

Board of Officers Meeting Minutes
Westminster Elementary School (Auditorium)
1010 Abbot Kinney Blvd, Venice, 90291
Tuesday, September 20, 2016 at 7:00 PM

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

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AGENDA: *In compliance with Government Code section 54957.5 the agenda and non-exempt writings that are presented to a majority or all of the board members in advance of regular and special meetings may be viewed at Beyond Venice (681 Venice Blvd), the Venice Library (501 S. Venice Blvd), and the VNC website (<http://www.venicenc.org>), or at the scheduled meeting. For a copy of any record related to an item on the agenda, please contact communications@venicenc.org.*

COMMENT: The public is requested to fill out a "**Speaker Card**" to address the Board on any Old or New item on the agenda and the Treasurer's Report. Comments from the public on these agenda items will be heard 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 will be accepted once Public Comment has begun.

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

AGENDA POLICY: See last page.

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 Venice Ale House, Tom Elliott, Josh Kuyt, Whole Foods, Abbot's Habit, and Daryl Barnett for the food and refreshments.

ROLL

PRESENT: Ira Koslow, George Francisco, Hugh Harrison, Melissa Diner, Matt Kline, Matthew Royce, Evan White, William Hawkins, Cayley Lambur, Hollie Stenson, Michelle Meepos, James Murez, John Reed, Matt Shaw, Robert Thibodeau,

NOT PRESENT: Sunny Bak, Lauri Burns, Erin Darling, Stephen Livigni, Ilana Marosi, Colleen Saro,

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/2012/12/20161608VNCBoardMinutesFINAL-2.pdf>

Matt Kline, Matt Shaw (14,0,1)

4. Approval of the Agenda (7:03PM – 1 minute)

Matt Kline, Jim Murez 14, 0, 1

Amendment to creating D (bifurcating item C new business)

William Hawkins, Jim Murez 14,0,1

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 – 30 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.*

COLLEEN SARO ENTERS

ILANA MOROSI ENTERS

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, Taylor Bazley, 310-568-8772 (taylor.bazley@lacity.org)
- Congressman Ted Lieu, Representative Janet Turner, 310-496-9896 (janet.turner@mail.house.gov)
- State Senator Ben Allen, Representative Fernando Morales, 310-318-6994 (fernando.morales@sen.ca.gov)
- State Assemblyperson Autumn Burke, Rep Ari Ruiz, Ari.Ruiz@asm.ca.gov 310-412-6400
- LA County Supervisor Sheila Kuehl Westside Field Deputy Rachel Zaiden, 213-974-3333 (rzaiden@bos.lacounty.gov)
- Mayor Eric Garcetti, Westside Deputy, Daniel Tamm, 213-978-0836 (Daniel.Tamm@Lacity.org)

MIKE NEWHOUSE ARRIVES

C VNC Announcements (5 Minutes)

- President -Ira Koslow, Congress of Neighborhood Councils (President@VeniceNC.org)
- Vice President - George Francisco, Abbot Kinney Festival Sunday, September 25 (Vice-President@VeniceNC.org)

- Secretary- Melissa Diner: send your proof of ethics and financial trainings to rosters@empowerla.org
- Westside Regional Alliance of Councils- Mike Newhouse, WRAC President, Ira Koslow, VNC Representatives. (Chair@westsidecouncils.org),
- Los Angeles Neighborhood Council Coalition (LANCC) Ivan Spiegel (Parliamentarian@VeniceNC.org)
- VNC Representative to DWP: Yolanda Gonzales
- Budget Advocates update

ALL EXHIBITS/ADDENDUMS CAN BE FOUND HERE:

<https://drive.google.com/drive/folders/0B8IM2U0uPEPPUWw2ZUJBYWxkVGs?usp=sharing> or <http://www.venicenc.org/board/> or <http://www.venicenc.org/committees/lupc/>

7. Treasurer's Report (7:35PM - 2 minutes) (Hugh Harrison on behalf of Budget & Finance Committee) (Treasurer@VeniceNC.org)

[Discussion and possible action]

[EXHIBITS]

MOTION: The Venice Neighborhood Council approves the attached expenditure reports for August 2016.

Recommended by Budget and Finance Committee 9-6-2016 4-0- 0

MOTION: Hugh Harrison, Melissa Diner (16,0,1)

FAVOR: George Francisco, Hugh Harrison, Melissa Diner, Matt Kline, Matthew Royce, Evan White, William Hawkins, Cayley Lambur, Ilana Marosi, Hollie Stenson, Michelle Meepos, James Murez, John Reed, Colleen Saro, Matt Shaw , Robert Thibodeau,

OPPOSED:

ABSTAIN: Ira Koslow

8. Announcements & Public Comment on items not on the Agenda (7:37PM - 10 minutes)

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

9. General Consent Calendar (7:47PM -- 3 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.]

A. Representative to Citizens Forestry Advisory Committee (George Francisco on behalf of the Neighborhood Committee)

MOTION: The VNC Board recommends to Councilman Mike Bonin that Isabelle Duvivier be the Council District 11 representative to the Citizens Forestry Advisory Committee.
Recommended by Neighborhood Committee 9-0-1

B. Parking Revenue Presentation request (James Murez on behalf of the Parking and Transportation Committee)

MOTION: The VNC Board requests that the LA City Dept. of Transportation (LADOT) make a presentation on parking revenue collected and associated costs from all sources and resources respectively in Venice.
Recommended by the Parking and Transportation Committee 6-0-0

C. Bike Share Program (James Murez on behalf of the Parking and Transportation Committee)

MOTION: The VNC Board shall send a letter to CD 11 requesting that a presentation on the Bike Share program in Venice be made at the VNC Board meeting in October 2016.
Recommended by the Parking and Transportation Committee 7-0-0

E. Presentation request Public Works and Sanitation (James Murez on behalf of the Parking and Transportation Committee)

MOTION: The VNC Board shall send a letter inviting Kevin James, President of Public Works to make presentation to the VNC Board on the services offered by Public Works and the Department of Sanitation.
Recommended by the Parking and Transportation Committee 6-0-0

F. Appointment of Additional Board Members Authorized to Submit CIS

MOTION: The VNC Board appoints George Francisco and Melissa Diner as additional persons authorized to submit Community Impact Statements following Board approval.

Item D pulled from consent to the end of new business.

MOTION: George Franciso, John Reed (16,0,1)

FAVOR: George Francisco, Hugh Harrison, Melissa Diner, Matt Kline, Matthew Royce, Evan White, William Hawkins, Cayley Lambur, Ilana Marosi, Hollie Stenson, Michelle Meepos, James Murez, John Reed, Colleen Saro, Matt Shaw , Robert Thibodeau,

OPPOSED:

ABSTAIN: Ira Koslow

10. Land Use and Planning Committee (LUPC) Consent Calendar (7:50PM -- 0 minutes)

[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]

11. Old Business [Discussion and possible action] (7:50PM -- 0 minutes)

12. LUPC (7:50PM – 60 minutes) Matthew Royce on behalf of LUPC, (Chair-lupc@VeniceNC.org) [Discussion and possible action]

A. 110 Paloma Ave & 111 Sunset Ave

Case: DIR-2016-1017-CDP-F-MEL, DIR-2015-3845-ZV-CDP-SPP-MEL

Applicant: 112 Paloma LLC

LUPC Staff: Tim Bonefeld

Representative: Mauricio Duk (Studio-MD)

Description: Two New Single Family residences on 2 lots, requesting parking variance

MOTION: The VNC Board recommends approval of the project with the following conditions:

1. The requested parking variance is approved pending approval of an **access** easement from Building & Safety.
2. The requested over-height fence variance is denied. All site fences must conform to the Zoning Code and/or Venice Specific Plan.

Recommended by LUPC 5-0-0

ERIN DARLING ARRIVES

Recused: Robert Thibodeau

MOTION: Matt Royce, George Francisco (11, 4, 2)

FAVOR: George Francisco, Hugh Harrison, Melissa Diner, Matt Kline, Matthew Royce, Evan White, William Hawkins, Cayley Lambur, Hollie Stenson , Michelle Meepos, Matt Shaw ,

OPPOSED: Ilana Marosi, James Murez, John Reed, Colleen Saro,

ABSTAIN: Ira Koslow, Erin Darling,

AMENDMENT :input word access denied.

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Recommended by LUPC 5-0-0

3. two properties shall be directly connected for purposes of parking.

Jim Murez, John Reed (3, 9, 4)

FAVOR: Michelle Meepos, James Murez, John Reed,

OPPOSED: George Francisco, Melissa Diner, Matt Kline, Matthew Royce, Evan White,

William Hawkins, Cayley Lambur, Hollie Stenson, Matt Shaw ,

ABSTAIN: Ira Koslow, Erin Darling, Ilana Marosi, Colleen Saro,

B. 520 Venice Way

Case:DIR-2016- 463-CDP- MEL, AA-2016- 2584-PMLA- CN

Applicant: Reza Akef

LUPC Staff: Michael Jensen & Mehrnoosh Mojallali

Representative: Enrique Bressen (designer)

Description: New 2 unit Condo

MOTION: The VNC Board recommends approval of the project with the following conditions:

1. Zoning Determination Letter and/or signed diagram of all yards and setbacks approved by Building & Safety.
2. Clarify number of VSO's required by Planning Dept. & Case numbers
3. Replace missing street tree on Venice Way
4. Install landscaping on future City dedication.

Recommended by LUPC 5-0-0

RECUSAL: Jim Murez

MOTION: Matt Royce, Matt Kline (16,0,1)

14. New Business (8:50P[1] [2] [3] [4] [5] [6] M – 80 minutes)

[Discussion and possible action]

A. Creation of Cell Tower Ad hoc Committee (5 minutes)

MOTION: The VNC Board creates an Ad hoc Cell Tower Committee with the following Mission Statement as approved by the Administrative Committee: The Ad hoc Cell Tower Committee shall review and report to the VNC Board on the placement of existing and proposed new equipment and recommend alternate solutions when feasible.

Jim Murez, William Hawkins (16,0,1) Jim Murez appointed by President as Chair.

B. Jones Settlement Action (Will Hawkins for the Homeless Committee) (45 minutes)

MOTION:

The Venice Neighborhood Council calls upon Los Angeles Mayor Eric Garcetti, City Attorney Mike Feuer, and the Housing & Community Investment Department to update the THE JONES SETTLEMENT AGREEMENT FACT SHEET, dated November 2, 2015 and provide figures for the total number of net new Chronically Homeless units built in the Greater Los Angeles area and in the Downtown Skid Row area after October 15, 2007. If (net) new chronically homeless units have been built we ask that the Los Angeles City Attorney's office to begin the process of declaring the terms of the Jones Settlement satisfied.

MOTION: William Hawkins, Matt Shaw (13, 3, 2)

FAVOR: George Francisco, Hugh Harrison, Matt Kline, Matthew Royce, Evan White, William Hawkins, Cayley Lambur, Hollie Stenson, Michelle Meepos, James Murez, John Reed, Matt Shaw , Robert Thibodeau,

OPPOSED: Erin Darling, Ilana Marosi, Colleen Saro,

ABSTAIN: Ira Koslow, Melissa Diner,

C. Jones Settlement Enforcement (Will Hawkins for the Homeless Committee)

MOTION: Whereas: LAMC 41.18(d) is in effect stating :No person shall sit, lie or sleep in or upon any street, sidewalk or other public way, and

Whereas: the Jones Settlement states 'The Los Angeles Police Department will issue a policy directive stating that it will not enforce Los Angeles Municipal Code ("LAMC") section 41.18(d) between the hours of 9:00 p.m. and 6:00 a.m., and

Whereas the Jones settlement does NOT in any way preclude the enforcement of LAMC section 41.18(d) between the hours of 6am and 9pm

Be it resolved that the Venice Neighborhood Council calls upon Mayor Eric Garcetti, Councilman Mike Bonin, the Los Angeles City Council and Chief of Police Charlie Beck to direct The Los Angeles Police Department to begin warning anyone sitting, lying, or sleeping upon any street, sidewalk or other public way between the hours of 6am and 9pm that they are in violation of LAMC 41.18(d) and; In instances when an individual acting in violation of LAMC 41.18(d) refuses to leave the area, to cite the individual for violating LAMC 41.18(d) and if future violations occur, to secure a stay-away order to prevent that individual from continuing to violate the law.

Recommended by the Homeless Committee 7-0-0

MOTION: William Hawkins, Evan White (12, 4, 2)

FAVOR: George Francisco, Melissa Diner, Matthew Royce, Evan White, William Hawkins, Cayley Lambur, hollie , Michelle Meepos, James Murez, John Reed, Matt Shaw , Robert Thibodeau,

OPPOSED: Hugh Harrison, Erin Darling, Ilana Marosi, Colleen Saro,

ABSTAIN: Ira Koslow, Matt Kline,

D. Mobile Storage Program (Will Hawkins for the Homeless Committee) **(30 minutes)**

MOTION:The Venice Neighborhood Council recommends that the City of Los Angeles and Councilman Mike Bonin create a Mobile Storage Program to serve the Venice homeless community. We recommend that it should include:

- Two customized school buses equipped with air-conditioning, bathroom, lift gates, awnings and an administrative, area.
- The school buses would be painted with murals from local artists.
- Storage program would operate Monday - Friday, 7am-4pm and on Saturdays, 8am – 3pm (closed Sundays and federal holidays).
- Both vehicles would operate on a fixed schedule and route, stopping at three to-be-determined locations daily.
- Staffed by two (2) caseworkers, one (1) storage attendant, one (1) driver/security guard.
- Program would create a to-be-determined amount of jobs for homeless individuals who would work to assist case-workers, organize storage areas and help keep encampment areas clean and safe.
- Program would provide 100 sixty (60) gallon containers (50 per vehicle).
- Vehicles would be parked securely each night at a to-be- determined location in Venice.
- Participants would register into a Coordinated Entry System (CES).
- Program would have a trial period on one (1) year.
- A non-profit organization would be contracted to execute the program.

Recommended by the Homeless Committee 7-0-0

Hollie Stenson, Will Hawkins Recusal

Matt Shaw, Melissa Diner 16,0,1

FAVOR:

George Francisco, Hugh Harrison, Melissa Diner, Matt Kline, Matthew Royce, Evan White, Lauri Burns, Erin Darling, Cayley Lambur, Ilana Marosi, Michelle Meepos, James Murez, John Reed, Colleen Saro, Matt Shaw , Robert Thibodeau,

Abstain: Ira Koslow

E. Overgrown Bushes on Rose Ave. (James Murez on behalf of the Parking and Transportation Committee) (Previously item D consent, it was pulled)

MOTION: The VNC Board shall send a letter to the LA City Public Works, Street Services requesting the overgrown bushes on Rose Ave be trimmed.
Recommended by the Parking and Transportation Committee 6-0-0

MATT SHAW RESCUAL

Jim Murez, Melissa Diner (13, 1, 4)

FAVOR: Hugh Harrison, Melissa Diner, Matt Kline, Matthew Royce, Evan White, Lauri Burns, Erin Darling, William Hawkins, Cayley Lambur, Ilana Marosi, hollie, James Murez, John Reed,

OPPOSED: George Francisco,

ABSTAIN: Ira Koslow, Michelle Meepos, Colleen Saro, Robert Thibodeau,

15. Board Member Comments on subject matters within the VNC jurisdiction
(10:10PM - 5 minutes)

16. Adjourn (approx. 10:15 PM)

List of Venice Neighborhood Council Committees & Chairs – Volunteers Welcome

Standing Committees

Administrative - Ira Koslow
Neighborhood - George Francisco
Outreach - Matthew Kline
Land Use and Planning - Matthew Royce
Budget & Finance - Hugh Harrison
Rules & Selections - John Reed
Arts - Sonny Bak
Ocean Front Walk - Colleen Saro
Education - vacant

Ad Hoc Committees

Public Safety - Matt Shaw & Will Hawkins
Homeless - Will Hawkins
Parking & Transportation - Jim Murez
Venice Cityhood - Nick Antonicello
Discussion Forum Joe Murphy
Mass/Scale/Character Sue Kaplan

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