



Venice Neighborhood Council

PO Box 550, Venice, CA 90294

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**Board of Officers Regular Meeting Agenda
6:30PM Tuesday, March 18, 2025
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

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

2. APPROVAL OF PRIOR MINUTES: [VNC FEB 18 MINUTES](#)

3. DECLARATION OF EX PARTE COMMUNICATIONS, CONFLICTS OF INTEREST OR RECUSALS

4. PUBLIC SAFETY REPORTS

5. GOVERNMENT REPORTS

Guest Speaker John McKinney, Director of Specialized Prosecutions for Los Angeles DA Nathan Hochman

6. ELECTION UPDATE

7. CHAIR REPORTS

8. BOARD MEMBER ANNOUNCEMENTS (1 Min)



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9. TREASURER'S REPORT

10. PRESIDENT'S REPORT

11. 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.

12. GENERAL CONSENT CALENDAR

GENERAL CONSENT CALENDAR Items deemed to be routine, non-controversial. Any Board member or stakeholder can ask a clarifying question instead of, or before, moving items to the end of the general agenda.

OLD BUSINESS

13. CIS IN SUPPORT OF COUNCIL FILE 15-1138-S42

DESCRIPTION: This motion asks for feasibility reports on developing a parking/mobility hub on LADOT Lot 731 and affordable housing on LADOT Lot 701.

MOTION: The VNC Board of Officers shall file a CIS in support of [LA City Council file 15 1138 S42](#) (see supporting docs)

NEW BUSINESS

14. LUPC

1222 ABBOT KINNEY BLVD. (8-0-1)

DESCRIPTION: Conversion of an existing single-family dwelling and ground floor retail to retail only, relocate dwelling unit to a new 366 sq. ft. live/work dwelling unit at rear of property.

MOTION: The Venice Neighborhood Council supports the City's approval of a Coastal Development Permit (CDP), a Specific Plan Project Compliance Permit (SPPC) and an Adjustment (ADJ) for the project at 1222 Abbot Kinney for the remodel of an existing single-family dwelling and ground floor retail building to be retail in the front of the property, on the condition that the 311 SF live/work unit is



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changed to a single-family dwelling (replacing the existing garage at the rear of the property) that is a minimum of 768 SF, the size of the original building (2-story is OK), with 2 long-term and 4 short-term bicycle parking spaces provided (long-term provided in the public right-of-way) and no car parking provided (AB 2097 exemption)

(see supporting docs)

15. BUDGET COMMITTEE (ALL 4-0-0)

- a. The VNC Board approves the February 28, 2025 Monthly Expenditure Report (MER). See supporting documents
- b. The VNC Board approves a \$4,000 Budget adjustment from Office and Election Funds to Neighborhood Purpose Grants. (Total NPG funds after adjustment will be \$8,000). See supporting documents
- c. The VNC Board approves a Neighborhood Purpose Grant (NPG) to Verdant Venice (fiscal sponsor Venice Chamber Community Fund) in the amount of \$4,862.00. See supporting documents

16. ARBOR COMMITTEE

MOTION TO URGE MTA NEW HOUSING TO PRESERVE AND ENHANCE GREEN SPACE (5-0-0)

DESCRIPTION: Whereas coast live oak is a keystone native tree;

Whereas coast live oak is resilient to fires, and supports local biodiversity like insects and birds;

Whereas the parkway on Sunset east of Main is 8ft., and an extension past Main to Pacific would keep the aesthetic consistent;

Whereas City Council person Traci Park has manifested the Pollinator and Resilience Corridor project in collaboration with VVG and the CD11 Foundation together with Venice Beach BID;

MOTION: Venice Neighborhood Council resolves to urge the city to provide an 8 ft. or larger parkway on Sunset between Main Street and Pacific on the south side of the street, in order to plant significant trees like oaks and as a segment of the pollinator corridor project which runs along Sunset and Rose.



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Following passage this Resolution shall be forwarded to Mayor Karen Bass, Councilwoman Traci Park, general managers of the Department of Public Works and the Department of Transportation.

17. OFW/BIKE PATH MOTORIZED VEHICLE ORDINANCE ENFORCEMENT

DESCRIPTION:

In 2022, in recognition of the significant dangers created by operating and renting motorized vehicles to be operated on Ocean Front Walk, the Boardwalk and the Bike Path, the City of Los Angeles enacted ordinances with penalties for businesses or individuals violating these laws. The fine for the first infraction is \$100. Subsequent infractions are \$250 or prosecution as a misdemeanor or more. LAPD has not been enforcing these ordinances and the number of motorized vehicles operating and being rented to operate on the Boardwalk and Bike Path has increase exponentially. Enforcement of these laws with notice to the public and to businesses is essential to the safety of all visitors to Venice Beach. With even sporadic weekly enforcement, the problem can be eliminated. The cost of LAPD attention to this will be offset by the fines collected from violators. Due to the serious danger that violations present, we recommend that the first infraction fine for violating the motorized vehicle ordinances be raised to \$250. (Note that this is the fine for the less dangerous activity of walking a dog on leach on the beach.) In lieu of fining non-resident rental customers, the fine could be levied against the rental company. As the law describes, it is the duty of the rental company to warn its customers that motorized vehicles may not be operated at Ocean Front Walk, the Boardwalk or Bike Path. The solution to this problem is NOT to add barriers, fencing or obstacles to our crowed Boardwalk. That would create new dangers for all pedestrians, including ADA accessibility, on the Boardwalk and it would do nothing, or would likely increase the problem on the Bike Path.

MOTION: The Board of the Venice Neighborhood Council requests that the Los Angeles Police Department give notice and enforce all laws and ordinances which preclude the use and rental of all motorized vehicles on Ocean Front Walk, the Boardwalk and the Bike Path per Los Angeles Municipal Code Section 63.44, Ordinance No.187667, an ordinance adding Section 71.31 to Article 1, Chapter VII of the Los Angeles Municipal Code and any and all other controlling ordinances. We recommend that the first infraction be increased to \$250.00 We request that that the Department of Recreation and Parks, the Business Improvement District, Council District 11 and the Venice Neighborhood Council each assist in amplifying notice to the Venice community, to visitors on Ocean Front Walk, and to all rental businesses of this law and its enforcement.



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18. STAKEHOLDER PETITION AL FRESCO MOTION (David Feige)

WHEREAS: After much debate and deliberation, on December 22, 2023, the City of Los Angeles enacted [Ordinance 188073](#) governing the permanent creation and operation of Al Fresco dining areas and,

WHEREAS: The Al Fresco Dining Ordinance is specifically designed to balance the interests of businesses and neighboring homeowners and residents and,

WHEREAS: Abiding by duly enacted rules is central to a civil and compassionate society.

MOTION: That the VNC will not support any applications for a permanent Al Fresco Dining permit unless the board finds that the applicant is, in fact, complying with the current Al Fresco Dining regulations.

(see supporting documents)

19. ADJOURN

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