



e Neighborhood Council

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Board of Officers Meeting Minutes

Westminster Elementary School (Auditorium)
1010 Abbot Kinney Blvd, Venice, 90291
Tuesday, October, 18, 2016 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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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 Gjusta, Fran Camaj, Greg Blanc, Whole Foods, Abbot's Habit, and Darryl Barnett for the food and refreshments.

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

ABSENT: Sunny Bak, Lauri Burns, Erin Darling, Cayley Lambur, Ilana Marosi,

2. Pledge Of Allegiance (7:01PM -- 1 minute) Dedicate meeting to

3. Approval of Outstanding Board minutes (7:02PM – 1 minute)

<http://www.venicenc.org/wp-content/uploads/2012/12/September202016VNCBoardMinutes.pdf>

GF, HH (15, 0, 1)

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

OPPOSED:

ABSTAIN: Ira Koslow



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Sunny Bak and Ilana Marosi Arrived

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

GF, HH (17, 0,1)

FAVOR:

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OPPOSED:

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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 – 90 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, 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 TBD, 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)

C VNC Announcements (5 minutes)

- President -Ira Koslow (President@VeniceNC.org)
- Vice President - George Francisco (VicePresident@VeniceNC.org)



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- 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 - Hugh Harrison, Treasurer
 - **Matt Kline- send in items for newsletter**
 - **Matt Royce-**
- D** **Proposed Venice Beach Business Improvement District (10 minutes)** (Sylvia Aroth/Brad Neal)
Presentations about the proposed Venice Beach Business Improvement District, explaining what a BID is, the BID process, and the BID map. Pro and Con speakers.
- E** **Proposition HHH (30 minutes) 8pm –**
Speakers will present the pros and cons on Proposition HHH, the 1.2 billion dollar Homeless Housing Bond initiative. Invited speakers are ~~Councilman Mike Bonin~~ **Becky from VCHC** (pro) and Chair of NC Budget Advocates Jay Handal (con).
- F** **Board of Public Works (20 minutes) 8:30pm**
~~Kevin James, President of the Board of Public Works will give a presentation on the services offered by Public Works City Departments.~~
- 7.** **Treasurer’s Report (8:35PM - 15 minutes)** (Hugh Harrison on behalf of Budget & Finance Committee) (Treasurer@VeniceNC.org)
[Discussion and possible action] See attached addendums

WILL HAWKINS LEAVES

- A** **Monthly Expenditure Report**
MOTION: The VNC Board approves the attached expenditure reports for August 2016. Recommended by Budget and Finance Committee on October 4, 2016 [4-0-0].

HH, CS (16,0,1)

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- B** **VNC Holiday Celebration**



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MOTION: The VNC Board approves funding in the amount of \$2000 for the 2016 Venice Holiday Celebration.
Recommended by Budget and Finance Committee on October 4, 2016 [4-0-0].
HH, GF (16,0,1)

FAVOR:

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C **Reallocation of funds** (Hugh Harrison, Treasurer)

MOTION: The VNC Board shall reallocate \$900 from the General Outreach budget line item into the Equipment (Operations) line item.

D **Purchase New Technology to Modernize Outreach**

MOTION: The VNC shall allocate up to \$900 from Equipment (Operations) for the purchase of two Apple Mini-iPads (with Apple Care) and two 62 inch Mini-iPad tripods to be used for streaming Board meetings and as digital sign-up portals at the Farmer’s Market and community events. Motion at the request of the Secretary and the Chairs of the Outreach and Communications Committees. Recommended by the Budget and Finance Committee [4-0-0].

HH motion to hear C & D together
HH, MD (16,0,1)

FAVOR:

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8. Announcements and Public Comment on items not on the Agenda (8:50PM - 10 minutes)
[No more than 1 minute per person – no Board member announcements permitted]

9. General Consent Calendar (9:00PM -- 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]



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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 **CIS in support of first Budget Advocates White Paper** (Hugh Harrison, Treasurer on behalf of NC Budget Advocates) **[EXHIBIT]**

MOTION: The VNC Board shall submit a Community Impact Statement for City Council File 17-0600 in support of the first Budget Advocates White Paper.

B **Support For Clean Streets LA Challenge** (George Francisco, vp@venicenc.org) **[EXHIBIT]**

MOTION:The VNC agrees to partner with the Eagle Rock Yacht Club, a social and philanthropic group operating an adult Dodgeball League in Venice, in order to participate in the 2016 "Clean Streets LA Challenge". The project involves organizing a street clean-up for the city block from Rose Ave to Sunset and 7th Ave to Lincoln Blvd on November 5th.

C **Support for LA2050.org Project** (George Francisco, vp@venicenc.org) **[EXHIBIT]**

MOTION: The VNC supports the application of Synaccord, an LA-based social network, for the LA2050.org competition to develop community-guided initiatives whereby Synaccord will develop digital engagement tools to increase stakeholder participation in both the VNC and the Neighborhood Council system citywide.

D **Remediate groundwater seepage on Altair Place** (Matthew Shaw on behalf of Public Safety Committee, matthew.shaw@venicenc.org)

Whereas, A standing ground water problem has existed on the 500 block of Altair Place since 2014, and;

Whereas, The County of Los Angeles has distributed literature about the public hazards of standing groundwater, and;

Whereas, the City of Los Angeles has failed to remedy this situation;

Therefore, The VNC Board recommends that Councilman Mike Bonin, Bureau of Street Services, Department of Public Works and Los Angeles Sanitation immediately begin the process to excavate and remediate the ongoing groundwater seepage problem on the 500 block of Altair Place.

Recommended by Public Safety Committee on Monday, August 22, 2016 MS/JP -- 6/0/0

CONSENT CALENDAR APPROVED
(16,0,1)

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10. Land Use and Planning Committee (LUPC) Consent

Calendar (9:05PM -- 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. New Business (9:05PM – 5 minutes)

[Discussion and possible action]

Appointment of Homeless Liaison (Ira Koslow) (President@venicenc.org)

MOTION: Whereas integrating Neighborhood Council board members and advocates into conversations addressing the City’s homelessness crisis will help provide additional services and opportunities to end homelessness one person at a time, and Whereas the Mayor has requested that each Neighborhood Council appoint a Homelessness Liaison, BE IT RESOLVED that the Venice Neighborhood Council Board will appoint a Homelessness Liaison to participate and collaborate with the Mayor’s Office and CD 8 at bi-monthly Homelessness Advocate meetings and make regular reports back to the Board.

GF, HH (16,0,1)

APPOINT WILL HAWKINS, alternates Sunny Bak and Hollie Stenson

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OPPOSED:

ABSTAIN: Ira Koslow

12. Old Business (9:10PM - 30 minutes)

[Discussion and possible action]

Mass, Scale and Character Committee Revised Report (45 minutes) (Sue Kaplan on behalf of the Mass, Scale, and Character Committee)

MOTION:The VNC Board shall approve the report from the Mass, Scale and Character committee. <http://www.venicenc.org/mass-scale-and-character-ad-hoc-committee/>

http://www.venicenc.org/wp-content/uploads/2013/12/MS_C_draft-report_final-pt-1_2016-10-13.pdf

http://www.venicenc.org/wp-content/uploads/2013/12/MS_C_draft-report_final.Appendix-F-H.pdf

MOTION FAILS: GF, JM (4, 10, 3)



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ABSTAIN: Ira Koslow, Matt Kline, Hollie Stenson,

Send the report to LUPC for future review to bring back to the board.
GF, SB (5, 10, 2)

FAVOR: George Francisco, Evan White, Hollie Stenson, Matt Shaw , Robert Thibodeau,
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ABSTAIN: Ira Koslow, Matthew Royce,

13. Board Member Comments on subject matters within the VNC jurisdiction (9:55PM - 5 minutes)

14. Adjourn (approx. 10:00PM)

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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