VENICE NEIGHBORHOOD COUNCIL

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REGULAR BOARD MEETING — MINUTES

Tuesday, November 17th, 2026 | 6:30 PM

Westminster Elementary School — 1010 Abbot Kinney Blvd, Venice, CA 90291

(Enter auditorium from parking lot on Westminster Ave)

I. CALL TO ORDER AND BOARD ROLL CALL—the meeting was called to order at 6:39 pm. The Chair appointed Robin Rudisill as Alternate (non-voting) Secretary in the absence of Tima Bell, Secretary.

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~~
VACANT (Communications Chair)	Joseph Garcia	Ted Henderson
Erica Moore (Outreach Chair) ***	~~Konya Lee~~	Yolanda Gonzalez

~~Strikethrough~~ indicates absence
* Alley Bean and Sarah Mahir left the meeting after Item III., at approximately 8:20 pm.
** Clark Brown left the meeting after Item IV.B, at approximately 8:35 pm.
*** Erica Moore left the meeting during Item IV.C., at 8:56 pm.

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

None noted.

B. APPROVAL OF PRIOR MEETING MINUTES

The VNC Board approves the Minutes of its Regular Meeting on October 20th, 2026.
https://www.venicenc.org/assets/documents/5/meeting6ada57b4153f0.pdf

VOTE on October 20, 2026 Minutes:
14: Yes (GP, HF, MM, EM, AB, CB, JS, JF, JG, RS, SM, TH, YG, DF)
0: No
0: Abstain
6: Absent (TB, FS, KL, LR, NR, SH)
Motion passes.

II. PRESENTATIONS AND GOVERNMENT REPORTS (up to 25 minutes)

- LAPD (5 minutes)
- Congressman Ted Lieu's Office, Janet Turner (3 min)
- Supervisor Horvath's Office, Zachary Gaidzik (3 Min)
- Councilmember Traci Park's Office (5 min)
- Board questions for City Officials (9 min)

III. BOARD ELECTION: *Discussion and Possible Action on filling the Communications Chair vacancy.* (up to 45 minutes)

See supporting documents for Candidate Applications

Pursuant to Article V. Section 6.B. of the Bylaws. The vacancy will be filled by a majority vote of the remaining board members. If no candidate receives a majority (~~10~~ 11 or more votes) on the first ballot, voting will continue until one candidate receives a majority.

The Four Candidates are: **David Adelson, Tanya Shaby, Patricia Poston, and Nico Ruderman***

**While Nico Ruderman's application was received after the deadline, the Administrative Committee voted to include it for consideration.*

Each candidate will have up to 2 minutes to make an initial presentation. Then there will be up to 10 minutes of public comment, and up to 15 minutes of Board Q&A with the candidates (candidates will all answer the same questions) and 10 minutes of Board Discussion.

Both David Adelson and Patricia Poston withdrew prior to the voting.

FIRST VOTE:
10: Tanya Shaby (MM, AB, CB, JF, JG, RS, TH, YG, GP, DF)
4: Nico Ruderman (HF, EM, JS, SM)
6: Absent (TB, FS, KL, LR, NR, SH)
Neither candidate reached 11 votes.

SECOND VOTE:
10: Tanya Shaby (MM, AB, CB, JS, JG, RS, TH, YG, GP, DF)
4: Nico Ruderman (HF, EM, JS, SM)
6: Absent (TB, FS, KL, LR, NR, SH)
Neither candidate reached 11 votes

The Chair will check with DONE re correct voting procedure and the result will be on hold until then.

Alley Bean and Sarah Mahir left after Item III., at approximately 8:20 pm.

IV. NEW BUSINESS PART 1: *Discussion and Possible Action on Motions 157-26-VNC through 160-26-VNC*

A. PARKING, TRANSPORTATION AND INFRASTRUCTURE COMMITTEE (up to 20 minutes)

Nuisance-Related Ticketing of RVs and OVs Throughout Venice
PTIC Vote:4-0-0-2
See supporting document

Motion 157-26-VNC

The Venice Neighborhood Council supports efforts by businesses and others to enforce ticketing of Oversized Vehicles (OVs) throughout Venice by:

1. urging the LADOT and the LAPD to ticket the OVs for violating the anti-nuisance provisions of law set forth in Cal. Civil Code sec.3479 and LAMC secs. 91.9002 and 11(l), and
2. urging the LADOT and the LAPD to take such other steps as necessary to abate the nuisances the OVs inflict on businesses and residences as required by City Charter sec. 570 and LAAC sec. 22.480 et seq.

VOTE:
6: Yes (GP, CB, JF, RS, TH, YG)
4: No (MM, EM, JS, JG)

2: Abstain (HF, DF)
8: Absent (TB, AB, FS, KL, LR, NR, SM, SH))
Motion passes.

B. ADMINISTRATIVE COMMITTEE (Budget and Finance Committee declined action) (up to 15 minutes)

Motion 158-26-VNC

The Board hereby approves the following amendments to page 3 of the 2026/2027 Admin Packet:

1. The addition of Jim Fitzgerald as "alternate signer"
2. The designation of Gary Pearl as "1st Bank Card holder"

See supporting document

VOTE:
6: Yes (GP, CB, JF, JG, TH, YG)
3: No (HF, EM, RS)
3: Abstain (MM, JS, DF)
8: Absent (TB, AB, FS, KL, LR, NR, SM, SH)
Motion passes.

Motion 159-26-VNC

The Board hereby approves the reimbursement of David Feige in the amount of $246.69 for the purchase of the printer, toner and paper for VNC Secretary Tima Bell, an expenditure previously approved in motion 135-26-VNC.
See supporting document

VOTE:
10: Yes (GP, MM, EM, CB, JS, JF, JG, RS, TH, YG)
0: No
2: Abstain (HF, DF)
8: Absent (TB, AB, FS, KL, LR, NR, SM, SH)
Motion passes.

Clark Brown left the meeting after Item IV.B., at approximately 8:35 pm.

C. LAND USE & PLANNING COMMITTEE (up to 20 minutes)

301 Washington Blvd/Siamese Garden and Baja Cantina (between Grand Canal & Sanborn Ave)
DIR-2026-2703-CDP, ENV-2026-2704-EAF, ADM-2026-2705-CZW
Project Description: Al Fresco Dining at existing parking lot and construction of new coverings for portions of the patios.
LUPC Vote: 8-0-0 (1 absent)
See LUPC Staff Report in supporting documents

Motion 160-26-VNC

The Venice Neighborhood Council recommends the approval of the project to make the temporary Al Fresco space permanent at 301 Washington Blvd/Siamese Garden and Baja Cantina, with the following conditions:

1. Neglected exterior electrical and plumbing is fixed or replaced.
2. Fence between Siamese Garden and Baja Cantina is opened to allow Siamese Garden patrons to use Baja Cantina restrooms.
3. Remove stage.
4. Add four (4) native trees on site in Al Fresco area.

5. Remove drive apron and curb cut on Washington Blvd. Install parkway brick pavers to match adjacent parkway and plant a tree. Install curb which allows for legal street parking.
6. Al Fresco operating hours remain as per City ordinance for abutting properties: not later than 10:30 pm Sunday – Thursday and 11:00 pm on Fridays & Saturdays.

Erica Moore left the meeting during IV.C. Quorum was then lost and the meeting ended at 8:56 pm.

V. PRESIDENT'S REPORT (up to 10 minutes)

A. Appointment of Richard Stanger to WRAC Transportation Committee in lieu of Selena Inouye.
See supporting document

VI. NEW BUSINESS PART 2: *Discussion and Possible Action on Motions 161-26-VNC through 168-26-VNC*

A. LAND USE & PLANNING COMMITTEE (up to 20 minutes)

52 Windward Ave (at Pacific Ave)

DIR-2026-3938-BSA ENV-2026-3266-EAF
Project Description: Building & Safety appeal ("BSA") of a LADBS determination re. an order to comply related to signage painted on the building.
The ZA hearing took place on October 7, 2026 and the ZA took the case under advisement for 8 weeks.
LUPC Vote: 6-2-0 (1 absent)
See LUPC Staff Report in supporting documents

Motion 161-26-VNC

The Venice Neighborhood Council **supports the continued legal non-conforming use** of the signage painted on the building at 52 Windward Ave, **only for non-illuminated on-site signage.**

B. 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. PARKING, TRANSPORTATION AND INFRASTRUCTURE COMMITTEE

Palms Boulevard Bikeway Survey
PTIC Vote:4-0-0-2
See supporting document

Motion 162-26-VNC

The Venice Neighborhood Council **approves a bikeway safety enhancement survey** for Palms Boulevard, from Abbott Kinney Boulevard to Walgrove Avenue, a Minor Bike Route in the adopted Venice Bikeway Network.

2. LAND USE & PLANNING COMMITTEE

a. Motion to Waive VNC Recommendation, Without Prejudice

Motion 163-26-VNC

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

3906 Pacific Ave (between Ironsides St & Hurricane St)
DIR-2026-5250-MEL-HCA
Project Description: Addition & conversion of portion of existing 3 dwelling unit property to 2 accessory dwelling units & 1 unpermitted dwelling unit.

625 Crestmoore Place (between Abbot Kinney Blvd & Oakwood Ave)
DIR-2026-5280-MEL-HCA
Project Description: Detached ADU approved by Coastal Commission Waiver 5-26-0008-W.

636 Vernon Ave (between 6th Ave & 7th Ave)
DIR-2026-5288-MEL-HCA
Project Description: Detached ADU.

708 Brooks Ave (near 7th Ave)
DIR-2026-5292-MEL-HCA
Project Description: Junior ADU approved by Coastal Commission Waiver 5-26-0176-W.

676 Marr St (at Olive St)
DIR-2026-5357-MEL
Project Description: Conversion of existing garage to JADU.

b. VNC Standing Rules for LUPC--proposed changes

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

Motion 164-26-VNC

The Venice Neighborhood Council **approves the proposed Standing Rules changes for LUPC**, as follows:
https://www.venicenc.org/assets/documents/5/meeting6af549bf8f3e8.pdf

c. **620 Lincoln Blvd/Fox Venice Theater** (at Vernon Ave)

Request for letter of support of Historic Cultural Monument Nomination for Fox Venice Theater to Office of Historic Resources and Cultural Heritage Commission.
LUPC Vote: 7-1-0 (1 absent)

Motion 165-26-VNC

The Venice Neighborhood Council **supports the application for Historic Cultural Monument for the Fox Venice Theater**, 620 Lincoln Blvd:
https://www.venicenc.org/assets/documents/5/meeting6aeb7cd1d3008.pdf

d. 718 4th Ave (between Indiana Ave & Vernon Ave)

Project description: demolition notice posted without having filed the CDP application.
LUPC vote Motion 166: 7-0-1 (1 absent)
LUPC vote Motion 167: 7-0-1 (1 absent)
See supporting documents

Motion 166-26-VNC

Whereas, the demolition notice posted at 718 4th Ave has raised concerns regarding the City's processing of this application for a building permit for a demolition in the Coastal Zone before a Coastal Development Permit (CDP) application has been submitted, as well as the adequacy/clarity of public notification and lack of historic resources review.

Resolved, the Venice Neighborhood Council requests that the Department of Building & Safety and the Department of City Planning provide written confirmation **that no demolition permit for 718 4th Ave will be issued until all applicable Coastal Zone and Historic Resources review requirements have been satisfied.**

Motion 167-26-VNC

Whereas, the Department of Building and Safety (DBS) demolition procedures and Information Bulletin P/BC 2026-039 do not clearly explain the additional, specific requirements applicable to demolition in the Coastal Zone;

Resolved, the Venice Neighborhood Council (VNC) requests that the DBS and the Department of City Planning (DCP):

1. Ensure that **all Coastal Zone demolition permit applications explicitly identify a Coastal Zone clearance** requiring verification of an approved CDP or legally valid coastal exemption determination prior to issuance of a demolition permit.
2. Ensure that demolition applications for buildings more than 55 years old receive all applicable Historic Resources screening and review, with the screening/reviews documented before demolition permits are issued.
3. Revise demolition public notices for Coastal Zone properties to prominently disclose any coastal approvals that remain outstanding and that demolition has not yet been authorized.
4. Revise DBS demolition bulletins and procedures to clearly distinguish Coastal Zone requirements from general Citywide demolition procedures, including the need for applicable CDP approval.
5. Ensure that demolition and associated replacement development are appropriately evaluated together where required under the Coastal Act and applicable City regulations.

Be it further resolved, the VNC requests that DBS and DCP provide written clarification of these procedures and confirm that no demolition permits in the Coastal Zone will be issued until all applicable Coastal Zone and Historic Resources review requirements have been satisfied.

C. **BUDGET AND FINANCE** (up to 10 minutes)

1. 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 the MER will be as an individual item, while a single vote will be taken on any remaining non-NPG motions.

Motion 168-26-VNC

The VNC Board approves the November 2026 Monthly Expenditure Report (MER).
See supporting document

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

VIII. ADJOURNMENT