



Venice Neighborhood Council

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Board of Officers Regular Virtual Meeting Agenda August 17, 2021 Start time... 7:00 PM

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Virtual Board Meeting Rules

- Raise your hand (or when accessing by telephone, press *9) if you have a public comment only WHEN we get to that specific item.
- After you speak, please lower your hand.
- All panelists (board members) and attendees (public) will be muted until the administrator unmutes you for comment.
- Board members will get one chance to speak for a max of 2 minutes per item.

- Public comment will be limited to one comment for 30 seconds per item.
- Please do not raise your hand more than once per item
- Raise your hand at the start of the items you want to speak on. We will then close public comment and announce the last person to speak a few minutes after the start of the item.
- No ceding your time to others will be allowed
- The meeting is being video and audio recorded
- The public will be able to listen and speak but their video will be disabled.

All presenters that have items to project are to send them to Secretary@VeniceNC.org and President@VeniceNC.org to have them shared with the meeting. Keep a copy of them on your desktop as a backup.

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 to Order and Roll Call (7:00 PM)
James Murez, President

2 Approval of Board Minutes (1 minute)
MOTION: The VNC Board approves the minutes of the July 20, 2021 Board meeting.

<https://www.venicenc.org/ncfiles/viewCommitteeFile/21485>

3 VNC President's Report & Announcements
James Murez

Creation of Task Force, titled "City Redistricting Task Force". The task force will be chaired by Allan Parsons who will be responsible to report back to the VNC Board with updates as they become available. Additional members may be appointed by the President. The task force assignment will be to research and develop characteristics that influence redistricting Venice to be united with neighboring communities that share similar issues and concerns. The Los Angeles City Redistricting Commission has defined topics and guidelines that will be utilized to collect community opinions and feedback that will be published and presented to the Board of Officers. This Task Force will terminate on or before 12/31/2021

4 Declaration of Ex Parte Communications or Conflicts-Of-Interest (1 minute)
All Board members shall declare any ex parte communications or conflicts-of interest relating to items on this meeting's agenda.

5 Scheduled Announcements and Presentations

5A Public Safety - LAPD & LAFD Report (20 minutes)
Questions to the presenter(s) will be limited to the time allotted to this item. Furthermore, all questions from the public must be submitted in writing to Secretary@VeniceNC.org no less than 72 hours prior to the meeting. The Chair at His / Her discretion shell present questions or a summary thereof to the presenter. Questions from Members of the Body will be limited by time allotment for this agenda item following public questions.

5B Government Reports & VNC Announcements and Reports (15 minutes)
Representatives having information to share with the community are requested to submit

their written material to Outreach@VeniceNC.org

The Chair at His / Her discretion may choose to provide time for one or more presentations by representative or have the Outreach Chair provide a summary report based on written materials presented.

City Councilmember Mike Bonin, Field Deputy,
 Congressman Ted Lieu, Representative, Janet.Turner@mail.house.gov
 State Senator Ben Allen, Representative, Liliana.Pond@sen.ca.gov
 State Assemblyperson Autumn Burke, Representative Brandon.Stansell@asm.ca.gov
 LA County Supervisor Sheila Kuehl, Deputy Zac Gaidzik zgaidzik@bos.lacounty.gov
 Mayor Eric Garcetti, Deputy TBD
 Empower LA, Advocate, Freddy.Cupen-Ames@lacity.org_213-978-1551
 Westside Regional Alliance of Councils (WRAC)-James Murez, VNC Representative
 Los Angeles Neighborhood Council Coalition (LANCC), Ivan Spiegel
 Budget Advocates – Andrea Boccaletti, Treasurer
 Outreach Announcements - Sima Kostovetsky
 Arbor Committee
 Public Safety Health Committee

6 Budget & Finance Committee Report (10 minutes)

Andrea Boccaletti, Treasurer
 See attached addendums at
<https://www.venicenc.org/committees/viewCommittee/85>

Items for or discussion and possible action

6A Expenditure Reports

MOTION: The Venice Neighborhood Council recommends approval of the expenditure reports for June 2021.

Recommended by the Budget and Finance Committee [5-0-0]. on 8/9/2021

<https://www.venicenc.org/ncfiles/viewCommitteeFile/22724>

7 Announcements and Public Comment on items not on the Agenda (20 minutes)

Public comment is limited to 1 minute per speaker with a total comment time not to exceed 20 minutes, unless adjusted by the presiding officer of the Board. No comment on Items appearing on the Agenda. No Board member announcements permitted.

NOTE: The public is strongly advised to bring comments up in committees where time restrictions are more flexible and where recommendations from the public can become the bases of action items for Board consideration.

8 Selection of Liaisons and Organization Representatives

The President shall appoint liaisons and representatives to the following organizations:

- a. WRAC: James Murez (Primary), Daffodil Tyminski (Alternate)
- b. WRAC LUPC: Alix Gucovsky (Primary), John Reed (Alternate)
- c. WRAC Homeless: Vicki Halliday (Primary), Brian Ulf (Alternate)
- d. WRAC Transportation: Selena Inouye (Primary), <open> (Alternate)
- e. LANCC: Ivan Spiegel

- f. Homeless Liaison: Vicki Halliday
- g. LA Plancheck: Michael Jensen
- h. Emergency Preparedness: Keith Harrison
- i. Budget Advocates: Andrea Boccaletti, <open>
- j. Others
 - 1.1 Data: Allan Parsons, Soledad Ursua, James Murez

9 General Consent Calendar (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 Land Use and Planning Committee Consent Calendar (5 minutes)

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.

10A 655 Crestmore

Case: ZA-2020-5765-CDP-ZAA

City Hearing: not yet scheduled

Address: 655 Crestmoore Place

LUPC Staff: Shep Stern

Applicant: Matthew Murphy

Representative: Santiago Ortiz Santi@ortizmexia.com

City Staff Sienna.Kuo@lacity.org Case

Description: 2nd story addition of approximately 805 sf to an existing 1,640 sf duplex, on a 4,200 sf lot. Parking (2 cars covered, 1 car uncovered) to be relocated from front unit to rear unit. Reason for ZAA unknown. Reason for lack of MEL for this duplex unknown.

Case File(s):

<https://drive.google.com/drive/folders/10-76ghRjAuhAOsvs66Ayv2vD6lr1FzKH?usp=sharing>

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

Recommended by LUPC 5-0-0 on 8/5/21

11 Land Use and Planning Committee

<https://www.venicenc.org/committees/viewCommittee/81>

11A 22 Paloma Avenue

Case: AA-2020-5349-PMLA-SL and DIR-2020-5351-CDP-SPP

City Hearing: May 27, 2021, CDP determination pending, case on hold

Address: 22 Paloma Ave LUPC

Staff: Chris Zonnas Applicant: Doron Benshalom (Placeholder DP, LLC)

Representative: Sheri Gould (Harvey Goodman Civil Engineering)

sheri@harveygoodman.com

City Staff: Bindu.Kannan@lacity.org

Case Description: Preliminary Parcel Map for a Bungalow Court or Existing Structure Small

Lot conversion of a 3,525 sf lot to 2 lots. Following the subdivision, the existing structures—a duplex (2,186 sf, built in 1922) and a triplex (2,268 sf, built in 1911) --will be on separate lots. There are no changes to height, floor area, yards, parking, or density. The structures are Contributors to the North Venice Walk Streets Historic District. Lack of MEL for this conversion is an issue.

Case File(s):

https://drive.google.com/drive/folders/13fM90qAf2dTCVLU81hUD63_g7DgKI3db?usp=sharing

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

Recommended by LUPC 3-2-0 on 8/5/21

11B 417 - 419 Grand Avenue

Case: DIR-2020-7248 -CDP-MEL

City Hearing: CDP issued, all hearings/appeals exhausted

Address: 417-419 Grand Blvd LUPC

Staff: Shep Stern

Applicant: Simon Watts & Grace Lee

Representative: Rafael Martinez, Brian Noteware AIA

City Staff: Brenden.Lau@lacity.org, Student Professional Worker Case

Description: Remodel & addition of new 989 sf 2nd story to an existing 1-story, 1,626 sf SFD resulting in a 1,961 sf SFD with 2 parking spaces; & a new 654 sf attached ADU, on a 2,701 sf lot.

Case File(s):

https://drive.google.com/drive/folders/1a73U6dAmQaOTAVV_GFESRUNrxbugb2Jy?usp=sharing

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

Recommended by LUPC 4-1-0 on 8/5/21

11C 2704 Strongs Drive

Case: DIR-2020-2752-CDP

City Hearing: CDP issued, all hearings/appeals exhausted

Address: 2704 Strongs Drive

Applicant: Michael Salazar Representative: Cody Wetzel, Wetzel Homes

LUPC Staff: Chris Zonnas

City Staff: Brenden.Lau@lacity.org, Student Professional Worker

Case Description: Remodel & addition of 1,513 sf to existing 2-story SFD, including expansion of the 1st & 2nd floors & the addition of a 3rd floor & roof deck, with 2 parking spaces, on a 2,520 sf lot.

Case File(s):

<https://drive.google.com/drive/folders/1hRBFgGcFJXvhbrXCQXXtLv25EINoEGUSK?usp=sharing>

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

Recommended by LUPC 2-2-0 on 8/5/21

11D

212 Sherman Canal

Case: DIR-2020-6239-CDP-SPP-MEL

City Hearing: CDP issued, all hearings/appeals exhausted

Address: 212 Sherman Canal Applicant: Andrea Michaelson

Representative: Cody Wetzel LUPC Staff: Chris Zonnas City Staff:

Bindu.Kannan@lacity.org

Case Description: Demo of existing 2-story SFD & new 3-story, 4,382 sf SFD with roof deck & 3 on-site parking spaces, on a 3,518 sf lot.

Case File(s):

https://drive.google.com/drive/folders/1S19T86Rxm3gJcsspj743PZVnNad_DdzM?usp=sharing

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

Recommended by LUPC 2-2-0 on 8/5/21

11E Project Room Key – Ramada Inn

MOTION: the Venice Neighborhood Council requests that the Los Angeles City Council, Mayor Eric Garcetti, and City Attorney Mike Feuer enter into this Community Benefit Agreement (“CBA”) with the stakeholders located within 1,000 feet of the Project, including neighborhoods of President’s Row and the Oxford Triangle in Venice and Marina Del Rey. This CBA contains reasonable operating conditions and a remedy for failure to maintain the Project in a safe manner, as described in the CBA.

Addendum (<https://docs.google.com/document/d/1nHozIAq-kUyFGvnt6ADVEQXJCI9mS-54xhd0Iji2nlQ/edit?usp=sharing>)

11F WRAC Processes and Procedures Amendment (Council File 12-0460-S4)

Case: Council File 12-0460-S4 (Processes and Procedures Amendment) City Hearing: The City Council considered the ordinance on 6/22/21. In addition to instructing the City Attorney to put the ordinance in final form, the PLUM Committee Report was amended to “instruct the Department of City Planning to produce a line-by-line chart of the proposed changes to our processes and procedures to be transmitted for consideration and made available to the public before the final ordinance is considered.” The ordinance will go back to the Council for a final vote. Refers to:

<https://cityclerk.lacity.org/lacityclerkconnect/index.cfm?fa=ccfi.viewrecord&cfnumber=12-0460-S4>

MOTION: The Venice Neighborhood Council requests that the Los Angeles City Council postpone consideration of Council File 12-0460-S4 (The Process and Procedures Amendment to the City Charter) for a minimum of 6 months in order to enable further community presentations and feedback. The document in this file, including technical amendments and attachments, are over 900 pages. To date there have been approximately 3 meetings of 1.5 hours each for the Department of Planning to summarize this extensive document and receive limited feedback. Further technical amendments were

made prior to the PLUM committee's June 1 consideration which incorporated more than just technical changes that need review and feedback. The language supporting the Neighborhood Councils' charter given authority to hold public hearings and provide public comment and feedback concerning matters of land use must be restored to the Process and Procedures Amendment section to ensure that it complies with the Los Angeles City Charter and the specific authority it grants to Neighborhood Councils. The community engagement has been insufficient to conduct a full review of the substantial changes involving land use authority and procedures. Further, we encourage that the Los Angeles City Council obtain Cumis Counsel (independent counsel) to review the document in its entirety to ensure that no transfer of City Council authority occurs as a result of this document and that final decisions regarding land use matters remain with the City Council pursuant to the City Charter. There are numerous instances where authority appears to be vested in the Director of Planning, an unelected official, which may be in violation of the City Charter.

Recommended by LUPC 3-2-0 on 8/5/21

11G WRAC Oppose Misuse of Specific Plan Process

Meeting Date: 08/09/2021

Case: Oppose Misuse of Specific Plan Process

MOTION: The Venice Neighborhood Council opposes the City's use of Specific Plans that would result in up zoning open space and / or low-density residential neighborhoods. The use of specific plans in this manner creates significant negative impacts for all residential communities, the environment, and natural resources. We urge our City Councilmembers to reject land use applications for individual development projects that represent a misuse of the Specific Plan process. We ask that the City Council inform Planning not to process these types of requests.

Recommended by LUPC 3-2-0 on 8/5/21

11H WRAC Clarification Regarding Ghost Kitchens

Case: Request for Clarification Regarding Cloud/Ghost Kitchens

MOTION: WHEREAS businesses referred to as "Cloud Kitchens" or "Ghost Kitchens" represent a fairly new form of commerce and land use concept, and, WHEREAS this new business model has the potential to create significant impact on neighboring businesses and residential communities, and WHEREAS the absence of clear classifications for cloud/ghost kitchens can result in some being treated as commercial and/or retail uses, while others may be grouped as light manufacturing, and WHEREAS none of these classifications accurately capture the true nature of these operations and, WHEREAS cloud/ghost kitchens are being established in many areas across the City of Los Angeles Therefore, be it moved that the Venice Neighborhood Council requests that the city, represented by our council district, PLUM, and the City Council, in coordination with the Departments of Planning and Building and Safety: --define what constitutes a cloud/ghost kitchen, including possible different categories of such operations based upon numbers of kitchens and/or square footage involved, --identify criteria for the evaluation of their applications for buildout and permitting, including a process to evaluate potential impacts on their surroundings (noise, odor, traffic, and requirements pertaining to factors) --assess needed infrastructure (adequacy of electric service to area, parkin and/or loading zones WRAC believes that providing this needed clarification will remove uncertainties and contribute to the establishment of successful enterprises by creating the structure needed to guide the city's review and decision-making process.

Recommended by LUPC 3-2-0 on 8/5/21

12 Old Business (0 minutes)
Discussion and possible action

13 New Business (PM – minutes)
Discussion and possible action

13A Selection of Standing Committee Chairs

MOTION: The Board shall select Chairs for the following committees (as nominated by the Administrative Committee.) Each candidate will have 1 minute to present.

Arts -Bruno Hernandez
Ocean Front Walk - Jim Robb, Stan Muhamed
Rules and Selections - Oliver Fries

Recommended by ADCOM 8-0-0 on 8/9/21

13B Selection of Land Use and Planning Committee (LUPC) Members

MOTION: The Board shall select eight (8) members to serve on the Land Use and Planning Committee. Each Candidate will have 2 minutes to present.

[LUPC Applications 2021](https://drive.google.com/drive/folders/1OrVi2MdqM3ZqHW1ujo8hP8jlgNxid3ID?usp=sharing)

<https://drive.google.com/drive/folders/1OrVi2MdqM3ZqHW1ujo8hP8jlgNxid3ID?usp=sharing>

13C Selection of Neighborhood Community Members

MOTION: The Board shall select nine (9) members to serve on the Neighborhood Committee. Each Candidate will have 1 minute to present.

[Neighborhood Applications 2021](https://drive.google.com/drive/folders/1V2GZGT04IXDnmqSw7DBgFccNDhZmWVfu?usp=sharing)

<https://drive.google.com/drive/folders/1V2GZGT04IXDnmqSw7DBgFccNDhZmWVfu?usp=sharing>

13D Creation of Ad Hoc Committee(s) for a period of 1 year.

MOTION: The VNC Board creates the following Ad Hoc committees with the mission statements as approved by the Administrative Committee. Following the creation, the committee chairs shall be appointed by the President.

i. Venice Community Resiliency Committee (VCRC)

Mission: The mission of the Venice Community Resiliency Committee (VCRC) is to develop whole community planning and preparedness programs to further ensure the survival and recovery of the Venice community in times of disaster or proclaimed emergency.

ii. Parking and Transportation Committee (PTC)

Mission: The Venice Neighborhood Council, Parking and Transportation Committee (PTC) will evaluate existing and potential future conditions, relating to Parking and Transportation and issues within the public right-of-way, consider stakeholders input, and propose solutions to the Board of Officers.

iii. Venice Arbor Committee (VAC)

The Venice Arbor Committee supports and encourages the planting and

maintenance of trees throughout the Venice Neighborhood and surrounding communities through advocacy, education and policy work.

iv. Drug Addiction and Mental Health Awareness and Solutions Committee (DAMHASC)

The mission of this Committee will be to intensify community awareness of the ever-increasing issues of both drug addiction and untreated mental illness in our neighborhoods; to find solutions in intervention and prevention for younger children and teens in our schools as well as in services and treatment for adults in our community. The Committee will bring in speakers that are experts from all over the country, compile and share data on successful programs in other communities, and raise awareness of these issues in our community. Following Board approval, the Committee may bring intervention, education, and outreach programs to our schools (starting this Fall), The Committee will focus on developing actual solutions for our community that we, as compassionate and dedicated Venetians, can bring to our community and city-wide.

13E Civic University

MOTION: The Venice Neighborhood Council will nominate, select and approve up to 5 board members to attend Civic University.

Overview: <https://empowerla.org/wp-content/uploads/2015/04/Civic-U-FAQs.pdf>

14 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: James Murez Neighborhood: Daffodil Tyminski Outreach: Sima Kostovetsky Land Use and Planning: Alix Gucovsky Budget & Finance: Andrea Boccaletti Rules & Selections: Arts: Ocean Front Walk:		

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