

1. LUPC Consent Calendar: De Minimus Cases from 7/27/23 Meeting
2. LUPC item

<p>Title: 4815-4817 Ocean Front Walk Meeting Date: 07/27/2023 Committee: Venice Neighborhood Council Board of Officers Vote Count: Yea 6-0-1 (1 abstention) Request: Interior remodel and third story addition with rooftop deck Attachments: 4815-4817 S Ocean Front Walk -</p>	
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3. LUPC item

<p>Title: 414 Carroll Canal Meeting Date: 07/27/2023 Committee: Venice Neighborhood Council Board of Officers Vote Count: Yes 6-0-1 (1 abstention) Request: Demolition of two single family dwellings (1 existing and 1 after-the-fact) and construction of a 2,205 SF duplex.</p>	
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4. Election of VNC Outreach Chair
5. Election of VNC Community Officer
6. Election of new VNC LUPC Committee

7. MOTION REQUESTING CENTENNIAL PARK PLANS AND COMMUNITY INPUT

Whereas the Department of Recreation and Parks has begun a reconstruction of Centennial Park, in lieu of a stated “restoration,” which plan has yet to be presented to the Venice Neighborhood Council, was approved in February 2023 though by former Councilmember Mike Bonin, has not been presented for approval by Councilmember Traci Park, nor has been presented to the public in response to public requests, as is the norm, and despite seemingly allocating over \$180,000 of public funding;

Whereas the pre-existing design for Centennial Park was created as part of the fully permitted, cohesive (native, drought tolerant, artistic and historic) Venice Boulevard Landscape Plan by numerous community members, City Councilmember Ruth Gallanter, the Department of Engineering and the CA Coastal Commission, which permit remains the controlling authority.

Whereas through the years, the Venice Neighborhood Council has collaborated with RAP and implemented several Community Improvement Projects and submitted motions to RAP regarding improvements for Centennial Park which do not appear to be incorporated into their new plan;

Specifically, the new plan appears to:

(1) remove all grasses, ground cover and bushes (whether healthy or not) and replace those in the interior of the park and at its eastern tip with mulch or decomposed granite. The interior portions made reference to the Red Line Trolley Cars platforms and historic vistas, included small lawns and flower beds.

(2) Replace perimeter plantings with bushes that are not within the Venice Boulevard Landscape Plan.

(3) Not incorporate Department of Transportation's and former CD11 recommended "pedestrian island" which would enable access to the park from Abbot Kinney Boulevard, providing for much greater use and enjoyment of the park.

(4) Does not indicate installation of either the Venice Flying Carousel nor the Heritage Trolley Car, both projects being strongly supported by the community and the Venice Neighborhood Council.

(5) Has no impact on camping but will transform one of Venice's few public green spaces into a desolate brown space.

MOTION

The Venice Neighborhood Council asks that the Department of Recreation and Parks provide its detailed plans for Centennial Park (including blueprints, materials list and budget) to the Venice Neighborhood Council prior to continuing its work on Centennial Park AND

The the Department of Recreation and Parks meet with representatives of the Venice Neighborhood Council to see how plans for Centennial Park can incorporate important features of the Venice Boulevard Landscape Planting Plan and Venice community projects and interests.

Supporting Documents:

RAP 2023 Centennial Park "Improvement" Plan - 3 photographed pages attached; link requested from RAP; not yet provided

1995 / 2003 permitted Venice Boulevard Landscape Plan: <http://venice.net/landscaping/>

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Submitted by Robin Murez

8. Motion: The _____ NC/CC requests the City implement the Five Principles of Responsible Outdoor Lighting that minimize light pollution by following these guidelines for public facilities and private development (adopted by the Illuminating Engineering Society and the International Dark-Sky Association):

- All light should have a clear purpose.
- Light should be directed only where needed.
- Light should be no brighter than necessary.
- Light should be used only when it is useful.
- Use warmer color lights where possible.
The City shall enact/codify these principles through its departments and agencies for City facilities and properties such as buildings, parking lots and parks, the street light system, the airport and port, and for private development. Community Plans and Specific Plans shall also enact similar dark sky practices, and include limitations on bright lights, light trespass and illumination of building facades.

Submitted by Isabelle Duvivier

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<p>CIS opposing Metro's plan to implement a Transportation Communication Network (TCN) Meeting Date: 08/10/2023 Committee: Administrative Vote Count: Request: The following motion for a Community Impact Statement (CIS) is time sensitive. The planning department has scheduled an 8/17 hearing on this program. I have also attached information and background on the proposed Metro program that can be added to the agenda</p>	
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submitted by Helen Fallon

10. Stakeholder Petition to reinstall fencing on Flower Avenue

submitted by Daniel Ligget

11. Stakeholder Petition for a Citizen's Task Force to recommend using Westchester's LAX parcels for interim housing for homeless, RV and vehicle dwellers

submitted by Clark Brown