



Venice Neighborhood Council

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**Board of Officers
Regular Meeting Agenda
6:30-9:30 PM MARCH 19TH, 2024
Westminster Elementary School
1010 Abbot Kinney Blvd Venice, CA 90291
(enter from parking lot on Westminster Ave)**

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1. CALL TO ORDER AND BOARD ROLL CALL Call to Order: 6:45PM

Brian Averill	Alley Bean	Yolanda Gonzalez	Bruno Hernandez <small>absent</small>
Jim Robb	Lisa Redmond	Deborah Keaton	Jason Sugars
Helen Fallon	Robert Thibodeau	Eric Donaldson	Christopher Lee
Tima Bell	Erica Moore	Amara Hordt	<small>absent</small>
Michael Jensen	Clark Brown	CJ Cole	
Nico Ruderman	Steve Bradbury	Soledad Ursua	

Bruno and Amara absent. Nico arrived at 7:15

2. APPROVAL OF PRIOR MINUTES Tima 1st, Jim 2nd. Motion Carried (16-1-1-)
<https://www.venicenc.org/assets/documents/5/meeting65db789f15bfb.pdf>

- 3. DECLARATION OF EX PARTE COMMUNICATIONS, CONFLICTS OF INTEREST OR RECUSALS**
 - 4. PUBLIC SAFETY REPORTS**
 - 5. GOVERNMENT REPORTS**
 - 6. CICLAVIA REPORT**
 - 7. LA PARKS INTRODUCTION**
 - 8. TREASURER'S REPORT**
 - 9. PRESIDENT'S REPORT**
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10. GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENT – LIMIT TO 20MIN/1MIN PER SPEAKER

Comments from the public on non-agenda items within the Board's subject matter jurisdiction. Each speaker will be allowed one (1) minute unless adjusted by the presiding officer of the meeting.

11. GENERAL CONSENT CALENDAR **Helen 1st, Brian 2nd Motion Carried (19-0-0-2)**

A. MOTION: The Venice Neighborhood Council Board of Officers approves the February 2024 Month Expenditure Report (MER) (see supporting documents)
The Venice Neighborhood Council Board of Officers approves a reimbursement of \$54.91 to Treasurer Helen Fallon for printed materials (proposed bylaw amendments) for the February Board meeting.

B. OUTREACH TABLING AT THE QUAKE HERO'S CD11 VENICE EVENT

MOTION: VNC will have an Outreach table at the CD11 Quake Heroes Venice Event this summer, specific date and location to be determined. We will engage stakeholders and provide VNC branded swag. Total expenses for this presence will not exceed previous Board approved limits of \$200.00 for tabled events.

C. CICLAVIA OUTREACH TABLING

Motion: VNC will have an Outreach table at the end of the CICLAVIA route on Sunday, April 21st 2024 where we will engage stakeholders and provide VNC branded swag. Total expenses for this presence will not exceed previous Board approved limits of \$200.00 for tabled events.

E. CIS FILINGS:

Motion: VNC Board of Officers supports Council file 24-0055
Community Impact Statement (CIS) in support of Council File 24-0055 addressing Gas Leaf Blowers. CIS supporting Council File 24-0055 addressing Gas Leaf Blowers - see attached Council Motion in supporting documents

12. OLD BUSINESS

A. CROSSWALKS/SIGNAGE ON SPEEDWAY (4-0-0) **Tima 1st, Steve 2nd Motion Carried (18-0-1-2)**

Whereas there is increased traffic on Speedway between Marine Ave and 30th Place due to traffic slowing on Pacific and apps such as Waze. Whereas facilities like the Safran Center Senior Housing, Phoenix House, many tourist destinations and other sensitive uses are located



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adjacent to Speedway. Whereas there is currently a lack of crosswalks, stop signs, and speed limit signage, creating a confusing and dangerous situation for drivers, pedestrians, both locals and tourists, therefore;

MOTION: the VNC shall write a letter to CD11, LA DOT, and BOE requesting additional crosswalks and signage to reduce speeds and increase public safety on Speedway

B. RULES AND SELECTIONS COMMITTEE Jason 1st, Tima 2nd Motion Failed (12-7-0-2) Note 2/3 board majority req.

PRESENTATION BY RULES AND SELECTIONS COMMITTEE RECOMMENDING CHANGES TO BOARD COMPOSITION

Discussion and Possible Motions regarding the following Changes to Board Composition (see supporting documents)

- a. Amendments to ARTICLE I: GOVERNING BOARD: Section 1: Composition, ARTICLE III: BOUNDARIES Section 2: Internal Boundaries and Attachment A-Map of Venice Neighborhood Council (see supporting documents)

1.MOTION: The Venice Neighborhood Council Board of Officers approves the submitted changes amending ARTICLE I: GOVERNING BOARD: Section 1: Composition of the previously adopted (7/1/22) VNC Bylaws

2. MOTION: The Venice Neighborhood Council Board of Officers approves the submitted changes amending ARTICLE III: BOUNDARIES Section 2: Internal Boundaries of the previously adopted (7/1/22) VNC Bylaws

3. MOTION: The Venice Neighborhood Council Board of Officers approves the submitted changes to changes to Attachment A-Map of the Venice Neighborhood Council of the previously adopted (7/1/22) VNC Bylaws

Meeting adjourned at 10:15PM
Remining agenda items to be moved to next month's agenda

NOTHING BELOW THIS LINE WAS HEARD AT THE 2024 MARCH MEETING

- 2. Discussion and possible motion to amend ARTICLE X: Elections (see supporting documents)

MOTION: The Venice Neighborhood Council Board of Officers approves the submitted changes amending ARTICLE X: Elections of the previously adopted (7/1/22) VNC Bylaws

- 3. Discussion and possible motion to amend ATTACHMENT B-Governing Board Structure and Voting (see supporting documents)

MOTION: The Venice Neighborhood Council Board of Officers approves the submitted changes amending ATTACHMENT B -Governing Board Structure and Voting of the previously adopted (7/1/22) VNC Bylaws



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4. Discussion and possible motion to amend ARTICLE VII: COMMITTEES AND THEIR DUTIES, Section 1: Standing Committees: A. Administrative Committee (see supporting documents)

MOTION: The Venice Neighborhood Council Board of Officers approves the submitted changes amending ARTICLE VII: COMMITTEES AND THEIR DUTIES, Section 1: Standing Committees A. Administrative Committee of the previously adopted (7/1/22) VNC Bylaws

13. NEW BUSINESS

14. PARKING AND TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE

A. RESOLUTION FOR ORDINANCE TO PROVIDE BETTER ENFORCEMENT AGAINST HOMELESSNESS USES IN VENICE

1. There are homeless encampments, tents and oversized vehicles used by homeless persons throughout Venice, including but not limited to: the FlowerLincoln corner, Rose Avenue at Whole Foods, Frederick and Lake, Main Street, Washington and Venice Blvds and Penmar Park. 2. Los Angeles Housing and Services Authority and Rand Corporation recently reported there is a 45% increase in homelessness in West Los Angeles and there are 523 homeless in Venice. 3. This exists even though for several years the City has had an anti camping ordinance, LAMC sec. 41.18. It has not been effective because it sets so many conditions for its enforcement that it can only be enforced in narrow circumstances which prevent its effective enforcement. 4. Homelessness is more widespread in Venice than any other part of the City except Skid Row and Hollywood. Therefore it is appropriate for the City to adopt a homelessness ordinance for Venice only as it did in 2010 with Ordinance 181413, which provides special procedures applicable to Venice only for Oversized Vehicle signs. 5. The Ninth Circuit Court of Appeals recently acknowledged in a case brought by the City and County of San Francisco that those who refuse specific offers of shelter are considered voluntarily homeless and as such a 2022 injunction, which restricted city workers from moving or clearing homeless encampments, does not apply, and San Francisco has thus returned to clearing encampments after offers of shelter have been made.

Motion: Now, Therefore Be It Resolved, the Venice Neighborhood Council calls upon the Los Angeles City Council to pass and the Mayor to sign a Venice-specific ordinance, which provides:

1. In instances when specific shelter has been offered to a person dwelling on public property in the Venice district of the city of Los Angeles, police officers may



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issue citations pursuant to LAMC Sec.11.00 against any person camping on public property even if within a vehicle 2. Regardless of shelter availability, officers may enforce violations in the following locations:

(a) Within 1000 feet of K-12 schools, child care centers, and adult day care centers. (b) Within 1000 feet of a facility offering temporary shelter or affordable housing for individuals who had previously been homeless.

(c) In City parks and the Venice Beach Recreation Area, where a substantial public health and safety risk is determined, including within 1000 feet of a location or area which the Los Angeles Police Department has determined to have had a heightened level of crimes involving murder, assault, sex trafficking, bike or auto theft, or drug sales. e. (d) When there is an immediate threat to public safety or a threat of fire or the person is wanted in connection to another crime. Upon passage this Resolution shall be delivered to Mayor Karen Bass and City Councilmember Traci Park

B. RESOLUTION TO PRIORITIZE TOWING OF RVS AND CAMPERS NEAR RESIDENCES, SCHOOLS, CHILD CARE CENTERS, PARKS, POST OFFICES, LIBRARIES AND SENIOR CENTERS (PARKING AND TRANSPORTATION 3-1-0)

Motion: Now, Therefore Be It Resolved, that the Venice Neighborhood Council calls upon councilmember Traci Park to immediately introduce a Motion to establish, at least in CD 11, that the city prioritize citing and towing of all vehicles violating any of the three regulations above – OVO, 72 hour rule, street sweeping – parked on city streets within 75 feet of a residentially occupied structure, a school, a child care center, park, library, post office, or senior center, regardless of whether they are used as dwellings or not. Upon passage this Resolution shall be transmitted to the Council District 11 councilmember. *CF- 21-0956, Adopted 4/06/22, in pertinent part: The LADOT is committed to ensuring the health and safety of our public streets and roadways while connecting unhoused Angelinos with critical support services. Vehicles that create traffic hazards, environmental or public health hazards, obstruct City services, and/or are inoperable or unregistered will be subject to citation and tow. If a vehicle that shows evidence of active living meets any of these criteria, LADOT traffic officers will first seek willing compliance with the posted regulations and all applicable City ordinances. If an officer encounters an illegally-parked, occupied vehicle clearly used as a dwelling, he or she will first request that the vehicle occupant(s) move their vehicle and direct people to move to a location where they may legally park. If the motorist refuses to move their vehicle, the officer will provide a report to UHRC and LAHSA staff. These homeless services partners will work with other relevant City Departments, such as the Bureau of Sanitation (BOS), and other homeless services agencies to respond to the location and offer supportive services. If an officer cannot achieve compliance and notifies UHRC or LAHSA,



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LADOT will consider vehicles outlined below eligible for citation, relocation, or removal. Prioritizing these locations will help inform outreach to the unhoused community. After further consideration and having provided an opportunity for public comment, the Committee moved to recommend approval of the recommendations contained in the LADOT report, as amended, and detailed in the above.

15. LUPC

A. 522 VENICE BLVD. - (4-2-1)

DESCRIPTION

Motion to approve as presented density bonus conditional use permit, CDP with Mello, and major project permit Venice Coastal SPP compliance for a new 25 unit apartment (5 VLI units).

MOTION:

Demolition of residential triplex currently used as “podshare” co-living to be replaced by 25-unit apartment building with 5 Very Low Income units. The Project seeks a Conditional Use Permit (CUP) pursuant to LAMC 12.24(U)(26) to permit a density bonus greater than 35% with the following incentives and waivers pursuant to LAMC 12.22 A 25 and CA Government Code Section 65915: Incentives (12.22 A 25): On-Menu • Permit a 6’-11” increase in varied roofline height to allow up to 36’-11” in lieu of the maximum 30 feet allowed in the RD1.5-1 zone pursuant to the Venice Coastal Zone Specific Plan • Permit a 40% reduction in required front yard setback along Mildred Avenue frontage to allow a 9’ front yard setback in lieu of the required 15’ front yard setback pursuant to LAMC 12.09.1.B.1 • Permit a 37% reduction of total required common open space to allow the provision of 784 square feet of total common open space in lieu of the 1,250 square feet required for total common open space pursuant to LAMC 12.21.G.2.a.1.iv • Permit a 21% reduction in required westerly side yard setback along Ocean Avenue frontage to allow a 4’-9” side yard setback in lieu of the required 6’ side yard setback pursuant to LAMC 12.09.1.B.1 • Permit the removal of the step-back provisions for the portions of the structure greater than 25 feet as otherwise required by Section 10G.3.a of the Venice Coastal Zone Specific Plan. • Permit the provision of 5 automobile parking spaces in lieu of the 57 automobiles required pursuant to the Venice Coastal Zone Specific Plan Section 13.D and LAMC 12.21.A.4 • Permit the provision of 3 standard parking stalls and 2 compact parking stalls in lieu of the 1 standard parking space per dwelling unit minimum required pursuant to LAMC 12.21.A.5.(1)c.

B. DEVELOPMENT SUBSIDIES FOR LOW INCOME HOUSING – (8-0-1)

Background This motion seeks support for government subsidies to be granted equally to smaller community builders who develop housing in our community. Government subsidized and grant-driven projects historically and currently have proven to be incapable of providing housing. Large corporate subsidized and for-profit builders of 50 or more unit building types account for 13.1% of the housing in Venice and 13.6% in all of the City of Los Angeles. In contrast, housing produced by “mom & pop” community builders of two to



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24 unit building types account for 46.6% of housing units in Venice and 36.9% of units within the City of Los Angeles. Large government subsidized and grant driven projects historically and currently have provided housing that is massively over and above any reasonable character and scale that any residential community should be required to accommodate. Smaller apartment buildings are more in line with the community's characteristics and provide more opportunity to engage with neighbors and the community. Large projects in Venice have frequently ignored VNC concerns, instead relying on political connections to obtain approvals. Finally, large government subsidized and grant driven projects cost vastly more per square than smaller projects.

MOTION: WHEREAS, the VNC supports small businesses made up of smaller community builders who create low income housing in multi-unit apartment buildings that conform to the VCZSP; WHEREAS, the VNC supports smaller scale apartment buildings dispersed throughout the community; NOW, THEREFORE, the VNC recommends that the City of Los Angeles provide the same opportunities for subsidies, grants, and subsidized loans to local, community builders providing low income units that it provides to larger, "non-profit" corporate developers. This motion shall be sent to Council Member Traci Park and CD11 Planning Deputy Jeff Khau.

16. BOARD COMMENT ON NON-AGENDIZED ITEMS

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	Roll Call	minutes	Consent Calendar	12A	12Ba1
Brian Averill		y	y	abstain	y
Alley Bean		y	y	y	y
Tima Bell		y	y	y	no
Steve Bradbury		y	y	y	y
Clark Brown		y	y	y	y
CJ Cole		y	y	y	y
Eric Donaldson		y	y	y	no
Helen Fallon		abstain	y	y	y
Yolanda Gonzalez		y	y	y	no
Bruno Hernandez	Absent	Absent	Absent	Absent	Absent
Amara Hordt	Absent	Absent	Absent	Absent	Absent
Michael Jensen	Absent	Absent	y	y	no
Deborah Keaton		y	y	y	y
Erica Moore		y	y	y	y
Lisa Redmond		no	y	y	y
Jim Robb		y	y	y	y
Nico Ruderman		y	y	y	no
Robert Thibodeau		y	y	y	no
Soledad Ursua		y	y	y	no
Jason Sugars		y	y	y	y
Christopher Lee		y	y	y	y
TOTALS					
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