

- Start 7:02
- Roll Call: All Members Present (seven total)
- ExParte: All the Members spoke to various committee members about the presidential election and the draft agenda
- Items 1-11 Gary, Tima : Adjust LUPC with Robin Rudisill in Item 11 *Carried*
- Items 12-14 Old Business Gary Tima ;: Adjusted Outreach to add Newsletter and remove other items *Carried*
- Item 15 Budget & Finance - Gary, Helen Remove Gary's items *Carried*
- Item 16 LUPC Tima, Gary *Carried*
- Item 17 OFW Tima Gary: Work with Fran to correct *Carried*
- Item 18 Arbor - Gary Jason: Adjust to convey proper motion *Carried*
- 19 Stakeholder Greta - Jason, Gary – Work with Greta to revise *Carried*
- 20 Outreach: Gary, Tima Move Town Hall Website notice to the Website to consent *Carried*
- Gary's RV discussion Motion was removed from the agenda
- Soraya's motion is be moved to consent
- Item 21 Presidential Elections Tima, Sarah *Carried*
- Item 22 Removal of Lisa from Adcom, Tima Nico *Failed*
- Approve items on the Agenda Lisa, Helen *Carried*
- Chair set the agenda order
- Meeting Ajourned 10:08

Note: Voting is based on the Draft Agenda Numbering

	Minutes	Draft Agenda	Items 1-11	Items 12-14	Item 15	Item 16	Item 17	Item 18	Item 19	Items 20	21	21	Final Agenda
Gary Pearl	y	y	y	y	y	y	y	y	y	y	y	recused	abstain
Tima Bell	y	y	y	y	y	y	y	y	y	y	y	y	y
Helen Fallon	abstain	y	y	y	y	y	n	abstain	y	y	n	y	y
Nico Ruderman	y	y	y	y	y	y	y	y	y	y	y	y	y
Lisa Redmond	n	y	y	y	y	y	n	y	y	y	n	y	y
Jason Sugars	y	y	y	y	y	y	y	y	y	y	n	abstain	y
Sara Mahir	y	y	y	y	y	y	abstain	y	y	y	n	y	y
Totals	5-1-1-0	7-0-0-0	7-0-0-0	7-0-0-0	7-0-0-0	7-0-0-0	4-2-1-0	6-0-1-0	7-0-0-0	7-0-0-0	3-4-0-0	5-0-1-1	6-0-1-0



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## VENICE NEIGHBORHOOD COUNCIL

### Meeting Agenda

6:30PM Tuesday, Feb. 17th, 2026

Westminster Elementary School

1010 Abbot Kinney Blvd Venice, CA 90291 (enter from parking lot on Westminster Ave)

**IN CONFORMITY WITH THE JANUARY 1, 2026, ENACTMENT OF CALIFORNIA SENATE BILL 707 (DURAZO) AND LA CITY COUNCIL FILE 23-1114, THE VENICE NEIGHBORHOOD COUNCIL MEETING WILL BE CONDUCTED VIRTUALLY.**

Every person wishing to address the Board must dial **[MEETING PHONE NUMBER]** and enter **[WEBINAR ID]** and then press # to join the meeting. When prompted by the presiding officer, to provide public input at the Neighborhood Council meeting the public will be requested to dial \*9 or use the Raise Hand option, to address the Board on any agenda item before the Board takes an action on an item. Comments from the public on agenda items will be heard only when the respective item is being considered.

Comments from the public on other matters not appearing on the agenda that are within the Board's jurisdiction will be heard during the General Public Comment period. Please note that under the Brown Act, the Board is prevented from acting on a matter that you bring to its attention during the General Public Comment period; however, the issue raised by a member of the public may become the subject of a future Board meeting. Public comment is limited to 2 minutes per speaker, unless, adjusted by the presiding officer of the Board.

In the event of a disruption that prevents the eligible legislative body from broadcasting the meeting to members of the public using the call-in option or internet-based service option, or in the event of a disruption within the eligible legislative body's control that prevents members of the public from offering public comments using the call-in option or internet-based service option, the eligible legislative body shall take no further action on items appearing on the meeting agenda until public access to the meeting via the call-in option or internet-based service option is restored. Actions taken on agenda items during a disruption that prevents the eligible legislative body from broadcasting the meeting may be challenged pursuant to Section 54960.1.

**California Government Code Section 54953.8(b)(3).**

The legislative body shall not require public comments to be submitted in advance of the meeting and shall provide an opportunity for the public to address the legislative body and offer comments in real time.

**California Government Code Section 54953.8(b)(4).**

Notwithstanding Section 54953.3, an individual desiring to provide public comment through the use of an internet website, or other online platform, not under the control of the eligible legislative body, that requires registration to log in to a teleconference may be required to register as required by the third-party internet website or online platform to participate. California Government Code Section 54953.8(b)(5), A legislative body that provides a timed public comment period for each agenda item shall not close the public comment period for the agenda item, or the opportunity to register, pursuant to paragraph (5), to provide public comment until that timed public comment period has elapsed. **California Government Code Section 54953.8(b)(6(A)).**

**A legislative body that does not provide a timed public comment period, but takes public comment separately on each agenda item, shall allow a reasonable amount of time per agenda item to allow public members the opportunity to provide public comment, including time for members of the public to register pursuant to paragraph (5), or otherwise be recognized for the purpose of providing public comment.**

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## Venice Neighborhood Council Meeting Agenda Tuesday, Feb. 17<sup>th</sup>, 2026 6:30 pm Pacific Time (US and Canada)

### 1. CALL TO ORDER AND BOARD ROLL CALL

	<b>Erica Moore</b>	<b>Jason Sugars</b>	<b>Richard Stanger</b>
<b>Gary Pearl</b>	<b>Alley Bean</b>	<b>Jim Fitzgerald</b>	<b>Yolanda Gonzalez</b>
<b>Helen Fallon</b>	<b>Brennan Lawson</b>	<b>Joseph Garcia</b>	<b>Sarah Mahir</b>
<b>Tima Bell</b>	<b>Ted Henderson</b>	<b>Kenya Lee</b>	<b>Soraya Moss</b>
<b>Mark Mack</b>	<b>Clark Brown</b>	<b>Lisa Redmond</b>	
	<b>Fran Solomon</b>	<b>Nico Ruderman</b>	

### 2. DECLARATION OF EXPARTE COMMUNICATIONS AND CONFLICTS OF INTEREST

### 3. APPROVAL of PRIOR MINUTES for DEC, 2025 AND JAN 2026: See prior meeting minutes

#### a. Public Comment:

Maker:            Seconded:            Vote: (  Yes /  No /  Abstained /  Recused /  Ineligible)

### 4. CHAIR REPORT (1 MIN. EACH) and WELCOME:

### 5. PUBLIC SAFETY REPORTS

### 6. GOVERNMENT REPORTS (2min each)

### 7. BOARD MEMBER ANNOUNCEMENTS (1 Min)

### 8. TREASURER'S REPORT (2 min)

### 9. BLACK HISTORY MONTH – Venice Beach – Presentation by Naomi Nightengale (5MIN requested)

### 10. SAFE CLEAN WATER GRANT PRESENTATION – Isabelle Duvivier (15 MIN REQUESTED)



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**GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENT:** 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

### LUPC:

1. 3000 Beach Ave DIR-2025-5967-MEL, ADM-2025-4901-CEX; Remodel existing SFD, convert existing attached garage to junior ADU per GCS 66323(a)(1) & 66333

<https://planning.lacity.gov/pdiscaseinfo/search/casenumbr/DIR-2025-5967-MEL>

2. 19 Sunset Ave DIR-2025-5972-SPPC, ENV-2025-5973-CE; Remodel existing apartment to demo 2 balconies, replace 2 sliding doors with new windows, replace guardrail on 1 balcony

<https://planning.lacity.gov/pdiscaseinfo/search/casenumbr/DIR-2025-5972-SPPC>

3. 2413 Abbot Kinney Blvd DIR-2025-6361-MEL-HCA; Mello Act review to convert existing attached garage to ADU [Does not require CDP]

<https://planning.lacity.gov/pdiscaseinfo/search/casenumbr/DIR-2025-6361-MEL-HCA>

4. 3116 Stanford Ave - 7-0-0 (1 absent, 1 open seat)

DIR-2025-5335-CDP-MEL-HCA; ADM-2025-5336-VSO-ADU; ENV-2025-5337-CE  
Case on hold

Planner: [Michelle.Gallarza@lacity.org](mailto:Michelle.Gallarza@lacity.org)

City Hearing Date: not yet scheduled

**Project Description:** Conversion of existing garage to ADU & storage addition  
David Turnbull, LUPC Staff

<https://planning.lacity.gov/pdiscaseinfo/search/casenumbr/DIR-2025-5335-CDP-MEL-HCA>

5. 325 Brooks Ave - 7-0-0 (1 absent, 1 open seat)

DIR-2025-5126-CDP-MEL-HCA; ADM-2025-5127-VSO-ADU; ENV-2025-5128-CE  
Case on hold

Planner: [Michelle.Gallarza@lacity.org](mailto:Michelle.Gallarza@lacity.org)

City Hearing Date: not yet scheduled

**Project Description:** Conversion of detached garage into ADU with 2<sup>nd</sup> story addition  
David Turnbull, LUPC Staff

<https://planning.lacity.gov/pdiscaseinfo/search/casenumbr/DIR-2025-5126-CDP-MEL-HCA>

6. 670-672 Westminster Ave 8-0-0 (1 absent, 0 recused)

DIR-2025-4836-CDP-MEL, ADM-2025-4838-VSO-ADU, ENV-2025-4837-CE updated to ADM-2025-4838-VSO-ADU, DIR-2025-4836-MEL, ENV-2025-4837-CE (CDP eliminated)

Case on hold

Planner: [Michelle.Gallarza@lacity.org](mailto:Michelle.Gallarza@lacity.org)

City Hearing Date: none required?



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**Project Description:** Conversion of a 460 SF garage into an ADU

David Turnbull, LUPC Staff

<https://planning.lacity.gov/pdiscaseinfo/search/casenumbe r/DIR-2025-4836-CDP-MEL>

- 7. **20 Privateer Street** DIR-2025-5994-MEL-HCA, ADM-2025-5996-VSO-ADU, ENV-2025-5995-CE; New ADU within existing building

<https://planning.lacity.gov/pdiscaseinfo/search/casenumbe r/DIR-2025-5994-MEL-HCA>

## OLD BUSINESS:

### 12. HOMELESSNESS

#### A. FAMILY REUNIFICATION

**MOTION:** VNC board requests CD 11 in conjunction with relevant VNC committees expand awareness and publicity regarding the existence of a family reunification program aimed at reuniting local unhoused stakeholders with housing in their home region funded by CD 11; staffed daily on the boardwalk, by West coast Cares, by bringing awareness to all community members, especially service providers such as St Josephs, Bible Tabernacle, BID , Circle, and the Venice Family Clinic. We also request a report back detailing how sad publicity has been implemented

### 13. OUTREACH

#### A. Pet Resource Fair

**Motion:** The VNC Board approves an in person Pet Resource Fair hosted at a local park. The non-profit "Reducing Animal Stress" will coordinate and bring in local services. Sponsored by Council District 11, VNC Costs will not exceed \$1,500.00 that could include a picnic/bbq component and other costs for promotion and swag.

**Public Comment:**

**Committee Discussion/Vote:**

**Maker:**            **Seconded:**            **Vote:** (  Yes /  No /  Abstained /  Recused /  Ineligible)

#### B. Outreach Materials for Events

**Motion:** The VNC Board approves the purchase of Banner Patches announcing the preapproved Tsunami Town Hall Event, Door Hangers w/the VNC Logo Style Design and Corresponding Flyers utilized for LUPC notifications not to exceed \$550.00

**Public Comment:**

**Committee Discussion/Vote:**

**Maker:**            **Seconded:**            **Vote:** (  Yes /  No /  Abstained /  Recused /  Ineligible)



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## 14. STAKEHOLDER LISA REDMOND

### A. MOTION TO ESTABLISH AN AD HOC COMMITTEE ON LOS ANGELES CITY CHARTER REFORM

**MOTION:** The Venice Neighborhood Council moves to establish an Ad Hoc Committee on Los Angeles City Charter Reform for the purpose of engaging Venice Stakeholders in shaping recommendations for the City of Los Angeles Charter Reform process.

This Ad Hoc Committee shall consist of up to seven (7) members, including at least one (1) Board member, and may include community Stakeholders with interest or relevant experience. The Committee will automatically sunset on October 31, 2026, unless extended by Board action.

The Committee will be advisory only, will not speak on behalf of the Venice Neighborhood Council without prior Board approval, and will comply with all Brown Act requirements if determined to be a standing committee.

#### Mission Statement of the Ad Hoc Committee on Los Angeles City Charter Reform

“The mission of the Venice Neighborhood Council Ad Hoc Committee on Los Angeles City Charter Reform is to gather, document, and elevate the needs, concerns, and aspirations of Venice Stakeholders regarding the future structure and governance of the City of Los Angeles. The Committee will actively solicit community input, identify Venice-specific priorities, and develop clear, community-driven recommendations and Community Impact Statements for submission to the Charter Reform Commission and for consideration by the VNC Board.”

#### Committee Tasks and Scope

The Ad Hoc Committee shall be authorized to:

1. Engage Venice Stakeholders—including residents, renters, homeowners, unhoused neighbors, businesses, artists, civic groups, and youth, among others—to gather feedback on their priorities for Charter reform.
2. Develop outreach methods, such as surveys, listening sessions, workshops, or online feedback tools, to ensure inclusive community participation.
3. Identify Venice-specific needs and concerns related to governance, representation, public safety, land use, city services, ethics, accountability, neighborhood council authority, and other areas that may be affected by Charter reform.
4. Synthesize Stakeholder input into clear written recommendations that reflect the community’s expressed priorities.
5. Draft Community Impact Statements, position letters, and reports to recommend to the VNC Board for approval and subsequent submission to the Charter Reform Commission and other relevant bodies.
6. Analyze possible impacts of proposed reforms on neighborhood representation, budget authority, governance structure, land-use process, ethics rules, and other areas relevant to Venice Stakeholders, and communicate to the Board and Venice Stakeholders important information that will impact the community.
7. Provide updates to the VNC Board, including summaries of community feedback and draft recommendations for Board consideration.

**DESCRIPTION:**The City of Los Angeles is undertaking one of the most significant governance conversations in a generation: the reform and potential rewriting of the Los Angeles City Charter.



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This process will determine how power is distributed, how communities are represented, how city services are delivered, and how Neighborhood Councils function in the decades ahead. For a community as diverse, complex, and uniquely impacted by citywide policy as Venice, meaningful participation in this process is essential.

Venice faces distinct challenges and opportunities—ranging from land-use pressures to coastal regulations, from tourism impacts to infrastructure needs, from public safety concerns to the ongoing evolution of local representation. The Charter Reform process presents a rare opportunity for the Venice community to articulate what governance structures, accountability mechanisms, and city systems would best support its future.

A dedicated VNC Charter Reform Ad Hoc Committee is necessary to ensure that:

1. Venice stakeholders have a structured, transparent forum to voice their priorities, concerns, and aspirations for the future of Los Angeles governance.
2. Community input is proactively gathered, not merely received, through outreach, listening sessions, surveys, and engagement across all segments of the Venice population.
3. Venice’s unique needs are translated into clear recommendations and Community Impact Statements that can be formally submitted to the City’s Charter Reform Commission and the Los Angeles City Council.
4. The VNC Board receives well-researched, community-driven guidance to inform its positions on Charter reform matters.
5. Venice retains a strong voice in shaping how Neighborhood Councils—and the broader City government—will function in the future.

Without this committee, Venice risks being underrepresented in a once-in-a-generation civic process that will shape the City’s political, structural, and democratic landscape. Establishing a Charter Reform Ad Hoc Committee ensures that Venice’s experiences, values, and priorities are not only heard but elevated and incorporated into the reform dialogue.

In short: the committee is essential to protect Venice’s interests, empower its stakeholders, and ensure that the neighborhood plays an active role in defining the future governance of Los Angeles.

Public Comment:

Committee Discussion/Vote:

Maker:            Seconded:            Vote: (  Yes /  No /  Abstained /  Recused /  Ineligible)

## NEW BUSINESS:

### 15. BUDGET AND FINANCE:

- A. The VNC Board approves the January 2026 Monthly Expenditure Report (MER). see supporting documents.

Public Comment:

Committee Discussion/Vote:

Maker:            Seconded:            Vote: (  Yes /  No /  Abstained /  Recused /  Ineligible)



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- B. The VNC Board approves a budget not to exceed \$1,000 for the In Person "RVs Parked in the Streets of Venice Town Hall" previously approved as a Zoom event. Funds may be used for reasonable and necessary event related expenses, including location or room costs, equipment rentals such as tables and chairs, security support, decorum signage, location staffing, and very light refreshments such as water and protein bars. VNC approves budget adjustment if needed. (see supporting documents)

Public Comment:

Committee Discussion/Vote:

Maker:                      Seconded:                      Vote: (  Yes /  No /  Abstained /  Recused /  Ineligible)

## 16. LUPC

- 1. 606 Venice Blvd 8-1-0 (20 min)

APCW-2025-4181-CDP-SPPE-SPPC, ENV-2025-4182-CE

Motion: Resolved, the Venice Neighborhood Council supports the project at 606 Venice Blvd, with the following changes:

- a) The project shall add as many mature trees as possible, to provide shade over all areas.
- b) The project shall incorporate best practices in watershed management so that water catchment occurs on site, and cobblestones shall remain permeable.
- c) The applicant shall conduct a traffic circulation study to analyze the possibility of reversing the traffic flow.
- d) The project shall reserve space for Venice-based public art in the open exterior walls and/or outdoor spaces and shall incorporate architectural elements reflective of historic Venice character.
  - a. Case on hold

Planner: [Luis.C.Lopez@lacity.org](mailto:Luis.C.Lopez@lacity.org)

City Hearing Date: not yet scheduled

Project Description: Change of use & tenant improvements from existing office, light manufacturing, retail sales, and restaurant to a shopping center including retail, fitness, & sit-down/take-out restaurants

Jenesa Kurland, LUPC Staff

<https://planning.lacity.gov/pdiscaseinfo/search/casenumbr/APCW-2025-4181-CDP-SPPE-SPPC>

Public Comment:

Committee Discussion/Vote:

Maker:                      Seconded:                      Vote: (  Yes /  No /  Abstained /  Recused /  Ineligible)

- 2. Commercial uses in Industrial Zones--LUP Policy I.C.1.Industrial Land Use 5-2-2 (10 minutes)

City Council file:

<https://cityclerk.lacity.org/lacityclerkconnect/index.cfm?fa=ccfi.viewrecord&cfnumber=25-1282>

City Council File motion by Councilmember Park:

[https://cityclerk.lacity.org/onlinedocs/2025/25-1282\\_misc\\_10-28-25.pdf](https://cityclerk.lacity.org/onlinedocs/2025/25-1282_misc_10-28-25.pdf)

Certified Land Use Plan excerpt for Industrial Zones:



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<https://www.venicenc.org/assets/documents/5/meeting6987987584c99.pdf>

**Motion:**

Resolved, the Venice Neighborhood Council supports the motion in City Council File 25-1282 to amend the certified Venice Land Use Plan to clarify Policy I.C.1. Industrial Land Use, to explicitly prescribe that commercial uses are permitted on industrially designated land, on the condition that high quality industrial uses and artist studios/“artist studios with residences” are the priority uses over commercial use.

CIS for Council File 25-1282

**Public Comment:**

**Committee Discussion/Vote:**

Maker:                      Seconded:                      Vote: (  Yes /  No /  Abstained /  Recused /  Ineligible)

**3. 1515 Abbot Kinney Blvd/The Brig 8-1-0 (30 min)**

DIR-2025-2993-CDP, ENV-2025-2994-CE

**Motion:** For the reasons set forth in the LUPC Staff Report and Supplemental LUPC Staff Report, the Venice Neighborhood Council recommends denial of the CDP for “Al Fresco Dining” at 1515 Abbot Kinney Blvd/The Brig.

Case NOT on hold

Planner: Luis.C.Lopez@lacity.org

Hearing Date: not yet scheduled

**Project description:** Conversion of parking lot with temporary outdoor dining to permanent outdoor dining area

David Feige, LUPC Staff

<https://planning.lacity.gov/pdiscaseinfo/search/casenumbr/DIR-2025-2993-CDP>

**Public Comment:**

**Committee Discussion/Vote:**

Maker:                      Seconded:                      Vote: (  Yes /  No /  Abstained /  Recused /  Ineligible)

**17. Arbor Committee**

**A. VNC Support for the Great Park Coalition (4-0-0)**

**Motion:** Whereas Santa Monica voters overwhelmingly passed Measure LC in 2014, a charter amendment requiring the 192-acre Santa Monica airport property be used only for parks or recreational space once closed, Whereas the planned conversion of the Santa Monica Airport to a park will greatly increase open space access for Venice residents, especially the residents of East Venice, Whereas the Great Park Coalition has represented the efforts of the Santa Monica public to convert the park into a “Great Park”; Whereas Venice residents support the increase of open space, urban canopy, and biodiversity inside the urban environment and collaborative work can link the Santa Monica airport property, or the “Great Park”, to Venice in a way that supports these goals, Venice ought to



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engage and participate in the design and future of this space; Whereas the pollution, noise, and use of public space of Santa Monica Airport does not benefit and specifically harms the public at large and many Venice residents, therefore; The Venice Neighborhood Council supports the creation of a great park on the soon-to-be-closed Santa Monica Airport and will add their endorsement to the Great Park Coalition's list of partners. A letter of support will be sent to the city council district 11 office, the Rec and Park staff, and Streets LA.

Description: A recent meeting of the East Venice Neighborhood Association has brought forward the increased pressure to derail the planned airport closure with various efforts that directly impact Venice stakeholders. Please consider this effort to support the work of the Great Park Coalition to close the airport and use it as a future park.

## 18. Stakeholder Greta Cobar

### A. Venice Pagodas

Motion: Requesting that the current refurbishment plan scheduled for the pagodas on OFW have the goal of restoration following the 1931 construction plans, as executed by Arthur Cox. These include, but are not limited to: original size of pagodas; original number and design of seats and seating areas underneath and around the pagodas; original color and decorations of the pagodas Requesting that the Recreation and Parks Department and CD11 hold a Town Hall meeting for public input regarding restoration of the pagodas on OFW Requesting that the design plans for the restoration of the pagodas be released and open for public input Requesting that the VNC address this motion at the February OFW committee meeting as well as the February VNC Board meeting because Recreation and Parks is scheduled to start working on the pagodas next month Distribution/Notification List: Traci Park [councilmember.park@lacity.org](mailto:councilmember.park@lacity.org) Sean Silva [sean.silva@lacity.org](mailto:sean.silva@lacity.org) Juan Fregoso [juan.fregoso@lacity.org](mailto:juan.fregoso@lacity.org) Craig Bullock [craig.bullock@lacity.org](mailto:craig.bullock@lacity.org) Adan Pulido [adan.pulido@lacity.org](mailto:adan.pulido@lacity.org) Sonya Young-Jimenez [sonya.young-jimenez@lacity.org](mailto:sonya.young-jimenez@lacity.org) Karen Bass [mayor.lacity.gov/contact](http://mayor.lacity.gov/contact) Greta Cobar [gretathegreat99@aim.com](mailto:gretathegreat99@aim.com)

Description: Hi Tima, I would like to make the following request: Applicant: Stakeholder First Name: Greta Last Name: Cobar Email: [gretathegreat99@aim.com](mailto:gretathegreat99@aim.com) Phone: 323-350-3834 Date of Meeting: 2-2-2026 Submit Request to: Ocean Front Walk Committee Schedule Indicator: Urgent Title: Historical restoration of pagodas on Ocean Front Walk (OFW) Describe Discussion Item: The restoration planned for the pagodas along Ocean Front Walk needs to be open to public input. There is overwhelming support for historical restoration of the pagodas to the way they were first built in 1932. The changes that the city of Los Angeles made to the pagodas ahead of the 2000 Olympics were not approved by the public or the California Coastal Commission. Proposed Motion Language: Whereas the pagodas on Ocean Front Walk were first built in 1931-1932 Whereas the pagodas' construction was financed by unemployment bond funds Whereas the pagodas (originally called pergolas) are historical Whereas the pagodas were designed by famous architect Gregory Ain (1908-1988) Whereas the city of Los Angeles illegally and against its own refurbishment plans of 1997 decreased the size of the pagodas; reduced the number of seats under the pagodas; and fundamentally altered the design of the seats underneath the pagodas Whereas the city of Los Angeles is making an investment into beautifying OFW



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ahead of the summer 2028 Olympics Whereas the current design of the seats underneath the pagodas does not match the vernacular architecture of Venice Whereas the current seating under the pagodas is not accessible to persons with disabilities, as specified under the Americans with Disabilities Act Whereas the original pagodas have become iconic and were featured in popular films such as "Harry and Tonto", "Down and Out in Beverly Hills", "LA Story", "White Men Can't Jump", "Cobra", "Xanadu", and the Little Rascals' "Fish Hooky" Whereas the original 1931 design of the pagodas would significantly improve the aesthetics of OFW Whereas the Venice Neighborhood Council previously (2022 and 2024) passed resolutions requesting historical restoration of the pagodas Whereas the California Coastal Commission did not approve the reduction in seats underneath the pagodas that occurred as a result of the remodel that took place before the 2000 Olympics (the reduction/change in seats underneath the pagodas was not included in the OFW Refurbishment Plan submitted to the CCC in 1997)

## 19. OUTREACH

### A. Website Addition: Town Hall & Events Page (4-0-0)

**MOTION:** The VNC Board approves the creation of a Town Hall and Events page on the VNC website to serve as an educational and informational resource related to VNC hosted Town Halls and community events. The page may include event listings, background materials, stakeholder engagement tools, follow up information, and links to relevant reports and resources, and shall be developed collaboratively by the Outreach and Communications Committees consistent with VNC policies and City guidelines.

**Description:** Creation of a dedicated **Town Hall and Events page on the VNC website** to support education, transparency, and ongoing stakeholder engagement related to VNC hosted Town Halls and community events. This page would serve as a centralized informational resource for stakeholders, board members, presenters, and committees, and may include upcoming Town Halls and events, background information, links to reports and resources, and clearly identified points of contact. The page may also include structured methods for stakeholder engagement such as submitting questions in advance, suggesting future Town Hall topics, and viewing summaries or outcomes of past events. Where appropriate, follow up information such as key takeaways, responses to commonly asked questions, references to pilot programs, and links to City or community resources may be included to create a clear and lasting public record.

**Public Comment:**

**Committee Discussion/Vote:**

**Maker:**                      **Seconded:**                      **Vote:** (  Yes /  No /  Abstained /  Recused /  Ineligible)

### B. VNC Sponsorship of the "Paws in the Park Pet Resource Faire" (4-0-0)

**MOTION:** The VNC Board approves becoming a sponsor of the free event "Paws in the Park Pet Resource Faire" at Penmar Park in April 2026. Sponsorship allows the VNC to participate in planning, display the VNC logo on promotional materials, publicize the event through VNC



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**communication channels, and engage stakeholders on-site through our VNC outreach booth with participation from the Outreach Team and other interested committees.**

**Description:** The Venice Neighborhood Council as an official sponsor of the Paws in the Park Free Pet Resource Faire, alongside Reducing Animal Stress, Council District 11, and local vendors. Sponsorship would include use of the VNC logo on promotional materials, outreach through VNC communication channels, and an on-site VNC booth to engage stakeholders. A perfect opportunity for other VNC Committees to showcase their projects and highlight upcoming Town Halls and events.

**Public Comment:**

**Committee Discussion/Vote:**

**Maker:**                      **Seconded:**                      **Vote:** (  Yes /  No /  Abstained /  Recused /  Ineligible)

## 20. Stakeholder Gary Pearl

**Motion:**

**The Venice Neighborhood Council Board agendaize a review and discussion item to clarify Community Impact Statement (CIS) coordination and agenda confirmation procedures, in light of recent written clarification from the Board of Recreation and Park Commissioners (RAP), DONE, and the City Attorney.**

**Purpose:**

**The purpose of this item is to:**

1. **Receive and place into the administrative record any written confirmation from RAP regarding agenda placement or notification for the February 5, 2026 meeting;**
2. **Review the respective roles and responsibilities of CIS filers, Board officers, and the Council in confirming City agenda placement and presentation procedures;**
3. **Identify any procedural gaps or misunderstandings so they can be corrected going forward; and**
4. **Determine whether follow-up actions or policy adjustments are warranted at a future meeting.**
5. **This item is informational and procedural only. No findings of fault or disciplinary action shall considered at this time.**

**Public Comment:**

**Committee Discussion/Vote:**

**Maker:**                      **Seconded:**                      **Vote:** (  Yes /  No /  Abstained /  Recused /  Ineligible)

## 21. Relaunch Schools and Parks committee

**A. Discussion Item: School and Parks Committee Status. The School and Parks Committee has not met for several months. This item is intended to review the committee's status and discuss possible next steps for furthering community engagement around the much needed topic of our schools and parks in Venice.**

**Public Comment:**

**Committee Discussion/Vote:**

**Maker:**                      **Seconded:**                      **Vote:** (  Yes /  No /  Abstained /  Recused /  Ineligible)



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## 22. STAKEHOLDER YOLANDA GONZALEZ

### A. MOTION: To remove Lisa Redmond from the Administrative Committee

Description: According to article VII section 1 Part A of the VNC, Lisa Redmond is to be removed from the Administrative Committee (AdCom) effective immediately due to disruptive behavior and obstruction of the VNC AdCom members.

NOTE: Bylaws state that a community member of the AdCom Committee may be removed by the majority vote of the community officers of the council.

Public Comment:

Committee Discussion/Vote:

Maker:                      Seconded:                      Vote: (  Yes /  No /  Abstained /  Recused /  Ineligible)

## 23. STAKEHOLDER GARY PEARL

### A. Placeholder for Committee Guidance for RV Townhall

Public Comment:

Committee Discussion/Vote:

Maker:                      Seconded:                      Vote: (  Yes /  No /  Abstained /  Recused /  Ineligible)

## 24. Stakeholder Soraya Moss

### A. Motion: The Venice Neighborhood Council approves the establishment of an official VNC YouTube account for the posting of all webinar recordings and assorted activities.

Public Comment:

Committee Discussion/Vote:

Maker:                      Seconded:                      Vote: (  Yes /  No /  Abstained /  Recused /  Ineligible)

## 25. PRESIDENTIAL ELECTIONS – CANDIDATES WILL HAVE 3 Min to present

Candidates:

- A. David Feige
- B. Gary Pearl
- C. Ted Henderson

26. **GENERAL COMMITTEE COMMENT: Non-agenda items** within our subject matter jurisdiction. Each member will be allowed one (2) minute(s) unless adjusted by the chair of the meeting.

## 27. **ADJOURNMENT** *(Minutes will include ending time)*



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