



# Venice Neighborhood Council

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## Joint Board & Administrative Committee Agenda

Canal Club

2025 Pacific Ave, Venice, 90291

**Monday, June 8th, 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**
2. **Approval of the Administrative Committee Agenda**
3. **Approval of outstanding Administrative Committee minutes**  
<http://www.venicenc.org/wp-content/uploads/2012/05/150511AdComMinutes.pdf>
4. **Announcements & Public Comment on items not on the Agenda**
5. **Old Administrative Committee Business**  
*[Discussion and possible action.]*
6. **New Administrative Committee Business**  
*[Discussion and possible action.]*
- A **Agenda Request Principles and Guidelines** Kristopher Valentine  
([kristopher.valentine@venicenc.org](mailto:kristopher.valentine@venicenc.org))

**MOTION:** The Administrative Committee endorses the following principles regarding agenda requests, which are already in the bylaws, standing rules, or currently practiced. This endorsement is to provide transparency, fairness, and clarity to stakeholders and the board.

- 1) Agenda requests are required to be submitted on the Tuesday before Ad Com meets by 7:00PM.
- 2) All agenda requests must be submitted via the board website (link) with the title, motion, and contact information of the maker of the motion.
- 3) Any motions submitted by committee shall include the date the motion was passed by the committee and the vote count.
- 4) Agenda requests must include any exhibits or links to exhibits at the time of submission.
- 5) Items submitted after the deadline will be placed on the following month's Ad Com agenda or referred to an appropriate Committee.
- 6) The only exceptions (up to 48 extra hours) to the deadline are:
  - a. Time-sensitive or urgent business
  - b. Financial matters



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c. LUPC project motions with upcoming government hearings which affect a specific stakeholder or applicant.

7) The President has the right to overrule the guidelines as they see fit on a case by case basis.

## **B Board acknowledgment of Agenda Request Principles and Guidelines**

*If the above motion is approved, then the following motion shall be placed on the board agenda:*

**MOTION:** The Venice Neighborhood Council affirms the Agenda Request Principles and Guidelines endorsed by the Administrative Committee and moves that they will be placed on the Administrative Committee webpage as well as the agenda request webpage.

## **C Approval Of Revised AdHoc Mission Statements (Ivan Spiegel, Parliamentarian)**

**MOTION:** The Administrative Committee approves any revisions to submitted AdHoc Committee Mission Statements

## **D Consideration and approval of June 16th, 2015 Proposed Board Agenda**

## **7. Adjourn**

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## **DRAFT Board of Officers Meeting Agenda** **Westminster Elementary School (Auditorium)** **1010 Abbot Kinney Blvd, Venice, 90291** **Tuesday, June 16th, 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.

**TRANSLATION Services:** Si requiere servicios de traducción, favor de notificar a la oficina 3 días de trabajo (72 horas) antes del evento. Si necesita asistencia con esta notificación, por favor llame a nuestra oficina 213.473.5391.

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**PUBLIC COMMENT:** The public is requested to fill out a **"Speaker Card"** to address the Board on any Old or New Business item on the agenda and the Treasurer's Report. Comments from the public on these agenda items will be heard only when that item is being considered. Comments from the public on other agenda matters or on matters not appearing on the agenda but within the Board's subject matter jurisdiction will be heard during the Public Comment period. Public comment is limited to one (1) minute per speaker, unless modified by the presiding officer of the Board. No new speaker cards will be accepted once Public Comment has begun.

**COMMUNITY IMPACT STATEMENTS:** Any action taken by the Board may result in the filing of a related CIS

**DISABILITY POLICY:** See last page.

**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)**  
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/2012/12/150519BoardMinutes.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 – 73 minutes)**
- A **Public Safety - LAPD Report (10 minutes):** Senior Lead Officers Peggy Thusing ([25120@lapd.lacity.org](mailto:25120@lapd.lacity.org)), Kristan Delatori ([32914@lapd.lacity.org](mailto:32914@lapd.lacity.org)), Gregg Jacobus, [35162@lapd.lacity.org](mailto:35162@lapd.lacity.org), Lt. Lydia Leos [23216@lapd.lacity.org](mailto:23216@lapd.lacity.org) , OFW Beach Detail Supervisor. *Includes a monthly Venice crime report and updates on law enforcement issues in Venice.*  
Captain Nicole Alberca



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- B Government Reports (15 minutes)** (Representatives have standing place on the agenda, but are not always available to attend)
- City Councilmember Mike Bonin, Jesus D. Orozco, Field Deputy, [jesus.d.orozco@lacity.org](mailto:jesus.d.orozco@lacity.org) (310-568-8772)
  - 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 Sam Liu 310-318-6994, [samuelliu@sen.ca.gov](mailto:samuelliu@sen.ca.gov)
  - State Assemblyperson Autumn Burke, Rep Odysseys Bostick 310.412.6400 [odysseysbostick@asm.ca.gov](mailto:odysseysbostick@asm.ca.gov)
  - LA County Supervisor Sheila Kuehl
  - Mayor Eric Garcetti, Westside Deputy, Daniel Tamm, ([Daniel.Tamm@Lacity.org](mailto:Daniel.Tamm@Lacity.org)) 213-978-0836
- C VNC Announcements (5 Minutes)**
- President - Mike Newhouse ([President@VeniceNC.org](mailto:President@VeniceNC.org))  
Presentation of Certificate in recognition of service to Venice Community
  - 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: Catherine Chevalier, President VCC ([Catherine@notmaurice.com](mailto:Catherine@notmaurice.com))
- D CIP Application Rankings** Marc Saltzberg on behalf of the Neighborhood Committee ([VicePresident@venicenc.org](mailto:VicePresident@venicenc.org))
- The Neighborhood Committee will announce their ranking of the Community Improvement Projects (CIP) for the 2015-2016 Fiscal Year.
- E Venice Bike Share** Jessie Holzer ([jessie.holzer@lacity.org](mailto:jessie.holzer@lacity.org))
- Presentation of the bike share coming to Venice as part of the City of Santa Monica's bike share program.
- F Library Services** Alicia M. Rodriguez ([arodrig@lapl.org](mailto:arodrig@lapl.org))
- Presentation by the Western Region Bilingual Outreach Librarian about the various programs and services the library has for the community.
- G Spotball Presentation** YO POMIRO ([spotballusa@gmail.com](mailto:spotballusa@gmail.com))
- Presentation about a 501.c.3 organized to promote health among homeless veterans.



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**7. General Consent Calendar (8:18PM -- 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 (8:19 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 VNC De Minimis Projects**

**MOTION:** The VNC Board recommends approval of the following project as a "De Minimis Project":

520 Broadway, Oakwood Subarea, ZA-2014-3110-CDP & AA-2014-3109-PMLA-CN & ENV-2014-3113-MND, based on previously approved State CDP 5-14-0237, for purposes of conversion of duplex to condos upon approval of PMLA.

Applicant: Robert Thibodeau

LUPC Staff: Robin Rudisill

RECOMMENDED BY LUPC on 6/2/15 by a vote of 7-0-0.

**9. Announcements & Public Comment on items not on the Agenda (8:20PM -- 10 minutes)**

*[No more than 1 minute per person – no Board member announcements permitted]*

**10. Old Business [Discussion and possible action]**

**11. LUPC (8:30PM – 25 minutes)** Robin Rudisill on behalf of LUPC, ([Chair-lupc@VeniceNC.org](mailto:Chair-lupc@VeniceNC.org))

*[Discussion and possible action]*

**A Venice Coastal Zone Interim Control & Interim Control Internal Control Ordinance (ICO)** Todd

Darling & Robin Rudisill, Chair

<http://www.venicenc.org/venice-coastal-zone-interim-control-ordinance/>

**MOTION:** The VNC Board recommends approval of the following ICO draft for the period until the Local Coastal Program is approved, as requested by the VNC Board on March 17, 2015. **[EXHIBIT]**

RECOMMENDED BY LUPC on 6/2/15 by a vote of 5-2-1



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## **B** Legalizing Safe and Habitable Bootleg Units

**MOTION:** Whereas the City of Los Angeles has estimated that there are between 40,000 and 60,000 bootleg units in Los Angeles; and  
Whereas the City of Los Angeles' Systematic Code Enforcement Program (SCEP) requires inspection of every rental unit once every three years, and inspectors regularly uncover violations and order owners to remove bootleg units of every type; and  
Whereas typically, though not exclusively, these units are occupied by low-income tenants; and  
Whereas all of these units violate VCZSP requirements, zoning codes and parking requirements;  
Whereas in the midst of our current housing crisis, 44,000 people are without any housing and hundreds of thousands more are doubling and tripling up to maintain a roof over their heads;  
Therefore Be It Resolved that the VNC recommends that safe and habitable bootleg units should be legalized on granting exceptions to the VCZSP, zoning codes and parking requirements, on condition that they are rented to low income tenants at low or very low affordable levels, and that such conditions be recorded on title to the properties and monitored by the City or a designated agent. The process should begin with an amnesty to encourage property owners to apply to legalize their bootleg units, with subsequent imposition of fines for non-compliance.

RECOMMENDED BY LUPC 6/2/15 by a vote of 3-2-2

## **C** 425 Rose Ave (change of use from existing restaurant and market/deli, "Fiesta Brava", to a restaurant with new outdoor covered patio dining area), Oakwood Subarea, C4-1 zone, Land Use Plan designation: Community Commercial

ZA-2014-1877-CDP-CUB-SPP & ENV-2014-1878-MND

<http://www.venicenc.org/425-rose-ave/>

CITY HEARING TOOK PLACE ON APRIL 23, 2015, City Determination is being held open by ZA Lourdes Green for VNC advisement;

Project Description: CDP & SPP (VCZSP compliance permit) for change of use from existing 2,696 sq ft restaurant & market/deli to a 2,306 sq ft restaurant with a new 410 sq ft outdoor covered patio dining area, with increase in seating from 38 interior seats to 59 interior seats & 34 outdoor patio seats, on a 6,294 sq ft lot, with 18 on-site parking spaces, comprised of 11 spaces existing, 4 spaces grandfathered, & 4 spaces met by adding 16 bicycle stalls; and CUB for sale & dispensing of a full line of alcoholic beverages for on-site consumption in conjunction with a new restaurant providing a total of 93 seats, with hours of operation of 8 am to 12 am daily.

Applicant: Bruce Horowitz

LUPC Staff: Maury Ruano

**MOTION:** The VNC Board recommends denial of the project as presented, for the grounds as relayed at the LUPC hearing, including public and committee comments that there is an overconcentration of alcohol licenses in the census tract, that patio dining would be disruptive to the surrounding residents, that the proposed time of closing is too late on the weekdays, that there has been insufficient



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information provided to demonstrate that the operation would not interfere with the quiet enjoyment of the residences within 100 feet of the project, and that there would be an unacceptable adverse impact to the surrounding neighborhood, which is already overburdened with not enough available parking for the surrounding uses, due to the use of "grandfathered parking" to meet the parking requirements for the project.

RECOMMENDED BY LUPC 6/2/15 by a vote of 5-1-1

- D** **3018-3025 Washington Blvd (change of use from retail to restaurant with CUB)**, Southeast Venice Subarea, C2-1 zone Land Use Plan Designation: General Commercial APCW-2014-3142-SPE-SPP-CUB-ZV-CDP & ENV-2014-3143-MND <http://www.venicenc.org/3018-3025-washington-blvd/> CITY HEARING TOOK PLACE ON JUNE 1, 2015

Project Description: Converting an existing 762 sq ft 1-story retail space with 4 existing (and possibly non-required) parking spaces, into a 1,454 sq ft restaurant with a beer and wine conditional use (CUB). The proposed restaurant would remove all of the existing parking spaces and convert the area to patio dining, with a total Service Floor Area of 559 sq ft (375 sq ft indoors and 184 sq ft outdoors). An addition of 458 sq ft is also proposed, as well as a request to allow the trash enclosure to be kept at the front of the property along the sidewalk on Washington Blvd, instead of at the back of the property as required. The proposed restaurant will provide no parking. The proposed hours of operation are 10 am to 10 pm, 7 days a week.

Applicant: Bruno Bondanelli, Ayhan Sahbal & Representative Sheryl Brady, Permit Place  
LUPC Staff: Robert Aronson

**MOTION:** The VNC Board recommends denial of the project as presented, because it is not a change of use as defined in Section 5.F of the VCZSP and therefore In Lieu Parking Fees are not allowed to be paid, the hours of operation extend too late for an alcohol use adjacent to residences, the project is extremely close to residences without sufficient mitigation measures, and there is an overconcentration of alcohol licenses in the census tract.

RECOMMENDED BY LUPC 6/2/15 by a vote of 5-0-1

- 12. New Business (8:30PM – 30 minutes)**  
*[Discussion and possible action]*

- A** **Approval of VNC Strategic Plan** Ira Koslow on behalf of REC, Budget & Election Committees ([ira.koslow@venicenc.org](mailto:ira.koslow@venicenc.org))

[EXHIBIT]

**MOTION:** The Venice Neighborhood Council approves the following strategic plan for 2015/2016:

STRATEGIC PLAN VENICE NEIGHBORHOOD COUNCIL 2015-2016

THE BIG VISION:

Encourage and maintain the diverse community of Venice.



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## THE BIG GOALS:

1. Involve more Venice stakeholders in civic participation to improve the daily life in Venice.
2. Increase the community awareness of the Venice Neighborhood Council.
3. Improve relationships with government officials.
4. Promote active and engaged participation in the Venice Neighborhood Council election.
5. Cultivate public safety for all stakeholders.

## THE BIG SOLUTIONS:

1. Broaden community participation in VNC committees and activities.
2. Increase outreach through electronic, written and personal contact with the Venice stakeholders.
3. Strengthen the effectiveness of the VNC and stakeholder interaction with government officials by developing a more pro-active relationship.
4. Increase participation of underrepresented communities by increased outreach in the VNC election process.
5. Involve more individuals and community groups in the neighborhood watch program.

## THE BIG SCORE:

1. Participation by all Board members in VNC outreach through Farmer's Market and community events.
2. Development of expanded outreach materials by the Outreach Committee.
3. An increase in candidates and voters in the 2016 election.
4. Increased public use of the VNC website and social media.
5. Increased number of neighborhood watches in the Venice community.

RECOMMENDED at a joint meeting on May 26<sup>th</sup> by REC- 2-0-0, Elections 2-0-0 and Budget 3-0-0.  
See: [Insert file link here](#)

## **B** Reappoint Ad Hoc Committees Ivan Spiegel ([parliamentarian@venicenc.org](mailto:parliamentarian@venicenc.org))

**MOTION:** The VNC Board shall reappoint the following Ad Hoc Committees until the seating of the next Board following the 2016 elections:

Environmental  
Communications  
Discussion Forum  
Business  
Mass/Scale Character  
Parking/Transportation  
Public Safety  
Santa Monica Airport





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**C** Discussion and possible support for assembly passage of SB 277 Marc Saltzberg  
([VicePresident@venicenc.org](mailto:VicePresident@venicenc.org))

Placeholder

**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 May 2015.  
RECOMMENDED BY BUDGET COMMITTEE ON 6/2/15 4-0-0

**B** **MOTION:** The Venice Neighborhood Council shall reallocate the following sums for expenditures in June 2015:

1. \$2,000 for Farmer Market bags.
2. \$1000 for seed project.
3. \$500 outreach materials for Neighborhood Committee.
4. \$1000 for Neighborhood Watch Signs.
5. Remainder of available balance up to \$5000 for Congress of Neighborhood Councils and Budget Advocates, to be split 70% and 30% respectively.

RECOMMENDED BY BUDGET COMMITTEE on 6/2/15 3-0-1.

**C** **MOTION:** The Venice Neighborhood Council shall approved the attached budget for 2015-2016.

RECOMMENDED BY BUDGET COMMITTEE on 6/2/15 4-0-0.

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

**15. Adjourn (approx. 9:43)**

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

Administrative	Mike Newhouse	Communications	Jed Pauker
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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