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2 Call To Order

3 Roll Call:		
□James Murez	Daffodil Tyminski	Melissa Diner
□Jay Handal	□Vicki Halliday	Bruno Hernandez
☐Sima Kostovetsky	□Nico Ruderman	□James Robb

Ansar (Stan) Muhammad ☐ Jason Sugars

Mike Bravo

Oliver Fries

Clark Brown

CJ Cole

Chie Lunn

Robert Thibodeau

Attendance: 0

Alley Bean

Soledad Ursua

Elizabeth Clay

Michael Jensen

Quorum: 11

4 Declaration of Ex Parte Communications or Conflicts-Of-Interest

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

6 Public Safety - LAPD & LAFD Report

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 Page 5 of 11 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.

7 Government Reports

- City Councilmember Mike Bonin, Field Deputy, Isabella.Dennis@lacity.org
- Congressman Ted Lieu, Representative, Janet.Turner@mail.house.gov
- State Senator Ben Allen, Representative, Liliana.Pond@sen.ca.gov
- State Assemblyperson Autumn Burke, Representative ? @asm.ca.gov
- LA County Supervisor Sheila Kuehl, Deputy Zac Gaidzik zgaidzik@bos.lacounty.gov
- Mayor Eric Garcetti, Deputy, Vishesh.Anand@lacity.org
- Empower LA, Advocate, Freddy.Cupen-Ames@lacity.org 213-978-1551
- · Westside Regional Alliance of Councils (WRAC)-Jim Murez,
- Los Angeles Neighborhood Council Coalition (LANCC), Ivan Spiegel
- Budget Advocates vacant

8 Committee Chair Reports

Standing Committees:

- Budget & Finance
- Land Use & Planning
- Neighborhood
- Ocean Front Walk

06:44

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06:16

06:33

- Outreach & Event Planning
- Rules & Selections
- Arts

Ad Hoc Committees:

- Community Resiliency Committee
- Homelessness Committee
- Parking and Transportation Committee
- Venice Arbor Committee
- Discussion Forum Committee
- Preserving Public Places

President Report:

Ansar (Stan) Muhammad resigned from the Board in May

Board vacancies for Treasurer and Community Officer LUPC vacancy

All vacancy applications maybe found on the Rules and Selections webpage.

9 Approval of prior Board Minutes

Description:

Discussion and possible action, prior Minutes from meeting dated 5/2 thru 5/30/2022

Attachments: 5/2/22:https://www.venicenc.org/assets/documents/5/meeting627086b09d1c0.pdf 5/17/22:https://www.venicenc.org/assets/documents/5/meeting62847dbf4f399.pdf 5/23/22:https://www.venicenc.org/assets/documents/5/meeting628c337835016.pdf 5/30/22:https://www.venicenc.org/assets/documents/5/meeting62951c5b33acc.pdf

MOTION:

Board of Officers approves the Minutes dated 5/2 thru 5/30/2022 as presented.

Maker:

Second:

Voter Tally (0): Yea:0 / Nay:0 / Abstain:0 / Recuse:0 / Ineligible:0

10 Announcements and Public Comment on items not on the Agenda

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.

Since taking office, I have:

- Updated the he clerks site with BAC's for outstretched anding MERS for January, February, April.
- Updated p card receipts for various board expenditures nothing yet posted to the website of the clerk
- Finalized a 2022-2023 annual budgets and Admin packet approved by the board
- updated and filed all spending documents related to the end of year funding 2021-2022
- Created a link to be placed on the VNC website for the 2021-2022 end of fiscal year running total.**
- Filed needed documents to have outstretched anding bills paid..
- Created a link to be placed on the VNC website for the 2022-2023 running total.*
- Creating SOP's for budget and finance to follow moving forward, including all committee and board expenditures.
- Introduced a motion to be heard regarding a standing rule about process and procedure for budget requests

https://docs.google.com/spreadsheets/d/1wuZoFKh3d_G2Kuhj3-RqoaY74Tmc35MbsnmeLnjoPqg/edit?usp=sharing

Current budget (2021-2022) link

https://docs.google.com/spreadsheets/d/1UTebuA5jV8cxd0uf7EdpYceQe3IVgZ4zh4XR0ilRhEc/edit?usp=sharing

12 Motion to approve our May Monthly Expenditure Report (MER)

Description:

Committee: Budget & Finance Committee On: 2022-06-15 Vote: (5/0/0)

Attachments: MER: https://www.venicenc.org/assets/documents/5/meeting62a206a05c679.pdf

MOTION:

Board of Officers approves the May Monthly Expenditure Report as presented.

Maker: Second:

Voter Tally (0): Yea:0 / Nay:0 / Abstain:0 / Recuse:0 / Ineligible:0

13 Old Business

14 General Consent Calendar - Items

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Description: Committee: Venice Arbor Committee On: 2022-06-16 Vote: 05/0/01

Los Angeles faces a biodiversity crisis wherein over 90% of local butterflies, songbirds, and other pollinators have disappeared in the last century due to the replacement of local flora with non-native plant and tree species. Los Angeles is within a floristic region that is noted as a Biodiversity Hotspot: over the last several years the City of Los Angeles has invested in a Biodiversity Initiative and has committed to no loss of biodiversity. The LA City Council has instructed every department to incorporate biodiversity into their practices. The current proportion of native trees in the city's public right-of-way is 3% and if every empty parkway tree well (currently 165,191) were filled with native species, that would bring the overall native tree cover from 3% to 29%. Native plants and trees can thrive in our urban environment and provide all the benefits non-native trees offer in terms of canopy shade to offset the heat island effect, beauty, and shade comfort for humans, while providing a path to sustainability for biodiversity, water and energy savings, and elimination of soil amendment runoff pollution.

Venice Arbor Committee requests that the Venice Neighborhood Council pass the following motion: Whereas Los Angeles faces a biodiversity crisis wherein over 90% of local butterflies, songbirds, and other pollinators have disappeared in the last century due to the replacement of local flora with non-native plant and tree species; Whereas native landscaping plants and trees can thrive in our urban environment and provide all the benefits non-native trees can offer in terms of canopy shade to offset the heat island effect, beauty, and shade comfort for humans, while providing the only path to sustainability for biodiversity, water and energy savings, and elimination of soil amendment runoff pollution,

Attachments: untitled:https://www.venicenc.org/assets/documents/5/request62a796416bed4.docx

MOTION:

The Venice Neighborhood Council appeals to the City of Los Angeles, all applicable government agencies, public-private partnerships, and private parties planting in public space to discontinue the practice of planting non-native landscaping plants and trees except in situations where plants and trees are designed to produce food or provide a designated recreational playing field, and henceforth these same parties only plant 100% California native landscaping plants and trees within Los Angeles City, and specifically within the stakeholder area of the Venice Neighborhood Council district; and the VNC further appeals to the City of Los Angeles to request the County of Los Angeles and its agencies to establish the same or similar policy.

Maker:

Second:

Voter Tally (0): Yea:0 / Nay:0 / Abstain:0 / Recuse:0 / Ineligible:0

16 Broadway and 4th added stop signs.

Description:

Committee: Parking and Transportation Committee On: 2022-06-14 Vote: 5/0/0

Add stop signs on Broadway at 4th to create a four way stop at the intersection instead of the current two way stop. The current 2-way stop is dangerous because other intersections on the streets are 2-way stops.

MOTION:

Change intersect at Broadway and 4th from a 2-way stop to a 4-way stop.

Maker: Second: Voter Tally (0): Yea:0 / Nay:0 / Abstain:0 / Recuse:0 / Ineligible:0

17 Resume street cleaning on all of Venice Blvd. between Pacific and Walgrove Description: Committee: Parking and Transportation Committee On: 2022-05-23 Vote: 5/0/0 Large portions of Venice Blvd. are not currently being cleaned, including adjacent to the Farmer's Market, the Venice Library, the Arts Center, and First Lutheran Church and School, due to permanently parked vehicles. We are requesting that the City enforce existing parking regulations so that the street can be swept.

MOTION:

Motion to request resumption of street cleaning for ALL of Venice Blvd. between Pacific and Walgrove. To be sent to Council member Mike Bonin Deputy Isabella Dennis iasbella.dennis@lacity.org, Mayor Eric Garcetti Deputy TBD, LAPD Steven Embrich 30993@lapd.online, Rene.engle@lacity.org, Parking Enforcement latonya.allen@lacity.org

Maker:

Second:

Voter Tally (0): Yea:0 / Nay:0 / Abstain:0 / Recuse:0 / Ineligible:0

18 Land Use and Planning Committee Consent Calendar - Items

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motion items 9-15 move to board agenda: JH/DT 7/0/0/ NR:Recused

19 🗌 431 E. 28th Ave

LUPC Member: Michael Jensen

LUPC Hearing:4/28/2022

LUPC Vote: Yea (consent)

Case Number(s):DIR-2021-2003-CDP-MEL; ADM-2021-2005-VSO-ADU

Venice Subarea:North Venice

Description:

COASTAL DEVELOPMENT PERMIT WITH MELLO ACT COMPLIANCE TO REMODEL/ADDITION TO AN EXISTING SINGLE FAMILY DWELLING (2,016 SF) AND CONSTRUCTION OF A NEW ATTACHED ACCESSORY DWELLING UNIT (ADU)

LUPC Report:

Attachments: Planning Case: https://planning.lacity.org/pdiscaseinfo/caseid/MjQ1MjM40

MOTION:

Board approves and transmits de minimus letter.

Maker: Second:

Voter Tally (0): Yea:0 / Nay:0 / Abstain:0 / Recuse:0 / Ineligible:0

LUPC Member: Michael Jensen
LUPC Hearing:4/28/2022
LUPC Vote:Yea (consent)
Case Number(s):ADM-2022-2059-VSO-ADU; DIR-2022-2057-CDP-MEL-HCA
Venice Subarea:Marina Peninsula
Description: THE CONVERSION OF A PORTION OF AN EXISTING THREE-UNIT
APARTMENT BUILDING INTO AN ACCESSORY DWELLING UNIT.
LUPC Report:
Attachments: Planning Case: <u>https://planning.lacity.org/pdiscaseinfo/caseid/MjU2MTU20</u>
MOTION: Board recommends and transmits de minimus letter.
Maker: Second:
Voter Tally (0): Yea:0 / Nay:0 / Abstain:0 / Recuse:0 / Ineligible:0
21 🗌 2412 Frey
LUPC Member: Barry Cassilly
LUPC Hearing:4/28/2022
LUPC Vote: Yea (Consent)
Case Number(s):DIR-2021-7388-CDP-MEL; ADM-2021-8144-VSO
Venice Subarea: Oakwood-Milwood-Southeast Venice
Description:
DEMOLITION OF AN (E) SFD AND GARAGE AND CONSTRUCTION OF NEW 2,821 SQ. FT. SINGLE FAMILY DWELLING WITH ATTACHED GARAGE.
LUPC Report:
Attachments: Planning Case: <u>https://planning.lacity.org/pdiscaseinfo/caseid/MjUxMTgz0</u>
MOTION: Baord approves and transmits de minimus letter.
Maker: Second:
Voter Tally (0): Yea:0 / Nay:0 / Abstain:0 / Recuse:0 / Ineligible:0
22 426 S Venice Blvd
Address:426 S Venice Blvd
LUPC Member:Michael Jensen
LUPC Hearing:5/26/2022
LUPC Vote: Yea (consent)
Case Number(s):DIR-2022-1148-CDP-MEL; ADM-2022-1150-VSO-ADU
Venice Subarea:North Venice
Description: COASTAL DEVELOPMENT PERMIT AND MELLO ACT COMPLIANCE REVIEW FOR CONVERSION OF EXISTING RECREATION ROOM TO ADU. NO CHANGE IN HEIGHT OR FLOOR AREA.
LUPC Report:
Attachments: Planning Case: <u>https://planning.lacity.org/pdiscaseinfo/caseid/MjU1MjE50</u>
MOTION:
Baord approves and transmits de minimus letter.

23 🔲 321 E Brooks Ave

Address:321 E Brooks Ave

LUPC Member: Mehrnoosh Mojallali

LUPC Hearing:5/26/2022

LUPC Vote:Yea (6-0-0)

Case Number(s):ZA-2022-1278-ZAA-CDP

Venice Subarea:Oakwood-Milwood-Southeast Venice

Description:

REMODEL AND ADDITION TO AN EXISTING ONE-STORY DUPLEX INTO A TWO-STORY DUPLEX WITH A NEW ROOF DECK, POOL, AND SPA LOCATED WITHIN THE VENICE COASTAL ZONE SPECIFIC PLAN ZONED RD1.5-1.

LUPC Report: https://www.venicenc.org/assets/documents/5/meeting62a79a13a67ae.pdf Attachments: Planning Case: <u>https://planning.lacity.org/pdiscaseinfo/caseid/MjU1MzUy0</u>

MOTION:

Board Approves the project as presented and support Applicant's proposed findings relating to the ZAA to maintain existing sideyard setbacks.

Maker:

Second:

Voter Tally (0): Yea:0 / Nay:0 / Abstain:0 / Recuse:0 / Ineligible:0

24 🗌 709 Brooks

Address:709 Brooks Ave

LUPC Member: Michael Jensen

LUPC Hearing:4/28/2022

LUPC Vote:Yea (6-0-0)

Case Number(s):DIR-2019-6455-CDP-MEL-1A

Venice Subarea: Oakwood-Milwood-Southeast Venice

Description:

Demolition of existing duplex, small lot subdivision, and construction of two new single family homes. Applicant is not seeking any waivers or variances for the project. Note: This case was originally heard in October 2020. The project was incorrectly described at the VNC Board hearing as the demolition of a triplex and replacement by a small lot subdivision with two SFDs. The then-VNC Board voted to reject the project.

LUPC Report: https://www.venicenc.org/assets/documents/5/meeting62a798a9d41ea.pdf Attachments: Planning Case: <u>https://planning.lacity.org/pdiscaseinfo/caseid/MjU1ODg00</u>

MOTION:

The Board of Officers approves this project as presented.

Maker: Second:

Voter Tally (0): Yea:0 / Nay:0 / Abstain:0 / Recuse:0 / Ineligible:0

26 New Business

27 Parking Enforcement Towing of Abandoned and Non-Operational Vehicles

Description:

Committee: Parking and Transportation Committee On: 2022-05-23 Vote: 5/0/0

Pursuant to the recent City Council motion 21-0956 (CFMS), passed to resume the citation and towing or abandoned and oversized vehicles.

MOTION:

Motion to request CD 11 Councilman, LAPD Board of Police Commissioners, and Parking Enforcement comply with City Council motion, 21-0956, and resume enforcement by citation and towing of abandoned and oversized vehicles.

Maker:

Second:

Voter Tally (0): Yea:0 / Nay:0 / Abstain:0 / Recuse:0 / Ineligible:0

28 Venice Parks Initiative

Description:

Committee: Discussion Forum Committee **On:** 2022-05-26 **Vote:** 4-0 Unanimous

The Discussion Forum Committee seeks VNC Board support for implementation of its Venice Parks Initiative as described in the attached motion.

Whereas, the Discussion Forum Committee of the VNC exists to "Provide a monthly forum for discussion of long-term matters affecting the Venice Community within the context of the VNC Vision Goals"; and Whereas, the Discussion Forum Committee has resolved to turn its efforts to the "Focus on Children" Vision Goal; and Whereas, the "Focus on Children" Vision Goal; and Whereas, the "Focus on Children" Vision Goal establishes that the VNC will "Consider strategies that promote & expand opportunities for children to experience direct meaningful involvement in all aspects of the social and economic and cultural activities of the Venice Community"; and Whereas, well-designed and maintained playgrounds serve as a neighborhood hub where children and neighbors can meet and "community" is formed; and Whereas, there are very limited playground spaces for young children and parents in the Venice area; It is therefore requested the VNC Board adopt the following Motion & its Whereas clauses:

Attachments: untitled: https://www.venicenc.org/assets/documents/5/request62903baa5303a.pdf

MOTION:

The Venice Neighborhood Council Board is in support of the Discussion Forum Committee's "Venice Parks Initiative", which has as its focus efforts to improve, develop and promote public parks and other recreation and gathering facilities for children and their families. Specific components of this work are to include:

a. Surveying and documentation of the features, amenities, locations, and relative density (proximity to residents) of existing Venice parks and recreation sites;

b. Advocate with stakeholders and local authorities for additional or improved amenities where they are lacking (bathrooms, drinking fountains, benches, trees and shade structures, crosswalks, etc.); c. Investigate options for the creation of new parks & family recreation opportunities, whether temporary or permanent, at locations public or private, of any size.

d. Explore options for partnering with Venice schools, non-profits, parenting groups, and media to publicize our current, improved and any new park/playground resources to local families and visitors.

Maker: Second:

Voter Tally (0): Yea:0 / Nay:0 / Abstain:0 / Recuse:0 / Ineligible:0

29 Board of Officer Comments, Items not on the Agenda

30 Adjournment

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