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California State law (54953) allows zoom type meetings with the following requirements, majority of board members must be within the NC boundaries, the stakeholders are advised how to attend and that any vote be by roll call.

1. **Call meeting to order in honor of Bill Leaf. For the past 30 some years, Bill owned and operated William B. Leaf Automotive on Abbot Kinney.
Roll Call (7:00 PM)**
2. **Pledge Of Allegiance (7:01PM -- 1 minute)**
3. **Approval of the Agenda (7:02PM – 1 minute)**
4. **Approval of Board Minutes [November 17, 2020](#)**
5. **Declaration of Ex Parte Communications or Conflicts-Of-Interest (7:03PM -- 1 minute)**
All Board members shall declare any ex parte communications or conflicts-of interest relating to items on this meeting's agenda.
6. **Scheduled Announcements and Presentations**
- 6A. **Previous Month's Minutes have been emailed (7:04PM -1 minute)**
Ensure the prior months minutes have been sent to ALL emails outlined by each motion writer from the previous month's motions.



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6B Previous Months Letters (7:05PM -1 minute)

Ensure all letters have been sent for each item from the previous month and if NOT announce what letters are still outstanding and what information is needed in order to have them sent out.

6C Live Stream of Meetings (7:08PM -- 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/>

6D Spanish Translation Available on Webinar

6E Public Safety - LAPD & LAFD Report (7:11PM - 10 minutes): Public Safety - LAPD & LAFD Report: Senior Lead Officers Monique Contreras (38228@lapd.online), SLO Adrian Acosta - (37285@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.*

6F Government Reports (7:21PM- 15 minutes) (Representatives have standing place on the agenda, but are not always available to attend)

- City Councilmember Mike Bonin
Field Deputy, Nisa Kove nisa.kove@lacity.org
Bridge Housing Deputy Dexter O'Connell dexter.oconnell@lacity.org
- Congressman Ted Lieu, Representative Janet Turner, 310-496-9896
(janet.turner@mail.house.gov)
- State Senator Ben Allen, Representative Liliana Pond (liliana.pond@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 Kevin Taylor kevin.taylor@lacity.org
- Empower LA Neighborhood Council Advocate, Freddy Cupen-Ames, 213-978-1551
(freddy.cupen-ames@lacity.org)

6G VNC Announcements and Reports (7:36PM- 15 minutes)

- President -Ira Koslow (President@VeniceNC.org)
Committees must pick a specific day in the month for meetings



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Committee chairs must practice Zoom techniques especially **screen sharing**

We will break at 9pm for [Special VNC meeting Agenda](#)

Westside Regional Alliance of Councils-

Ira Koslow, VNC Representative (president@venicenc.org),

- Los Angeles Neighborhood Council Coalition (LANCC) Ivan Spiegel (Parliamentarian@VeniceNC.org)
- Budget Advocates - Hugh Harrison, Treasurer
- Outreach Announcements - Sima Kostovetsky
- Election Report - Ivan Spiegel

6H Board Member ANNOUNCEMENTS on subject matters within the VNC jurisdiction-
One (1) minute per Board member (7:51PM - 5 minutes)

6I Update on Centennial Park Museum Project by Venice Heritage Foundation
President Grant Francis (grantfrancis@gmail.com 310 216-9365) (7:56 PM - 5 minutes)

6J New Business (PM 8:01PM – 30 minutes)
[Discussion and possible action]

6K Mexican American Monument Project (brian.averill@venicenc.org)
MOTION: Whereas the contributions of Mexican Americans are an incredibly important part of our culture and history and whereas Mexican workers (traqueros) were an enormous part of building LA's first transportation infrastructure and whereas this contribution absolutely deserves to be remembered and celebrated
Therefore, the Venice Neighborhood Council will send letters supporting the Mexican American Monument Project at Windward Circle to the Los Angeles City Council and Danielle Brazell (danielle.brazell@lacity.org) and Felicia Filer (felicia.filer@lacity.org) at the LA Department of Cultural Affairs

[Letters of support and renderings](#)

6L Venice Blvd & Washington Way Beautification (Elvina Beck, elvina.beck@gmail.com)
MOTION: The Venice Neighborhood Council shall submit a signed letter of support to the Adopt-A-Median program manager in favor of the beautified median at Venice Blvd. and Washington Way.

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7. **Treasurer's Report (8:31PM - 10 minutes)** (Hugh Harrison on behalf of Budget & Finance Committee) (Treasurer@VeniceNC.org)
*See attached addendums at <http://www.venicenc.org/minutes-and-agendas.php>
[Discussion and possible action]*
- 7A **Approval of Monthly Expenditure Reports**
MOTION: The VNC Board approves the Monthly Expenditure Report (MER) and the Expenditure to Date Report for October 2020.
Uploaded Documents: [Download 01606853928.pdf](#) [Download 11606853928.pdf](#)
Recommended by Budget & Finance Committee 5-0-0 on 2020-12-01
- 7B **Approval of 2021 Election Expenditures**
MOTION: The VNC Board approves the attached expenditures for the 2021 Elections.
Recommended by Budget & Finance Committee 5-0-0 on 2020-12-01
Uploaded Documents: [Download 01606853993.pdf](#)
8. **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]
9. **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. If the person that removed the item is not present at the time the item comes up, the item will be deemed passed on consent.]
- 9A **Community Plan Update** (James Murez on behalf of Parking & Transportation Committee)
MOTION: The VNC shall send a letter to LA City Planning in reference to the Venice Draft Community Plan update (VDCP) recommending that the following items be



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amended to the draft Community Plan: Mobility considerations that affect transportation have a direct effect on noise, illumination and air quality which in turn impact the quality of life for residents, business operators and visitors and therefore mitigation measures that aim to improve the negative impacts on the community must be studied before alterations are approved.

Recommended by Parking & Transportation Committee 6-0-0 on 2020-11-02

9B Bus Stop and Layover Locations (James Murez on behalf of Parking & Transportation Committee)

MOTION: The Venice Neighborhood Council urges the California Coastal Commission to require the Los Angeles Department of Transportation to obtain a Coastal Development Permit for its proposal to remove 5 to 15 parking spaces to install an extensive bus layover zone for the Santa Monica Blue Bus firm on Grand Boulevard from Riviera Avenue west to the Windward Traffic Circle, due to the resulting loss of parking for visitors and residents in an area marked by a severe parking shortage.

Recommended by Parking & Transportation Committee 6-0-0 on 2020-11-02

9C Metro Sound Study (James Murez on behalf of Parking & Transportation Committee)

MOTION: The VNC shall send a letter to the Metro (Los Angeles County Metropolitan Transportation Authority) requesting: Produce a sound study that reports noise of traffic at various intersections along bus routes throughout Venice. Primary points of interest include, on inclines up and down after and before intersections respectively, in mid blocks where pedestrian crossings interfere with bus mobility and within 100 feet of any public area including schools, parks and business districts.

Recommended by Parking & Transportation Committee 6-0-0 on 2020-11-02

9D Streetscape, Landscape and Sidewalks (james.murez@venicenc.org)

MOTION: Whereas streets and sidewalks are getting new underground services and temporary patches are being used to restore these public thoroughfares, and whereas the temporary surfaces do not match the original materials and elevations often leave a bumpy and unsafe condition for pedestrians, scooters and bicycles, and whereas many of these temporary patches are located along high access areas, and whereas many of these improvements are being done to newly created sidewalks and streets leaving patched long term substandard surfaces, and whereas public improvements such as new street lighting, traffic control devices and storm water management projects are funded to include restoring surface to LA City Standards, and whereas privately owned public utility companies providing Metro Bike, kiosk billboard, LTE, 5G and wireless services pay the City to add equipment which includes restoring City property to original or better condition as defined in City Standards, and whereas streets are not being restored to original or better condition to city standards, therefore let it be resolved that,



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Motion: VNC write letter to City DPW, BOE, DWP, CD11 copy County BOE requesting that all sidewalks and street surfaces be maintained to their original condition or better when public or private subsurface improvements are being installed.

Recommended by Parking and Transportation Committee 5-0-0 on 12/7/20

10 **LUPC Consent Calendar** (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>)
[All agenda items on the LUPC 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 (8:41PM – 30 minutes)** (Alix Gucovsky on behalf of LUPC, Chair-lupc@VeniceNC.org)

11A **709 East Brooks**

Case: DIR-2019-6455-CDP-MEL, AA-2019-6453-PMLA, ENV-2019-6456-EAF

City Hearing: TBD

Applicant: Jared Johnson jared@howardrobinson.net; Lew Futterman lewfutt@aol.com

LUPC Staff: Michael Jenssen

Representative:

City Staff: Ira Brown ira.brown@lacity.org, Jason Douglas Jason.douglas@lacity.org

Juliet Oh Juliet.Oh@lacity.org

Case Description: • Demolition of a duplex plus detached dwelling and new construction of two 3 story approximate 3400 sq ft sfd on 2 lot small subdivision in single jurisdiction coastal zone. • Demolition of a duplex plus detached dwelling and new construction of two 3 story approximate 3400 sq ft sfd on 2 lot small subdivision pursuant to LAMC sec 17.50, coastal development permit pursuant to LAMC sec 12.20.2 in single jurisdiction coastal zone and mello review.

MOTION: The VNC approves the project as presented.

Recommended by LUPC 5-2-0

(see project files for more detailed info at

<http://www.venicenc.org/land-use-committee.php>)

11B **1703 Lincoln Blvd**

Case: N/A

Address: 1703 Lincoln Blvd

Applicant: Cookies (CR Los Angeles LLC)



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LUPC Staff: Daffodil Tyminski

Representative: Evan White

Description: Retail cannabis license application for PCN

Public Comment & Possible Action:

MOTION: The Venice Neighborhood Council recommends approval of the project as presented.

Recommended by LUPC 8-0-0 on 12/8/20

11C 1639-41 Abbot Kinney Blvd

Case: APCW-2018-7013-ZC-ZV-ZAA-CDP-SPE-SPP-MEL-WDI

Address: 1639-41 Abbot Kinney Blvd

Applicant: AK Venice Partners, LLC

LUPC Staff: Matthew Royce

Representative: Ed Millan

Description: REMODEL AND ADDITION TO (E) 3 STORY MIXED USE BLDG.

ADDITION OF

761SF OF (N) RETAIL, AND EXPANSION OF 4 (E) DWELLING UNITS.

Public Comment & Possible Action:

MOTION: The Venice Neighborhood Council recommends approval of the project as presented.

Recommended by LUPC 6-2-0 on 12/8/20

11D 1740 Penmar Ave

Case: AA-2018-3776-PMLA-SL ; ZA-2018-3779-ZAA

Address: 1740 Penmar Ave

Applicant: Penmar Properties

LUPC Staff: Shep Stern

Representative: Tony Russo

Description: Demo of 1 SFD and a small lot subdivision of the existing 1 lot into 2 lots for the

purpose of constructing 2 new SFDs. ZAA for reductions in the required yards (5' SYSB, 5' RYSB, 10' FYSB in lieu of 6'-4" SYSB, 15' RYSB, 15' FYSB)



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MOTION: The Venice Neighborhood Council recommends denial of the project as presented.

Recommended by LUPC 0-5-0 on 12/8/20

[*9pm Break for Special meeting Agenda *](#)

12. Old Business (9:09PM - 5 minutes)
[Discussion and possible action]

12A Resolution Supporting East Grand Blvd. Community Median Garden
(Pietro Martini, pietromartini@gmail.com)

MOTION: Whereas, the City of Los Angeles is hard pressed to maintain the many street medians and parkway areas in Venice, and Whereas, the resident group Neighbors of Grand has landscaped the southern median at the intersection of East Grand Blvd. and North Venice Blvd. at considerable time and expense, and It's YOUR Venice - get involved and Whereas, this community garden significantly enhances the neighborhood and this entrance to Venice, and Whereas, Neighbors of Grand is committed to continuing to water, prune and maintain the garden free from trash, and Whereas, it is problematic to stretch a water hose across East Grand Blvd. each time the garden needs to be watered (one hose has already been ruined by the tires of a large truck), Therefore, be it resolved, that the Venice Neighborhood Council recognizes and applauds the creation of the East Grand Blvd. community median garden, calls upon the Bureau of Street Services to coordinate any and all of its activities regarding the garden with the Neighbors of Grand, and asks the Bureau of Street Services to provide water to the site, from the median of Venice Blvd., in a locked box from which a drip irrigation system may be installed and administered by Neighbors of Grand to Allow for the healthy growth of this garden. Upon approval this Resolution shall be forwarded to Bureau of Street Services General Manager AdelHagekhalil at adel.hagekhalil@lacity.org and Councilmember Mike Bonin

13. Adjourn (approx. PM)

List of Venice Neighborhood Council Committees & Chairs – Volunteers Welcome



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Standing Committees

Administrative - Ira Koslow
Neighborhood - George Francisco
Outreach - Sima Kostovetsky
Land Use and Planning - Alix Gucovsky
Budget & Finance - Hugh Harrison
Rules & Selections - John Reed
Arts - Bruno Hernandez
Ocean Front Walk - Jim Robb

Ad Hoc Committees

Parking & Transportation - James Murez
Resiliency - Keith Harrison
Discussion Forum - Joe Murphy
Venice Dog Park - Jamie Paige, James Murez
Homeless - Frank Murphy
Public Health & Safety - Soledad Ursua

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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