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**Board of Officers
 Regular Meeting Agenda
 Tuesday November 15, 2022
 Start Time: 06:00 PM**

Location: Webinar

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Topic: Board

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2. After you speak, please lower your hand.
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6. Please do not raise your hand more than once per item.
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8. No ceding your time to others will be allowed.
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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.

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

Jason Sugars

Alley Bean

Chie Lunn

Mike Bravo

Soledad Ursua

CJ Cole

Elizabeth Clay

Robert Thibodeau

Clark Brown

Michael Jensen

Zachary Best

Attendance: 0

Quorum: 10

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

06:16

6 Public Safety - LAPD & LAFD Report

06:17

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 shall 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.

LAFD

Dean Zipperman, Assistant Chief - dean.zipperman@lacity.org

LAPD:

Five Points of Contacts

<https://www.venicenc.org/assets/photos/5/page636a3e1fdc228.pdf>

Senior Lead Officer Map

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7 Government Reports

06:33

- City Councilmember Mike Bonin, Field Deputy, Louie.Leiva@lacity.org
- Congressman Ted Lieu, Representative, Janet.Turner@mail.house.gov
- State Senator Ben Allen, Representative, Liliana.Pond@sen.ca.gov
- State Assemblyperson , Representative @asm.ca.gov
- LA County Supervisor Sheila Kuehl, Deputy Zac Gaidzik zgaidzik@bos.lacounty.gov
- Mayor Eric Garcetti, Deputy,
- 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
- City Clerk Office, Naima.Pulliam@lacity.org, VNC Elections 2023 Administrator (5 minutes)

8 Committee Chair Reports

06:44

Standing Committees:

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

Community Officer vacant seat, nominations closed.
Seeking Community Officer to Chair for Rules and Selections

9 Approval of prior Board Minutes

Description:

Discussion and possible action, prior Minutes from meeting dated 10-18-2022

Attachments: minutes: <https://www.venicenc.org/assets/documents/5/meeting634f763005906.pdf>

MOTION:

Board of Officers approves the Minutes as presented.

Maker:

Second:

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

10 Treasurer Report

11 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..

12 Old Business

13 General Consent Calendar - Items

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14 Metro's Transportation Communication Network - Digital Signage (Outside Venice)

Description:

Committee: Parking and Transportation Committee **On:** 2022-10-03 **Vote:** 5/0/0

Metro's TCN program would erect freestanding signs with digital displays at 56 locations throughout the City. These signs would incorporate various intelligent transportation technologies to help manage traffic, provide real-time traffic and transit information, display Metro service alerts and public emergency messaging, and permit off-site advertising for revenue generation to support local transportation projects in the City.

MOTION:

PTC recommends that the VNC submit a CIS opposing outdoor digital advertising/large scale digital billboards.

Maker:

Second:

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

15 VENICE BLVD. IMPROVEMENTS PROJECT CONCERNS/WITHHOLD SUPPORT

Description:

Committee: Parking and Transportation Committee **On:** 2022-11-10 **Vote:** 5, 0, 0

Mobility Plan 2035 has designated mobility and transportation improvement projects for all of the communities represented by the 14 WRAC member Councils (viewable here). The new Venice Blvd Mobility Improvements project has highlighted the importance of obtaining project-specific data and studies from LADOT and its partners so that all the local and regional impacts of these projects can be identified, discussed and addressed.

MOTION:

The VNC, a member of the Westside Regional Alliance of Councils, is concerned that removing one vehicle lane in each direction on Venice Blvd. between Inglewood Blvd and National Blvd. will divert traffic onto other adjacent local, collector and arterial streets. Until such time as LADOT conducts modeling studies to predict the volume of vehicular traffic that will be diverted off Venice Blvd. when the road diet component of this project is installed, our Council will be withholding its support for Phase One of the Venice Blvd Mobility Improvements project. The member Councils directly affected by this project are: Venice, Mar

Vista, Palms and South Robertson. The member Councils which may be affected by redirected traffic include: Del Rey, WLA/Sawtelle and Westside.

Maker:

Second:

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

16 SUPPORT FOR POSITION RE ORDINANCE 187427 (SPEED LIMIT REDUCTIONS)

Description:

Committee: Parking and Transportation Committee **On:** 2022-11-10 **Vote:** 5, 0, 0

The Westside Regional Alliance of Councils supports the action taken by the LA City Council on March 7, 2022 in passing Council File 21-1223 regarding Speed Limit Reductions

MOTION:

The PTC recommends VNC takes the following position in regards to the recent adoption of Ordinance 187427 regarding speed limit reductions: I. VNC supports the action taken by the LA City Council on March 7, 2022 in passing Council File 21-1223 regarding Speed Limit Reductions. II. VNC supports the efforts to reduce the speed limit by 5 MPH on streets that were recently identified for 5 MPH speed limit increases. (See the attached Ordinance number 187427 with the complete list of streets effected.) III. Moving forward, it is the suggestion of VNC that City Council open a Council File to consider that future speed limit reductions be discussed and planned as neighborhood or regional traffic improvements rather than individual street improvements. These improvements should be coupled with measures to minimize vehicle traffic being redirected onto adjacent neighborhood streets. For example, we would like to see LADOT incorporate traffic calming measures and active transportation elements. Traffic calming measures might include compact traffic circles/mini roundabouts, restricted turns, curb extensions/bulb-outs, speed humps and tables, and diagonal diverters, half closures, full closures, and median barriers to reduce cut-through traffic. IV. In addition, VNC requests that the Council Offices engage the local Westside Councils in ongoing discussions about what additional streets should be considered for speed limit reductions as well as establish a method whereby Council and stakeholder feedback on this issue can be submitted directly to LADOT.

Maker:

Second:

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

17 Land Use and Planning Committee Consent Calendar - Items

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18 Venice Land Use Plan, Proposed Update

Description:

Committee: Land Use & Planning Committee **On:** 2022-11-10 **Vote:** 8-0-0

In connection with Planning Departments update to Venice LUP, LUPC discussed draft concepts released by Planning Department and recommends motion for changes to draft concepts. Links to Planning Department Info

Attachments: LCP:<https://planning.lacity.org/plans-policies/community-plan-update/venice-local-coastal-program>

LUP:<https://planning.lacity.org/plans-policies/overlays/venice-coastal-land-use-plan>

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

MOTION:

WHEREAS, LUPC has reviewed the Planning Department's draft concepts from Summer 2022 to be used in the forthcoming updates to the Local Coastal Program and Community Plan; WHEREAS, existing zoning and uses on Rose Avenue are commercial or exclusively residential; WHEREAS, On May 11, 1989, the Los Angeles City Council approved Ordinance No. 164,844 (council file 88-0719 initiated in 1988), which downzoned hundreds of parcels within Venice, including rezoning a number of commercially zoned lots on Rose Avenue to residential; WHEREAS, Rose Ave (Main to Lincoln) has traditionally been a commercial corridor to serve surrounding neighborhood; and WHEREAS, Venice needs additional housing, which can be met with higher density residential housing in mixed use corridors, which is incompatible with existing height limits and setbacks on Rose Avenue. NOW, THEREFORE, LUPC recommends the City Planning Department incorporate the following recommendations: 1. Increase the height limit from 25/30 feet to 35 feet; and, where either ground floor or second floor incorporates outdoor spaces with dining, balcony, and/or gardens, the height of 45 feet; 2. For mixed use projects, reduce all set back requirements for residential use to be the same as commercial use. 3. Increase density from R3 (one unit per 1,200 SF) - existing density permitted by VSP -- to R4 (one unit per 400 SF) and disregard lot size and width minimums due to substandard lots.

Maker:

Second:

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

19 MOTION ON DRAFT CONCEPTS REGARDING ROSE AVENUE CORRIDOR

Description:

Committee: Land Use & Planning Committee **On:** 2022-11-10 **Vote:** Yea 8-0-0

In connection with Planning Departments update to Venice LUP, LUPC discussed draft concepts released by Planning Department and formulated motion requesting changes.

MOTION:

LUPC recommends the VNC make the following motion: WHEREAS, LUPC has reviewed the Planning Department's draft concepts from Summer 2022 to be used in the forthcoming updates to the Local Coastal Program and Community Plan; WHEREAS, existing zoning and uses on Rose Avenue are commercial or exclusively residential; WHEREAS, On May 11, 1989, the Los Angeles City Council approved Ordinance No. 164,844 (council file 88-0719 initiated in 1988), which downzoned hundreds of parcels within Venice, including rezoning a number of commercially zoned lots on Rose Avenue to residential; WHEREAS, Rose Ave (Main to Lincoln) has traditionally been a commercial corridor to serve the surrounding neighborhood; and NOW, THEREFORE, LUPC recommends the City Planning Department incorporate the following recommendations: 1. Extend the "Mixed Use Corridor – Rose Avenue" to all of Rose Avenue between Lincoln Blvd. to Main St.

Maker:

Second:

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

20 LUPC New Business

21 647 Westminster

Description:

Committee: Land Use & Planning Committee **On:** 2022-08-25 **Vote:** Yea 5-0-1

NEW 774 SQUARE FOOT ADU WITH ROOF DECK (CDP-COASTAL DEVELOPMENT PERMIT) ADM-2021-10112-VSO-ADU; DIR-2021-10110-CDP-MEL; ENV-2021-10111-CE Planning Case:
<https://planning.lacity.org/pdiscaseinfo/search/encoded/MjUzMjA00>

MOTION:

Board of Officers approves the project as presented.

Maker:

Second:

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

22 New Business

23 VNC Election Plan 2023

Description:

Discussion and possible action to approve the VNC Election Plan 2023. The plan is outlined in the plan document listed as a link below. The election plan includes outreach items and a timeline of events leading up to election day. The day of election to be handled by LA City Clark Office. Mail-in Ballots will be available by request only directly to the City Clark (details to follow). In person voting will occur at the Oakwood Recreation Center on Sunday, March 26, 2023. Questions may be submitted to Elections@VeniceNC.org (please allow 72 hours for response).

Additionally, general questions about Neighborhood Council Elections may be submitted to naima.pulliam@lacity.org who works in the City Clerk Office, NC Elections division.

Attachments: Handbook:<https://www.venicenc.org/assets/photos/5/page636a47c75c369.pdf>
Model:<https://www.venicenc.org/assets/photos/5/page636a47ee440a4.pdf>
Plan:<https://www.venicenc.org/assets/documents/5/meeting636c4d86a38df.pdf>

MOTION:

The Board of Officers approves the VNC Election Plan 2023 as described in the linked document above.

Maker:

Second:

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

24 VNC Election Plan 2023 - Budget

Description:

Committee: Budget and Finance **On:** 2022-11-14 **Vote:**

Discussion and possible action of the VNC Election 2023 Budget which is described as follows:

SOCIAL MEDIA (6) months of targeted social media ads for people with 90291 ZIP code \$1,000.00

PRINTING Printing of:

- 20,000 5x7 double sided postcards, bundled in 100s
 - 250 posters for in person distribution
- \$3,500.00

USPS ROUTING Delivery via EDDM to:

- 25 postal routes in 90291
- 13 postal routes in 90292

\$5,500.00

GRAPHIC DESIGN PACKAGE Inclusive of:

- unified branding for all VNC election messaging
- 5x templates for social media messaging
- design of VNC election page on VNC site
- design of 1x postcard mailers
- design of 4x poster options

\$2,000.00

ELECTION ADMINISTRATOR \$2,000.00

CONTINGENCY \$1,000.00

TOTAL \$15,000.00

Oakwood Rec Center, Polling Location \$270.00

MOTION:

Board of Officers approves the proposed VNC Election 2023 Budget as described herein pending approval by the Budget Committee

Maker:

Second:

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

25 Selection of Board of Officer

Description:

Application from Oliver Fries, see in link below.

Attachments: Application:<https://www.venicenc.org/assets/documents/5/meeting636d9e1b57eca.pdf>

Q&A:<https://www.venicenc.org/assets/documents/5/meeting636d9d810c96c.pdf>

MOTION:

Board of Officers appoints Oliver Fries to fill the current vacant Community Officer board seat.

Maker:

Second:

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

26 Amendment to the language of VNC Standing Rule 9, Sections a and b.

Description:

Stakeholder: Ivan Spiegel **Dated:** 2022-11-10

The LA City Attorney requested a rewrite of VNC Standing Rule 9 (Rules of Decorum) which could have been interpreted as a restriction on Free Speech.

MOTION:

MOTION: The VNC Board shall approve the following rewrite language for Standing Rule 9a and 9b: Standing Rule 9. Meetings: Rules of Decorum a. Rules of Decorum During a meeting of the Venice Neighborhood Council or any of its Standing or Ad Hoc Committees, there is the need for civility and expedition in the carrying out of public business in order to ensure that the public has a full opportunity to be heard and that the Council or Committee has an opportunity for its deliberative process. While any meeting of the Venice Neighborhood Council or any of its Standing or Ad Hoc Committees is in session, the following rules of decorum shall be observed: All remarks shall be addressed to the Chair and not to any single member, unless in response to a question from a member. No person in the audience at a Council or Committee meeting shall engage in disorderly or boisterous conduct, or other acts which disturb, disrupt or otherwise impede the orderly conduct of any Council or Committee meeting. Signs, placards, banners, or similar items shall not be permitted at any time in the Council or Committee meeting room. The Chair of the Council or Committee, with the assistance of a Police Officer of the Los Angeles Police Department, shall be responsible for maintaining the order and decorum of meetings. b. Enforcement of Decorum of Speakers and Audience The Chair may request that a member of the audience or a person speaking during a public comment period who is violating the rules of decorum, comply immediately. If after receiving a warning from the Chair, a person persists in violating the rules of decorum, the Chair shall order him or her to leave the Council or Committee meeting. Any person so ordered removed shall be excluded from further attendance at the meeting from which he or she has been removed, unless permission to attend is granted upon motion adopted by a majority vote of the Council or Committee. If that person does not remove himself or herself, the Chair may request a Police Officer of the Los Angeles Police Department to remove that person from the Council or Committee meeting room pursuant to his or her lawful authority as a peace officer.

Maker:

Second:

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

27 Board of Officer Comments, Items not on the Agenda

28 Adjournment

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