



# Venice Neighborhood Council

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1. **Call to Order and Roll Call and Oath from Starla Caldwell new Community Officer (7:00 PM)**

PRESENT: Ira Koslow, George Francisco, Hugh Harrison, Melissa Diner, Robert Thibodeau, James Murez, , Alex Neiman, CJ Cole , Brian Averill, , Alix Gucovsky, Vicki Halliday, , Jim Robb, , Bruno Hernandez, , Slma Kostovetsky (14)

ABSENT: Tom McComas, Jaime Paige, CC Clarence Carter, Jon Reed, Mark Ryavec, Soledad Ursua (6)

2. **Pledge Of Allegiance (7:10PM -- 1 minute)**

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

**GF, HH (14, 0, 1)**

Ira Koslow, George Francisco, Hugh Harrison, Melissa Diner, Robert Thibodeau, James Murez, , Alex Neiman, CJ Cole , Brian Averill, , Alix Gucovsky, Vicki Halliday, , Jim Robb, , Bruno Hernandez, , Slma Kostovetsky

4. **Approval of Board Minutes**

**GF, HH (14, 0, 1)**

Ira Koslow, George Francisco, Hugh Harrison, Melissa Diner, Robert Thibodeau, James Murez, , Alex Neiman, CJ Cole , Brian Averill, , Alix Gucovsky, Vicki Halliday, , Jim Robb, , Bruno Hernandez, , Slma Kostovetsky

**7:06PM Jaime Paige arrives**

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.

JM approached by someone about 11A

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](mailto: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](mailto:nisa.kove@lacity.org)
  - Congressman Ted Lieu, Representative Janet Turner, 310-496-9896 ([janet.turner@mail.house.gov](mailto:janet.turner@mail.house.gov))
  - State Senator Ben Allen, Representative Liliana Pond ([liliana.pond@sen.ca.gov](mailto:liliana.pond@sen.ca.gov))
  - State Assemblyperson Autumn Burke, West Los Angeles Field Representative, Brandon Stansell, (310) 412-6400, ([brandon.stansell@asm.ca.gov](mailto:brandon.stansell@asm.ca.gov))
  - LA County Supervisor Sheila Kuehl Westside Field Deputy Zac Gaidzik (310)231-1170, [zgaidzik@bos.lacounty.gov](mailto:zgaidzik@bos.lacounty.gov)
  - Mayor Eric Garcetti, Westside Deputy Brad Fingard [brad.fingard@lacity.org](mailto:brad.fingard@lacity.org)
  - Empower LA Neighborhood Council Advocate, Freddy Cupen-Ames, 213-978-1551 ([freddy.cupen-ames@lacity.org](mailto:freddy.cupen-ames@lacity.org))
- Starla Caldwell arrived at 7:15pm  
CC Clarence Carter arrives at 7:16pm
- 6F VNC President's Report & Announcements** - Ira Koslow ([President@VeniceNC.org](mailto:President@VeniceNC.org))  
Please follow VNC Standing Rule 5: *Board Members & Committees must use the Online Agenda Request Form*
- Starla Caldwell - Oath of Office
- 6G Election Report** (Ivan Spiegel, Election Administrator)
- 7. Treasurer's Report (10 minutes)** (Hugh Harrison on behalf of Budget & Finance Committee) ([Treasurer@VeniceNC.org](mailto:Treasurer@VeniceNC.org))  
See attached addendums at <http://www.venicenc.org/minutes-and-agendas.php>  
[Discussion and possible action]



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## 7A Approval of Expenditures

**MOTION:** The Venice NC approves the Monthly Expenditure and Expenditure to Date Reports for January 2021. [January exp. MER](#)

**HH, GF (15, 4, 1)**

**FAVOR:** Ira Koslow, George Francisco, Hugh Harrison, Robert Thibodeau, James Murez, , Alex Neiman, CJ Cole , Brian Averill, , Vicki Halliday, , Jim Robb, , Bruno Hernandez, , Slma Kostovetsky, Jaime Paige, CC Clarence Carter, Soledad Ursua

**ABSENT:** Mark Ryavec, Alix Gucovsky, Tom McComas, Jon Reed, Starla Caldwell

**ABSTAIN:** Melissa Diner,

## 7B Approval of Funds for Resiliency Seminars

The Venice NC approves \$\_\_\_\_\_ for the expenses for Resiliency Seminars.

## 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.]*

## 9A **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. Upon passage this Resolution shall be submitted to Sheila Reynolds, [sheila.reynolds@lacity.org](mailto:sheila.reynolds@lacity.org)

*Recommended by Parking & Transportation Committee 6-0-0 on 3-1-2021*

## 9B **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. Upon passage



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this Resolution shall be submitted to Mayor Eric Garcetti ([Mayor.Garcetti@lacity.org](mailto:Mayor.Garcetti@lacity.org), [Brad.Fingard@lacity.org](mailto:Brad.Fingard@lacity.org)), Councilman Mike Bonin ([Mike.Bonin@lacity.org](mailto:Mike.Bonin@lacity.org), [Nisa.Kove@lacity.org](mailto:Nisa.Kove@lacity.org))  
Jimmy Kim, Parks and Recreation, [jimmy.kim@lacity.org](mailto:jimmy.kim@lacity.org), [enrique.zaldivar@lacity.org](mailto:enrique.zaldivar@lacity.org)  
Enrique Zaldivar, LA Sanitation and Environment, RAP, Beaches & Harbors, County Supervisor's office, LA Sanitation Wastewater Division and L.A. County Department of Public Works, Storm Drain Maintenance.  
*Recommended by Public Health & Safety Committee 6-0-1 on 3-3-2021*

## PASSES UNANIMOUSLY

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

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

11A **Support for the Venice Heritage Museum** ([brian.averill@venicenc.org](mailto: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, **and its non exclusive use of Centennial Park**. Letters of support sent to Cid Macaraeg ([cid.macaraeg@lacity.org](mailto:cid.macaraeg@lacity.org)) and Felice Chen ([felice.chen@lacity.org](mailto:felice.chen@lacity.org))  
**Uploaded Documents:** [Download 01612125036.pdf](#)

### **GF, BA (17, 2, 1) as amended**

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

### **BA, JR (18,1,1) and its non exclusive use of Centennial Park**

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



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**ABSTAIN: Ira Koslow**

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

**12A Resolution to Retain Weekly Street Sweeping Services Near the Boardwalk and Commercial Corridors at Venice Beach** ([soledad.urusa@venicenc.org](mailto:soledad.urusa@venicenc.org))

**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](mailto:Mayor.Garcetti@lacity.org), [Brad.Fingard@lacity.org](mailto:Brad.Fingard@lacity.org)), Councilman Mike Bonin ([Mike.Bonin@lacity.org](mailto:Mike.Bonin@lacity.org), [Nisa.Kove@lacity.org](mailto:Nisa.Kove@lacity.org)) and General Manager of Street Services Adel Hagekhalil ([Adel.Hagekhalil@lacity.org](mailto:Adel.Hagekhalil@lacity.org)).

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

**SU, VH**

**Unanimous**

**HH, GF (19,0, 1)**

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

**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](mailto:president@venicenc.org) ),

- Los Angeles Neighborhood Council Coalition (LANCC) Ivan Spiegel ([Parliamentarian@VeniceNC.org](mailto:Parliamentarian@VeniceNC.org))
- Budget Advocates - Hugh Harrison, Treasurer



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

**RT, community member was murdered Jon Desendes**

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

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## List of Venice Neighborhood Council Committees & Chairs – Volunteers Welcome

<u>Standing Committees</u>	<u>Ad Hoc Committees</u>
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	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



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