



# Venice Neighborhood Council

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## Joint Board & Administrative Committee Minutes

Canal Club

2025 Pacific Ave, Venice, 90291

**Monday, October 12th, 2015 at 7:00 PM**

Note (i) The Administrative Committee does not address or consider the merits of proposed agenda items. Its function is to determine whether a proposed agenda item will be placed on the next Board meeting agenda, postponed, referred to a specific committee for review and recommendation, treated as an announcement, or considered and resolved as a non-Board administrative matter. (ii) The Administrative Committee has the discretion to reorder consideration of matters on the agenda to accommodate stakeholders or for other reasons.

### 1. Call to Order and Roll Call

**ACTION: No Board quorum. Meeting proceeds as Administrative Committee meeting.**

**PRESENT: Marc Saltzberg (MS), Kristopher Valentine (KV), Ira Koslow (IK), Abigail Myers (AM), Melissa Diner (MD)**

**ABSENT: Mike Newhouse (MN), Hugh Harrison (HH), Eduardo Manilla (EM)**

### 2. Approval of the Administrative Committee Agenda

**ACTION: Agenda approved AM/IK 3-0-1**

**FOR: IK, MD, AM**

**AGAINST: None**

**ABSTAIN: MS**

**Kristopher Valentine (KV) arrived.**

### 3. Approval of outstanding Administrative Committee minutes

<http://www.venicenc.org/wp-content/uploads/2012/05/150908AdComMinutes.pdf>

**ACTION: Minutes approved, IK/MS 3-1-1**

**FOR: IK, MD, KV**

**AGAINST: AM**

**ABSTAIN: MS**

### 4. Announcements & Public Comment on items not on the Agenda

**Ivan Spiegel**



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## 5. Old Administrative Committee Business

*[Discussion and possible action.]*

## 6. New Administrative Committee Business

*[Discussion and possible action.]*

### A Grow VNC email database (Matt kline [Matt.Kline@venicenc.org](mailto:Matt.Kline@venicenc.org))

**MOTION:** Whereas all information submitted to the VNC on speaker request cards are public property

And Whereas it is in the best interest of the VNC to grow the reach and influence of our organization.

And whereas the VNC email is one our primary means of outreach and communication with the community

And whereas the city allotted and additional \$5,000 to our annual budget

Therefore be it resolved that the VNC allot \$500 to employ an individual to enter email addresses into the email database after each meeting.

**ACTION: Referred to Outreach Committee, IK/AM 4-0-1**

**FOR: IK, MD, KV, AM**

**AGAINST: None**

**ABSTAIN: MS**

### B Consideration and approval of October 20, 2015 Proposed Board Agenda

**ACTION: Proposed Board Agenda approved. IK/KV 4-0-1**

**FOR: IK, MD, KV, AM**

**AGAINST: None**

**ABSTAIN: MS**

## 7. Adjourn

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## **DRAFT Board of Officers Meeting Agenda** Westminster Elementary School (Auditorium) 1010 Abbot Kinney Blvd, Venice, 90291 **Tuesday, October 20th, 2015 at 7:00 PM**

**BOARD MEETINGS:** The Venice Neighborhood Council holds its regular meetings on the third Tuesday of the month and may also call any additional required special meetings in accordance with its Bylaws and the Brown Act. All are welcome to attend.

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**ALL AGENDA TIMES ARE APPROXIMATE AND SUBJECT TO CHANGE ON THE NIGHT OF THE MEETING.**

1. **Call to Order and Roll Call (7:00PM – 1 minute)**  
Meeting called in honor of Chris Williams. Thank you to Whole Foods, Abbot's Habit, and Jessica Blumenthal for the food and refreshments.
  2. **Pledge Of Allegiance (7:01PM -- 1 minute)**
  3. **Approval of Outstanding Board minutes (7:02PM – 1 minute)**  
<http://www.venicenc.org/wp-content/uploads/2012/12/150915BoardMinutes.pdf>
  4. **Approval of the Board Agenda (7:03PM – 1 minute)**
  5. **Declaration of Ex Parte Communications or Conflicts-Of-Interest (7:04PM -- 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 (7:05PM – 45 minutes)**
- A Public Safety - LAPD Report (10 minutes):** Senior Lead Officers Peggy Thusing (25120@lapd.lacity.org), Kristan Delatori (32914@lapd.lacity.org), Gregg Jacobus, 35162@lapd.lacity.org, Lt. Lydia Leos 23216@lapd.lacity.org , OFW Beach Detail Supervisor.  
*Includes a monthly Venice crime report and updates on law enforcement issues in Venice.*
- B Government Reports (15 minutes)** (Representatives have standing place on the agenda, but are not always available to attend)
- City Councilmember Mike Bonin, Field Deputy, Jesus "Chuy" D. Orozco, 310-568-8772



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[janet.turner@mail.house.gov](mailto:janet.turner@mail.house.gov)
- State Senator Ben Allen, Representative Fernando Morales, 310-318-6994  
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- LA County Supervisor Sheila Kuehl Westside Field Deputy Rachel Zaiden, 213-974-3333  
[rzaiden@bos.lacounty.gov](mailto:rzaiden@bos.lacounty.gov)
- Mayor Eric Garcetti, Westside Deputy, Daniel Tamm, 213-978-0836 ([Daniel.Tamm@Lacity.org](mailto:Daniel.Tamm@Lacity.org))
- Ejjah Cooper – Oakwood Rec Park Director, 310-452-7479 ([ejjah.cooper@lacity.org](mailto:ejjah.cooper@lacity.org))
- Commissioner Joel Jacinto - Board of Public Works; Rep Shelley Wong ([shelley.wong@lacity.org](mailto:shelley.wong@lacity.org))

## **C** VNC Announcements (5 Minutes)

- President - Mike Newhouse ([President@VeniceNC.org](mailto:President@VeniceNC.org))
- Vice President - Marc Saltzberg ([VicePresident@VeniceNC.org](mailto:VicePresident@VeniceNC.org))
- Westside Regional Alliance of Councils- Mike Newhouse, WRAC President, Marc Saltzberg, VNC Representatives. ([Chair@westsidecouncils.org](mailto:Chair@westsidecouncils.org)),
- Los Angeles Neighborhood Council Coalition (LANCC) Ivan Spiegel  
([Parliamentarian@VeniceNC.org](mailto:Parliamentarian@VeniceNC.org))
- VNC Representative to DWP: Dede Audet
- Venice Chamber Of Commerce: Carl Lambert, President ([carl@lambertinc.com](mailto:carl@lambertinc.com))
- **VNC Elections 2016: Ivan Spiegel**

## **D** Great Venice Toy Drive (3 Minutes) Mariana Aguilar ([thegreatvenicetoydrive@gmail.com](mailto:thegreatvenicetoydrive@gmail.com))

Please save the date. Sat Dec 19, 2015 10am – 2pm @ Oakwood Recreation Center, Venice, CA, We currently plan for the Festival to include the toy giveaway, arts and crafts, a moon bounce, face painting, a used book giveaway, free food, free photos with Santa (for at least a portion of the event), and a snow play area. Please also feel free to contact members of the committee with any questions or with any ideas you have as to how to improve the event. We will be collecting toys beginning in November, including at the November and December Board meetings.

## **E** Venice Bikeshare Update (5 Minutes) (Jessie Holzer [jessie.holzer@lacity.org](mailto:jessie.holzer@lacity.org))

Provide an update on planned Venice bikeshare station locations

## **F** Revisions to LA Billboard Ordinance (5 Minutes) (Patrick Frank [plf@grabados.org](mailto:plf@grabados.org)) [EXHIBIT]

Venice Residents should inform themselves about the CPC action on revising the LA Billboard Ordinance.



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**7. General Consent Calendar (7:50PM -- 1 minute)**

*[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.]*

**8. Land Use and Planning Committee (LUPC) Consent Calendar (7:51 PM -- 1 minute)**

*[All agenda items on the Land Use and Planning Committee (LUPC) Consent Calendar will pass when the LUPC 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 agenda item 11. Land Use and Planning Committee and will be treated as regular LUPC agenda items, with discussion and public comment.*

**A 333 Windward Ave, North Venice Subarea, (15 minute)** RD1.5-1-O zone, General Plan Land Use designation: Multiple-Family Residential Low Medium II

ZA-2015-1894-CEX and DIR-2014-1514-VSO

Approved by LUPC 3-2-1 (MK/KR)

**MOTION:**

The VNC Board recommends to the Coastal Commission and to City Planning that the project is not a candidate for a Coastal Exemption (CEX) and recommends that it go through the CDP process.

**B 219 Howland Canal, Venice Canals Subarea, (10 minute)** RW1-1-O zone, General Plan Land Use designation:

Single-Family Residential Low Medium I, Dual Permit Jurisdiction Coastal Zone, Continued from September 21, 2015 meeting

DIR-2015-2795-VSO, and Administrative CDP to be obtained from State

Approved by LUPC 5-0-1 (RR/KR)

**MOTION:**

The VNC Board recommends approval of the project as a "VNC De Minimis Project."

**C 2205 Ocean Ave, Southeast Venice Subarea, (10 minute)** RD1.5-1-O zone, General Plan Land Use designation:

Multiple-Family Residential Low Medium II, Dual Permit Jurisdiction Coastal Zone

ZA-2015-1118-CDP-ZAA-SPP and ENV-2015-1119-CE

Approved by LUPC 5-0-1 (RR/KR)

**MOTION:**

The VNC Board recommends approval of the project as a "VNC De Minimis Project."



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**D — Concerns re. Coastal Exemption Procedure, Robin Rudisill, Chair & Todd Darling**

Approved by LUPC 5-0-1 (RR/MK)

**MOTION:**

The VNC Board recommends that the LUPC create a Task Force to make recommendations for improvement of the Coastal Exemption procedure, with Robin Rudisill, Chair, and Todd Darling as co-Chairs and including members from the County Assessor's Office, the Coastal Commission, and Building & Safety, with concerns to be addressed including (but not limited to) consistency with CEQA, Mello Act workarounds, inadequate Notice for appeal rights, non-transparency, inaccurate and misleading project descriptions, and use of incorrect definition of remodel (definition of remodel in General Plan Venice Land Use Plan is incorrect).

**E — Amendments to the Venice Land Use Plan, Robin Rudisill, Chair**

Approved by LUPC 6-0-0 (RR/KR)

**MOTION:**

The VNC Board requests that Councilmember Bonin request that the City Council approve two amendments to the General Plan Venice Land Use Plan: 1) to correct the definition of Remodel in Chapter I. Definitions (page I-15), and 2) to add a specific SurveyLA-identified historic and cultural resources reference in Policy I. F. 1. Historic and Cultural Resources (page II-28).

**ACTION: Referred back to LUPC Committee for specifics. IK/AM 4-0-1**

**FOR: IK, MD, KV, AM**

**AGAINST: None**

**ABSTAIN: MS**

**F — Motion to Recommend a Change in the City Attorney's Position on CUB Conditions, (20 minute) Sarah Blanche, Public Strategies**

Approved by LUPC 6-0-0 (RR/KR)

**MOTION:**

Whereas: The City Attorney's Office has taken a position that the City of Los Angeles does not have the authority to regulate (e.g. is preempted from regulating) retailers' alcohol sales and distribution practices, and

Whereas: An examination of legal precedent implies that the City Attorney's position overstates the breadth of the State's alcohol licensing authority, ignores recent case law, and disregards the practices of multiple other California jurisdictions, and

Whereas: Substantial legal precedent exists, establishing local jurisdictions' ability to impose conditions restricting or impacting the sale, use or distribution of alcohol *if* the conditions are



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reasonably tailored to address legitimate zoning/land use impacts, and

Whereas: The City Attorney's position significantly undermines local communities' ability to prevent and abate public nuisances associated with the sale of alcohol by restricting the placement of conditions on, among other examples, hours of sale of alcohol, happy hours (rules and regulations), container sizes, and types of alcohol sold.

Therefore, be it Resolved, The VNC Board recommends that Councilmember Bonin advocate for the City Attorney's Office to change its position regarding preemption and the City's authority to regulate, i.e. condition and enforce, alcohol sales and distribution practices, to reflect that:

1. The City of Los Angeles is *not* preempted and therefore does have the authority to regulate retailers' alcohol sales and distribution practices.
2. Nuisance activities can be directly related to alcohol sales, thus establishing a clear nexus between local police/zoning powers and alcohol sales and thereby rendering admissible the placement on CUB permits of conditions restricting or impacting the sale of alcohol.
3. All City Personnel should allow conditions on CUB permits that regulate, i.e. condition and enforce, retailers' sales and distribution of alcohol.

**G** **320 Sunset Ave, Oakwood Subarea,** Robin Rudisill, Chair & Mark Kleiman

ZA-2013-3376-CDP-CUB-SPP-1A

West L.A. Area Planning Commission Appeal Hearing Wednesday October 21, 2015, 4:30 pm, Henry Medina West L.A. Parking Enforcement Facility 2<sup>nd</sup> Floor, Roll Call Room, 11214 Exposition Blvd

Due process concerns re. ZA approval without final plans and without public review/hearing for significant changes to project specs.

For copy of citizen Appeal of CDP, CUB & SPP Determination:

<http://www.venicenc.org/320-sunset-ave/>

Approved by LUPC 6-0-0 (RR/MK)

**MOTION:**

The VNC Board recommends to the West L.A. Area Planning Commission that they consider the numerous procedural due process issues in their decision on this Appeal, including:

1. Significant and ongoing ex-parte communications
2. Inappropriate and insufficient Exhibit A plans
3. That, in spite of the significance of the changes to the project, it was not sent back to the community to review through the Public hearing process
4. That the ZA assigned was not changed to another ZA when the project changed significantly, as is usually done when a case has another City Hearing due to significant project changes
5. Insufficient community outreach



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## [NORTH VENICE SUBAREA](#)

### **H 78 Market St (aka 1501 Pacific Ave), North Venice Subarea, CM-1 zone, General Plan Land Use**

Plan designation: Limited Manufacturing

ZA-2014-4913-CDP-SPP and ENV-2014-4914-CE

VCZSP Compliance: SPP

<http://www.venicenc.org/78-market-st/>

City Hearing Thursday October 22, 2015, 10:00 am, West L.A. Municipal Bldg, 2<sup>nd</sup> floor Hearing Room, 1645 Corinth Ave

Project Description: remodel of existing 2,310 sq ft (2,121 sq ft per ZIMAS) commercial structure, consisting of a change of use of the ground floor from medical office to 1,823 sq ft floor area of retail use and a 1,531 sq ft 2<sup>nd</sup> story addition consisting of 1,092 sq ft floor area of retail use and 329 sq ft floor area of office use. The project will result in a 27' 6" tall, 3,581 sq ft commercial structure, on a 3,784.7 sq ft lot, with grandfathered parking for the 1<sup>st</sup> floor (parking grandfathered at 0 as there is no parking increase required for change of use due to decrease in parking required based on current LUP parking regulations for a change from medical office use, 1 space for each 150 sq ft floor area, to retail use, 1 space for each 225 sq ft floor area, and latest 1966 C of O indicates NO parking required for Medical Office use, and no BIZ parking required in 1966); and parking required and provided of 6 on-site spaces for the 2<sup>nd</sup> floor addition, 4 of which are tandem (2/2), one of which is a handicapped space, and one of which is met with 4 bicycle parking racks (in the outdoor patio area)

Applicant: Robert Thibodeau

LUPC Staff: Kathleen Rawson

Approved by LUPC 5-0-1 (KR/RD)

#### **MOTION:**

The VNC Board recommends approval of the project as presented.

### **I 1656 Abbot Kinney Blvd, North Venice Subarea, C2-1-O-CA zone, General Plan Land Use Plan designation: Commercial Artcraft**

DIR-2015-2823-CDP and ENV-2015-2716-EAF

VCZSP Compliance: None

<http://www.venicenc.org/1656-abbot-kinney-blvd/>

City Hearing not yet scheduled

Project Description: "reversion to acreage" (TT-72841-REV) to legally delineate, acknowledge and record the property and approve minor site and landscape maintenance/improvements, including installing "living fence" no more than 3'6" tall with bougainvillea, along Venice Blvd, refinishing 703 sq ft of decorative concrete access driveway from Venice Blvd w/740 sq ft of





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decorative concrete to match, adjoining the existing driveway, installing custom swinging gate adjoining existing driveway from Venice Blvd, planting new landscaping, including 8 living fence planters with one extended planter along Abbot Kinney and Venice Blvd containing approx. 41 5-gallon shrubs, 3 boxed trees & approx. 1,324 sq ft of botanical ground cover to replace existing pavement or gravel

Applicant: Chris Parker

LUPC Staff: Robin Rudisill, Chair

**Approved by LUPC 4-0-2 (TD/MK)**

**MOTION:**

The VNC Board recommends denial of the project.

**J** **910 Abbot Kinney Blvd & 916 Main St, North Venice Subarea,** C2-1 zone, General Plan Land Use

Plan designation: Neighborhood Commercial

ZA-2014-3288-CDP-SPP and ENV-2014-3289-MND and ZA-2015-2104-CEX and ZA-2015-2105-CEX

VCZSP Compliance: SPP

<http://www.venicenc.org/910-abbot-kinney-blvd/>

City Hearing took place on August 6, 2015

Project Description: change of use of existing 1-story commercial building from office, retail, medical offices and storage to 5 retail spaces (6,503 sq ft), 1 restaurant space (2,061 sq ft) with outdoor patio (550 sq ft) & storage

Applicant: Robert Thibodeau

LUPC Staff: Robert Aronson, Vice Chair

Approved by LUPC 4-0-2 (RA/MK)

**MOTION:**

The VNC Board recommends approval of the shell and core as presented, with 20 actual parking spaces and 8 bike spaces with no outdoor alcohol or food adjacent to the school on the outside patio.

**OAKWOOD SUBAREA**

**K** **820 Indiana Ave, Oakwood Subarea,** RD1.5-1 zone, General Plan Land Use Plan designation:

Multiple-Family Residential Low Medium II, continued from August 24, 2015 meeting

ZA-2014-3801-CDP-ZAA-MEL and ENV-2014-3802-MND and DIR-2014-3591-VSO

VCZSP Compliance: VSO

<http://www.venicenc.org/820-indiana-ave/>

City Hearing took place on September 10, 2015

Project Description: Mello Act Determination, construction, use & maintenance of a 3-story, 2,300 sq



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ft, second SFD & attached 2-car garage and 3 uncovered spaces, on a lot with an existing 1-story, 1,357 sq ft, SFD, built in 1922 (which is to remain); ZAA to allow a 6' wide passageway in lieu of 8' as required, all on a 5,281 sq ft lot, with total project size of 3,657 sq ft (69% FAR)

Applicant: Matthew Royce

LUPC Staff: Mehrnoosh Mojallali

Approved by LUPC 6-0-0 (MM/RD)

**MOTION:**

The VNC Board recommends approval of the project as presented.

- L** **414-414 ½ Brooks Ave, Oakwood Subarea**, RD1.5-1 zone, General Plan Land Use designation: Multiple-Family Residential Low Medium II  
ZA-2014-4273-CDP and ENV-2014-4274-CE and ZA-2013-1079-ZAA\* and DIR-2014-4145-VSO  
VCZSP Compliance: VSO

<http://www.venicenc.org/414-brooks-ave/>

City Hearing took place on September 24, 2015

Project Description: demo of existing detached 325 sq ft garage & construction of a 3-story, 29'6" tall, 692 sq ft 2<sup>nd</sup> dwelling unit w/408 sq ft of uncovered deck/balcony areas over a 675 sq ft attached 3-car garage, in conjunction with an existing single-family dwelling & detached 2-car garage, all on a 5,200 sq ft lot.

(\* ZAA for reduced passageway of 5' as existing in lieu of required 10' for the purpose of constructing a 2<sup>nd</sup> dwelling unit at the rear of the property approved in advance, on 7/2/13)

Applicant: Milton Devore

LUPC Staff: Gabriel Ruspini

Approved by LUPC 5-0-1 (GR/MR)

**MOTION:**

The VNC Board recommends approval of the project as presented.

**ACTION: A, B, C, F removed from Consent Calendar and placed on regular LUPC section. Item D removed from agenda. Item E referred back to committee. G, H, I, J, K, L are placed on the Consent Calendar. AM/MD 4-0-1**

**FOR: IK, MD, KV, AM**

**AGAINST: None**

**ABSTAIN: MS**

- 9. Announcements & Public Comment on items not on the Agenda (7:53PM -- 10 minutes)**  
*[No more than 1 minute per person – no Board member announcements permitted]*



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**10. Old Business [Discussion and possible action] (8:03PM -- 15 minutes)**

**A1 Presentation by Jessie Holzer from Councilman Bonin's office (5 minutes)**

**A2 Additional Crosswalks implemented on Pacific Ave bet. Navy and Washington Ave. (5 minutes) Melissa Diner on behalf of the OFW Committee ([melissa.diner@venicenc.org](mailto:melissa.diner@venicenc.org))**

**MOTION:** The Venice Neighborhood Council recommends the installation of crosswalks from Navy to Washington on Pacific Ave. Printed on road, with flashing lights or markers. There were some installed at Market street and they have since been removed.

**A3 Traffic Light Installation on Pacific Ave., @ Sunset Ave. (5 minutes) (Aaron Davis [aaronloringdavis@gmail.com](mailto:aaronloringdavis@gmail.com))**

**MOTION:** The Venice Neighborhood Council supports the investigation and feasibility of a traffic light to be installed on Pacific Ave., @ Sunset Ave., which is at approximately 510 Pacific Ave.

**ACTION: Old Business amended to include presentation and item moved from New Business. KV/AM 4-0-1**

**FOR: IK, MD, KV, AM**

**AGAINST: None**

**ABSTAIN: MS**

**11. LUPC (8:30PM – 80 minutes) Robin Rudisill on behalf of LUPC, (Chair-lupc@VeniceNC.org) [Discussion and possible action]**

**MILWOOD SUBAREA**

**A 934 Amoroso Place, Milwood Subarea, (15 minutes) R2-1 zone, General Plan Land Use Plan designation:**

Multiple-Family Residential Low Medium I

DIR-2015-2907-CDP-SPP and ENV-2015-2906-CE

VCZSP Compliance: SPP

<http://www.venicenc.org/934-amoroso-place>

City Hearing Thursday October 26, 2015, 1:00 pm, West L.A. Municipal Bldg, 2<sup>nd</sup> floor Hearing Room, 1645 Corinth Ave

Project Description: On a Walk Street--demo of 148 sq ft of existing 833 sq ft SFD & demo of detached accessory garage; construct 1<sup>st</sup> floor addition of 169 sq ft, new 2<sup>nd</sup> floor of 1,463 sq ft, a roof deck and a new attached 2-car garage to the existing SFD. New Recreation Room. Total sq ft proposed is 2,317, on a 3,590 sq ft lot

Applicant: Bill Tsui, YU2e, Inc., LOC Equities, LLC



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LUPC Staff: Gabriel Ruspini

Approved by LUPC 3-2-1 (GR/MK)

## **MOTION:**

The VNC Board recommends denial of the project as presented, for the following reasons:

1. The project is on a Walk Street, on the south side of the 900 block, with a predominance of original, small, 1-story buildings.
2. The proposed project is a 2-story single-family dwelling that is significantly larger than the existing structure on the site, a 1-story craftsman style bungalow circa 1921, and significantly larger than the other structures in the surrounding existing neighborhood, and as such does not meet the standards required such that Findings can be made per Section 8. C. 1. of the Venice Coastal Zone Specific Plan, which requires: "That the Venice Coastal Development Project is compatible in scale and character with the existing neighborhood, and that the Venice Coastal Development Project would not be materially detrimental to adjoining lots or the immediate neighborhood."
3. The project does not comply with the Venice LUP Policies on Preservation of Venice as a Special Coastal Community, which require the preservation of neighborhood scale, mass and character and architectural diversity.

## **OAKWOOD SUBAREA**

### **B 334 Sunset Ave, Oakwood Subarea, M1-1 zone, General Plan Land Use Plan**

designation: Limited Industry

ZA-2015-88-CDP-SPP and ENV-2015-89-CE

VCZSP Compliance: SPP

<http://www.venicenc.org/334-sunset-ave/>

[City Hearing Thursday October 22, 2015, 9:00 am, West L.A. Municipal Bldg, 2<sup>nd</sup> floor Hearing Room, 1645 Corinth Ave](#)

Project Description: Demo 3 light manufacturing buildings & construct 30' tall, 6,000 sq ft building with 21 parking spaces, located on a 6,003 sq ft lot

Applicant: Anthony Biedul

LUPC Staff: Mark Kleiman

Approved by LUPC 6-0-0 (MK/KR)

## **MOTION:**

The VNC Board recommends denial of the project on the following grounds:

1. It is inconsistent with General Plan Venice Land Use Plan Policy I. F. 1. re. preservation of historic and cultural resources.
2. It is inconsistent with General Plan Venice Land Use Plan Policy I. F. 2. re. reuse and renovation of culturally significant structures rather than their demolition.
3. The first floor looks like it could be reconfigured for retail purposes in the future, and the ground



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floor does not “add to the street,” and there are insufficient specifics on how it will operate, i.e. why are there 21 parking spaces for a manufacturing use.

4. The CEQA Categorical Exemption determination does not appear to be correct, and several members of the Public indicated that they were aware that the soil underneath the building is toxic due to prior uses.

**ACTION: Postponed for LUPC to have a hearing with developer. MD/IK 4-0-1**

**FOR: IK, MD, KV, AM**

**AGAINST: None**

**ABSTAIN: MS**

## **SOUTHEAST VENICE SUBAREA**

- C** **2919 Sanborn Ave, Southeast Venice Subarea, (10 minutes)** R1-1-O zone, General Plan Land Use Plan designation: Single-Family Residential Low, Dual Permit Jurisdiction Coastal Zone, continued from September 21, 2015 meeting  
ZA-2014-4517-CDP-SPP-MEL and ENV-2014-4518-CE  
VCZSP Compliance: SPP  
<http://www.venicenc.org/2919-sanborn-ave/>  
City Hearing took place on September 17, 2015  
Project Description: Mello Act Determination, demo of existing SFD & construction of a 30' 7", 2-story, 3,186 sq ft SFD w/ attached 400 sq ft garage & 1 uncovered parking space, on a 4,584 sq ft lot (70% FAR)  
Applicant: Daphne Abergel  
LUPC Staff: Maury Ruano  
Approved by LUPC 4-2-0 (RR/RD)  
**MOTION:**  
The VNC Board recommends approval of the project as presented.

## **UNCLASSIFIED:**

- D** **644 Sunset Ave, Oakwood Subarea, (15 minutes)** RD1.5-1 zone, General Plan Land Use designation: Multiple-Family Residential Low Medium II  
ZA-2015-913-CDP-MEL and ENV-2015-914-CE and DIR-2015-762-VSO  
VCZSP Compliance: VSO  
<http://www.venicenc.org/644-sunset-ave/>  
**CITY HEARING NOT YET SCHEDULED**  
Project Description: Mello Act Determination and demo of existing 1-story SFD & construction of a



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new 2-story SFD w/roof deck & attached garage, on a 4,802 sq ft lot (note: square footage of project not provided on VSO or any plans provided)

Applicant: David Crimmins

LUPC Staff: Gabriel Ruspini

LUPC vote 2-2-2 (RA/MR). Motion dies. There is no recommendation to the Board.

**MOTION:**

The VNC Board recommends approval of the project as presented.

**ACTION: Placed on agenda as stakeholder motion from Robin Rudisill under New Business. MD/AM 4-0-1.**

**FOR: IK, MD, KV, AM**

**AGAINST: None**

**ABSTAIN: MS**

**12. New Business (8:30PM – 30 minutes)**

*[Discussion and possible action]*

**A Approval of Election Procedures Stipulation Worksheet (Ivan Spiegel [elections@venicenc.org](mailto:elections@venicenc.org))**

**MOTION:** The VNC Board approves the 2016 Election Procedures Stipulation Worksheet as recommended by the Elections Committee.

**ACTION: Placed on consent calendar. KV/IK 4-0-1.**

**FOR: IK, MD, KV, AM**

**AGAINST: None**

**ABSTAIN: MS**

**B Motion to Accelerate Street Repairs (Marc Saltzberg [vicepresident@venicenc.org](mailto:vicepresident@venicenc.org))**

**MOTION:** WHEREAS, the City of Los Angeles Bureau of Street Services Small Truck Street Repair Program made minor street repairs at 7 locations on September 21st, 2015 but referred 8 additional locations to BSS District Maintenance, 8 others to BSS Resurfacing Division and did not repair two others (see locations: [http://www.venicenc.org/wp-content/uploads/2012/09/Street-Repairs-NC-Req-form-1-2015\\_final.pdf](http://www.venicenc.org/wp-content/uploads/2012/09/Street-Repairs-NC-Req-form-1-2015_final.pdf) AND

WHEREAS, all locations were suggested by residents and representatives of residents serving on the VNC Neighborhood Committee;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Venice Neighborhood Council Board refers the unrepaired 18 locations to CD11 Council Member Mike Bonin for evaluation for accelerated repairs and possible



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funding.

**ACTION: Placed on consent calendar. MD/AM 4-0-1.**

**FOR: IK, MD, KV, AM**

**AGAINST: None**

**ABSTAIN: MS**

**C** **Motion for Recreation and Parks to appoint Voluntary Community Liaison Group** (Melissa Diner [melissa.diner@venicenc.org](mailto:melissa.diner@venicenc.org))

**MOTION:** The Venice Neighborhood Council recommends Melissa Diner as the voluntary Community Liaison Group coordinator for all permits issued by Recreation and Parks on Ocean Front Walk. The primary goal of this appointment is to provide resources to the permit applicants that would allow them the option to connect with, support and notify the local community.

This will include but not be limited to:

- 1.) Community liaison to work with Recreation and Parks on all OFW events permits. Rec and parks will be required to send email to community liaison group email of all final permit applicant info.
- 2.) Community liaison for all OFW film permits. Recreation and Parks will be required to send email to community liaison group email of all final permit applicant info.
- 3.) Recreation and Parks at time of application will notify applicant of the process and let them know they recommend but to not require them to work with community liaison.
- 4.) Community liaison will cultivate volunteer committee independent of the Venice Neighborhood Council to handle all outreach, management and process with permit applicants.
- 5.) Community liaison group will work with the Chamber of Commerce or other non profit entity on this project.

(FilmLA currently has community liaisons for many other communities, however OFW community liaison is only a member of Recreation and Parks dealing exclusively with permits whereas in most other communities it is an individual or individual working with a non profit organization. Rec and Parks has made it clear they are only willing to work on this after years of discussion on how to better notify the locals of events on Ocean Front Walk if they receive a recommendation from the VNC)

**ACTION: Placed on agenda. To be rewritten for clarification with the help of Parliamentarian and to be submitted by Thursday night. MD/AM 4-0-1.**

**FOR: IK, MD, KV, AM**

**AGAINST: None**

**ABSTAIN: MS**

**D** **Put Trash Cans Away** (Yolanda Gonzalez [firstmateyo@yahoo.com](mailto:firstmateyo@yahoo.com))

**MOTION:** The VNC Board requests that CD11 instruct the Department of Sanitation and LAPD to



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enforce the ordinance to put trash cans away after trash pick up to discourage the homeless from rummaging through our trash.

**ACTION: Postponed to November.**

**E** **Sister-City Initiative** (Mark Lipman [editor@vagabondbooks.net](mailto:editor@vagabondbooks.net))

**MOTION:** Whereas, Venice, California has a deep rooted artistic heritage, which has influenced art, music, film and poetry around the world; and

Whereas, Venice, California has a National and International reputation for creative expression and is regarded as the foremost destination for arts and culture in Southern California; and

Whereas, furthermore, Venice, California has an existing and vibrant artistic-poetic community, with extensive connections to other artistic-poetic communities, both nationally and abroad; and

Whereas, moreover, Venice, California has the spirit and desire to spread and share Good Will by creating cultural bridges of friendship between our community, Venice, California and others around the world;

Therefore, be it resolved that the Venice Neighborhood Council establish an exploratory committee (consisting of in all/or part local Venetian poets and artists ... and others), to create a "Sister-City Initiative," with the purpose of identifying partnering communities and guiding the process of creating cultural exchanges and building community;

Additionally, the VNC, would indicate to the CD11 office our intent of creating such a program and (by letter) petition Councilman Bonin to support such an initiative.

**ACTION: Postponed for legal research.**

**F** **Traffic Light Installation on Pacific Ave., @ Sunset Ave.** (Aaron Davis [aaronloringdavis@gmail.com](mailto:aaronloringdavis@gmail.com))

**MOTION:** The Venice Neighborhood Council supports the investigation and feasibility of a traffic light to be installed on Pacific Ave., @ Sunset Ave., which is at approximately 510 Pacific Ave.

**ACTION: Moved to Old Business**

**13. Treasurers Report (9:35PM - 3 minutes)** Hugh Harrison on behalf of Budget & Finance Committee, ([Treasurer@VeniceNC.org](mailto:Treasurer@VeniceNC.org)) [Discussion and possible action] **[EXHIBIT]**

**A** **MOTION:** The Venice Neighborhood Council approves the attached Monthly Expenditure Reports for September 2015.

Recommended by Budget and Finance Committee 3-0-0 [10/6/15]





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**B MOTION:** The Venice Neighborhood Council allocates \$500 from Board Community Improvement Projects to the Vera Davis Thanksgiving event.  
Neighborhood Committee Vote 12-0-1 [9/24/2015]  
Recommended by Budget and Finance Committee 3-0-0 [10/6/15]

**C MOTION:** The Venice Neighborhood Council shall hire a graphic artist to assist in the preparation of outreach and election materials.  
Recommended by Budget and Finance Committee 3-0-0 [10/6/15]

**ACTION: Moved to before Consent Calendar**

**14. Board Member Comments on subject matters within the VNC jurisdiction (9:38PM - 5 minutes)**

**15. Adjourn (approx.)**

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Arts	Eduardo Manilla	Discussion Forum	Joe Murphy
Budget & Finance	Hugh Harrison	Business	George Francisco
Education	Bud Jacobs	Housing	Abigail Myers, Helen Stotler
Land Use and Planning	Robin Rudisill	Mass/Scale/Character	Sue Kaplan
Neighborhood	Marc Saltzberg	Parking/Transportation	Abigail Myers
Ocean Front Walk	Melissa Diner	Public Safety	George Francisco
Outreach	Sylvia Aroth	Santa Monica Airport	Laura Silagi, Abigail Myers
Rules & Election	Ira Koslow	2015/16 Election	Elizabeth Wright, Ivan Spiegel
Environmental	Abigail Myers, Erin Sullivan-Ward, Barbara Lonsdale		

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