



# Venice Neighborhood Council

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## MINUTES

Community Plan/Local Coastal Program Ad Hoc Committee  
**Thursday September 5<sup>th</sup>, 2024 - 6:00 pm to 7:45 pm**  
Venice Public Library at 501 S. Venice Boulevard

**CALL TO ORDER:** 6:08 p.m.

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

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

No conflicts/ex parte communications noted.  
Mark Mack was absent.

**APPROVAL OF PRIOR MEETING MINUTES:** No Minutes were available.

**PUBLIC COMMENTS ON NON-AGENDA ITEMS:** None

**CHAIR REPORT:** None

**OLD BUSINESS:** None

**NEW BUSINESS:** City Planning staff presented a refresher on its Community Plan Update process and an overview of the drafts that it released this Spring (March 2024). They indicated that in order to qualify for "bonuses," a project can either provide a percentage of restricted affordable housing, or provide other community benefits, as defined. They noted that it is still a few years from the Westside Community Plans being adopted.

In response to audience questions, City Planning noted that they have not yet taken the recommendations in the VNC's Interim Report into consideration. The committee asked that City Planning come again soon so their reaction and changes made based on the VNC's recommendations can be discussed with the same public forum.

Several expressed concerns about insurance, and City Planning noted that what we build in the future will be driven by what insurance companies will insure.

There was a concern from a member of the public that the FARs recommended by the VNC will result in radical downzoning.

There was a concern about the very large East Venice lots with very little density.



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**City Planning will be updating the Venice Community Plan policies in the near future. The City Planners asked for our specific feedback.**

**City Planning noted that they are looking to the VNC for direction on parking. It was noted by the committee that Venice has one of the highest parking requirements of other coastal cities.**

**Our infrastructure is failing, including sewage spills (we've had 71 beach closures), which must be considered.**

**Necessary Coastal retreat must be considered and managed.**

**The Chair noted that she is very concerned about declining diversity.**

**The City Planners noted that currently Open Space is only required when there are six or more units. The new Zoning Code will require a percentage of Open Space.**

**The Committee invited the City Planners to join them for a drive through/tour of Venice.**

**Council Office representative, Sean Silva, stated that we can always funnel our concerns through the Council Office.**

**ADJOURNMENT: 7:45 p.m.**