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1. **Call to Order in honor of Brian Sicknick, who died from injuries sustained during the insurrection at the Capital and Roll Call (7:00 PM)**

PRESENT: Ira Koslow, George Francisco, Hugh Harrison, Melissa Diner, Tom McComas, Robert Thibodeau, James Murez, Jaime Paige , Alex Neiman, CJ Cole , Brian Averill, Soledad Ursua , Alix Gucovsky, Vicki Halliday, CC Clarence Carter , Jim Robb, Jon Reed
ABSENT: Bruno Hernandez, Silma Kostovetsky Mark Ryavec

2. **Pledge Of Allegiance (7:01PM -- 1 minute)**
3. **Approval of the Agenda (PM – 1 minute)**

GF, HH (16, 0, 1)

FAVOR: Ira Koslow, George Francisco, Hugh Harrison, Melissa Diner, Tom McComas, Robert Thibodeau, James Murez, Jaime Paige , Alex Neiman, CJ Cole , Brian Averill, Soledad Ursua , Alix Gucovsky, Vicki Halliday, CC Clarence Carter , Jim Robb, Jon Reed

OPPOSED:
ABSTAIN:

4. **Approval of Board Minutes**

GF, HH (16, 0, 1)

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OPPOSED:
ABSTAIN:

- 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.

ARRIVAL OF BOARD MEMBER Sima Kostovetsky

6. **Scheduled Announcements and Presentations**



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- 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)
 - 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*
 - WRAC alternate needed
- 6G Election Report** - Ivan Spiegel, Election Administrator (elections@venicenc.org)
- 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 Monthly Expenditure Reports**
MOTION: The Venice NC approves the monthly expenditures reports for December 2020.
Recommended by Budget & Finance Committee 4-0-0 on 2021-02-02



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HH, GF (18, 0, 1)

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ABSTAIN: Ira Koslow,

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.]

10. LUPC Consent Calendar (PM -- 5 minutes) (Alix Gucovsky on behalf of LUPC, Chair-lupc@VeniceNC.org) *[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.]*

10A 822 Angelus

Case: DIR-2020-4803-CDP-MEL & ENV-2020-4804-CE

City Hearing: not yet scheduled

LUPC Staff: Daffodil Tyminski

Applicant: Matt Alan Boyd

Representative: Robert Thibodeau, DU Architects

City Staff: Kevin Fulton

Case Description: Major renovation to an existing single-family dwelling with a new 2nd story addition, new 2-car attached garage with an additional guest parking space onsite, & new Pool.

MOTION: The Venice Neighborhood Council recommends approval of the project as presented. *Recommended by LUPC 8-0-0 on 1/28/21*

MOTION TO RECONSIDER



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MR, JM (6, 11, 1)

FAVOR: Hugh Harrison,, Alex Neiman, , Alix Gucovsky,, CC Clarence Carter , Jim Robb, Mark Ryavec, 6

OPPOSED: George Francisco, Melissa Diner, Tom McComas, James Murez, Jaime Paige, CJ Cole, Brian Averill, Soledad Ursua, Vicki Halliday, Sima Kostovetsky, Jon Reed (11)

ABSTAIN: Ira Koslow, (1)

RECUSAL: Robert Thibodeau,

Unanimous approval stands on consent

10B 705 6th

Case: DIR-2020-6096-CDP-MEL & ADM-2020-6098-VSO-ADU & ENV-2020-6098-CE

City Hearing: not yet scheduled

LUPC Staff: Michael Jensen

Applicant: Troy Ritter

Representative: Sandra Bine

City Staff: Sienna Kuo

Case Description: New detached 2-story 760 sq ft ADU, 626 sq ft addition to the front single-family dwelling, & 4 new parking spaces

MOTION: The Venice Neighborhood Council recommends approval of the project as presented. *Recommended by LUPC 8-0-0 on 1/28/21*

10C 2342 Clement

Case: ZA-2020-5814-CDP-ZAA & ENV-2020-5815-CE

City Hearing: not yet scheduled

LUPC Staff: Michael Jensen

Applicant: Carmen Carpenter Living Trust

Representative: Robert Thibodeau, DU Architects

City Staff: Bindu Kannan

Case Description: Addition to existing single-family dwelling, new 2-car garage, extension of the 2nd floor, & new roof deck.

MOTION: The Venice Neighborhood Council recommends approval of the project as presented. *Recommended by LUPC 8-0-0 on 1/28/21*

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



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11A 708 Boccaccio/707 Woodlawn Ave

Case: DIR-2019-7601-CDP-MEL & ADM-2020-3749-VSO & ENV-2019-7602-CE

City Hearing: February 1, 2021, 10 am

LUPC Staff: Chris Zonnas

Applicant: Mahmoud Khanpur-Ardestani & Azaz Nikfarjam

Representative: Susan Steinberg, Howard Robinson & Associates

City Staff: Bob Babajian

Case Description: Demolition of 1-story duplex & detached garage & construction of new 2-story duplex with attached garage & non-habitable basement, with 5 parking spaces

MOTION: The Venice Neighborhood Council recommends approval of the project as presented. *Recommended by LUPC 6-0-2 on 1/28/21*

AG, GF (13, 4, 1)

FAVOR: George Francisco, Hugh Harrison, Melissa Diner, Tom McComas, James Murez, Jaime Paige, CJ Cole, Soledad Ursua, Vicki Halliday, CC Clarence Carter, Sima Kostovetsky, Mark Ryavec, Jon Reed

AGAINST: Alex Neiman, Brian Averill, Alix Gucovsky, Jim Robb,

ABSTAIN: Ira Koslow,

Recuse Robert Thibodeau,

12. Old Business (PM - 0 minutes)

[Discussion and possible action]

13. New Business (PM – minutes)

[Discussion and possible action]

13A Appointment of Data Liaisons (Ira Koslow, president)

MOTION: The VNC appoints Soledad Ursua and Allan Parsons as Data Liaisons and reaffirms Jim Murez.

The Data Literacy Program, in partnership with the Office of Mayor Eric Garcetti, aims to share data related resources for your Neighborhood Council and provide training to members of your community on mapping and data-related tools.

Two different types of learning paths are available designed according to the participants' computer skills and basic knowledge of data related concepts:

- **Learning path 1 - Data 101 (General Public) – Introduction to Community Data:** In-Person workshop dedicated to the general public. No specific computer science knowledge is required. Laptops are provided to people who don't possess their own equipment. Interpretation can be made available upon request 72 hours before the meeting. Material and resources are available in Spanish. *Due to Covid-19 SAFERLA protocols, the in-person workshops are currently suspended. Coming soon, the Department is pleased to provide virtual sessions and will keep you informed once they are available.*



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- **Learning path 2 - Data 201 - Neighborhood Council Data Liaison:** Appointed by their Neighborhood Council and will be trained and equipped with new skills to design maps, create data visualizations for digital outreach, highlight community issues, create surveys and map the data to build innovative, informative, and strategic resources to advocate for their community. Each Neighborhood Council can appoint up to three Data Liaisons. This learning path requires a higher level of computer skills and having access to a laptop or desktop computer is highly recommended.

We are happy to invite you to the [intro session of the Learning path 2 - Data 201 - Neighborhood Council Data Liaison](#) that will be held online on:

**January 28, 2021
6pm to 7pm**

In Learning Path 2- Data 201, discussed will be the 6 month learned objectives, available resources to Data Liaisons and explore the importance and potential impact of big data within your community.

Registration is available here:

<https://www.eventbrite.com/e/neighborhood-council-data-liaison-program-intro-session-on-zoom-registration-134455649467>

Translation in Spanish is available. Other languages are available upon request.

Currently, Learning path 2 - Data 201 support documentation and ArcGIS resources shared may only be available in English.

IK, JM (18, 0, 1)

FAVOR: George Francisco, Hugh Harrison, Melissa Diner, Tom McComas, Robert Thibodeau, James Murez, Jaime Paige, Alex Neiman, CJ Cole, Brian Averill, Soledad Ursua, Alix Gucovsky, Vicki Halliday, CC Clarence Carter, Jim Robb, Slma Kostovetsky, Mark Ryavec, Jon Reed

ABSTAIN: Ira Koslow,

13B Reconstruction of the Sunset Ave public right-of-way between Main St and Hampton Ave (James Murez on behalf of Parking & Transportation Committee)

(James.Murez@VeniceNC.org)

MOTION: The VNC recommends that LA Dept of Public Works reconstruct the Sunset Ave public right-of-way between Main St and Hampton Ave including rebuilding subgrade, roadway base, new roadway surface, roadway appurtenances including parkways and sidewalks. This ~~would should~~ could include removal of or preservation of abandoned railroad tracks and the installation of new street trees.

Recommended by Parking & Transportation Committee 5-0-0 on 2021-02-01

JM, MD
(17, 1, 1)



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AGAINST: CJ Cole,
ABSTAIN: Ira Koslow,

Could and preservation

MD, JM 16, 2, 1

FAVOR: George Francisco, Hugh Harrison, Melissa Diner, Tom McComas, Robert Thibodeau, James Murez, Jaime Paige, Alex Neiman, Brian Averill, Soledad Ursua, Alix Gucovsky, Vicki Halliday, CC Clarence Carter, Jim Robb, Slma Kostovetsky, Jon Reed

OPPOSED: Mark Ryavec, CJ Cole

ABSTAIN: Ira Koslow,

13C Support for the Venice Heritage Museum (brian.averill@venicenc.org)

MOTION: Whereas the Venice Heritage Museum represents a wonderful opportunity for both locals and tourists alike to experience over a century's worth of art, stories, collections, and archives from one of this nation's most culturally rich communities and whereas this project will create a museum that preserves, showcases, and nurtures Venice's historical legacy, while also enriching the lives of current and future generations of both Venetians and our visitors,

Therefore, the Venice Neighborhood Council enthusiastically supports and endorses the creation of the Venice Heritage Museum, with letters of support sent to Cid Macaraeg (cid.macaraeg@lacity.org) and Felice Chen (felice.chen@lacity.org)

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MR, JR

IK, JM to postpone

FAVOR: Hugh Harrison, Melissa Diner, Robert Thibodeau, James Murez, Jaime Paige, Alex Neiman, Soledad Ursua, Alix Gucovsky, Vicki Halliday, Mark Ryavec, Jon Reed (11)

OPPOSED: George Francisco, Tom McComas, Brian Averill, CC Clarence Carter, Jim Robb (5)

ABSTAIN: Ira Koslow, CJ Cole (2)

13D Support of Kevin DeLeon's 'A Way Home Plan' (Frank Murphy on behalf of the Homeless Committee)



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Whereas, the City of Los Angeles has no comprehensive and streamlined plan to provide housing in a timely manner and the population of unhoused people is worsening, a road map for the future is necessary and Whereas City Councilman Kevin DeLeon of CD14 has provided one and Whereas it is succinct, well-thought out and on target to actually get things done and it streamlines protocols in place and makes good suggestions for new ones.

Therefore, The Venice Neighborhood Council endorses the plan known as A Way Home, which will be appearing before the City Council for consideration and approval.

Recommended by Homeless Committee 6-0-1

VH, JR

FAVOR: George Francisco, Hugh Harrison, Melissa Diner, Tom McComas, James Murez, Jaime Paige, Alex Neiman, CJ Cole, Brian Averill, Alix Gucovsky, Vicki Halliday, Jim Robb, Mark Ryavec, Jon Reed (14)

OPPOSED: Robert Thibodeau, Soledad Ursua (2)

ABSTAIN: Ira Koslow, CC Clarence Carter (2)

13E Resolution to Require Fire Safety Buffer between Encampments and Structures

(Soledad Ursua on behalf of the Public Health & Safety Committee)

Whereas, Venice has witnessed numerous fires over recent years in homeless encampments, in recreational vehicles, and free-standing fires in public; and

Whereas, these random and ongoing fires pose a tremendous threat of serious lifelong injuries or potential death to our Unsheltered population; and

Whereas, 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; and

Whereas, the Los Angeles Fire Department has announced that the fire at 723 OFW spread from the large homeless encampment on Park Avenue adjacent to the building; and

Whereas, fires on Rose Avenue next to Penmar Golf Course have threatened the golf course's expansive tree canopy and resulted in the city removing all encampments on Rose Avenue east of Lincoln Boulevard, setting a positive precedence for addressing fire danger in Venice; and

Whereas, Venice has an unusually high percentage of wooden and historic structures that are especially vulnerable to fire; and

Whereas, such a buffer zone would significantly advance the objective of protecting residences and other structures from fire; and

Whereas, there is precedence in the City of Los Angeles banning camping in other fire-vulnerable areas, such as the bluffs along Pacific Coast Highway in the Pacific Palisades; now



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Therefore, be it resolved, that the Venice Neighborhood Council calls upon the Los Angeles City Council to immediately pass an ordinance to reinforce and enhance current LA City Fire Code by; prohibiting tents and/or temporary flammable structures to be located within 20 feet of lot lines, buildings, other tent or membrane structures, parked vehicles or internal combustion engines; banning any fires for any purpose on public property within 50 feet of any structure; banning flammable-liquid-fueled equipment use in tents or membrane structures; requiring flammable and combustible liquids shall be stored per LA Fire Code not less than 50 feet away from lot lines, buildings, other tent or membrane structures, and parked vehicles; and ensure all fire access lanes are clear for emergency use. The Venice Neighborhood Council further 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 and fire access lanes.

Upon passage this Resolution shall be sent as a Community Impact Statement to Councilman Mike Bonin (Mike.Bonin@lacity.org), Mayor Eric Garcetti (Eric . garcetti@lacity.org), the Los Angeles City Council's Public Safety Committee (Committee Legislative Assistants: Keyonna.Kidd@lacity.org, Rita.Moreno@lacity.org and Dennis.Gleason@lacity.org, and Deputy Fire Chief Armando Hogan (armando.hogan@lacity.org) and to the Los Angeles City Clerk to be attached to Council File: 20-0010-S16. [REDACTED]

Recommended by Public Health & Safety Committee 6-0-0

SU, JM 17/0/2

FAVOR: George Francisco, Hugh Harrison, Melissa Diner, Tom McComas, Robert Thibodeau, James Murez, Jaime Paige , Alex Neiman, CJ Cole , Brian Averill, Soledad Ursua , Alix Gucovsky, Vicki Halliday, CC Clarence Carter , Slma Kostovetsky, Mark Ryavec, Jon Reed

AGAINST:

ABSTAIN: Ira Koslow, Jim Robb,

13Fi **Motion to encourage construction of less expensive Tiny Homes** (Frank Murphy on behalf of the Homeless Committee)

Whereas, per information

<https://www.latimes.com/california/story/2020-12-12/los-angeles-tiny-homes-homeless?amp=true>:

- Under pressure from a federal lawsuit to get homeless people off the streets, the City of Los Angeles is implementing ~64-square-foot Tiny Homes projects scheduled to open in April, 2021 at an average cost of ~\$82,000 per home while similar projects in Riverside, California and other state jurisdictions (Seattle, Washington in particular) with similar



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shared facilities (bathrooms, showers) have been built at an average cost of less than \$12,000 per home - projects which encourage a sense of community often resulting in self-governance of what's felt to be a small albeit temporary 'village' with residents performing chores; and

- The sense of ownership and security provided by Tiny Homes contributes to the mental stability homeless people need to move forward and therefore appeals to and attracts homeless people who feel otherwise alienated by other programs (such as shelters lined with beds in large areas shared with unfamiliar people) while waiting for the construction of the permanent housing upon which such temporary housing projects (including Bridge Housing) are legally long-term dependent;

Be it therefore resolved that the VNC Board is requested to adopt the following motion to include the above Whereas clause:

The VNC Board supports the concept of Tiny Homes projects and, in a letter to Los Angeles City Councilmember Mike Bonin, Council District 11, with copies to other Los Angeles Neighborhood Councils, requests that he:

Research and take whatever steps are necessary to enable the City of Los Angeles to emulate the Riverside, California and Seattle, Washington examples in providing Tiny Homes to homeless people - including Seattle's citizen-driven model (non-profit enterprises with citizen participation) - to the benefit of the Los Angeles Venice Neighborhood Council area as well as to the benefit of all other Neighborhood Council areas in the City of Los Angeles

Recommended by Homeless Committee 7-0-0

MR, HH

MR, VH to include highlighted green

13Fii Encourage construction of less expensive Tiny Homes (Joseph Murphy on behalf of the Discussion Forum Committee)(joedmur@gmail.com)

MOTION: Whereas, per information in

https://www.latimes.com/california/story/2020-12-12/los-angeles-tiny-homes-homeless?_amp=true:

• Under pressure from a federal lawsuit to get homeless people off the streets, the City of Los Angeles is implementing ~64-square-foot Tiny Homes projects scheduled to open in April, 2021 at an average cost of ~\$82,000 per home while similar projects in Riverside, California and other state jurisdictions (Seattle, Washington in particular) with similar shared facilities (bathrooms, showers) have been built at an average cost of less than \$12,000 per home - projects which encourage a sense of community often resulting in self-governance of what's felt to be a small albeit temporary 'village' with residents performing chores; and • The sense of ownership and security provided by Tiny Homes contributes to the mental stability homeless people need to move forward and therefore appeals to and attracts homeless people who feel otherwise alienated by other programs (such as shelters lined with beds in large areas



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Be it therefore resolved that the VNC Board supports the concept of Tiny Homes projects and, shall send a letter to Los Angeles City Councilmember Mike Bonin, Council District 11, with copies to other Los Angeles Neighborhood Councils, requesting that he:

- Research and take whatever steps are necessary to enable the City of Los Angeles to emulate the Riverside, California and Seattle, Washington examples in providing Tiny Homes to homeless people - including Seattle's citizen-driven model (non-profit enterprises with citizen participation) - to the benefit of the Los Angeles Venice Neighborhood Council area as well as to the benefit of all other Neighborhood Council areas in the City of Los Angeles; and
- Explore the impact of the implementation of such a program on the current federal decisions which permit homeless people to sleep with their belongings on neighborhood sidewalks and streets, whether or not in vehicles or tents or their equivalents.

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Recommended by the Discussion Forum Committee 7-0-0 on 2021-02-01

FAVOR:, Melissa Diner, James Murez, (2)

Opposed Hugh Harrison, Jaime Paige, Alex Neiman, CJ Cole, Brian Averill, Soledad Ursua, Alix Gucovsky, Vicki Halliday, CC Clarence Carter, Jim Robb, Mark Ryavec, Jon Reed, Robert Thibodeau, (13)

ABSTAIN: Ira Koslow, George Francisco, Tom McComas, (3)

FAVOR: Hugh Harrison, Melissa Diner, Tom McComas, Robert Thibodeau, James Murez, Jaime Paige, Alex Neiman, CJ Cole, Brian Averill, Soledad Ursua, Alix Gucovsky, Vicki Halliday, CC Clarence Carter, Jim Robb, Mark Ryavec, Jon Reed (16)

OPPOSED:

ABSTAIN: Ira Koslow, George Francisco, (2)

12G Selection of stakeholder to fill vacant At-Large Community Officer seat (Ira Koslow, president)

MOTION: The VNC Board shall select a stakeholder to fill a vacant Community Officer seat from previously submitted applicants.

Applicants:

Starla Caldwell

Ryan Trout

Mehrnoosh Mojallali



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- Jill Alexander
- Helen Fallon
- Christopher Filkins
- Chloe Gershenson
- Benjamin Decker
- Adi Redzic

Uploaded Documents: [Download Applications](#)

14A 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

14B Board Member Announcements on subject matters within the VNC jurisdiction- One (1) minute per Board member (5 minutes)

15. Adjourn (approx. 11:00 PM)

List of Venice Neighborhood Council Committees & Chairs – Volunteers Welcome

<u>Standing Committees</u>	<u>Ad Hoc Committees</u>
Administrative - Ira Koslow	Parking & Transportation - James Murez
Neighborhood - George Francisco	Resiliency - Keith Harrison
Outreach - Sima Kostovetsky	Discussion Forum - Joe Murphy
Land Use and Planning - Alix Gucovsky	Venice Dog Park - Jamie Paige, James Murez
Budget & Finance - Hugh Harrison	Homeless - Frank Murphy
Rules & Selections - John Reed	Public Health & Safety - Soledad Ursua
Arts - Bruno Hernandez	
Ocean Front Walk - Jim Robb	

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