



Venice Neighborhood Council

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Board of Officers Regular Meeting Agenda
6:30PM Tuesday, August 19th, 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	Richard Stanger
Gary Pearl	Lisa Redmond	Joseph Garcia	Jason Sugars
Helen Fallon	Jim Fitzgerald	Sarah Mahir	Christopher Lee
Tima Bell	Alley Bean	Fran Solomon	
Mark Mack	Clark Brown	Brennan Lawson	
Nico Ruderman	Steve Bradbury	Kenya Lee	

1. **APPROVAL OF PRIOR MINUTES: xxxx MINUTES – MAY, JUNE BOARD AND SPECIAL MEETING**
 2. **DECLARATION OF EX PARTE COMMUNICATIONS, CONFLICTS OF INTEREST OR RECUSALS**
 3. **PUBLIC SAFETY REPORTS**
 4. **GOVERNMENT REPORTS**
 5. **CHAIR REPORTS**
 6. **BOARD MEMBER ANNOUNCEMENTS (1 Min)**
 7. **TREASURER'S REPORT**
 8. **PRESIDENT'S REPORT**
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9. 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

10. 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.

11. OLD BUSINESS

A. MOTION TO ADOPT STANDING RULES OF DECORUM (Nico Ruderman)

MOTION: That the Venice Neighborhood Council hereby adopts the following Standing Rules of Decorum, which shall apply to all General Board Meetings and Committee Meetings, effective immediately upon adoption and remaining in force until amended or repealed by a majority vote of the Board.

DESCRIPTION

- Neighborhood Council meetings exist to serve the community through respectful, civil, and efficient deliberation; and
- Some recent meetings of the Venice Neighborhood Council have become contentious, with repeated personal conflicts, disruptive conduct, and excessive commentary interfering with the Council's ability to complete its business; and
- In the interest of both decorum and timeliness, it is necessary to establish clear expectations and procedures to ensure that meetings are conducted efficiently and do not unreasonably burden this volunteer board and the public; and
- The Board has a responsibility to set clear standards of conduct and procedures to ensure all participants—Board Members and members of the public—can be heard without intimidation or disruption;
- **See Supporting Documents**

B. MOVE BOARD MEETINGS TO PENMAR REC (Lisa Redmond)

MOTION: The Venice Neighborhood Council moves to hold its monthly Board of Officers regular meetings at the Multipurpose Center located at the Penmar Recreation Center for the remainder of the 2025-26 fiscal year.

DESCRIPTION: The Los Angeles budget crisis has trickled down to Neighborhood Councils and the allotted \$32,000 annual budget for the last several years has now been reduced to \$25,000 for this new fiscal year, which began July 1, 2025. A loss of \$7,000 is palpable and the Venice Neighborhood



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Council (VNC) needs to assemble immediate costs savings to force the reduced budget to stretch.

12. NEW BUSINESS

13. LUPC COMMITTEE ELECTION

14. LUPC

1222 Abbot Kinney (8-0-1)

MOTION: 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. <https://planning.lacity.gov/pdiscaseinfo/search/casenumber/ZA2024-6672-ZV-CDP-SPPC-ADJ-MEL>

DESCRIPTION: The Venice Neighborhood Council LUPC recommends that 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 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)

5:00 limit

15. BUDGET AND FINANCE

MOTION: The VNC Board of Officers approves the July 2025 Monthly Expenditure Report (MER). (See supporting documents)

16. COMMUNICATIONS

MOTION: The Venice Neighborhood Council approves Web Corner as the web host for the VNC website for the period July 1, 2025 – June 30, 2026. The total expenditure is \$1,830.

DESCRIPTION: The VNC has worked with Web Corner as our website host for over 10 years. After reviewing the time and expense required to move the VNC site to another hosting partner, the Communications Chair has determined it is in the best



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interest of the VNC to renew our contract with Web Corner for the fiscal year July 1, 2025 – June 30, 2026. The terms remain identical - \$150/mo for hosting which includes 1hours/month of tech support. The budget also includes annual domain registration. Total annual expenditure is \$1,830.

17. INCREASE ON TRASH FEES (Shaun O'brien)

MOTION: Prepare A Protest letter regarding the Increase consideration adoption of charges to the SOLID RESOURCES FEE, rates and consider all written protests against the proposed rates.

DESCRIPTION: Shaun Obrien, and Yolanda Gonzalez will present the proposed increased rates, from 36%to 63%, on individuals, and property owners, of PROPOSITION 218..The form of protest must be in by 9/30/2025

18. ADJOURN

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