Joint VNC Board & Administrative Committee Meeting Agenda
Monday, February 10, 2020 at 8:15pm
Extra Space Storage, President’s Row Room
658 South Venice Blvd, Venice, 90291

1. Call to Order and Roll Call

2. Approval of the Administrative Committee Agenda

3. Approval of outstanding Administrative Committee minutes

4. Announcements & Public Comment on items not on the Agenda

5. Old Administrative Committee Business

6. New Administrative Committee Business

6B Consideration and approval of February 18, 2020 Draft Board Agenda

7. Adjourn
Note (i) The Administrative Committee does not address or consider the merits of proposed agenda items. Its function is to determine whether a proposed agenda item will be placed on the next Board meeting agenda, postponed, referred to a specific committee for review and recommendation, treated as an announcement, or considered and resolved as a non-Board administrative matter. (ii) The Administrative Committee has the discretion to reorder the items on the agenda to accommodate stakeholders or for other reasons.

BOARD MEETINGS: The Venice Neighborhood Council holds its regular meetings on the third Tuesday of the month and may also call any additional required special meetings in accordance with its Bylaws and the Brown Act. All are welcome to attend.

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1. Call to Order and Roll Call (7:00 PM)
Meeting called to order in memory of Kobe Bryant and congratulations to Teresa and Evan White on the birth of their second daughter.

2. Pledge Of Allegiance (7:01PM -- 1 minute)

3. Approval of the Agenda (PM – 1 minute)

4. Approval of the Minutes of the August 20, 2019 VNC Board meeting.

5. Declaration of Ex Parte Communications or Conflicts-Of-Interest (PM -- 1 minute)
All Board members shall declare any ex parte communications or conflicts-of-interest relating to items on this meeting’s agenda.

6. Removal of Board Member Matt Fisher (Ira Koslow, President president@venicenc.org)
MOTION: The VNC Board removes Matt Fisher as a Board Officer as per VNC Bylaws Article 5 Section 9. The Board may remove any Officer whenever the best interests of the VNC would be served. No Officer shall be removed for any arbitrary, capricious or discriminatory reason. Removal of a Board Officer requires a two-thirds (2/3) vote of the Board Officers present and voting at a meeting. 
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7. Scheduled Announcements and Presentations

7A Live Stream of Meetings (PM -- 3 minutes)
All VNC Board meetings are streamed live online. Please log onto facebook and share the live stream on the VNC homepage to promote community participation. Click here to share! https://www.facebook.com/VeniceNC/

7B Spanish Translation Available (Esteban Pulido, pulido.esteban@gmail.com)
Spanish Interpretation services and agendas are available with advance notice.

7C Public Safety - LAPD & LAFD Report (10 minutes): Senior Lead Officers Monique Contreras - 38228@lapd.lacity.org, SLO Adrian Acosta - 39174@lapd.online, SLO Javier Ramirez - 39174@lapd.online, SLO Karwon Villery - 38717@lapd.online Venice Beach Task Force - SGT Theresa Skinner - 31142@lapd.online. Includes a monthly Venice crime report and updates on law enforcement issues in Venice.
7D **Government Reports (15 minutes)** (Representatives have standing place on the agenda, but are not always available to attend)
- City Councilmember Mike Bonin, Field Deputy
- Congressman Ted Lieu, Representative Janet Turner, 310-496-9896 (janet.turner@mail.house.gov)
- State Senator Ben Allen, Representative Colby Harriman (colby.harriman@sen.ca.gov)
- State Assemblyperson Autumn Burke, West Los Angeles Field Representative, Brandon Stansell, (310) 412-6400, (brandon.stansell@asm.ca.gov)
- LA County Supervisor Sheila Kuehl Westside Field Deputy Zac Gaidzik (310)231-1170, zgaidzik@bos.lacounty.gov
- Mayor Eric Garcetti, Westside Deputy, Ami Fields-Meyer, 323 552-6730 (ami.fields-meyer@lacity.org)
- Empower LA Neighborhood Council Advocate, Jasmine Elbarbary, 213-978-1551 (jasmine.elbarbary@lacity.org)

7E **VNC Announcements and Reports (5 minutes)**
- President -Ira Koslow (President@VeniceNC.org)
- Names and email addresses of all recipients must be included in motions submitted to the Board.
- Westside Regional Alliance of Councils- Ira Koslow, VNC Representative (Chair@westsidecouncils.org),
- Los Angeles Neighborhood Council Coalition (LANCC) Ivan Spiegel (Parliamentarian@VeniceNC.org)
- VNC Representative to DWP/Gas Company: Yolanda Gonzales
- Budget Advocates - Hugh Harrison, Treasurer
- Outreach Announcements - Sima Kostovetsk

7F **Board Member Announcements on subject matters within the VNC jurisdiction** - One (1) minute per Board member (5 minutes)

7G **Presidential Primary Voting Reminder** (Ivan Spiegel, Parliamentarian/Pollworker)
Reminder and short preview of the upcoming California Primary. **(5 minutes)**

7H **LAUSD Updates** Nick Melvoin **(20 minutes)**
LAUSD School Board Member Nick Melvoin will discuss updates regarding Venice and Mar Vista LAUSD schools.

7I **Presentation on the progress of the Youth Internship Program** (Joe Murphy) **(5 minutes)**

8. **Treasurer’s Report** **(10 minutes)** (Hugh Harrison on behalf of Budget & Finance Committee) (Treasurer@VeniceNC.org)
See attached addendums at [http://www.venicecenc.org/minutes-and-agendas.php](http://www.venicecenc.org/minutes-and-agendas.php) [Discussion and possible action]
8A  Approve Monthly Expenditure Report  
MOTION: The VNC Board approves the November Monthly Expenditure Report.  
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Recommended by Budget and Finance Committee 4-0-0 on 2/4/2020

8B  Approve Expenditure to Date Report  
MOTION: The VNC Board approves the Expenditure to Date Report for November.  
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Recommended by Budget and Finance Committee 4-0-0 on 2/4/2020

8C  Approve Expenditure to Date Report  
MOTION: The VNC Board approves the Expenditure to Date Report for December.  
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Recommended by Budget and Finance Committee 4-0-0 on 2/4/2020

8D  Approve Funding for Tsunami Awareness Campaign  
MOTION: The VNC approves up to $500 for advertising the commencement of a Tsunami Awareness campaign.  
Recommended by Budget and Finance Committee 4-0-0 on 2/4/2020

8E  Approve a NPG for the Welcome Neighbor Program  
MOTION: The VNC Board approves a NPG for $500 to the Welcome Neighbor Program.  
Recommended by Budget and Finance Committee 4-0-0 on 2/4/2020

8F  Approve Funding for Anti-Littering Campaign  
MOTION: The VNC approves $1000 for the promotion of and advertisement for an Anti-Littering Campaign.  
Recommended by Budget and Finance Committee 4-0-0 on 2/4/2020

9.  Announcements and Public Comment on items not on the Agenda (PM - 10 minutes)  
[No more than 1 minute per person – no Board member announcements permitted]

10.  General Consent Calendar (PM -- 5 minutes)  
[All agenda items on the Consent Calendar will pass when the Consent Calendar is approved. No discussion or Public Comment is allowed on any item. Items may be removed by any board member or stakeholder. Removed items will go to the end of the agenda and be treated as regular agenda items with discussion and public comment.]

11.  LUPC (PM – minutes) (Alix Gucovsky on behalf of LUPC, Chair-lupc@VeniceNC.org)  
(see project files for more detailed info at http://www.venicenc.org/land-use-committee.php)

11A  2533 Lincoln Boulevard  
ZA-2018-2367-CUB-ZV-SPP
City Hearing  TBD
Applicant:  Night Market
LUPC Staff:  Barry Cassilly
Representative  Dafne Gokcen dafne@fedesignandconsulting.com
City Planner:  
Description:
·  CUB for expansion of alcohol sales into the new dining area.  ZA to allow required parking off site by lease at 2521 Lincoln Boulevard.  SPP for the change of use from retail to restaurant.
·  CDP for change of use from retail to restaurant
·  CDP and CDO for the change of use from auto sales to parking lot at 2521 Lincoln Boulevard

MOTION:  The VNC Board recommends approval of the project as proposed with the condition that bottles are not disposed of outside after 9:00 PM.
Recommend by the Land Use and Planning Committee 7-0-0

12.  Old Business  (PM - 0 minutes)
[Discussion and possible action]

13.  New Business  (PM – minutes)
[Discussion and possible action]

13A  Alleyway Repair (james murez)
MOTION:  Whereas the existing conditions of the alleyway behind the 300 block of Sunset Ave are very unsafe for both cars and pedestrians, the VNC shall send a letter to the Dept of Public Works, Street Services and CD11 asking that repair and repavement be scheduled as a priority. To help expedite this request the VNC would further like to understand if a financial contribution was made to the City would the City make it a higher priority.
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Recommended by the Parking & Transportation Committee 5-0-0 on 2/3/2020

13B  "K" Rails 701 Main St. (james murez)
MOTION:  The VNC Board shall send a letter to CD11 requesting "K" rails get installed down the center line of the parkway portion of the sidewalk along the Main St side of the site. Pedestrian passageways should exist of not greater than four feet between abutting rails. The placement of the rails should be a minimum of three feet from the face of the curb.
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Recommended by the Parking & Transportation Committee 5-0-0 on 2/3/2020

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Immediate Increase of Planting of City Trees in Sidewalk Repair EIR (Noel Johnston)

**MOTION:** Whereas, the Sidewalk Repair Environmental Impact Report (EIR) proposes to allow the tree canopy to decrease over 1.5% during 30 years, only reaching 2017 levels again in 2047, and Whereas, the EIR proposes to mitigate tree loss at different ratios during different years of the project in a cynical ploy to only plant the minimum number of trees necessary to return to 2017 levels in 2047 to claim the project will have no impacts, and Whereas, tree canopy is an essential first line of defense against extreme heat days, which will become more frequent during the next 30 years and localized tree loss will result in a dangerous increase in local temperatures, especially on extreme heat days, Therefore, the Venice Neighborhood Council requests 1) that all trees removed for the sidewalk repair program be mitigated at a ratio of 4:1 with species of equal size at maturity and located in the same neighborhood as those removed, 2) that the EIR be amended to consider tree removal a significant adverse impact with binding mitigation measures, and 3) that only those trees absolutely necessary to be removed for sidewalk repair be removed, with no pre-emptive removal of trees not causing problems, and every reasonable effort made to redesign sidewalks around trees.

*Recommended by Verdant Venice Committee 2-0-0 pm 2/7/2020*

CIS in Support of Motion by the City Council Homelessness and Poverty Committee (Darryl DuFay, darryldu@pobox.com 310-822-9194)

**MOTION:** The VNC Board shall submit a Community Impact Statement (CIS) in support of CF 19-1524, the LA City Council’s Homelessness and Poverty Committee’s Motion for a full accounting of LAHSA’s effectiveness and success implementing the homeless strategy.

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Support for Venice Moms

**MOTION:** Whereas, the DFC’s Focus on Children Committee supports the efforts of Regan Kibbee, moderator of the Venice Moms email group (at Groups.io) and creator of the www.VeniceMoms.com website, to provide parents a forum to connect with one another in parenting children: The VNC Board is supportive of Venice Moms - a not-for-profit online community for local families to share information, resources, parenting support, and opportunities to connect, since 2002 - and thereby authorizes it to use the VNC Logo in its online and offline publications and to distribute said publications at VNC events and meetings.

*Recommended by the Discussion Forum Committee 7-0-0 on 1/6/2020*

14. Adjourn (approx. PM)
COMMUNITY IMPACT STATEMENTS (CIS):
secretary@venicenc.org
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MOTIONS REFERRED TO COMMITTEE

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Date of meeting: 2020-02-04

Request Title: TOC Guidelines, Recommendations

Committee: Land Use & Planning Committee

Agenda Motion Request: Please consider reviewing how the TOC ordinance will effect the future of Venice. This document can have huge impacts if not addressed in the upcoming LUP and Community plans. If possible schedule for your next meeting.

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First Name: james
Last Name: murez
Phone: 310-555-1212

Date of meeting: 2020-02-04

Request Title: Update on Agenda Tracking

Committee: Venice Neighborhood Council General Board

Agenda Motion Request: Update on design and update of proposed agenda tracking system to be developed by service provider Web Corner.
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Date of meeting: 2020-02-10

Request Title: Motion Calling on the City of Los Angeles to Focus All Homeless Housing Funds on Low Cost Shelter Models

Agenda Motion Request: Whereas, the City of Los Angeles is in the midst of a humanitarian homeless crisis on the level of the conditions following a massive earthquake or hurricane, and Whereas, the process and cost of building traditional “tax credit” model housing units, with 40% soft costs (consultant and development fees, architecture, and financing) and multi-year preparation time, has resulted as of January 2020 in the construction of only 46 units, and Whereas, Proposition HHH is now expected to net – instead of the promised 10,000 units - only 5,873 supportive units and 1,767 affordable units at a cost of $531,000 to $700,000 per bed, leaving at the completion of construction in four years roughly 20,000 unsheltered homeless still on the street (assuming no increase in the homeless population), and Whereas, other jurisdictions have proven the cost-effectiveness, suitability and quick availability of several other housing models, now, Therefore, be it resolved, that the Venice Neighborhood Council calls upon the City of Los Angeles to immediately direct any and all funds (city, state and federal) available for homeless shelter and housing to the following proven less-costly models, towards the objective of housing all un-sheltered homeless persons in two years: 1. Large membrane tents capable of housing 100 people that may be constructed in a few months (cost: $10,000 per bed), e.g., the Union Rescue Mission just erected one at that price. 2. Large military-grade inflatable tents (cost: $6,000 per bed). 3. Pallet shelters (cost: $2,000 per bed). 4. Tent “Kits” capable of housing a family of four, with furniture, refrigerator, heater and electrical generator (Cost: $500 per bed, $2,000 per kit). 5. SHARE Collaborative Housing, two persons per bedroom in existing single-family homes and multi-family buildings (Cost: $500 to $700 monthly rent self-financed by each individual’s SSI, General Relief and other benefits; $8,000 cost per annum per person for management, counseling and other social services). And further, be it resolved, that no such projects shall be installed or constructed within 200 feet of a residence, child care center, school, or park, except for SHARE Collaborative Housing and similar housing programs, which utilize living units already located in existing residential communities.

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Date of meeting: 2020-01-29
Request Title: Illumination of the Venice Beach Bike Path

Agenda Motion Request: WHEREAS, the Venice Bike path is the portion of the LA County Bike Path from the Venice Pier south to the Santa Monica border north, And WHEREAS, this bike path serves as a critical thoroughfare for residents using bicycles as a mode of transportation, And WHEREAS, the bike path is in severe need of illumination for safety purposes especially during the winter months when the days are shorter, And WHEREAS, this portion of the bike path has seen no tangible upgrades or improvements in decades, And WHEREAS, the movement by LA City Officials to promote bicycling as an alternative mode of transportation continues to increase to say nothing of the added traffic during the summer months and additional visitor access and tourism, AND WHEREAS, the need to illuminate and/or offer lighting on the bike path far exceeds any cost, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Venice Neighborhood Council (VNC) go on record supporting the illumination and/or construction of lighting along the bike path within the confines of Venice Beach and that a copy of this resolution be sent to the Office of the Mayor of Los Angeles, the Office of CD-11 as well as to LA County Board of Supervisors.

First Name: Nicholas
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Phone: 310-621-3775
Date of meeting: 2020-01-29
Request Title: VNC By-Laws Revision Proposal

Agenda Motion Request: ARTICLE V: GOVERNING BOARD Section 4: Terms & Limits The current language reads: "There are no limits to the number of terms that a Board Officer may serve." Proposed Revision: "Board Officers shall be limited to two (2), consecutive terms of office for any single office."

First Name: Bill
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Date of meeting: 2020-01-09
Request Title: New Single Family Dwelling at 25 Union Jack Street

Committee: Land Use & Planning Committee
Agenda Motion Request: VNC recommendation for the project. DIR-2019-4385-CDP-SPP-MEL

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First Name: Nicholas
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Phone: 310-621-3775
Date of meeting: 2020-01-30

Request Title: By-Laws Revision - Parliamentary Authority

Agenda Motion Request: ARTICLE XII: Parliamentary Authority Current language: "An unbiased Parliamentarian may be appointed by the President to assist in the resolution of parliamentary issues." Proposed Revision: "A Parliamentarian shall be appointed by the President with the advice and consent of the board for a term concurrent with the elected Board Members. The Parliamentarian shall serve at the pleasure of the President and can be removed at anytime."

Phone: 310-621-3775
Date of meeting: 2020-01-30

Request Title: BY-LAW REVISION - ELECTIONS

Agenda Motion Request: Article X: Elections Section 1: Administration of Election Current Language: "The VNC's election will be conducted pursuant to any and all City ordinances, policies and procedures pertaining to Neighborhood Council Elections." Proposed Added Language: The President shall appoint an Elections Officer to manage and oversee the election. The Elections Officer will be appointed by the President with the advice and consent of the Board of Officers. The Elections Officer will hold no other office or presidential appointment to ensure the integrity of the elections process. The Elections Officer shall appoint a committee of at least five (5) members (including the Elections Officer) with the Elections Officer serving as chair. The committee will include at least one (1) member of the OUTREACH Committee and it will be the duty of the Committee to meet at least three (3) times in public ninety (90) days prior any election of officers for the next term of office."
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Date of meeting: 2020-01-21  

Request Title: Motion to Vexit  

Agenda Motion Request: To initiate a city wide vote to Vexit from Los Angeles. The vote will not be recognized by the city of Los Angeles, however it will assist in calculating the percentage of Venice inhabitants that do prefer to Vexit and operate as an independent city.