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LAND USE AND PLANNING COMMITTEE

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Special Meeting Agenda

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2. After you speak, please lower your hand.
3. All panelists (committee members) and attendees (public) will be muted until the administrator unmutes you for comment.
4. Board members will get one chance to speak for a max of two (2) minutes per item.
5. Public comment will be limited to one comment for one (1) minute per item.
6. Please do not raise your hand more than once per item.
7. 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.



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- 9. The meeting is being video and audio recorded.
- 10. The public will be able to listen and speak but their video will be disabled.

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2. CALL TO ORDER

3. ROLL CALL

<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Corinne Baginski	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Barry Cassilly	<input type="checkbox"/> Andrew Mika
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Lauren Siegel	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Matthew Royce	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Mehrnoosh Mojallali
<input type="checkbox"/> (Vacant Seat)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Michael Jensen	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Jeff Martin

4. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

A. MINUTES FROM 6/30/2022 LUPC MEETING

Draft Minutes available at:

<https://www.venicenc.org/assets/documents/5/meeting62cc5f44a2f22.pdf>

Motion: Approve minutes from 6/30/2022

Maker / 2nd: **Lauren / Barry**

Vote: **7-0-0-0**

5. DECLARATION OF CONFLICTS OF INTEREST OR EX PARTE COMMUNICATIONS

LUPC members to declare any conflicts of interest or *ex-parte* communications relating to items on this meeting’s agenda.

6. GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENT

Public comment is limited to one (1) minute per speaker with a total comment time not to exceed twenty (20) minutes, unless adjusted by the presiding officer. No comment on items appearing on the Agenda are permitted. No committee member announcements are permitted.

7. CNC REPORT

App. Date	Case Number	Address	Description	Assig'd to
7/5/2022	DIR-2022-4765-CDP-MEL-HCA	807 E COEUR D'ALENE AVE	CDP FOR A 592 SF, 2 STORY ADDITION TO AN EXISTING GARAGE FOR AN ADU.	Lauren
6/24/2022	AA-2017-3905-PMLA-SL-EXT	657 E FLOWER AVE 90291	A 2-LOT SMALL LOT PARCEL MAP WITH A SINGLE FAMILY	Jeff



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			DWELLING ON EACH LOT IN THE SINGLE JURISDICTION COASTAL ZONE.	
6/24/2022	AA-2017-4249-PMLA-SL-EXT	668 E INDIANA	DEMOLISH EXISTING SINGLE FAMILY RESIDENCE, NEW TWO LOT SMALL LOT SUBDIVISION WITH A NEW SINGLE FAMILY HOME ON EACH NEW LOT	Mehrnoosh
6/30/2022	DIR-2020-6145-CDP-MEL-1A	2330 S. Cloy	DEMOLITION OF AN EXISTING SFD AND CONSTRUCTION OF A NEW 2,419 SQ. FT. HOUSE WITH AN ATTACHED 2-CAR GARAGE	Corinne
6/22/2022	DIR-2022-4435-CDP-MEL-HCA	516 E. Boccaccio	NEW ACCESSORY DWELLING UNIT	Lauren
6/23/2022	DIR-2022-4465-CDP-MEL	613 Brooks	PROJECT PROPOSES REMODEL AND ADDITION OF THE (E) SFD W/ ATTACHED 2-CAR GARAGE, ROOF DECK, POOL, DECK, RETAINING WALL, ASSOCIATED GRADING AND HARDSCAPE IMPROVEMENTS. DEMOLITION OF DETACHED GARAGE.	Matt
6/30/2022	DIR-2022-4696-CDP-MEL-HCA	712 Woodlawn	NEW ACCESSORY DWELLING UNIT	Corinna

8. DE MINIMUS CASES

LUPC recommends below cases be considered *de minimus* and VNC President issue letter to Planning Department and CD11. Cases will be put on VNC consent calendar.

Address	Case No.	Description	LUPC Staff
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Motion: Approve cases as de minimus and send to VNC consent calendar.

Maker / 2nd:

Vote:

9. CASES

A. 3705 ESPLANADE

Case No. DIR-2022-1428-CDP, ENV-2022-1429-CE

Description: 916 SF THIRD FLOOR ADDITION AND NEW ROOFDECK ABOVE EXISTING SECOND STORY.

Staff: Corinne Baginsky

Planning Case: <https://planning.lacity.org/pdiscaseinfo/caseid/MjU1NTEy0>

Motion: Approve project as presented.

Maker / 2nd: **Corinne / Jeff**

Vote: **7-0-0-0**



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10. COUNCIL FILE: 14-0366-S33 - UNLICENSED COMMERCIAL CANNABIS BUSINESS ACTIVITY / PADLOCK ENFORCEMENT / CEASE AND DESIST

Motion

Despite the legalization of cannabis and cannabis-related activities, unlicensed cannabis businesses continued to proliferate and operate in the City. Unlicensed cannabis businesses undermine the ability of legal cannabis businesses to operate competitively and fairly in the City, as unlicensed cannabis businesses do not incur costs related to obtaining operating licenses. Additionally, the City will not realize the full potential of tax revenue generated from the regulated market if a significant number of illegal cannabis businesses continue to operate.

The City has adopted several enforcement actions in an effort to curb the operation of unlicensed cannabis businesses. In 2018, Councilmembers Harris-Dawson and Rodriguez introduced a Motion (C.F. 14-0366-S31) that led to the adoption of an ordinance authorizing the Department of Building and Safety (DBS) to padlock, barricade, and fence property where unlicensed commercial cannabis activity occurs. The ordinance requires the issuance of a notice, and allows property owners or occupants to request an administrative hearing to have these protective devices removed from the property.

On October 5, 2021, the Council adopted Motion (Harris-Dawson - Rodriguez - Krekorian; C.F. 21-1007), which appropriated \$874,000 to the Department of Building and Safety (DBS) for the implementation of the padlock ordinance on approximately 120 properties where unlicensed cannabis activities are occurring. As of March 2022, approximately 15 padlock actions have been completed on unlicensed cannabis businesses. The DBS has indicated that there have been mixed results as it relates to getting the unlicensed businesses to remain closed. The unlicensed businesses have repeatedly broken the protective devices on their shops in order to resume business, leading the DBS and Police Department to revisit these businesses and lock them up again. Recently, at an illegal cannabis shop on West Florence Avenue that had been subject to repeated padlock actions, an incident occurred where an employee of the shop was robbed and shot outside the store. While we commend efforts by the LAPD, DBS, and other City departments, there needs to be increased efforts to secure these illegal shops. As the end of the current fiscal year approaches, the City needs to evaluate the progress of the padlock enforcement actions to date and determine the additional resources that will be needed for further actions.

I THEREFORE MOVE that the City Council instruct the Department of Building and Safety and Los Angeles Police Department to report on the status of the City's padlock enforcement actions, including pending enforcement actions remaining in the fiscal year, resources that may be needed to complete the goal of securing all the illegal cannabis shops currently operating in the city, which LAPD estimates at 100, and any proposed adjustments to the padlock enforcement program in the upcoming fiscal year.

I FURTHER MOVE that the City Council request the City Attorney to issue cease and desist letters to unlicensed cannabis businesses that have been subject to padlock enforcement actions, along with any other civil actions towards permanently closing these businesses before they pose a greater public safety risk to the City's residents.

I FURTHER MOVE that the City Council instruct the Department of Cannabis Regulation, with the assistance of the Chief Legislative Analyst, to report on best practices as it relates to cannabis enforcement measures against unlicensed cannabis businesses that other cities have in place

~~Motion: LUPC recommends VNC transmit letter in support of Motion.~~

~~Maker / 2nd:~~



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Vote:

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11. VENICE LOCAL COASTAL PROGRAM DISCUSSION

LUPC to discuss plan to submit recommendations regarding:

- Community Plan Update
- Venice Specific Plan Update

Resources:

Venice Specific Plan: <https://www.venicenc.org/assets/documents/5/meeting62df2e70f27c2.pdf>

Venice LUP (Certified): <https://www.venicenc.org/assets/documents/5/meeting62df2e91ab305.pdf>

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

12. MEETING ADJOURNED