



Venice Neighborhood Council

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Joint meeting of Public Health and Safety Committee and Board of Directors – Agenda

Meeting Date: 02/03/2021
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1. Call to Order and Roll Call (5:00pm-5:10)

Soledad Ursua (Chair)			
Eva Greene (Co-chair)			
John Baginski			
Helen Fallon			
Allan Parsons			
Mark Ryavec		Ira Koslow (ex-officio)	

2. **Approval of Agenda** (Start time + 00:05)
3. **Review, Comment and Adopt Minutes from prior meeting** (2 minutes)
4. **Chair Report** (5 minutes)
5. **Committee Member Announcements** (5 minutes)
6. **Public Comment – 30 Seconds on non-agendized items related to Public Health and Safety Committee only** (10 minutes)
7. **Summary of Public Records Reports** (15 minutes): Presented by Allan Parsons to LAPD
8. **Public Safety - LAFD and LAPD Report** (40 minutes): Includes a monthly Venice crime report and updates on law enforcement and public safety issues in Venice.

Los Angeles Police Department, Steven Embrich (30993@lapd.online), Brian Cook (36258@lapd.online), Monique Contreras (38228@lapd.online);
 Los Angeles Fire Department, Armando R. Hogan, Deputy Chief (armando.hogan@lacity.org)



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9. **Venice Beach Enforcement Issues - Coordination Among Municipal Offices and Panel of Experts** (25 minutes)
 - a. Item for Discussion and Possible Action. Invited Panelists:
Los Angeles Police Department, Steven Embrich (30993@lapd.online), Brian Cook (36258@lapd.online), Monique Contreras (38228@lapd.online);
Office of LA City Attorney, Claudia Martin (claudia.martin@lacity.org) & Director of Homelessness Policies & Strategies, Gita O'Neil (gita.oneill@lacity.org)
10. **Items for Discussion and Possible Action - Application of Fire Code, Safety Buffer between Encampments and Structures**
 - a. Item for discussion and possible action
Venice has witnessed numerous fires over recent years in homeless encampments, in recreational vehicles, and free-standing fires in public; and the recent fire at 723 Ocean Front Walk (OFW) destroyed the office building at that location and threatened nearby apartment buildings and single-family residences.
 - b. Public comment – 1 minute per person (10 minutes)
 - c. Committee discussion – (10 minutes)
 - d. Motion: The VNC calls upon the Los Angeles City Council to immediately pass an ordinance to reinforce and enhance current LA City Fire Code; and calls upon the Los Angeles Fire Department to conduct an immediate study of the fire hazard posed to structures in Venice by encampments and to issue orders for those encampments that pose a fire threat to be removed from proximity to those structures.

Questions, comments? Send us an email!
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