



Venice Neighborhood Council

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MINUTES

Community Plan/Local Coastal Program Ad Hoc Committee Monday, May 6th, 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:

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

Mrk Mack was not present and there were no conflicts of interest.

APPROVAL OF APRIL 15th MEETING MINUTES:

Approved.

GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENT –

CHAIR REPORT:

Chair Nightingale reported on the meeting between City Planning staff and she, Robin Rudisill and Richard Stanger. City planners focused on two of the eight submitted questions, but others were discussed as well during the 35-minute Zoom meeting. The planners seemed interested in the Committee’s work and noted difficulty they had in accessing its website.

NEW BUSINESS:

Robin Rudisill gave a PowerPoint presentation on the Milwood and Southeast Venice subareas. She emphasized concerns related to the possible loss of RSO housing with City Planning’s new



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proposals. She also noted the discrepancy between the proposals and the Housing Element information newly released. Public comments that followed were favorable to the points raised.

The Committee discussed the recommendations and then approved two motions incorporating the recommended changes.

1. The Venice Neighborhood Council recommends the following changes for the Milwood subarea to Planning's current proposal for the Venice Community Plan:

- Change Villages land use designation to Neighborhood Center.
- For Neighborhood Center land use designation, change to: Maximum height--3 Stories (4 Stories); FAR--1.5 (2); and Lot coverage--65%.
- Change Neighborhood Center land use designation back to Medium Residential along the north side of Venice Blvd, from Orson Bean Way (by the theater) to the east side of Brenta Place, only for the Venice Blvd facing lots, with the remaining lots to Low Medium Residential (to conform with the current Housing Element proposal).
- For Public Facilities land use designation, change to: Maximum height--25' flat roof, 30' varied/stepped back.
- For Low Medium Residential land use designation, change to: Density--2DU (1 DU/2,500 SF if lot > 5,000 SF) (1 DU/1,500 SF if lot > 4,000 SF); Maximum height--25' flat roof, 30' varied/stepped back, 2 Stories (no bonus), 28' along Walk streets; FAR--0.8 (no bonus); and Lot coverage--45%.
- For Medium Residential land use designation, change to: Density--1 DU/1,200 SF of lot; Maximum height--3 Stories (4 Stories); FAR—1.0 (1.5); and Lot coverage--50%.
- Maintain the lots along California Ave, between Electric Court and Lincoln Court, at the current zoning. *
- Maintain the three lots at the Vera Davis Center, at Electric and California, as a community center, at the current zoning. *
- Maintain the four RD3-1 lots on Electric near California at the current zoning. *
- Maintain the five R2-1 lots on Oakwood near Orson Bean Way (by the theater) at the current zoning (no change to Public Facilities). *
- Allowable square footage for 4 stories to be no more than 45'.

* May be an error

Moved: Robin Rudisill

Seconded: Alix Gucovsky

Vote: Yes 6, No 1, Absent 1

2. The Venice Neighborhood Council recommends the following changes for the Southeast Venice subarea to Planning's current proposal for the draft Venice Community Plan:

- Change Villages and Community Center land use designations to Neighborhood Center.
- For Neighborhood Center land use designation, change Maximum height to 3 Stories (4 Stories), FAR to 1.5 (2), and Lot coverage to 65%.



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- Change Community Center land use designation on Harrison Ave to Medium Residential, with stipulation that existing commercial uses in the R3-1 zone are grandfathered but any redevelopment of a commercial use must be to a commercial/residential mixed use and conform to Medium Residential zoning for Density, Height, and FAR.
- Change Neighborhood Center land use designation back to Medium Residential along the south side of Venice Blvd, between Shell Ave and Naples Ave, only for the Venice Blvd facing lots, with the remaining lots to Low Medium Residential (to conform with the current Housing Element proposal).
- For Low Medium Residential land use designation, change to: Density--2DU (1 DU/2,500 SF if lot > 5,000 SF) (1 DU/1,500 SF if lot > 4,000 SF); Maximum height--25' flat roof, 30' varied/stepped back, 2 Stories (no bonus); FAR--0.8 (no bonus); and Lot coverage--45%.
- For Medium Residential land use designation, change to: Density--1 DU/1,200 SF of lot; Maximum height--3 Stories (4 Stories); FAR 1.0 (1.5); and Lot coverage--50%.
- For the Industrial land use designations, change to: Density--not permitted; Maximum height--25' flat roof, 30' varied/stepped back; FAR--1.0 (no bonus); and Lot coverage--65%.
- Maintain R3 zoning on Venezia Ave between Zena Place and Venice Blvd at current zoning. *
- Maintain Open Space zoning in the center of Venice Blvd. (no change to Public Facilities). *
- Allowable square footage for 4 stories to be no more than 45'.

* May be an error

Moved: Robin Rudisill

Seconded: Alix Gucovsky

Vote: Yes 6, No 1, Absent 1

ADJOURNMENT: 7:44

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