



Venice Neighborhood Council

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Board of Officers Meeting Minutes Westminster Elementary School (Auditorium) 1010 Abbot Kinney Blvd, Venice, 90291 **Tuesday, March 15th, 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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DISABILITY POLICY: See last page.

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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. A special thank you to Gabe Dupin for his work at Whole Foods.

ACTION: Meeting called at 7:10PM.

PRESENT: Mike Newhouse, Marc Saltzberg, Kristopher Valentine, Hugh Harrison, Jed Pauker, Sylvia Aroth, George Francisco, George Gineris, Matt Kline, Ira Koslow, Eduardo Manilla, Kelley Willis, Bud Jacobs, Max Sloan

ABSENT: Robin Rudisill, Mike Bravo, Erin Darling, Melissa Diner, Joe Murphy, Abigail Myers, Tommy Walker

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/2012/12/160216BoardMinutes.pdf>

ACTION: Motion approved. (IK/MK 12-0-1)

IN FAVOR: Marc Saltzberg, Kristopher Valentine, Hugh Harrison, Jed Pauker, Sylvia Aroth, George Francisco, George Gineris, Matt Kline, Ira Koslow, Eduardo Manilla, Kelley Willis, Bud Jacobs,

AGAINST: NONE

ABSTAIN: Mike Newhouse



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

ACTION: Motion approved. (IK/EM 12-0-1)

IN FAVOR: Marc Saltzberg, Kristopher Valentine, Hugh Harrison, Jed Pauker, Sylvia Aroth, George Francisco, George Gineris, Matt Kline, Ira Koslow, Eduardo Manilla, Kelley Willis, Bud Jacobs,

AGAINST: NONE

ABSTAIN: Mike Newhouse

Max Sloan arrived 7:15PM.

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.

Sylvia Aroth – Steve Freedman, Thatcher project

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.*

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)

Working on housing for Veterans, can get housing voucher same day.

● ~~State Senator Ben Allen, Representative Fernando Morales, 310-318-6994 (fernando.morales@sen.ca.gov)~~

● ~~State Assemblyperson Autumn Burke, Rep Odysseus Bostick, 310-412-6400 (odysseus.bostick@asm.ca.gov)~~

● ~~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)~~

● ~~Oakwood Rec Park Director, 310-452-7479~~

C VNC Announcements (5 Minutes)

● President - Mike Newhouse (President@VeniceNC.org)

● Vice President - Marc Saltzberg (VicePresident@VeniceNC.org)



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- Westside Regional Alliance of Councils - Mike Newhouse, WRAC President, Marc Saltzberg, VNC Representatives. (Chair@westsidecouncils.org),
- Los Angeles Neighborhood Council Coalition (LANCC) Ivan Spiegel (Parliamentarian@VeniceNC.org)

Promoting project for people about to lose their homes. www.keepyourhomecalifornia.org

- VNC Representative to DWP: Dede Audet
- Venice Chamber Of Commerce: Carl Lambert, President (carl@lambertinc.com)
- VNC Elections 2016: Ivan Spiegel, Elizabeth Wright
- **Sylvia Aroth Green Expo 2.0**

D Report by Committee on Mass, Scale and Character (3 Minutes) (Sue Kaplan chair.massandscale@venicenc.org)

E Small Asphalt Repairs Presentation (5 minutes) (Benny Carranza, Bureaus of Street Services)

Matt Kline left – 7:37PM

F Presentation about Venice Forward, a collaboration of Venice Residents, (20 minutes)
Homeless Service Providers, City and County Governments dedicated to ending Homelessness in Venice. See: <http://veniceforward.org/> Presentation by Va Lecia Adams (Executive Director, St. Joseph's Center, Collen Murphy (Division Manager, St Joseph's Center, Carl Lambert (President, Venice Chamber of Commerce).

7. Treasurer's Report (7:35PM - 5 minutes) (Hugh Harrison on behalf of Budget & Finance Committee), (Treasurer@VeniceNC.org)
[Discussion and possible action]

[EXHIBITS FOR A, B, C, & D]

A **MOTION:** The Venice Neighborhood Council approves the Monthly Expenditure Reports for February 2016.

Recommended by Budget and Finance Committee on March 1, 2016 [4-0-0].

ACTION: Motion approved. (HH/SA 12-0-1)

IN FAVOR: Marc Saltzberg, Kristopher Valentine, Hugh Harrison, Jed Pauker, Sylvia Aroth, George Francisco, George Gineris, Max Sloan, Ira Koslow, Eduardo Manilla, Kelley Willis, Bud Jacobs

AGAINST: NONE

ABSTAIN: Mike Newhouse

B **MOTION:** The Venice Neighborhood Council approves the 2016, 10th Annual Community Picnic for August 6, 2016, at Oakwood Recreation Center. Attached is the proposed budget for the event.

Recommended by Budget and Finance Committee on March 1, 2016 [3-0-1].



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ACTION: Motion approved. BBQ date has been changed July 30th, 2016. (HH/EM 12-0-1)

IN FAVOR: Marc Saltzberg, Kristopher Valentine, Hugh Harrison, Jed Pauker, Sylvia Aroth, George Francisco, George Gineris, Max Sloan, Ira Koslow, Eduardo Manilla, Kelley Willis, Bud Jacobs,

AGAINST: NONE

ABSTAIN: Mike Newhouse

- C MOTION:** The Venice Neighborhood Council approves the expenditure of \$2000 for the 2016 Green Expo. Attached is the proposed budget for the event.

Recommended by Budget and Finance Committee on March 1, 2016 [4-0-0].

ACTION: Motion approved. (HH/JP 12-0-1)

IN FAVOR: Marc Saltzberg, Kristopher Valentine, Hugh Harrison, Jed Pauker, Sylvia Aroth, George Francisco, George Gineris, Max Sloan, Ira Koslow, Eduardo Manilla, Kelley Willis, Bud Jacobs

AGAINST: NONE

ABSTAIN: Mike Newhouse

- D MOTION:** The Venice Neighborhood Council approves the 2016 Election Budget. Attached is the proposed budget for the election.

Recommended by Budget and Finance Committee on March 1, 2016 [3-0-1].

ACTION: Motion approved. (HH/MS 12-0-1)

IN FAVOR: Marc Saltzberg, Kristopher Valentine, Hugh Harrison, Jed Pauker, Sylvia Aroth, George Francisco, George Gineris, Max Sloan, Ira Koslow, Eduardo Manilla, Kelley Willis, Bud Jacobs

AGAINST: NONE

ABSTAIN: Mike Newhouse

8. General Consent Calendar (7:40PM -- 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.]

- A CIS Supporting 15-0002-S125 to Reduce Helicopter Noise** (Marc Saltzberg
Marc.Saltzberg@venicenc.org)

MOTION: The Venice Neighborhood Council hereby supports City Council Motion 15-0002-S125



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(Koretz) calling for administrative action by the FAA to adopt Special Federal Aviation Regulations that would reduce helicopter noise in Los Angeles County as soon as possible.

Distribution: Mike Bonin, Paul Koretz, CIS Submission

B **Support for City Council Motion 16-0238 Regarding the Regulation of Haul Truck Staging in the City of Los Angeles** (Mariana Aguilar arvinfieldmouse@gmail.com)

MOTION:

WHEREAS haul trucks have been staging for construction projects on Lincoln Boulevard and surrounding streets in Venice for years, largely for projects taking place in surrounding municipal and county jurisdictions such as Santa Monica where haul trucks are required to pay permit fees to stage, rather than projects occurring in our neighborhood or city where no such fees are required;

WHEREAS such trucks are both a nuisance and a hazard to the Venice community, in that, for example, they:

- block access to businesses on Lincoln Boulevard,
- park in “red zones,” which, in addition to other things, impedes drivers’ lines of sight as they pull out onto Lincoln Boulevard,
- park on our residential streets, at times blocking access to our homes,
- pollute our air when they leave their trucks running while parked, and
- disturb our sleep because of staging beginning as early as 5 a.m.;

WHEREAS Los Angeles City Councilman Bonin has recently submitted Motion 16-0238 to the City Council, attached as Exhibit A, asking the Department of Public Works to report on current and potential City controls and requirements relative to haul trucks, including a permit requirement for haul route trucks that utilize the City’s public right-of-way;

Now, therefore, be it resolved, that the Venice Neighborhood Council (“VNC”) supports Councilman Bonin’s motion as a first step in resolving this nuisance and requests that a copy of the report be provided to the VNC once completed.

DISTRIBUTION: Los Angeles City Councilmembers Mike Bonin and Paul Koretz, CIS to LA City Council File 16-0238.

C **Approval of New Polling Place** Ivan Spiegel

MOTION: The VNC approves the use of a new polling location at either Oakwood Rec or Coeur d’Alene Avenue School for the June election.

D **Motion to Support the Venice Cinco de Mayo Parade/Festival taking place on Saturday, April 30th, 2016 at Penmar Park** (Mike Bravo mike.bravo@venicenc.org, odelatorre@picoyouth.org)



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MOTION:

WHEREAS the Venice Cinco de Mayo Parade/Festival is a historic event that existed in Venice in the early 1960's, 1970's, and 1980's; and

WHEREAS the Venice Neighborhood Council (VNC) supports events that celebrate and encourage the cultural diversity of our neighborhood.

THEREFORE BE IT THEREFORE RESOLVED BY THE VENICE NEIGHBORHOOD COUNCIL THAT:

- 1) The VNC strongly encourages our CD-11 Councilperson Mike Bonin to support the Venice Cinco de Mayo Parade/Festival on Saturday, April 30th, 2016 at Penmar Park
- 2) The VNC strongly encourages our Pacific Division LAPD to support and participate in the Venice Cinco de Mayo Parade/Festival
- 3) The VNC supports and encourages board member and stakeholder participation in the Venice Cinco de Mayo Parade/Festival

Distribution: Upon approval the secretary will prepare a letter to be sent to Councilman Mike Bonin, with carbon copies to LAPD Pacific Division Captains and any other relevant city departments.

E Support for VA MasterPlan (Marc Saltzberg on behalf of WRAC vicepresident@venicenc.org)

MOTION: The Venice Neighborhood Council supports the draft master plan for the Dept Of Veterans Affairs WLA Campus.

See: http://www.losangeles.va.gov/LOSANGELES/features/VAGLAHS_Announces_Draft_Master_Plan.asp

ACTION: Consent calendar approved. (EM/MS 12-0-1)

IN FAVOR: Marc Saltzberg, Kristopher Valentine, Hugh Harrison, Jed Pauker, Sylvia Aroth, George Francisco, George Gineris, Max Sloan, Ira Koslow, Eduardo Manilla, Kelley Willis, Bud Jacobs,

AGAINST: NONE

ABSTAIN: Mike Newhouse

9. Land Use and Planning Committee (LUPC) Consent Calendar (7:41 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 Support of Motion from LAANC on Enforcement of Short-Term Rental Violations~~

MOTION:

~~Whereas, short term rentals are illegal in Los Angeles' residential neighborhoods, and~~



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~~Whereas the City Attorney has failed to prosecute short term rental violations in the City of Los Angeles, for a variety of reasons;~~

~~Now, therefore be it resolved, that the VNC Board recommends and urges City Attorney Mike Feuer to enforce the law as required by the City Charter, and immediately prosecute short term rental zoning violations in the City of Los Angeles; and demands that if after 60 days from this Motion the City Council has not made a Findings that the City Attorney has started adequate enforcement, that the City Council take action to hire a private law firm to start enforcement procedures and reallocate the City Attorney's budget to pay for those services.~~

~~Recommended by LUPC on 2-29-16 by a vote of 8-0-0 (RA/TD)~~

~~Link to LAANC motion: <http://westsidecouncils.com/motion/short-term-rentals-laanc>~~

ACTION: Pulled from consent.

B 3018-3024 Washington Blvd (change of use from office [corrected from retail] to restaurant with CUB), Southeast Venice Subarea, C2-1 zone, General Plan Land Use Plan designation:

General Commercial

APCW-2014-3142-SPE-SPP-CUB-ZV-CDP and ENV-2014-3143-MND-REC1

VCZSP Compliance: SPP

<http://www.VeniceNC.org/3018-3024-Washington-Blvd/>

City Hearing Scheduled for Wednesday March 16, 2016, 4:30 pm, 11214 Exposition Blvd, 2nd floor Hearing Room, L.A. 90064

Project Description: a CDP and Specific Plan Project Permit Compliance for a change of use from a 762 sq ft office [corrected from retail] use to a restaurant use & a 458 sq ft addition, resulting in a 1-story, 1,454 sq ft restaurant and wine bar. The proposed restaurant is comprised of 559 sq ft of Service Floor Area, providing 20 indoor seats & 15 outdoor seats, & will operate between the hours of 7 am to 11 pm [changed from 10 am to 10 pm], 7 days a week. The entitlements requested include a Specific Plan Exception to allow a Floor Area Ratio (FAR) of .93 to 1 in lieu of the maximum of .5 to 1 for restaurants in commercial zones, a Conditional Use Permit for sale and onsite consumption of beer and wine (CUB), and a Zone Variance to allow a 15 sq ft trash area within the front 1/2 of the lot.

Applicant: Bruno Bondanelli, Ayhan Sahbal & Representative Sheryl Brady, Permit Place

LUPC Staff: Robert Aronson

Recommended by LUPC on 2-29-16 by a vote of 6-0-0 (RA/GR):

(Mark Kleiman was recused)

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

1. It is not a change of use as defined in Section 5.F of the Venice Coastal Zone Specific Plan (VCZSP) and therefore In Lieu Parking Fees are not allowed to be paid.
2. The original proposed hours of operation extended too late for an alcohol use on an outdoor patio adjacent to residences, and the project is extremely close to residences without sufficient noise mitigation measures; and since the hours were extended by 3 hours in the morning, to 7 am, and 1 hour in the evening, to 11 pm, SUBSEQUENT TO THE PUBLIC



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HEARING PROCESS, we are EVEN MORE CONCERNED about the use of alcohol on an outdoor patio adjacent to residences, and without sufficient noise mitigation measures.

- 3. There is an overconcentration of alcohol licenses in the census tract.

C 796 Main St. (“Barrigue Restaurant”), North Venice Subarea, C2-1 zone, General Plan Land Use Plan designation: Community Commercial ZA-2015-2872-CUB and ENV-2015-2873-CE VCZSP Compliance: n/a for a CUB <http://www.VeniceNC.org/796-Main-St/> City Hearing Not Yet Scheduled

Project Description: a CUB for the continued sale and dispensing of beer and wine for on-site consumption in conjunction with the operation of an existing restaurant

Applicant: David Weissglass, Art Rodriguez and Associates, for Antonio Mure

LUPC Staff: Gabriel Ruspini

Recommended by LUPC on 2-29-16 by a vote of 6-0-0 (GR/MM):

MOTION:

The VNC Board recommends approval of the CUB renewal as presented, based on the same conditions as are in the CUB approved in 2011 being reimposed.

ACTION: 9A pulled. Consent calendar items 9B & C approved. (JP/HH 12-0-1)

IN FAVOR: Marc Saltzberg, Kristopher Valentine, Hugh Harrison, Jed Pauker, Sylvia Aroth, George Francisco, George Gineris, Max Sloan, Ira Koslow, Eduardo Manilla, Kelley Willis, Bud Jacobs

AGAINST: NONE

ABSTAIN: Mike Newhouse

- 10. **Announcements & Public Comment on items not on the Agenda (7:43PM -- 10 minutes)** [No more than 1 minute per person – no Board member announcements permitted] Lydia Ponce, Yolanda Gonzalez, Randy Bermudez, Jean Harrington, Chris Baca of Meals on Wheels

- 11. **Old Business [Discussion and possible action] (7:53PM -- 00 minutes)**

- 12. **LUPC (7:53PM – 65 minutes)** Robin Rudisill on behalf of LUPC, (Chair-lupc@VeniceNC.org) [Discussion and possible action]

A 35 Wave Crest Ave, North Venice Subarea 9, (20 minutes) RD1.5-1 zone, General Plan Land Use Plan designation: Multiple-Family Residential Medium, Dual Permit Jurisdiction Coastal Zone ZA-2015-1256-CDP-ZAA-SPP-MEL and ENV-2015-1527-MND VCZSP Compliance: SPP <http://www.VeniceNC.org/35-Wave-Crest-Ave/>



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City Hearing was continued from February 18, 2016 to April 7, 2016, 10:30 am, West L.A. Municipal Building, 2nd Floor Hearing Room, 1645 Corinth Ave, L.A., 90025

Project Description: (WALK STREET) demo of existing duplex & construction of SFD on a 3,902 sq ft lot; and a Zoning Administrator's Adjustment to permit a 7'-2" front yard in lieu of the 15' front yard required, a VCZSP compliance permit (SPP) and a Mello Determination

Applicant: Brian Silveira for ALC Realty, LLC

LUPC Staff: Gabriel Ruspini

Recommended by LUPC on 2-29-16 by a vote of 6-0-2 (GR/MR):

MOTION:

The VNC Board recommends that the project be denied, as compatibility with the neighborhood has not been established.

ACTION: Motion approved. (JP/HH 12-0-1)

IN FAVOR: Marc Saltzberg, Kristopher Valentine, Hugh Harrison, Jed Pauker, Sylvia Aroth, George Francisco, George Gineris, Ira Koslow, Eduardo Manilla, Max Sloan, Kelley Willis, Bud Jacobs,

AGAINST: NONE

ABSTAIN: Mike Newhouse

B 3128 Thatcher Ave, Oxford Triangle Subarea, (30 minutes) R1-1 zone, General Plan Land Use

Plan designation: Single-Family Residential Low

DIR-2015-4181-CDP-MEL and ENV-2015-4182-CE

VCZSP Compliance: DIR-2016-208-VSO

<http://www.VeniceNC.org/3128-Thatcher-Ave/>

City Hearing Scheduled for Monday March 21, 2016, 2 pm, West L.A. Municipal Building, 2nd Floor Hearing Room, 1645 Corinth Ave, L.A., 90025

Project Description: CDP & Mello Act Compliance Determination for demo of existing SFD and construction of a 3-story, 29.83' tall (varied roofline), new SFD with a detached 2-car garage (access from the alley) with a studio and ½ bath above (23.5' tall), and a 1-car carport, resulting in 4,304 sq ft (includes 416 sq ft for garage) on a 106' x 40', 4,215 sq ft lot

Applicant: Miguel Luna, Avalon Construction Corp, for Michael Torrey

LUPC Staff: Robin Rudisill, Chair and Todd Darling

Recommended by LUPC on 2-29-16 by a vote of 4-2-1 (TD/MK):

MOTION:

The VNC Board recommends denial of the project as designed, as it is not in sufficient conformity with the mass, scale and character of the surrounding existing neighborhood.



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ACTION: Motion to remand to LUPC approved due to changes in the project. (JP/GG 12-0-1)

Public Comment

In favor: Miguel Luna

Against: DeDe Audet, Judith Wyluda, Sue Kaplan, Gabriel Pospini, Margaret Molloy

IN FAVOR: Marc Saltzberg, Kristopher Valentine, Hugh Harrison, Jed Pauker, Sylvia Aroth, George Francisco, George Gineris, Eduardo Manilla, Max Sloan, Kelley Willis, Bud Jacobs, Ira Koslow

AGAINST:

ABSTAIN: Mike Newhouse

- C** **1744 Washington Way, Northeast Venice Subarea, (15 minutes)** RD1.5-1-O zone, General Plan Land Use Plan designation: Multiple-Family Residential Low Medium II
ZA-2015-4300-ZAA and ENV-2015-4301-CE
VCZSP Compliance: none
<http://www.VeniceNC.org/1744-Washington-Way/>
City Hearing Took Place on March 3, 2016

Project Description: a Zoning Administrator's Adjustment to permit a 0 foot side yard and a 3'-6" rear yard, in lieu of the required 4' side yard and 15' rear yard, in conjunction with an existing detached accessory building to an existing SFD

Applicant: Eric Linderman, for Sunset Beach Ventures, LLC

LUPC Staff: Robin Rudisill, Chair and Mehrnoosh Mojallali

Recommended by LUPC on 2-29-16 by a vote of 4-0-2 (GR/MR):

MOTION:

The VNC Board recommends denial of the project, as zero setbacks are not allowed by fire code once a separate structure becomes attached to the main structure.

ACTION: Motion approved. (MS/JP 12-0-1)

IN FAVOR: Marc Saltzberg, Kristopher Valentine, Hugh Harrison, Jed Pauker, Sylvia Aroth, George Francisco, George Gineris, Ira Koslow, Eduardo Manilla, Max Sloan, Kelley Willis, Bud Jacobs,

AGAINST: NONE

ABSTAIN: Mike Newhouse



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D Support of Motion from LAANC on Enforcement of Short-Term Rental Violations

MOTION:

Whereas, short-term rentals are illegal in Los Angeles' residential neighborhoods, and
Whereas the City Attorney has failed to prosecute short-term rental violations in the City of Los Angeles, for a variety of reasons;

Now, therefore be it resolved, that the VNC Board recommends and urges City Attorney Mike Feuer to enforce the law as required by the City Charter, and immediately prosecute short-term rental zoning violations in the City of Los Angeles; and demands that if after 60 days from this Motion the City Council has not made a Findings that the City Attorney has started adequate enforcement, that the City Council take action to hire a private law firm to start enforcement procedures and reallocate the City Attorney's budget to pay for those services.

Recommended by LUPC on 2-29-16 by a vote of 8-0-0 (RA/TD)

Link to LAANC motion: <http://westsidecouncils.com/motion/short-term-rentals-laanc>

ACTION: Pulled from consent. Motion approved. (GG/MS 11-0-1)

Public Comment

General: Yolanda Gonzalez, Lydia Ponce, Margaret Molloy, Ivan Spiegel

In favor: Irv Katz, Mark Lipman

IN FAVOR: Marc Saltzberg, Kristopher Valentine, Hugh Harrison, Jed Pauker, Sylvia Aroth, George Gineris, Ira Koslow, Eduardo Manilla, Max Sloan, Kelley Willis, Bud Jacobs,

AGAINST: NONE

ABSTAIN: Mike Newhouse

13. New Business (9:00PM – 40 minutes)

[Discussion and possible action]

A Recommended Los Angeles City Actions re: Big Blue Bus Route Changes of 2/21/2016 (30 minutes) (Marc Saltzberg on behalf of the Neighborhood Committee vicepresident@venicenc.org)

~~**MOTION:** The Venice Neighborhood Council's Neighborhood Committee recommends that the VNC Board approve the resolution below titled: Recommended Los Angeles City Actions re: Big Blue Bus Route Changes of 2/21/2016~~

~~**Whereas:** The Big Blue Bus, a City of Santa Monica department providing bus service to adjacent cities and communities, has made major route changes in Venice to its # 1 Bus Route (providing service between Venice and UCLA) effective February 21, 2015 that have created hazardous traffic conditions, as outlined below, both inconveniencing local residents and jeopardizing their safety and that of pedestrians, cyclists, and drivers, without holding public meetings in Venice to gather input on the changes prior to their becoming effective, and~~



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~~**Whereas:** Big Blue Bus Route #1 will operate buses along Ocean Avenue up to 93 times each way per day on the new routing and will make stops in both northbound and southbound directions at South Venice;~~

- ~~● Ocean Avenue is a short, narrow, north-south residential street between Venice and Washington with single traffic lanes in each direction, shared bike lanes, parking only on one side of the street with speed bumps, and is already jammed with traffic going to and from Santa Monica, Marina del Rey and now Playa Vista and therefore hazardous for pedestrians, cars and bicycles wishing to ingress and egress from side streets, and~~
- ~~● There is no room to pass or see around a stopped bus on Ocean Avenue, causing frustration for drivers trapped in traffic and creating more hazardous conditions as traffic moves to less congested but more residential streets and alleys~~

~~**Whereas:** Big Blue Bus #18 will operate on both 4th Street and Rose Ave in Venice, both narrow, single-lane in each direction, mixed-use corridors that already suffer from heavy traffic and hazardous conditions that generate frequent trips along alternative routes in residential neighborhoods, exacerbating already hazardous conditions, and~~

~~**Whereas:** the new Big Blue Bus routes have removed service along California Ave in the Oakwood community to Walgrove Blvd and Venice Blvd, inconveniencing residents who rely on the bus to get to shopping areas on Lincoln and to Animo High School, Mark Twain Middle School and Venice High School.~~

~~**Therefore be it resolved:** The Venice Neighborhood Council recommends that no later than March 10, 2016 the City of Los Angeles (including CD11 staff, LADOT representatives and Metro representatives) and Big Blue Bus meet with Venice residents to review the new routes, evaluate the safety, congestion, environmental impact and economic concerns raised by the new routing and develop alternative plans; and, pending completion of this review — discontinue the new routing and restore the pre-existing routing.~~

~~*Distribution: LA District 11 City Council Member Mike Bonin, LA DOT, Big Blue Bus (names to follow)*~~

ACTION: Substituted motion introduced by MS/IK.

MOTION: Whereas: The Big Blue Bus, a City of Santa Monica department providing bus service to adjacent cities and communities, has made major route changes in Venice to its # 1 Bus Route (providing service between Venice and UCLA) effective February 21, 2015 that have created hazardous traffic conditions, as outlined below, both inconveniencing local residents and jeopardizing their safety and that of pedestrians, cyclists, and drivers, without holding public meetings in Venice to gather input on the changes prior to their becoming effective, and

Whereas: Big Blue Bus Route #1 will operate buses along Ocean Avenue up to 93 times each way per day on the new routing and will make stops in both northbound and southbound directions at



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South Venice;

- Ocean Avenue is a short, narrow, north-south residential street between Venice and Washington with single traffic lanes in each direction, shared bike lanes, parking only on one side of the street with speed bumps, and is already jammed with traffic going to and from Santa Monica, Marina del Rey and now Playa Vista and therefore hazardous for pedestrians, cars and bicycles wishing to ingress and egress from side streets, and
- There is no room to pass or see around a stopped bus on Ocean Avenue, causing frustration for drivers trapped in traffic and creating more hazardous conditions as traffic moves to less congested but more residential streets and alleys

Whereas: Big Blue Bus #18 will operate in Venice on 4th Avenue (a very narrow residential street including a section with a steep hill, creating a great deal of engine noise and hazardous conditions) as well as on Rose Avenue in an area already troubled with heavy traffic (that generates frequent trips onto neighborhood streets by vehicles seeking to escape grid-lock conditions on Rose) and 7th Street, a residential street currently suffering from heavy traffic as vehicles travelling on grid-locked Lincoln Blvd seek an alternate route, and

Whereas: the new Big Blue Bus routes have removed service along California Ave in the Oakwood community for Walgrove Blvd and Venice Blvd, inconveniencing residents who rely on the bus to get to shop-ping areas on Lincoln and to Animo High School, Mark Twain Middle School and Venice High School, and

Whereas: the Venice Neighborhood Council thanks Councilmember Bonin for arranging a meeting with the Big Blue Bus on 3/9/2016 (attended by over 200 Venice stakeholders) where several alternative routes were submitted for evaluation by the Big Blue Bus to alleviate the problems created by the new Route 1 and Route 18 transit corridors.

Therefore be it resolved: The Venice Neighborhood Council recommends the City of Los Angeles, as an emergency measure, request the Big Blue Bus to immediately suspend its Route #1's use of Ocean Ave., Route 18's use of the 4th Ave / Rose Ave / 7th Street routing and restore service to residents of California Ave, and further asks for the immediate implementation of alternative routes which would better serve the Residents, Merchants and Riders of Venice.

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ACTION: Substituted motion approved. (MS/IK 12-0-1)



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Public Comment

Lydia Ponce, Shep Stern, Alana Morison, Yolanda Gonzalez

IN FAVOR: Marc Saltzberg, Kristopher Valentine, Hugh Harrison, Jed Pauker, Sylvia Aroth, George Francisco, George Gineris, Ira Koslow, Eduardo Manilla, Max Sloan, Kelley Willis, Bud Jacobs,

AGAINST: NONE

ABSTAIN: Mike Newhouse

B Motion from Community Bridges Initiative (CBI) Task Force (5 minutes) (Mike Newhouse)

We would like to put a motion forward for the VNC (see CBI task force minutes) that the VNC recommend:

B1 MOTION: That the Department of Recreation and Parks waive fees for the use of public facilities for organizations of the community, in order to alleviate the expenses incurred through activities of public service;

ACTION: Motion approved. (EM/GG 12-0-1)

Public Comment

Lydia Ponce, Bill Przulucki, Laddie Williams

IN FAVOR: Marc Saltzberg, Kristopher Valentine, Hugh Harrison, Jed Pauker, Sylvia Aroth, George Francisco, George Gineris, Ira Koslow, Eduardo Manilla, Max Sloan, Kelley Willis, Bud Jacobs,

AGAINST: NONE

ABSTAIN: Mike Newhouse

B2 MOTION: That the Mayor's Office, and City Council provide the necessary budget to the Department of Recreation and Parks to cover at least 3 new staff positions for Venice for (1 at each) the Oakwood Recreation Center, the Vera Davis Center, and Penmar Park, with the stipulation that this new funding be in order to ensure that community organizations have available meeting and event spaces free of charge (day and evening).

ACTION: Motion approved. (EM/GG 12-0-1)

IN FAVOR: Marc Saltzberg, Kristopher Valentine, Hugh Harrison, Jed Pauker, Sylvia Aroth, George Francisco, George Gineris, Ira Koslow, Eduardo Manilla, Max Sloan, Kelley Willis, Bud Jacobs,

AGAINST: NONE

ABSTAIN: Mike Newhouse

14. Board Member Comments on subject matters within the VNC jurisdiction (9:40PM - 5 minutes)



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15. Adjourn (9:45PM approx.)

ACTION: Meeting adjourned at 9:03PM (MS/IK 13-0-0).

IN FAVOR: Marc Saltzberg, Kristopher Valentine, Hugh Harrison, Jed Pauker, Sylvia Aroth, George Francisco, George Gineris, Ira Koslow, Eduardo Manilla, Max Sloan, Kelley Willis, Bud Jacobs,

AGAINST: NONE

ABSTAIN: Mike Newhouse

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| Education | Bud Jacobs | Housing | Abigail Myers, Helen Stotler |
| Land Use and Planning | Robin Rudisill | Mass/Scale/Character | Sue Kaplan |
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| Ocean Front Walk | Melissa Diner | Public Safety | George Francisco |
| Outreach | Sylvia Aroth | Santa Monica Airport | Laura Silagi, Abigail Myers |
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