



# Venice Neighborhood Council

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## MINUTES

### Community Plan/Local Coastal Program Ad Hoc Committee Monday, April 15<sup>th</sup>, 2024 - 6:00 pm to 7:30 pm Venice Public Library at 501 S. Venice Boulevard

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**CALL TO ORDER: 6:10.**

### ROLL CALL WITH DECLARATION OF EX PARTE COMMUNICATIONS AND CONFLICTS OF INTEREST, if any:

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| Naomi Nightingale (Chair) | Edward Ferrer  | Alix Gucovsky  |
| Mark Mack                 | Frank Murphy   | Robin Rudisill |
| Richard Stanger           | Steve Williams |                |

Mark Mack was absent. No ex parte communications nor conflicts of interest were indicated.

### APPROVAL OF MARCH 10<sup>th</sup> MEETING MINUTES:

Minutes were approved.

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

### CHAIR REPORT:

### NEW BUSINESS:

#### A. PRESENTATION FOR DISCUSSION ON "LOT COVERAGE"

Richard Stanger gave a brief PowerPoint presentation intended to show what lot coverage alternative meant, what alternative were preferred, and how garage requirements affected back yard space.



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## **PUBLIC COMMENTS**

Comments devolved into those on parking requirements, turning radius issues, garage setbacks, etc.

## **COMMITTEE DISCUSSION**

The presentation was information only and discussion was limited.

### **B. PROPOSED CHANGES TO CITY PLANNING'S LAND USE PARAMETERS FOR THE NEIGHBORHOODS OF EAST VENICE, SOUTHEAST VENICE, OXFORD TRIANGLE, AND SOUTHWEST VENICE.**

Richard Stanger began a PowerPoint presentation designed to show in table format what City Planning's new land use proposals are, what they were earlier this year, and what changes might be made either based on Survey results or in areas where City Planning guidance is lacking (mainly lot coverage and lot consolidation). The intent was to have each subarea presented in two parts: one for residential land uses, and one for commercial (mixed-use) land uses. After each use, public comments were to be heard followed by Committee discussion to approve or modify the suggested changes.

However, only the residential land use table for East Venice could be shown because of the ensuing length of public comments and Committee discussion.

## **PUBLIC COMMENTS ON PROPOSED CHANGES**

There were many public comments. Errors in the presentation were pointed out. Lowering height limits in the future made no sense. The need for the Committee to understand and incorporate RHNA numbers was raised. The basis for certain recommendations in the presentation were questioned. The complexity of the table in the presentation for those not familiar with the process was noted. The need to get City Planning to explain what its intentions are, what its RHNA number are, etc., was raised.

## **COMMITTEE DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE MOTION TO APPROVE**

The Committee questioned to what extent were the public comments received during the eight review meetings part of the presentation. A lengthy discussion of the RHNA numbers ensued in the context of the City's plan for housing density, which some members feel needs to be addressed in any planning effort. Chair Nightingale pledged to meet with City Planners as soon as possible to discuss issues raised such as the allocated RHNA numbers.

Toward the end of the discussion several members of the Committee introduced the usefulness of shifting the direction away from what was presented. Instead the Committee should focus on the nine general areas of interest that were extracted from public comments made during the eight listening sessions held earlier in the year. Chair Nightingale decided that next Monday the Committee meeting will be a working meeting



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to discuss how to move forward with implementing the Preference Survey and City Planning's new StoryMap and proposals.

## TENTATIVE SCHEDULE FOR OTHER SUBAREAS:

There will be Committee meetings on April 22<sup>nd</sup> and April 29<sup>th</sup>. The meeting on the 22<sup>nd</sup> will allow the Committee to discuss a common direction.

**APRIL 22<sup>ND</sup>:** Committee working meeting. ~~OAKWOOD, MILWOOD, MARINA PENINSULA EAST AND WEST~~

**APRIL 29<sup>TH</sup>:** ~~To be determined. NORTH VENICE, VENICE CANALS, OCEAN FRONT WALK AND ABBOT KINNEY BOULEVARD~~

## ADJOURNMENT: 7:42.

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