



Venice Neighborhood Council
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Board of Officers
Regular Meeting Minutes
Tuesday May 16, 2023
Start Time: 07:00 PM

Location:

Westminster Elementary School

1010 Abbot Kinney Blvd. Venice, CA 90291 (Auditorium Entrance,
Enter from parking lot on Westminster Ave.)

1 Introduction and Rules

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2 Call To Order**3 Roll Call:**

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| <input type="checkbox"/> James Murez | <input type="checkbox"/> Melissa Diner | <input type="checkbox"/> Jay Handal |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Bruno Hernandez | <input type="checkbox"/> Sima Kostovetsky | <input type="checkbox"/> Nico Ruderman |
| <input type="checkbox"/> James Robb | <input type="checkbox"/> Jason Sugars | <input type="checkbox"/> Alley Bean |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Chie Lunn | <input type="checkbox"/> Mike Bravo | <input type="checkbox"/> Soledad Ursua |
| <input type="checkbox"/> CJ Cole | <input type="checkbox"/> Elizabeth Clay | <input type="checkbox"/> Robert Thibodeau |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Clark Brown | <input type="checkbox"/> Michael Jensen | <input type="checkbox"/> Patrick McKinley |

Attendance: 0**Quorum: 9****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
Lance McCloskey - Lance.McCloskey@lacity.org

LAPD:
Five Points of Contacts
<https://www.venicenc.org/assets/photos/5/page636a3e1fdc228.pdf>

Senior Lead Officer Map
<https://www.venicenc.org/assets/photos/5/page636a3d534f723.pdf>

7 Government Reports

06:40

- Congressman Ted Lieu, Representative, Janet.Turner@mail.house.gov
- State Senator Ben Allen, Representative, Liliana.Pond@sen.ca.gov
- State Assemblywoman Tina McKinnor, Staff: Brandon.Stansell@asm.ca.gov Hayley Hutt
- LA County Supervisor Horvath, Deputy Zac Gaidzik zgaidzik@bos.lacounty.gov
- Mayor Karen Bass, Deputy, TBD
- Councilwoman Traci Park, Ashley.Lozada@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), Yolanda Gonzalez
- LADWP/LANCC Advocate, Yolanda Gonzalez 5 minute presentation
- Budget Advocates – vacant
- LAUSD, Nick Melvoin Board Member, Allison.Holdorff@lausd.net
- City Clerk Office, Naima.Pulliam@lacity.org, VNC Elections 2023 Administrator

8 President Report

9 Approval of prior Board Minutes

Description:

Discussion and possible action, prior Minutes from meetings dated 4/18/2023 linked below.

Attachments: minutes:<https://www.venicenc.org/assets/documents/5/meeting643f63fc87169.pdf>

MOTION:

Board of Officers approves the Meeting Minutes of 4/18/2023 as presented.

Maker:

Second:

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

10 Treasurer Report

Information submitted after deadline, visit VeniceNC.org/Budget for current information.

1-10

JAY TO INSERT REPORT

JM, JS

UNANIMOUS

11 Monthly Expenditure Report(s)

Description:

The document linked below is the March Monthly Expenditure Report (MER).

MOTION:

Board of Officers approves the March Monthly Expenditure Reports.

REMOVE FROM AGENDA

Maker:

Second:

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

12 Monthly Expenditure Report(s)

Description:

The document linked below is the April Monthly Expenditure Report (MER).

MOTION:

Board of Officers approves the April Monthly Expenditure Reports.

REMOVE FROM AGENDA

Maker:

Second:

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

13 Motions for budgeting and finance as well as ADCOM meetings.

Description:

Stakeholder: jay handal **Dated:** 2023-05-11 **VOTE:** 3-0-1

Motion to move 2500.00 from CIP to office, and move 844.88 from elections to outreach. Discussion and possible motion regarding policies and procedures governing timing, filing and administration of applications for neighborhood purpose grants and community improvement project applications. Discussion and possible motion to do the 2023/4 administrative packet. (see attached)

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CORRECT LANGUAGE FOR 13/14

Maker:

Second:

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

14 Budget Admin Packet

Description:

Committee: Budget & Finance Committee **On:** 2023-05-08 **Vote:** 4-0-0

Attachments: AdminPacket:<https://www.venicenc.org/assets/documents/5/meeting6459853d6f014.pdf>

MOTION:

Motion to APPROVE THE 2023/2024 ADMINISTRATIVE PACKET

~~Discussion and possible motion regarding policies and procedures governing timing, filing and administration of applications for neighborhood purpose grants and community improvement project applications.~~

~~Discussion and possible motion to do the 2023/4 administrative packet. (see attached)~~

Maker:

Second:

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

15 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..

16 General Consent Calendar

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.

17 Old Business. JM, JH UNANIMOUS

18 1338 Electric Ave.

Description:

Committee: Land Use & Planning Committee **On:** 2023-02-02 **Vote:** Yes 8-0-0-0

PARTIAL DEMO AND ADDITION OF 2 STORY. CHANGE OF USE TO ADD ADU
*According to Applicant, ADU is no longer being sought. LUPC motion expressly excludes from recommendation. See Staff Report for additional information and case materials.

Attachments: plans:<https://www.venicenc.org/assets/documents/5/meeting63deee41d8517.pdf>

MOTION:

LUPC recommends approval of the project without an ADU and with the following findings: (a) that while site characteristics or existing improvements make strict adherence to the zoning regulations impractical or infeasible, the project nonetheless conforms with the intent of those regulations; (b) that in light of the project as a whole, including any mitigation measures imposed, the project's location, size, height, operations and other significant features will be compatible with and will not adversely affect or further degrade adjacent properties, the surrounding neighborhood, or the public health, welfare, and safety; and (c) that the project is in substantial conformance with the purpose, intent and provisions of the General Plan, the applicable community plan and any applicable specific plan.

continue to next meeting

Maker:

Second:

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

19 723 Ocean Front Walk**Description:**

Committee: Land Use & Planning Committee **On:** 2023-04-06 **Vote:** 6-0-1-0-0 (abstentio)

CPC-2022-5893-CU-DB-CDP-SPP-MEL-HCA CONSTRUCTION, USE AND MAINTENANCE OF A 3-STORY, MIXED-USE BLDG WITH 16 FOR-RENT RESIDENTIAL UNIT ABOVE 16 STACKED PARKING SPACES AND 1,574 SF OF GROUND FLOOR COMMERCIAL SPACE

Attachments: Plans: <https://planning.lacity.org/pdiscaseinfo/document/MzkwNjI0/532fbe86-06a9-44b1-8001-06cd07316c90/esubmit>

Renderings: <https://planning.lacity.org/pdiscaseinfo/document/MzkwNjA0/532fbe86-06a9-44b1-8001-06cd07316c90/esubmit>

MOTION:

The VNC Board of Officers recommends approval of the project as presented.

Maker:

Second:

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

20 2308 Pisani Place**Description:**

Committee: Land Use & Planning Committee **On:** 2023-03-02 **Vote:** 7-0-0-0

DEMOLISH (3) DUPLEX STRUCTURES AND CONSTRUCT 8 RESIDENTIAL CONDOMINIUM UNITS UTILIZING ON AND OFF MENU DENSITY BONUS

Attachments: Plans: <https://www.venicenc.org/assets/documents/5/meeting63fd483b3935a.pdf>

Findings: <https://www.venicenc.org/assets/documents/5/meeting63fd4800c5d44.pdf>

Renderings: <https://www.venicenc.org/assets/documents/5/meeting63fd4800c617a.pdf>

Report: <https://www.venicenc.org/assets/documents/5/meeting63fd4800c8692.pdf>

MOTION:

The VNC Board of Officers recommends approval of the project as presented.

Maker:

Second:

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

21 4819 Ocean Front Walk**Description:**

Committee: Land Use & Planning Committee **On:** 2023-01-26 **Vote:** 6-0-0-0-0

DIR-2022-7644-CDP-SPP REMODEL AND ADDITION TO A TWO-STORY HOUSE, RESULTING IN A THREE-STORY DWELLING WITH A ROOFTOP DECK AND ROOF ACCESS STRUCTURE

Attachments: Planning:<https://planning.lacity.org/pdiscaseinfo/caseid/MjYxOTM30>

MOTION:

The VNC Board of Officers recommends approval of the project as presented.

JS, JH UNANMIOUS

Maker:

Second:

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22 Amended Minutes - also see March 21, 2023 motion for corrections**Description:**

Follow up to the following request: The Venice Neighborhood Council directs the Secretary in the next 14 days to amend the below listed minutes with corresponding item numbers, and change these Board member votes to "Ineligible:" October 18, 2022 – Regular Board meeting – Thibodeau: items #15, #16 November 15, 2023 – Regular Board meeting – Best: items #9, #18, #19, #21, #23 (both original and alternate), #24 (alternate only), #26 (both original and alternate), – Thibodeau: item #24 (alternate only) December 20, 2022 – Regular Board meeting – Thibodeau: items #5, #6 January 9, 2023 – Special Board meeting – Best: item #7 – Thibodeau: item #7 The amended minutes will be placed on the next following regular (expected April 18, 2023) Board of Officers agenda for ratification by the Board.

MOTION:

The Board of Officers approves the amended minutes as presented.

MAKE EDITS AND INSERT

Maker:

Second:

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

23 Land Use and Planning Committee Consent Calendar

24 LUPC New Business

25 New Business

26 Public Trees Restoration

Description: **Committee:** Preserving Public Places **On:** 2023-05-08 **Vote:** 4/0/0

Whereas trees reduce Carbon Dioxide in the environment, eliminate dust in the atmosphere, reduce traffic noise, retain and filter water in the soil, provide shade which cools the city, provide homes to the myriad birds and creatures essential to biodiversity and beautify our urban environment; and Whereas the owner and or developer/contractor/construction company of the House of Pies construction site has removed and destroyed 4 mature trees from City of Los Angeles property at the southwest corner of Venice and Lincoln Boulevard, which constitutes a prominent entry into the Venice Neighborhood, without obtaining a permit and in contradiction to representations made to the VNC; Whereas these trees were 30 years old, of substantial size and installed and watered by the Venice community members in conjunction with the City, State and non profits organizations including Tree People with our tax dollars and grant funding;

MOTION: The Venice Neighborhood Council requests that the City of Los Angeles cause the proper enforcement agencies, including but not limited to the Department of Public Works, the Department of Building and Safety, the Coastal Commission, the Los Angeles Police Department and the County Sheriff, any other relevant agency, to levy fines against this developer of The House of Pies, 1020 Venice Blvd., Venice, CA 90291, that are sufficient to replace the trees 2 to 1 with 48” box Sycamores or the largest possible, which ever is greater, including removal of stumps, enlargement of the tree wells, widening of the sidewalk and maintenance of the trees to maturity (10 years). We further ask that this owner and developer’s certificate of occupancy and building permits be withheld until the completion of the planting of the new trees is accomplished.

JH, JS Unanimous

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

27 DWP AND LANCC Representative

Description: **Stakeholder:** Yolanda Gonzalez **Dated:** 2023-05-07

Requesting if we are going to have an Ad-com meeting or an General Board meeting still not on our calendar of meetings to this date. If we are, I am requesting an ten minute presentation as Representative, on yesterday’s meeting 4,6, 2023, for DWP, and LANCC with our Mayor Karen Bass. An update, on last two meetings,,of requests by other NC's. that have not come to vote, just discussion no vote. An important item, Is a Bill of Rights for NC's, discussed to with our Mayor Karen Bass. More funding for our NC's. Based on our original funding granted. Improvement to our NC's, in support and guarantees,,,that need

to be updated of our original Charter, where Representative President Kerkorian, heads the Reform Committee. Requesting if President Jim Murez has received any MOU, from Mr. Tony Wilkinson. These agenda items are just presentations,,if special meeting of ideas, and suggestions is requested, I suggest it be an directed as an requested to be brought into the Resiliency Ad-Hoc committee.. Since our Neighborhood Committee is not in place, due to the resignation of our Vice President, who headed that committee. Would appreciate confirmation, if we are scheduled to have an meeting for May 2023. And if it will be scheduled on an Thursday. Since there are many questions for DWP, on rates,,applied during this unexpected weather, I have requested from Traci Parks office to arrange an booth for stakeholders if any questions need be answer. on their bills. I can confirm this special booth request, if we are scheduled to have a meeting for VNC for May. with Traci's Parks office. Requesting if my agenda request has been received. Sincerely. Yolanda Gonzalez

REMOVE presentation under committee

MOTION:

No motion nor proposed motion requested.

Maker:

Second:

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

28 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

~~Rev. John Palka, information about new Children's Park located at the Lutheran Church site which was recently opened to public use.~~

Election Report: Michael Lynn, Elections@VeniceNC.org

29 Board of Officer Comments, Items not on the Agenda. MOTION 27-30 JM, JH UNANIMOUS**30 Adjournment****Concluded At: 07:33 PM**

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