



VENICE NEIGHBORHOOD COUNCIL

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Oct 20th, 2026 Meeting Minutes & Voting

REGULAR BOARD MEETING — AGENDA

Tuesday, October 20th, 2026 | 6:30 PM

Westminster Elementary School — 1010 Abbot Kinney Blvd, Venice, CA 90291
(Enter auditorium from parking lot on Westminster Ave)

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I. CALL TO ORDER AND BOARD ROLL CALL

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

A. DECLARATION OF EX PARTE COMMUNICATIONS, CONFLICTS OF INTEREST AND/OR RECUSALS (Post-filing only)

B. APPROVAL OF PRIOR MEETING MINUTES

The VNC Board approves the Minutes of its Regular Meeting on Sept. 15th 2026.
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II. OLD BUSINESS-- Discussion and Possible Action on Motion 143-26-VNC

A. SUPPORT FOR CITY COUNCIL MOTION TO IMPROVE THE MARVIN BRAUDE BIKE TRAIL THROUGH VENICE BEACH (up to 15 minutes)

Parking, Infrastructure and Transportation Committee Vote: 4-1-1

Motion 143-26-VNC

The Venice Neighborhood Council **supports Councilwoman Traci Park's proposed motion** to have City Council instruct the Department of Transportation, with assistance from the Bureau of Engineering, Recreation and Parks Department and Los Angeles County Public Works, to report back in 30 days with an assessment of the cost, funding opportunities and resources needed to widen the Marvin Braude Bike Trail through Venice Beach in order to accommodate a pedestrian path in time for the 2028 Olympic and Paralympic Games. It further suggests that City agencies include in their assessment safety improvements to the Marvin Braude Bikeway between the beach and Oxford Avenue.

- B. 238-240 HORIZON AVE: Motion 138-26-VNC** (238-240 Horizon Ave has been re-submitted by the Land Use & Planning Committee with a new recommendation. The updated motion will be heard as new business, **Motion 148-26-VNC**, at V.C.

III. PRESENTATIONS AND GOVERNMENT REPORTS (up to 35 minutes)

- Aron Arugay Executive Director Westside County Vector (Mosquito Abatement Update) (5 Minutes)
- Congressman Ted Lieu's Office — Janet Turner (3 min)
- Supervisor Horvath's Office-- Zachary Gaidzik (3 Min)
- Councilmember Traci Park's Office — Sean Silva (5 min)
- LAPD (5 min)
- Board questions for City Officials (9 min)
- PRESENTATION: Washington Square Monument Project--Tima Bell (5 min)

IV. ANNOUNCEMENT OF VACANCY (up to 3 minutes)

The Communications Chair held by Soraya Moss has been declared vacant due to Absences. This announcement is being made pursuant to Article V, Section 10 of the Venice Neighborhood Council Bylaws. The following is a summary of the missed meetings with links to the minutes demonstrating the absences. [September 16th](#), [August 18th](#), and [July 21st](#).

V. NEW BUSINESS: *Discussion and Possible Action on Motions 144-26-VNC through 156-26-VNC*

A. BUDGET AND FINANCE (up to 15 minutes)

1. Treasurer's Report (2 minutes)
2. Consideration of Budget and Finance Motions:

NOTE: Public comment will be taken on all Budget and Finance items at once, rather than on each individual motion. Board discussion of and voting on Motion 144-26-VNC, will be as an individual item while a single vote will be taken on Motions 145-26-VNC and 146-26-VNC.

Motion 144-26-VNC

The VNC Board approves the September 2026 Monthly Expenditure Report (MER). (see supporting document)

Motion 145-26-VNC

The VNC Board approves a reimbursement of \$133.14 to Board member Richard Stanger for printing of September Board Agenda and Supporting Documents. (see supporting documents)

Motion 146-26-VNC

The VNC Board approves the expenses for the RVs on the Public Streets of Venice Town Hall totaling \$665.00 as follows: \$250.00 Banner Patches announcing the event, 10.00 Name Tags, \$230.00 Printed Materials (Flyers, Rules of Decorum Poster, etc), \$150.00 Refreshments, \$25.00 Miscellaneous Supplies.

- B. 4089-4101 LINCOLN BLVD/THE TURTLE** (formerly known as Brennan's) (at Carter Ave near Berkeley Dr) (up to 20 minutes)
[DIR-2026-3260-CDP-CDO](#)

Project Description: Interior tenant improvements, Al Fresco Dining area (entirely on private property, not in the public right-of-way), construction of a street wall if required by Lincoln Blvd CDO, construction of a perimeter sound wall.

LUPC Vote on Motion & Conditions 1-5: 6-0-1 (1 absent, 1 recused)

LUPC Vote on Condition 6: 8-0-0 (1 absent)

See LUPC Staff Report in Supporting Documents

Motion 147-26-VNC

The Venice Neighborhood Council **recommends approval** of the Coastal Development Permit for the Al Fresco Dining areas, construction of a street wall, and construction of a perimeter sound wall for the project at 4089-4101 Lincoln Blvd, **subject to the following conditions:**

1. Prior to issuance of any building or demolition permit, a written construction noise mitigation plan shall be submitted, specifying permitted work hours consistent with LAMC §41.40 and the noise limits of LAMC §111.03, the sequencing and duration of jackhammering, if any, and other impact demolition, and a named on-site contact with a published phone number for construction complaints.
2. Soundproofing specifications for noise mitigation at the west boundary abutting Carter Avenue shall be submitted, including the construction, height and acoustic rating of the proposed acoustic fence, sufficient to demonstrate significant attenuation to the abutting R1 properties during operating hours.
3. Written confirmation shall be submitted that no outdoor stage, performance venue, raised platform, dance floor or similar facility shall be proposed or installed in any outdoor dining area.
4. Hours of operation shall follow the Al Fresco Dining Ordinance regulation for abutting properties—"An Outdoor Dining Area shall operate no later than 10:30 pm on Sundays through Thursdays and no later than 11 pm on Fridays and Saturdays."
5. There shall be no charge for customer parking at the property.
6. At least 12 large native trees (48" box) shall be planted in the ground, situated throughout the property in order to shade seating locations as reflected in the applicant's floor plan, and native hedging, such as Toyon or Tree Ceanothus, shall be planted around the south and east corners, with as many remaining plants as possible to be chosen from the native plant list on the VNC website: <https://www.venicenc.org/assets/documents/5/committee6a28e0b2840c2.pdf>

C. 238-240 HORIZON AVE (between Main St & Riviera Ave) (up to 15 minutes)

DIR-2026-2577-CDP-MEL-HCA ENV-2026-2578-EAF

Project Description: 3rd story addition to existing duplex & new 2-story attached ADU in rear w/open ground floor below, with up to 6 parking spaces and bicycle parking.

LUPC Vote: 8-0-0 (1 absent)

See LUPC Staff Report in Supporting Documents

Motion 148-26-VNC

The Venice Neighborhood Council **recommends denial of the proposed project** at 238-240 Horizon Ave, **unless the following conditions are met:**

1. Historic preservation: The applicant shall consult with the City of Los Angeles Office of Historic Resources regarding the proposed alterations, particularly for the front elevation, to ensure that the design appropriately responds to the property's identification as a contributor to the SurveyLA Historic District. In particular, all setbacks including sloped massing planes shall be required, as per the Venice Coastal Zone Specific Plan.
2. Landscape preservation: The applicant shall provide two replacement trees in the front yard, if the existing mature tree in the backyard is removed.

D. PROPOSAL FOR A MIX OF IN-PERSON AND ONLINE BOARD MEETINGS

Purpose: to expand the opportunity for stakeholders to participate in VNC meetings while preserving the important in-person nature of our work. (David Feige) (up to 20 minutes)

Motion 149-26-VNC

Beginning in January, **every other regularly scheduled board meeting shall be held virtually**. Thus, the January, March, and May Board meetings will be in person, while the February, April, and June meetings will be held virtually.

E. CONSENT CALENDAR (up to 15 minutes)

NOTE: CONSENT CALENDAR — voted on as a single agenda item. Any board member or stakeholder may offer good cause as to why an item on the consent calendar should be removed and addressed as a separate agenda item. Pursuant to VNC Standing Rule 14, The Chair shall have sole discretion to determine what constitutes good cause. Board Member requests for removal should also be made pursuant to and in compliance with standing rule 14.

- 1. Opposition to Substantial Increase in Land Use Appeal Fees (Council File 09-0969-S4)**
(Stakeholder Robin Rudisill)

Motion 150-26-VNC

Whereas, the City is proposing to increase the non-applicant appeal fee filed by non-applicants within the noticing/mailling radius to \$1,145, increase the non-applicant appeal fee filed by non-applicants outside the noticing/mailling radius to \$2,289, and has requested the City Attorney to prepare and present an ordinance to amend the LAMC for these changes. The Venice Neighborhood Council **opposes the City's proposed increase in Land Use Appeal Fees for non-applicants.**

- 2. Request to delay consideration of PLUM approval of the Venice Coastal Zone AI Fresco Access Study and Mitigation Plan pending stakeholder outreach and feedback (Council File 20-1074-S5)** (Committee Chairs Mark Mack and Richard Stanger)

Purpose: Multiple committees of the VNC have repeatedly requested information and expressed concerns regarding the preparation of the Venice Coastal Zone AI Fresco Access Study and Mitigation Plan. Yet the City has engaged in no outreach to the VNC or its committees concerning this significant study. Instead, with no notice and no input this study and its findings were presented to and adopted by the PLUM committee on October 13th, 2026.

Motion 151-26-VNC

The Venice Neighborhood Council (VNC) strongly urges CD-11 and the City Council NOT to consider the PLUM approval until **meaningful consultation with the VNC and Venice stakeholders** has taken place, and urges CD-11 to instruct Planning, LADOT and BOE to immediately engage in such outreach.

- 3. Recertification of the Ad Hoc Youth Civic and Cultural Engagement Committee**

Motion 152-26-VNC

The Venice Neighborhood Council Board of Officers **hereby approves the recertification** and renewal **of the Ad Hoc Youth Civic and Cultural Engagement Committee** until June 30th 2027 from the date of recertification, retaining its previously approved mission, objectives, and committee structure pursuant to the VNC Bylaws and Standing Rules

- 4. Support for David Lee's City Council Motion (Council File 26-1050)**
Arbor Committee Vote: 5-0-0

Motion 153-26-VNC

The Venice Neighborhood Council **supports** the City Council Motion in CF 26-1050 to **review tree spacing guidelines** with the goal of increasing the number of trees based on best science for maximizing the health of the trees, biodiversity and shade on Los Angeles city streets.

5. LUPC Waivers:

Motion 154-26-VNC

The Venice Neighborhood Council **waives review** of the following projects, without prejudice:

1039 Pleasant View Ave (near California Ave)

DIR-2026-4510-MEL

Project Description: Legalization of garage conversion to an ADU.

226 Ruth Ave (between Rose Ave & Dewey St)

DIR-2026-4592-MEL-HCA

Project Description: Garage ADU conversion.

225 Windward Ave (near Main St)

DIR-2026-4708-MEL

Project Description: Detached garage conversion to ADU.

2408 Boone Ave (at Olive Ave)

DIR-2026-4006-MEL-HCA

Project Description: Conversion of existing garage to ADU.

540 Indiana Ave (between 5th Ave & 6th Ave)

DIR-2026-4113-MEL-HCA

Project Description: New 2-story detached ADU.

2404 Clement Ave (at Olive Ave)

DIR-2026-5115-MEL

Project Description: New ADU.

846 Superba Ave (between Oakwood Ave & Linden Ave)

DIR-2026-5120-MEL-HCA

Project Description: 325 sf ADU.

1223 Cabrillo Ave (at Cadiz Court)

DIR-2026-5131-MEL-HCA

Project Description: Conversion of existing 250 sf garage

6. 52 Windward Ave (at Pacific Ave)

DIR-2026-3938-BSA ENV-2026-3266-EAF

Project Description: Building & Safety appeal ("BSA") of an LADBS determination re. an order to comply related to signage painted on the building.

Appeal

LUPC Vote: 8-0-0 (1 absent)

See draft letter in Supporting Documents

Motion 155-26-VNC

The Venice Neighborhood Council opposes the DBS appeal and supports the Department of Building & Safety position on the DBS appeal regarding the signage painted on the building at 52 Windward Ave, Case No. DBS-260034-DCP and Order to Comply #A-6539238, and submits the attached letter of explanation to the Zoning Administrator recounting the facts and case law.

7. Planting of Palms on the Beach

Arbor Committee Vote: 4-0-0

Motion 156-26-VNC

The Venice Neighborhood Council supports the planting of palms on the beach, also known as the Venice Gateway Planting Project, with the express condition that the planting of palm trees is pursuant to beach aesthetics concerns raised by some individuals and it should be noted the efforts of the Arbor Committee remain committed to California native trees throughout the Venice Neighborhood.

VI. PRESIDENT'S REPORT AND COMMITTEE UPDATES (up to 10 minutes)

VII. GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENT ON NON-AGENDA ITEMS (up to 15 minutes)

VIII. ADJOURNMENT

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RECONSIDERATION AND GRIEVANCE PROCESS

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2026 Oct. 20th VNC Meeting

- Start: 6:45PM
- Agenda Modification –Item 2 (Venice Monument Presentation) & Item 5E.6 Will not be heard
 - Roll Call: Alley Bean, Kenya Lee, Lisa Redmond, Richard Stanger ** Clark Left – 8:41.
- Prior Minutes – Tima, Gary - Amend to read Postpone to October Meeting instead of “tabling” Motion Carries (9-2-5-4)
- Old Business
 - 143-26-VNC - Gary, Jason - Support of Bike Path - Motion Carries (11-3-2-4)
 - Motion to Postpone – Sarah, Helen - Motion Fails (6-9-1-4)
- Vacancy of Seat on Council announced
- New Business
 - A. Budget & Finance
 - 144-26-VNC - MER - Helen, Tima– Motion Carries(15-0-1-4)
 - 145 & 146-26-VNC - Helen, Tima - Motion Carries(15-0-1-4)
 - B. 147-26-VNC 4089-4101 Lincoln Road – Tima, Erica – Motion Carries (16-0-0-4)
 - Motion to Amend Helen, Erica – Add Condition #7 - Premises shall only operate as a Type 47 ABC License as a bona fide restaurant and shall not be allowed to engage in Al Fresco Dining under a type 48 ABC license as a bar. Motion Carries – (11-5-0-4)
 - 148-26-VNC – 238-240 Horizon Ave (LUPC Denial)– Mark, Tima Motion Carries (11-2-3-5)
 - 149-26-VNC Mix In Person & Online Board Meetings - Amended Motion Carries (15-0-0-5)
 - Motion to Amend – Jason, Helen Request Nico Ruderman to study the steps, technology and motions required to do a hybrid meetings – no separate zoom meeting.
- Consent Calendar – Motion Carries (8-5-0-7)
- Adjourn 9:36PM

Roll Call Prior Minutes 143-26-VNC Bike Path Improvement Motion to Postpone to 143-26-VNC 144-26-VNC Budget & Finance 145 & 146-26-VNC Budget & Finance 147-26-VNC 4089-4101 Lincoln Blvd Motion to Amend - Operate as a 47 Only - Not as a 48 148-26-VNC 238-240 Horizon Ave. 149-26-VNC Mix In-Person & Online Board Meetings (Motion Amended) Motions 150-156-26-VNC Consent Calendar

First Second		Tima	Gary	Sarah	Helen	Helen	Tima	Helen	Mark	David	
		Gary	Jason	Heather	Tima	Tima	Erica	Erica	Tima	Gary	
David Fiege		abstain	abstain	abstain	abstain	abstain	y	y	abstain	y	y
Gary Pearl		y	y	n	y	y	y	y	n	y	y
Tima Bell		y	y	n	y	y	y	n	n	y	y
Helen Fallon		n	n	y	y	y	y	y	y	y	n
Mark Mack		abstain	y	y	y	y	y	y	y	y	y
Erica Moore		abstain	y	y	y	y	y	y	y	y	n
Alley Bean	absent	absent	absent	absent	absent	absent	absent	absent	absent	absent	absent
Clark Brown		y	y	n	y	y	y	n	absent	absent	absent
Fran Solomon		y	y	n	y	y	y	y	y	y	y
Jason Sugars		y	abstain	y	y	y	y	y	y	y	n
Jim Fitzgerald		y	y	n	y	y	y	y	abstain	y	y
Joseph Garcia		y	n	n	y	y	y	n	y	y	n
Kenya Lee	absent	absent	absent	absent	absent	absent	absent	absent	absent	absent	absent
Lisa Redmond	absent	absent	absent	absent	absent	absent	absent	absent	absent	absent	absent
Nico Ruderman		abstain	y	y	y	y	y	y	y	y	n
Richard Stanger	absent	absent	absent	absent	absent	absent	absent	absent	absent	absent	absent
Sarah Mahir		n	n	y	y	y	y	y	y	y	absent
Seaf Hartley		abstain	y	n	y	y	y	y	y	y	y
Ted Henderson		y	y	n	y	y	y	n	y	y	absent
Yolanda Gonzalez		y	y	n	y	y	y	n	n	y	y
TOTALS		9-2-5-4	11-3-2-4	6-9-1-4	15-0-1-4	15-0-1-4	16-0-0-4	11-5-0-4	11-3-2-5	15-0-0-5	8-5-0-7

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