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Joint VNC Board & Administrative Committee Virtual Meeting Agenda **Monday, March 8, 2021, 7pm via Zoom**

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1. Call to Order and Roll Call

Present: IK, GF, MD, CJ, HH

Absent: MR

2. Approval of the Administrative Committee Agenda

GF, HH

Unanimous

3. Approval of outstanding Administrative Committee minutes

GF, HH

Unanimous

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 March 16, 2021 Draft Board Agenda**

GF, HH

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7. Adjourn



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1. **Call to Order and Roll Call (7:00 PM)**
2. **Pledge Of Allegiance (7:01PM -- 1 minute)**
3. **Approval of the Agenda (PM – 1 minute)**
4. **Approval of Board Minutes**
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. **Scheduled Announcements and Presentations**
- 6A **Previous Months Minutes have been emailed (7:15PM -1 minute)**
Ensure the prior months minutes have been sent to ALL emails outlined by each motion writer from the previous month's motions.
- 6B **Previous Months Letters (7:16PM -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 **Spanish Translation Available** (Esteban Pulido, pulido.esteban@gmail.com)
Spanish Interpretation services and agendas are available with **advance notice**.
- 6D **Public Safety - LAPD & LAFD Report (10 minutes):** This report will now be given in writing by the Public Safety Committee.
- 6E **Government Reports (15 minutes)** (Representatives have standing place on the agenda, but are not always available to attend or required to speak. The following written reports are for public dissemination and are also posted online (LINK))
 - City Councilmember Mike Bonin Field Deputy, Nisa Kove nisa.kove@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)



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- LA County Supervisor Sheila Kuehl Westside Field Deputy Zac Gaidzik (310)231-1170, zgaidzik@bos.lacounty.gov
- Mayor Eric Garcetti, Westside Deputy Brad Fingard brad.fingard@lacity.org
- Empower LA Neighborhood Council Advocate, Freddy Cupen-Ames, 213-978-1551 (freddy.cupen-ames@lacity.org)

6F VNC President's Report & Announcements - Ira Koslow (President@VeniceNC.org)
Please follow VNC Standing Rule 5: *Board Members & Committees must use the Online Agenda Request Form*

6G Election Report (Ivan Spiegel, Election Administrator)

7. Treasurer's Report (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 Expenditures
MOTION: The Venice NC approves the Monthly Expenditure and Expenditure to Date Reports for January 2021. [January exp. MER](#)

GF, HH
Unanimous

7B Approval of Funds for Resiliency Seminars
The Venice NC approves \$_____ for the expenses for Resiliency Seminars.

HH, CJ
Unanimous

Removed from agenda

8. Announcements and Public Comment on items not on the Agenda (PM - 15 minutes)
[Public comment is limited to 30 seconds per speaker with a total comment time not to exceed 15 minutes, unless adjusted by the presiding officer of the Board. No comment on Items appearing on the Agenda. 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.]



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GF, MR
Unanimous

10. LUPC (PM – minutes) (Alix Gucovsky on behalf of LUPC, Chair-lupc@VeniceNC.org)

10A VCHC REES DAVIDSON COMMUNITY

WHEREAS the Reese-Davidson Community is a proposed supportive and affordable housing development on

2.65 acres of open space on Grand Canal, approximately one block from Venice Beach and the southern

entrance to the Venice Boardwalk;

WHEREAS the Reese-Davidson Community will comprise 140 units, in addition to retail space, a restaurant,

community center, roof decks, an observation tower and parking;

WHEREAS Venice Beach, the Venice Boardwalk and the Historic Venice Canals are of incalculable value to

Venice and the entire City of Los Angeles;

WHEREAS the Reese-Davidson Community commenced the City approval process on January 13, 2021 with a

hearing before the Deputy Advisory Agency of the Los Angeles Planning Department;

WHEREAS the developers of the proposed Reese-Davidson Community—the Hollywood Community Housing

Corporation and the Venice Community Housing Corporation—have sought a complete exemption from

environmental review for the project;

WHEREAS neither of the developers presented project plans to the Venice Neighborhood Council or any of its

committees prior to filing the application and entitlement requests for the Reese-Davidson Community with the

City Planning Department;

WHEREAS the Reese-Davidson Community is one of more than a dozen new and pending homeless housing

and shelter projects in Venice;

WHEREAS the community group Venice Vision has gathered extensive information regarding the Reese-

Davidson Community through public records requests and other means over a period of four years;

WHEREAS Venice Vision made an edifying presentation regarding the Reese-Davidson Community at the

February 25, 2021 meeting of the Land Use and Planning Committee (“LUPC”) of the Venice Neighborhood

Council;

BE IT THEREFORE RESOLVED that the LUPC recommends that Venice Vision be placed on the agenda of the



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next meeting of the Board of the Venice Neighborhood Council for a 20 minute presentation on the Reese-Davidson Community, including the cost, design, construction and potential impacts of the project.

Add to agenda CJ, MR
Unanimous

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

GF, HH - motion withdrawn by maker 7:21

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

GF, HH
Unanimous

12A **Wrong Way Sign** (James Murez on behalf of Parking & Transportation Committee)
MOTION: The Venice Neighborhood Council recommends to LADOT installing do not enter signs on Pacific and Westminster to prevent illegal and dangerous entry against traffic onto west from Pacific onto Westminster, a one-way street away from the beach.
Recommended by Parking & Transportation Committee 6-0-0 on 3-1-2021
Who do you want to send this to?

12B **Testing for E. coli, Other Pathogens and Hazardous Substances from Stormwater Runoff into the Ocean at Rose Avenue** (Soledad Ursua on behalf of the Public Health & Safety Committee)
MOTION: The VNC calls upon the Los Angeles City Council to work with appropriate governmental agencies such as the Los Angeles County Health Department and NGO's such as Heal the Bay to implement weekly testing for E. coli, other pathogens and hazardous chemicals, in the beach water, at the stormwater outlet and in the surrounding sand at the Rose Avenue stormwater outlet; to report the results to the public each month, and to put up public warning signs at the site if any hazards are found in the testing and/or fence off the area, as necessary to protect public health.
Recommended by Public Health & Safety Committee 6-0-1 on 3-3-2021
Who do you want to send this to? File CIS? Add Council File

GF, HH to consent 12A-B

Unanimous



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12C **Resolution to Retain Weekly Street Sweeping Services Near the Boardwalk and Commercial Corridors at Venice Beach (email for committee)**

MOTION: Whereas, Venice Beach, its Boardwalk, and commercial corridors, including Rose Avenue, Abbot Kinney Boulevard, and sections of Main Street and Washington Boulevard, are major tourist destinations, hosting over 10 million visitors annually, and Whereas, most of these millions of tourists park along commercial streets and in residential neighborhoods adjacent to these commercial corridors; and Whereas, these visitors routinely deposit massive amounts of food waste, food wrappers and containers, and beverage bottles on city streets and in gutters next to where they park and along streets and gutters which are the common pathways to and from the Beach, Boardwalk, and restaurants and shops, now Therefore, be it resolved that the Venice Neighborhood Council calls upon the city to return to once-a-week street sweeping within two blocks of the Beach, the Boardwalk, commercial sections of Main Street, Rose Avenue, commercial sections of Abbot Kinney Boulevard, and commercial sections of Washington Boulevard, and And upon passage this Resolution shall be submitted to Mayor Eric Garcetti (Mayor.Garcetti@lacity.org, Brad.Fingard@lacity.org), Councilman Mike Bonin (Mike.Bonin@lacity.org, Nisa.Kove@lacity.org) and General Manager of Street Services Adel Hagekhalil (Adel.Hagekhalil@lacity.org).

Recommended by Public Health & Safety Committee 5-0-1 on 3-3-2021

GF, HH 12C to 12A

Unanimous

13A **VNC Announcements and Reports (15 minutes)**

[Committees may, but are not required, to provide a written report included below and available online. LINK]

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

13B **Board Member Announcements on subject matters within the VNC jurisdiction- One (1) minute per Board member (5 minutes)**

14. **Adjourn (approx. 11:00 PM)**

**GF, HH
Unanimous**

List of Venice Neighborhood Council Committees & Chairs – Volunteers Welcome



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<p style="text-align: center;"><u>Standing Committees</u></p> <p>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</p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><u>Ad Hoc Committees</u></p> <p>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</p>
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REFER TO COMMITTEE

Refer To Ocean Front Walk Committee

First Name: Nicholas
Last Name: Antonicello
Email: nantoni@mindspring.com
Phone: 3106213775

Date of meeting: 2021-02-11

Request Title: Sanitation of OFW - Removal of Encampments/Vaccination of the Homeless

Committee: Ocean Front Walk Committee

Agenda Motion Request: WHEREAS, the Venice Oceanfront Walk has been inundated with homeless encampments in the hundreds that are dangerous, unsafe, filthy and in need of immediate clean-up, and WHEREAS, the multitude of encampments have had a negative impact on boardwalk tourism, commerce and business occupancy, and WHEREAS, the recent fire at the Venice Boardwalk only validates the lack of social spacing, mask wearing and unsafe conditions that are a threat to residents, tourists as well as the un-housed community, and WHEREAS, the current conditions are intolerable and fly in the face of the cleaning that must be done on a regular basis to further prevent the spread of COVID-19 in and outside the homeless encampments, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Oceanfront Walk Committee requests the Venice Neighborhood Council to go on the record and endorse a comprehensive cleanup and sanitation of Oceanfront Walk which would include the removal of all tents and encampments in such a process that these individuals be given priority for COVID-19 vaccinations and to be housed indoors in a designated and much more safer and cleaner area within Venice so that Oceanfront Walk can once again function as a primary tourist destination dependent upon visitation by vacationers and visitors so that this venue be restored again as one of the most



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popular venues within the State of California and that those retailers, restaurants and others who depend on foot traffic for their economic survival be offered the sanitation and cleanup

services necessary to restore Oceanfront Walk to it's previous status as a diverse, economic engine for our community and southern California and that a copy of this resolution be sent to California Senator Ben Allen, California Assembly member Autumn Burke, the LA County Board of Supervisors and to LA Mayor Eric Garcetti and the Los Angeles City Council.