



Venice Neighborhood Council

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Minutes

Community Plan / Local Coastal Program Ad Hoc Committee Meeting
Tuesday, August 4, 2026 - 6:30 pm to 8:30 pm

The Meeting was on Zoom

CALL TO ORDER: 6:32

1. BOARD ROLL CALL AND CONFLICTS OF INTEREST STATEMENTS:

Dr. Naomi Nightingale ✓	Ed Ferrer ✓	Judith Goldman X
Alix Gucovsky ✓	Robin Rudisill ✓	Richard Stanger ✓

No conflicts of interest reported.

2. **APPROVAL OF MINUTES:** Approval of March 3rd and July 23rd Minutes – held over to next meeting
3. **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.
4. **CHAIR COMMENTS:**
5. **OLD BUSINESS:**

Response to City Planning’s 2026 Proposed Community Plan for East Venice

Description: The purpose of this item is to present the Committee’s draft recommendations on City Planning’s 2026 land use proposals for East Venice. The Committee’s final recommendations from this meeting will be sent to the Venice Neighborhood Council for discussion and action on August 18th. The draft recommendations are based on what the VNC recommended in 2024, on the comments received from citizens of East Venice over the past month, and on the committee’s own analysis. Its report and an accompanying PowerPoint Presentation will be available after August 1st on the Committee’s website as Supporting Documents.

Motion: The Venice Neighborhood Council supports the recommendations in the Community Pla/Local Coastal Committee’s report: *East Venice Community Plan - Land Use Recommendations, August 2026*. The report will be transmitted to City Planning and Councilwoman Traci Park’s office.

The report includes public input from the Committee’s July 23rd and August 4th virtual meetings at which the report’s recommendations were presented.

Richard Stanger gave the PowerPoint presentation found in Supporting Documents.

a. Public Comments:

There were a number of public questions and comments on City Planning's proposals and the Committee's report. Most concerned the proposed heights of buildings allowed. The negative effect on sun shading on adjacent single-family residences and solar panels was mentioned several times.

b. Committee Discussion:

The Committee discussion mentioned the effect of the many tall buildings on traffic and congestion and on the emotional well-being of their neighbors.

The main issue was that the motion proposed was not strong enough in disapproving City Planning's proposals. Dr. Nightingale allowed the public to weigh in on how strong to make the motion. The result was that the motion will be made stronger. The Committee approved the revised motion with the understanding that the exact language will be drafted after the meeting. The revised motion is as follows:

Motion: The Venice Neighborhood Council (VNC) does not support the 2026 East Venice Community Plan recommendations proposed by City Planning, as they do not reflect the work, community input, or recommendations contained in the VNC's 2024 Interim Report.

The VNC instead supports the updated recommendations contained in the *Draft East Venice Community Plan – Land Use Recommendations (August 2026)* report prepared by its Community Plan/Local Coastal Program Ad Hoc Committee, which builds upon the VNC's 2024 Interim Report recommendations, incorporates public input received from East Venice residents at the Committee's July 23 and August 4, 2026 meetings, and reflects the Committee's subsequent analysis and recommendations. The VNC will continue working with City Planning, with the assistance of the Council Office, to incorporate additional recommendations from the East Venice community. The draft report and motion will be transmitted to City Planning and the CD-11 Council Office.

Motion Made by: **Alix Gucovsky**

Seconded by: **Ed Ferrer**

Vote: Yes - 5 , No - 0, Abstain - 0, Absent - 1.

ADJOURNMENT: 7:52