecouncils.com/motion/request-for-improved-signage-enforcement-re-ev-charging-stations/>

Recommended by Parking and Transportation Committee 4-0-0 on 9/8/21

9 Land Use and Planning Committee Consent Calendar (5 minutes)

All agenda items on the LUPC 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.

9A 655 Crestmoore

Case: ZA-2020-5765-CDP-ZAA

City Hearing: not yet scheduled

Address: 655 Crestmoore Place

LUPC Staff: Shep Stern

Applicant: Matthew Murphy

Representative: Santiago Ortiz Santi@ortizmexia.com

City Staff Sienna.Kuo@lacity.org Case

Description: 2nd story addition of approximately 805 sf to an existing 1,640 sf duplex, on a 4,200 sf lot. Parking (2 cars covered, 1 car uncovered) to be relocated from front unit to rear unit. Reason for ZAA unknown. Reason for lack of MEL for this duplex unknown.

Case File(s):

<https://drive.google.com/drive/folders/10-76ghRjAuhAOsvs66Ayv2vD6lr1FzKH?usp=sharing>

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

Recommended by LUPC 5-0-0 on 8/5/21

9B 350 6th Ave

Title: DIR-2019-6301-CDP-SPP-SPPA-MEL and ZA-2019-6302-ZAA

Case: DIR-2019-6301-CDP-SPP-SPPA-MEL and ZA-2019-6302-ZAA City

Hearing: June 21, 2021, CDP determination pending

Address: 350 6th Ave

LUPC Staff: Shep Stern Applicant: Kole & Jill Strebel

Representative: Walter Reyes walterjr5@yahoo.com

City Staff Bindu.Kannan@lacity.org; Jason.douglas@lacity.org

Case Description: Demolition of a 1922 1-story, 644 sf SFD and guest house & new 3-story, 3,060 sf SFD with basement, roof deck & 3 parking spaces (2 in garage), on a 2,993 sf lot. Venice Coastal Zone Specific Plan Adjustment (SPPA) for increase in height to 33' (10% increase over 30' limit), and Zoning Administrator Adjustment (ZAA) for a 5' rear yard (67% decrease from 15' required) and 5' side yard setback (23% decrease from 6'6" required).

<https://www.dropbox.com/s/hmcxytg8vqtpfo5/350%206th%20ave.%20COMPLETE%20SET.pdf?dl=0>

<https://www.venicenc.org/ncfiles/viewCommitteeFile/23243>

<https://www.venicenc.org/ncfiles/viewCommitteeFile/23263> Public Comment & possible action/motion

MOTION: The Venice Neighborhood Council recommends denial of the project as presented due to a lack of demonstrable hardships and until the applicant presents revised plans.

Recommended by LUPC 9-0-0 on 9/14/21

9C 2412 Clark Avenue

Case: DIR-2021-4626-CDP-MEL

City Hearing:

Address: 2412 Clark Avenue

LUPC Staff: Matt Royce Applicant: James McCann jpmccann10@gmail.com

Representative: Kelly Douglas KMDouglas@jrmcre.com

City Staff Bindu.Kannan@lacity.org; Jason.douglas@lacity.org

Case Description: • THE DEMOLITION OF EXISTING ONE STORY SFD AND DETACHED GARAGE AND CONSTRUCTION OF A TWO-STORY, 2768 SF SFD, PROVIDING THREE ON -SITE PARKING SPACES

<https://www.venicenc.org/ncfiles/viewCommitteeFile/23194>

<https://www.venicenc.org/ncfiles/viewCommitteeFile/23193>

<https://www.venicenc.org/ncfiles/viewCommitteeFile/23241>

Public Comment & possible action/motion

MOTION: The Venice Neighborhood Council recommends approval as a "de minimus" project.

Recommended by LUPC 9-0-0 on 9/14/21

10 Land Use and Planning Committee (lupc-chair@venicenc.org)

<https://www.venicenc.org/committees/viewCommittee/81>

10A 522 Venice Boulevard

Case: CPC-2020-5839-DB-CU-CDP-MEL-SPP-HCA City

Hearing: TBD Address: 522 Venice Boulevard

Applicant: Mandy Judaken 522 Venice llc, kalnei.nissan@gmail.com

LUPC Staff: Michael Jensen and Shep Stern

Representative: Brian Silveira silveira.brian@gmail.com

City Staff [Ira Brown ira.brown@lacity.org](mailto:ira.brown@lacity.org) [Mike Bonin mike.bonin@lacity.org](mailto:mike.bonin@lacity.org), [Jason Douglas, Jason.Douglas@lacity.org](mailto:Jason.Douglas@lacity.org),

Case Description: • Demolition of residential triplex currently used as a podshare, co-living to be replaced by 26 unit apartment building with 7 very low income units. • The project seeks a conditional use permit pursuant to LAMC 12.24 (u) (26) to permit the following density bonuses 1. Permit a 20% reduction in required westerly side yard to allow a 4'10' side yard setback in lieu of the required 6' side yard setback pursuant to LAMC 12.09 1 B2 (a) 2. Permit a 60% reduction in required front yard setback in lieu of the required 15' front yard setback pursuant to LAMC 12.09.1.B1 and 3. Permit the project to provide 19 standard parking stalls and 12 compact parking stalls in lieu of the 1 standard parking space per dwelling unit minimum 26 standard stalls required pursuant to AMC 12.21.a • A conditional use permit

pursuant to LAMC 12.24 U 26 to permit a density bonus for a project for which the density increase is greater than the maximum 35% permitted in LAMC 12.22.A 25. In conjunction with the construction, use and maintenance of 26 for rent dwelling units in lieu of the 11 dwelling units otherwise permitted by LAMC 12.22.a.25 with 7 units reserved for very low income households utilizing parking option 1 in LAMC 12.22.a 25 and pursuant to LAMC 12.24 f • Allow a 20% reduction in required westerly side yard to allow a 4'10' side yard setback in lieu of the required 6' side yard setback pursuant to LAMC 12.09.1.b2 • A coastal development permit pursuant to LAMC 12.20.2 to allow the demolition of an existing residential triplex and the construction of a new 26 unit apartment building having 19 market rate and 7 very low income units, 13,905 sq feet of residential floor area, 31 subterranean parking spaces and max height of 30 feet. <https://www.venicenc.org/ncfiles/viewCommitteeFile/15428>
https://drive.google.com/drive/folders/1wP7bAyo1DSgGqNQTgMzgFfoxGRh_mbCy?usp=sharing

Public Comment & Possible Action:

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

Recommended by LUPC 7-0-0 on 9/14/21

**11 Old Business (0 minutes)
Discussion and possible action**

11A Selection of Neighborhood Community Members
MOTION: The Board shall select nine (9) members to serve on the Neighborhood Committee. Each Candidate will have 1 minute to present.

[Neighborhood Applications 2021](#)

<https://drive.google.com/drive/folders/1V2GZGT04IXDnmqSw7DBgFccNDhZmWVfu?usp=sharing>

**12 New Business_(PM – minutes)
Discussion and possible action**

**12A Housing to homeless individuals camping within 500' of Schools and within 1,000' feet radius of homeless shelter
Helen Fallon (helenandbertfallon@gmail.com)**

MOTION: WHEREAS, the Los Angeles City Council (“City”) recently passed Motion 55A, a revision to Los Angeles Municipal code 41:18, which permits the City to restrict sitting, sleeping, lying, storing personal property, or otherwise obstructing the public right-of-way in an area designated by Council resolution that is within up to 500’ foot radius of a school, and/or, within up to 1,000’ foot radius of a facility opened after January 1, 2018, providing shelter, safe sleeping, safe parking, or navigation centers for persons experiencing homelessness;

WHEREAS, this regulation was aimed at maintaining a clean and safe environment for children attending school, as well as those residing in and around described facilities;

WHEREAS, projects serving the homeless in Venice which meet the description in 41:18, including A Bridge Home Sunset Pacific (“Bridge Home”) and the Cadillac Hotel Roomkey program, and others, have directly or indirectly led to a massive increase in homeless encampments, blocked sidewalks, ADA violations, unsanitary public conditions, increased property and violent felony crime, as well as increased calls for service as reported by LAPD and LAFD;

WHEREAS, this decline in conditions has negatively impacted the quality of life for anyone living near the Bridge Home, to the extent that residents and unhoused persons alike can no longer safely utilize the area;

THEREBY, the Venice Neighborhood Council requests of all Council Members of the City of Los Angeles and the Mayor, to immediately begin the process of offering housing to homeless individuals camping within 500' of Schools and within 1,000' feet radius of homeless shelters, and thereafter, direct LAPD and other City agencies to begin implementation and enforcement of Los Angeles Municipal Code 41:18 within all areas for which the VNC serves.

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12B Approve Mission Statement of Discussion Forum Committee as an Ad-Hoc Committee

(joedmur@gmail.com)

Mission Statement: of the Discussion Forum Committee is to provide a monthly forum for discussion of long-term matters affecting the Venice Community within the context of the VNC Vision Goals.

[Link to Vision Goals](#)

12C Approve Mission Statement of Ad Hoc Homelessness Committee (lisaredmond@gmail.com)

Mission Statement: The mission of the Ad Hoc Homelessness Committee shall be to analyze and address the various sides of homelessness and housing and its effects on the Venice Community. Using experience, understanding, data, inclusive resolution and investigation the committee will work closely with service providers, local government and most importantly, Venice Stakeholders, to help propose solutions that will address everyone's needs.

13 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

<p><u>Standing Committees</u></p> <p>Administrative: James Murez</p> <p>Neighborhood: Daffodil Tyminski</p> <p>Outreach: Sima Kostovetsky</p> <p>Land Use and Planning: Alix Gucovsky</p> <p>Budget & Finance: Andrea Boccaletti</p> <p>Rules & Selections: Arts: Ocean Front Walk:</p>	<p><u>Ad Hoc Committees</u></p>
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