



VENICE NEIGHBORHOOD COUNCIL

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SPECIAL BOARD MEETING — MINUTES

Wednesday, July 29th, 2026 | **6:00 PM**

Topic: Completion of Board Business from July 21st meeting

I. THE MEETING WAS CALLED TO ORDER AT 6:09 PM.

The Chair appointed Robin Rudisill as Alternate (non-voting) Secretary in the absence of Tima Bell, Secretary.

BOARD ROLL CALL:

David Feige (President)	Kenya Lee	Lisa Redmond
Gary Pearl (Vice President)	Brennan Lawson	Nico Ruderman **
Tima Bell (Secretary)	Clark Brown	Richard Stanger
Helen Fallon (Treasurer)	Fran Solomon	Sarah Mahir
Mark Mack	Jason Sugars *	Alley Bean
Soraya Moss	Jim Fitzgerald	Ted Henderson ***
Erica Moore	Joseph Garcia	Yolanda Gonzalez

Strikethrough indicates absence

* Arrived at 6:28 pm

** Left at 6:47 pm

*** Left after IV.C.2. (time not noted)

II. DECLARATION OF EX PARTE COMMUNICATIONS, CONFLICTS OF INTEREST AND/OR RECUSALS (Post-filing only) (est 2 min)

Kenya Lee indicated she would be recusing on Agenda Item IV.B.2. 128 Hurricane St.

III. APPROVAL OF PRIOR MEETING MINUTES (est 3 min)

The VNC Board approves the Minutes of its July 21st Regular Board Meeting, and May 25th and May 31st Special Meetings.

Per President, David Feige, these Minutes were taken care of at the prior meeting.

IV. OLD BUSINESS Discussion and Possible Action on 78-26-VNC, 79-26-VNC, 84-26-VNC, 94-26-VNC to 98-26-VNC, and 100-26-VNC.

A. STAKEHOLDER PETITION: REMOVAL OF LISA REDMOND FROM THE ADMINISTRATIVE COMMITTEE

PLEASE NOTE: Special Voting provisions apply to this motion. Pursuant to Articles VII, Section 1(A) and Article V, Section 1. The only Board Members eligible to vote on this matter are the 13 at large members and the Special Interest Member. Those 14 are: Alley Bean, Jim Fitzgerald, Jason Sugars, Fran Solomon, Richard Stanger, Kenya Lee, Clark Brown, Joseph Garcia, Yolanda Gonzalez, Brennan Lawson, Nico Ruderman, Ted Henderson, Lisa Redmond, and Sarah Mahir. The motion requires a quorum and must be passed by a majority of present voters.

Motion 78-26-VNC

Pursuant to VNC Bylaws Article VII, Section 1(A) Lisa Redmond shall be removed from the Administrative Committee.

VOTE:

Moved by Jim Fitzgerald, Seconded by Yolanda Gonzalez

7: Yes (CB, FS, JF, KL, RS, TH, YG)

4: No (JS, LR, NR, SM)

1: Abstain (BL)

2: Absent: (TB, SMoss, AB, JG)

14: Total At Large Members/Special Interest Member

Motion passes

B. LAND USE & PLANNING COMMITTEE

1. Venice Beach FIFA Fan Zone (LUPC Vote: 8-0-0)

Motion 79-26-VNC

Many issues regarding the Venice Beach FIFA Fan Zone event were brought to the LUPC's attention, including: the displacement of the artist vendors (signs with city seal but no permit # were posted); lack of prior City Department of Recreation & Parks approval of the event and related liability issues; the area labeled for free admission and screen viewing was fenced off and inaccessible; the blacked-out 8-foot fence around the event area; sheer noise levels from the estimated 3,000-5,000 attendees, with music from the rave heard for miles; responsibility for grass killed throughout event area; exorbitant cost of water and beer inside the event area; false advertising for the wellness event (which was advertised as free); blocking of street parking on surrounding streets during setup; dangerous conditions on the bike path, which included pedestrians, e-bikes and encroachment of sandbags/fencing; estimated poor negotiation of fee splits by the City; and Coastal Act Section 30610(i) "Guidelines for the Exclusion of Temporary Events from Coastal Commission Permit Requirements – Adopted 5/12/92" that seem too permissive (a temporary event may receive an exclusion from having a coastal permit only if it does *not* meet all three of these criteria: is held between Memorial Day weekend and Labor Day, occupies all or a portion of a sandy beach area, and involves a charge for general public admission or seating where no fee is currently charged for use of the same area).

Therefore, the Venice Neighborhood Council (VNC) requests that 1) in the future, any permits for large events at the Venice Beach Boardwalk, such as for this multi-day FIFA Fan Zone event, be presented to the VNC for review and community input prior to City approval, both to inform the community of the event and to obtain community input, and 2) the City/CD-11 investigate the issues raised herein regarding the Venice Beach FIFA Fan Zone event, determine whether the permit conditions and requirements were adequate, and determine whether the event complied with those permit requirements.

VOTE on amendment to remove "1) in the future, any permits for large events at the Venice Beach Boardwalk, such as for this multi-day FIFA Fan Zone event, be presented to the VNC for review and community input prior to City approval, both to inform the community of the event and to obtain community input, and 2)"

Moved by Jim Fitzgerald, Seconded by: Brennan Lawson

4: Yes (CB, JF, RS, YG)

11: No (GP, HF, MM, EM, BL, FS, JS, KL, LR, SM, TH)

1: Abstain (DF)

5: Absent (TB, SMoss, AB, JG, NR)

Amendment fails

VOTE on main motion:

Moved by David Feige, Seconded by Gary Pearl

14: Yes (GP, HF, MM, EM, BL, CB, FS, JS, JF, KL, LR, RS, SM, TH)

1: No (YG)

1: Abstain (DF)

5: Absent (TB, SMoss, AB, JG, NR)

Motion passes

2. **128 Hurricane St** (at Canal Court/Grand Canal/Ballona Lagoon)
CPC-2024-2010-GPA-ZC-SPPC-CU3-1A (LUPC Vote: 8-0-0)

Project Description: Citizen appeal, dated May 27, 2026, of the January 22, 2026 CPC determination (mailed May 7, 2026) to approve a General Plan Amendment, Zone Change from RW2-1 (Residential Waterways Multi-Family) to PF-1 (Public Facilities), Specific Plan Project Review and Conditional Use for the construction, use, and maintenance of a public parking area in a residential zone.

Motion 84-26-VNC

The Venice Neighborhood Council (VNC) continues to recommend **denial** of the project proposed at 128 Hurricane St, supports the citizen appeal of the CPC determination that approved the project, requests that the City Council and PLUM take the VNC recommendation of denial under serious consideration in their review of the appeal, and requests that Councilmember Park strongly support the appeal.

Note: Kenya Lee left the meeting after making a public comment.

VOTE:

Moved by David Feige, Seconded by Jason Sugars

11: Yes (GP, MM, EM, BL, CB, FS, JS, JF, RS, TH, YG)

3: No (HF, LR, SM)

1: Abstain (DF)

1: Recused (KL)

5: Absent (TB, SMoss, AB, JG, NR)

Motion passes

Note: Kenya Lee returned to the meeting.

C. **BUDGET AND FINANCE COMMITTEE**

1. **Treasurer's Report**

2. **Approval of MER**

Motion 94-26-VNC

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

VOTE:

Moved by Helen Fallon, Seconded by Erica Moore

11: Yes (HF, MM, EM, BL, FS, JS, JF, LR, RS, SM, TH)

0: No

5: Abstain (DF, GP, CB, KL, YG)

5: Absent (TB, SMoss, AB, JG, NR)

Motion passes

3. Funding approvals

NOTE: Public Comment and Board Comment will be taken on Items 95-26-VNC through 97-26-VNC at one time rather than item by item.

a. **Portable Bulletin Board**

Motion 95-26-VNC

The VNC Board **approves** an expenditure of up to \$200 for a portable bulletin board and bulletin board supplies to be used at Board meeting. (Note: This motion was approved in June, but the bulletin board was misdelivered to Reseda. VNC was credited and Home Depot provided a discount for the inconvenience-could not be reordered as city had closed books for fiscal year.)

VOTE:

Moved by Helen Fallon, Seconded by Clark Brown

11: Yes (HF, MM, EM, BL, CB, FS, JS, KL, LR, RS, SM)

3: No (GP, JF, YG)

1: Abstain (DF)

6: Absent (TB, SMoss, AB, JG, NR, TH)

Motion passes

b. **Tabling**

Motion 96-26-VNC

The VNC Board **approves** the Outreach Committee to identify local events and venues with majority Venice Stakeholder attendance to perform Tabling/community engagement, using handouts, small banner insert panel, VNC branded swag and/or light refreshments. Total cost per tabling will not exceed \$120.00 per tabling and the total annual cost will not exceed \$1200.00.

VOTE:

Moved by Helen Fallon, Seconded by Erica Moore

11: Yes (GP, HF, MM, EM, BL, CB, FS, JS, LR, RS, SM)

3: No (JF, KL, YG)

1: Abstain (DF)

6: Absent (TB, SMoss, AB, JG, NR, TH)

Motion passes

c. **Door Hangers**

Motion 97-26-VNC

The VNC Board **approves** the purchase of VNC branded Door Hangers or corresponding Flyers utilized for LUPC notifications to Stakeholders of proposed projects in their neighborhood, annual cost not to exceed \$550.00. LUPC will provide quarterly reports to the Board on the effectiveness of this notification system.

VOTE:

Moved by Helen Fallon, Seconded by Clark Brown

12: Yes (GP, HF, MM, EM, BL, CB, FS, JS, JF, LR, RS, SM)

1: No (YG)

2: Abstain (DF, KL)

6: Absent (TB, SMoss, AB, JG, NR, TH)

Motion passes

4. **DENIAL OF NPG REQUEST BY SPARC**

Motion 98-26-VNC

The VNC **does not approve** funding to SPARC for an NPG to celebrate Day of the Dead. (see supporting documents for SPARC NPG request for \$5,000)

VOTE:

Moved by Helen Fallon, Seconded by Erica Moore

10: Yes (GP, HF, MM, EM, CB, JF, KL, RS, SM, YG)

1: No (BL)

4: Abstain (DF, FS, JS, LR)

6: Absent (TB, SMoss, AB, JG, NR, TH)

Motion passes

D. HAMA SUSHI (est 20 min)

213 Windward Ave/Hama Sushi (at Main St)

ADM-2026-1849-RBPA (LUPC Vote: 8-0-0)

Project Description: Administrative clearance pursuant to LAMC 12.22 [A.34/A.35], Restaurant Beverage Program (RBP), to allow the sale and dispensing of beer and wine only for on-site consumption In conjunction with a restaurant with 1,853 sf of indoor floor area, with 110 indoor seats and 20 outdoor seats in a 400 sf outdoor patio in the public right of way operating from 5 pm to 9:30 pm daily.

Motion 100-26-VNC

The Venice Neighborhood Council recommends **denial** of the RBPA for 213 Windward Ave/Hama Sushi due to lack of outreach, incomplete application, and concerns about relationship to subsequent Al Fresco Dining CDP application.

VOTE to table until LUPC rehears the item:

Moved by David Feige, Seconded by Gary Pearl

13: Yes (DF, GP, HF, MM, EM, BL, CB, FS, JS, JF, KL, RS, YG)

0: No

2: Abstain (LR, SM)

6: Absent (TB, SMoss, AB, JG, NR, TH)

Motion passes

V. GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENT ON NON-AGENDA ITEMS

VI. PRESIDENT'S REPORT AND BOARD MEMBER ANNOUNCEMENTS

VII. THE MEETING WAS ADJOURNED AT 8:37 PM.
