



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 6:45 Call to Order

Brian Averill	Erica Moore	Yolanda Gonzalez	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	

Yolanda, Jason & Christopher Absent Tima & Alley Ineligible

1. APPROVAL OF PRIOR MINUTES: MINUTES – JULY BOARD

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Gary, Sarah Approved with corrections (16-0-0-5)
 Yolanda & Clark wer ineligible

2. DECLARATION OF EX PARTE COMMUNICATIONS, CONFLICTS OF INTEREST OR RECUSALS Sarah, Aley and Lisa met to discuss Homeless

3. PUBLIC SAFETY REPORTS

4. PRESENTATION ON TRASH RATE HIKE – SEAN O'BRIEN (3MIN)

5. GOVERNMENT REPORTS

6. CHAIR REPORTS

7. BOARD MEMBER ANNOUNCEMENTS (1 Min)



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8. TREASURER'S REPORT

9. PRESIDENT'S REPORT

10. 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

11. 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.

PARKING TRASPORATION & INFRASTRUCTURE

Motion to City in Support of Neighborhood-Requested Harbor-Bryan Drainage Project Due to the on-going chronic drainage problem faced by the neighbors around the intersection of Bryan Avenue and Harbor Street, the VNC requests that the City Public Works Department take positive steps to study, finance and physically correct the problem in the 2026-27 budget cycle.

12. OLD BUSINESS

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

Helen, Erica -
Motion to Move to Adcom Committee Helen, Lisa
Approved (13-2-1-5)

13. NEW BUSINESS

14. BUDGET AND FINANCE

MOTION: The VNC Board of Officers approves the July 2025 Monthly Expenditure Report (MER). (See supporting documents) Helen, Gary Approved (14-0-2-5)

15. LUPC COMMITTEE ELECTION (1 minute intro per candidate)

Nicole, David, Sarah Terry, Robin, David, Janessa & Mernoosh were elected



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16. LUPC

1222 Abbot Kinney (8-0-1) 5:00 limit

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/casenumbr/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)

Mark Helen Approved (8-5-1-6)

17. PARKING, TRANSPORTATION & INFRASTRUCTURE Richard, Gary Approved (15-0-1-5)

A. Motion in Support of Westside Regional Alliance of Council's (WRAC's) Position on the MTA's Sepulveda Transit Corridor Project

MOTION: The Venice Neighborhood Council, a member of the Westside Regional Alliance of Councils, supports the proposed underground heavy rail mode through the Sepulveda Pass, described in the DEIR as Alternatives 4, 5 and 6, because that 2 mode will carry significantly more passengers with higher rider capacities, faster speeds, and shorter travel times than the proposed monorail mode

DESCRIPTION: Whereas Metro is planning a rail transit project from the Expo Line north to the San Fernando Valley called the Sepulveda Transit Corridor (STC); and Whereas, while the STC project will not be physically located in Venice, it will offer Venice stakeholders a north-south rail line from the Westside through the Sepulveda Pass, including stops on the UCLA and VA campuses, and connections to other transit routes current and planned; and Whereas Metro has released its Draft Environmental Impact Report (DEIR) for the STC Project and will be deciding soon on both the rail mode (monorail vs heavy rail) and the exact project alignment among the five studied alternatives; and Whereas the Westside Regional Alliance of Councils' (WRAC) Mobility and Transportation Committee (MTC), with participation of the VNC's representative, has studied the STC Project's rail modes and determined that



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the heavy rail option is the best choice based on its higher rider capacities, faster speeds, and shorter travel times; and Whereas the Board of WRAC has passed the MTC's motion supporting the heavy rail mode in hope of building a coalition of at least eight member Councils to make this the official WRAC position on the DEIR by the August 30, 2025 deadline; and Whereas in August 2021, WRAC adopted a position supporting an on-campus 1 station at UCLA, and a direct and seamless connection to the Wilshire heavy rail Line subway station at Wilshire and Westwood Boulevards;

18. RULES AND ELECTIONS **Move to Sept. Agenda)**

A. Required Robert's Rules of Order Training for VNC Board Members

MOTION: The VNC Board approves that all duly elected or appointed Board Members complete the Robert's Rules made simple EmpowerLA – Robert's Rules of Order Training Portal within sixty (60) days of the start of their term. Upon completion, each Board Member must provide the Council with a Certificate of Completion as verification. This training ensures that all members are adequately prepared to participate in and lead meetings in accordance with parliamentary procedures and best practices.

DESCRIPTION: As community leaders, VNC Board Members are expected to uphold the principles of transparency, structure, and procedural fairness. Robert's Rules of Order provides the framework for equitable and efficient governance, and the recently launched EmpowerLA training portal offers an accessible, standardized program to support this learning. Requiring this training will strengthen the integrity and functionality of VNC meetings, foster mutual respect, and improve stakeholder trust in the decision-making process.

Implementation Details:

- As long as is available through EmpowerLA, Board Members must complete the training within 60 days of the start of their term.
- Certificates of completion should be submitted to the Secretary and recorded.
- This requirement applies to all current and future Board Members moving forward.
- A reminder shall be included in onboarding materials for all new Board Members

19. ADJOURN

9:47 PM Helen, Kenya

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Clark Brown	x	y	y	y	y	y											
Richard Stanger	x	y	y	y	n	y											
Helen Fallon	x	y	y	y	n	y											
Yolanda Gonzalez	absent	absent	absent	absent	absent	absent											
Brennan Lawson	x	y	y	y	y	y											
Kenya Lee	x	y	y	y	abstain	y											
Mark Mack	x	y	y	y	y	y											
Erica Moore	x	y	y	y	y	y											
Lisa Redmond	x	y	y	y	n	y											
Gary Pearl	x	y	n	y	y	y											
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Fran Solomon	x	y	y	y	y	y											
Jim Fitzgerald	x	y	n	y	n	y											
Jason Sugars	absent	absent	absent	absent	absent	absent											
Christopher Lee	absent	absent	absent	absent	absent	absent											
Sarah Mahir	x	y	y	y	n	y											
Joe Garcia	x	y	y	y	y	y											
TOTALS		16-0-0-5	13-2-1-5	14-0-2-5	8-5-1-6	15-0-1-5											

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