



Venice Neighborhood Council

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Board of Officers Meeting Minutes

Westminster Elementary School (Auditorium)

1010 Abbot Kinney Blvd, Venice, 90291

Tuesday, January 19th, 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.

PRESENT: (13) Mike Newhouse, Marc Saltzberg, Hugh Harrison, Jed Pauker, Melissa Diner, George Francisco, George Gineris, Ira Koslow, Joe Murphy, Kelley Willis, Bud Jacobs, Matt Kline, Max Sloan,

ABSENT: (7) Kristopher Valentine, Sylvia Aroth, Mike Bravo, Erin Darling, Edurado Manilla, 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/2012/12/151215BoardMinutes.pdf>

Ira motion, Hugh second

ACTION: Minutes approved (Ira Koslow/Hugh Harrison 12-0-1)

IN FAVOR:

AGAINST: NONE

ABSTAIN: Mike Newhouse



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

ACTION: Agenda approved (Matt Kline/Kelly Willis 13-0-1). Edurado Manilla arrives

IN FAVOR: Marc Saltzberg , Hugh Harrison, Jed Pauker, Melissa Diner, George Francisco, George Gineris, Ira Koslow, Joe Murphy, Kelley Willis, Bud Jacobs, Matt Kline, Max Sloan, Edurado Manilla

AGAINST: NONE

ABSTAIN: Mike Newhouse

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.

NONE

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), **PRESENT** 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.*

Robin Rudisill arrives.

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 (jesus.d.orozco@lacity.org) **PRESENT**
- 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 Autumnn 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)
- Ejjah Cooper – Oakwood Rec Park Director, 310-452-7479 (ejjah.cooper@lacity.org)
- Preston O’Connell from Oakwood, announcement on Spring Baseball Program **PRESENT**
- Commissioner Joel Jacinto - Board of Public Works; Rep Shelley Wong (shelley.wong@lacity.org)

C VNC Announcements (5 Minutes)



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- President - Mike Newhouse (President@VeniceNC.org)
President introduced Chair of Community Bridges, Mark Lipman
Flyers in the back 'connecting Venice community with artists and poets'
- Vice President - Marc Saltzberg (VicePresident@VeniceNC.org)
- 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)
- VNC Representative to DWP: Dede Audet
Dede distributed announcement of rate increase from DWP
- Venice Chamber Of Commerce: Carl Lambert, President (carl@lambertinc.com)
- VNC Elections 2016: Ivan Spiegel, Elizabeth Wright
We need candidates. Michael Lynn is our election manager.
- Homeless Count: Erika Lee
It is now a every year count, count in WestLA is January 27, 2016

7. **Treasurer's Report (7:50PM - 3 minutes)** (Hugh Harrison on behalf of Budget & Finance Committee), (Treasurer@VeniceNC.org)
[Discussion and possible action]

[EXHIBIT]

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

RECOMMENDED BY BUDGET AND FINANCE COMMITTEE on January 5, 2016 [4-0-0].

ACTION: Hugh Harrison, Ira Koslow (14-0-1).

IN FAVOR: Marc Saltzberg , Hugh Harrison, Jed Pauker, Melissa Diner, George Francisco, George Gineris, Ira Koslow, Joe Murphy, Kelley Willis, Bud Jacobs, Matt Kline, Max Sloan, Edurado Manilla, Robin Rudisill

AGAINST: NONE

ABSTAIN: Mike Newhouse

8. **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.]

- A **Constant disturbances on OFW** (Melissa Diner on behalf of the Ocean Walk Front



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Committee melissa.diner@venicenc.org)

MOTION: Whereas the Ocean Front Walk Committee has heard repeatedly from business owners, community members and individuals of noise complaints and constant disturbances. The Venice Neighborhood Council recommends that the City enforce disturbing the peace laws after 12am and before 5am on Ocean Front Walk.
RECOMMENDED BY OCEAN FRONT WALK COMMITTEE 6-0-0

PULLED of Consent by Irv Katz. Now 13 B

9. **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 **330-330½-332-332½ Rennie Ave (“Rennie Row”), Oakwood Subarea**
RD1.5-1 zone, General Plan Land Use Plan designation: Multiple-Family Residential Low Medium II ZA-2014-1264-CDP-SPP-MEL and VTT-72727-SL (Vesting Tentative Tract—5+ lots) and ENV-2014-1262-MND
VCZSP Compliance: SPP (DIR for SLS/VCZSP pre-October 2014)
<http://www.venicenc.org/330-332-rennie-ave/>
CITY HEARING NOT YET SCHEDULED
Project Description: Mello Act Determination, demo of 5 existing residential units in 4 buildings on two separate lots totaling 12,700 sq ft, Small-Lot Subdivision to create 7 new record lots with 7 new individual SFD’s (note: case filed on 4/10/14, accepted for review on 1/22/15)
Applicant: Brian Silveira
LUPC Staff: Robin Rudisill, Chair
Recommended by LUPC on 12-7-15 by a vote of 5-0-0 (RR/MR):

MOTION: The VNC Board recommends approval of the project as presented, with the following additions to the Project Description:

1. Trees shown in renderings and plans will be transplanted mature trees of the approximate height shown,
2. There will be no roof access structures for the first, second and seventh units.
3. The project will include:
 - mature landscape of the approximate height shown on the south side yard,
 - community bike racks,
 - a community garden,
 - flowering landscape (birds of paradise),



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· use of front yard area of the building for a “pedestrian friendly,” front porch-like open gathering area, and other “neighborhood-friendly features.”

PULLED 1st now 12 G

B Baseline Mansionization Ordinance

<http://www.VeniceNC.org/Baseline-Mansionization-Ordinance-Recommendations/>

Recommended by LUPC on 1-5-16 by a vote of 7-0-0 (TD/RR). CIS to be sent if passed:

MOTION: The VNC Board supports Councilmember Koretz's Council Motion CF 14-0656 regarding out-of-scale development, and that the final Baseline Mansionization Ordinance (BMO) should exclude loopholes proposed by the City Planning Department (DCP), including but not limited to exemptions for patios, breezeways, and balconies, with either regular roof or a lattice roof, the 10% Zoning Administrator “Adjustment,” and the 20% by-right “proportional stories” bonus (however, if such a bonus is retained in any form, similar to all other “discretionary” decisions that increase the size of a project, ZA ZAA process should review applications for this bonus through a properly noticed public hearing process, followed by an appealable determination).

Pulled 2nd now 12 H

C 126 Thornton Place, North Venice Subarea (remained on lupc consent)

RD1.5-1 zone, General Plan Land Use Plan designation: Multiple-Family Residential Low Medium II
ZA-2015-0859-CDP-MEL and ENV-2015-850-CE

VCZSP Compliance: none

<http://www.VeniceNC.org/126-Thornton-Place/>

City Hearing Thursday January 7, 2016, 11:30 am, West L.A. Municipal Bldg, 2nd floor Hearing Room, 1645 Corinth Ave

Project Description: proposed construction of a 3,210 sq ft, 3-story/35' high with RAS Single-Family Dwelling on a vacant 2,855 sq ft lot (Thornton Place is not a Walk Street); and Mello Act Determination

Applicant: Mashsa Tajbakhsh, for Thornton PL 126, LLC

LUPC Staff: Kathleen Rawson

Recommended by LUPC on 1-5-16 by a vote of 7-0-0 (RR/MK):

MOTION: The VNC Board recommends approval of the project as presented.

D 415 Venice Way, North Venice Subarea



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RD1.5-1-O zone, General Plan Land Use Plan designation: Multiple-Family Residential Low Medium II
ZA-2015-2692-CDP-ZAA-SPP-SPPA-MEL and ENV-2015-2693-CE

VCZSP Compliance: SPP

<http://www.VeniceNC.org/415-Venice-Way/>

City Hearing Thursday January 7, 2016, 3:30 pm, West L.A. Municipal Bldg, 2nd floor Hearing Room,
1645 Corinth Ave

Project Description: demo of existing SFD & construction of a new SFD, Zoning Administrator's Adjustment to allow a front yard of 12'-6" and a side yard of 3', in lieu of the 15' front yard and 4' side yard required, a Specific Plan Adjustment to allow a maximum height of 32' for the flat portions of the dwelling in lieu of the maximum height permitted of 30', a VCZSP compliance permit (SPP), and a Mello Determination.

Applicant: Andrea Schoening for Edward Schumacher

LUPC Staff: Gabriel Ruspini & Robin Rudisill, Chair

Recommended by LUPC on 1-5-16 by a vote of 6-0-0 (RR/GR) Maury Ruano recused:

MOTION: The VNC Board recommends denial of the project due to lack of reasoning, documentation or any hardship related to the variances to the VCZSP being requested and also due to lack of any information on the Mello Determination.

PULLED 3rd now 12 I

E 1206 Cabrillo Ave, North Venice Subarea

RD1.5 zone, General Plan Land Use Plan designation: Multiple-Family Residential Low Medium II
ZA-2015-1127-CDP-ZAA-SPPA-SPP-MEL and ENV-2015-1128-CE

VCZSP Compliance: SPP

<http://www.VeniceNC.org/1206-Cabrillo-Ave/>

City Hearing Thursday January 7, 2016, 9:00 am, West L.A. Municipal Bldg, 2nd floor Hearing Room,
1645 Corinth Ave

Project Description: a CDP and a SPP demo of detached garage & construction of 2nd dwelling unit over a new detached garage on a 2,700 sq ft lot, Zoning Administrator's Adjustment to allow a 2.8' passageway in lieu of the 10' passageway as required by Section 12.21.C,2(b); Specific Plan Adjustment to permit a lot area of 2,925 for 2 units in lieu of the required 3,000 sq ft of lot area required by the VCZSP; and a Mello Determination.

Applicant: Austin Peters, for Baker Family Revocable Trust

LUPC Staff: Mark Kleiman & Robin Rudisill, Chair

Recommended by LUPC on 1-5-16 by a vote of 6-0-1 (RR/MK):

MOTION: The VNC Board recommends approval of the project, conditioned on the owner providing



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an affidavit or covenant that they will not rent the new unit on a short-term basis, as long as short-term rentals are illegal in the zone.

PULLED 4nd now 12 H

F 338 Indiana Ave, Oakwood Subarea (remained on LUPC consent)

RD1.5-1 zone, General Plan Land Use designation: Multiple-Family Residential Low Medium II
ZA-2015-1389-CDP and ENV-2015-1390-CE and DIR-2012-1705-VSO-MEL

VCZSP Compliance: VSO

City Hearing took place on December 10, 2015

<http://www.VeniceNC.org/338-Indiana-Ave/>

Project Description: construction of a 30' tall duplex sited on a 5,282 sq ft vacant lot, building permit approved for demo in December 2014, application for CDP filed in February 2015

Applicant: Jason Berk, for Aubrey Balkind

LUPC Staff: Gabriel Ruspini

Recommended by LUPC on 1-5-16 by a vote of 7-0-0 (GR/RD):

MOTION: The VNC Board recommends approval of the project as presented, contingent on the removal of the storage areas included as part of the proposed roof access structure.

G 628 California Ave, Oakwood Subarea (remained on LUPC consent)

RD1.5-1 zone, General Plan Land Use designation: Multiple-Family Residential Low Medium II
DIR-2015-3344-CDP-MEL and ZA-2015-3345-ZAA and ENV-2015-3346-CE; and DIR-2015-2833-VSO

VCZSP Compliance: VSO

City Hearing Monday January 25, 2016, 1:00 pm, West L.A. Municipal Bldg, 2nd floor Hearing Room, 1645 Corinth Ave

<http://www.VeniceNC.org/628-California-Ave/>

Project Description: demo of existing 435 sq ft 2-car garage, for construction of a 2nd dwelling unit over a new 3-car garage, for a total of 1,411 sq ft. The new dwelling unit and garage will be housed behind an existing single-family residence, to the rear of the site; a Mello Act Determination; and a Zoning Administrator's Adjustment to allow a 2' wide passageway from the entrance of a dwelling unit to the street in lieu of the minimum 10' required, in conjunction with the construction of a 2nd dwelling unit over a new detached garage.

Applicant: Mendy Tuhtan, Design House, for Mick & Valorie Ebeling

LUPC Staff: Mark Kleiman

Recommended by LUPC on 1-5-16 by a vote of 7-0-0 (RR/MK):

MOTION: The VNC Board recommends approval of the project, conditioned on the owner providing



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an affidavit or covenant that they will not rent the new unit on a short-term basis, as long as short-term rentals are illegal in the zone

H 1044 Palms Blvd, Venice Planning Area (outside of the Coastal Zone)(remained on LUPC consent)

R1-1VLD zone

ZA-2015-2752-ZAA and ENV-2015-2753-CE

<http://www.VeniceNC.org/1044-Palms-Blvd/>

City Hearing Thursday January 14, 2016, 9:30 am, West L.A. Municipal Bldg, 2nd floor Hearing Room, 1645 Corinth Ave

Project Description: Zoning Administrator's Adjustment to permit a 4'-1" side yard and a rear yard of 5' in lieu of a 5' side yard & 15' rear yard required, both in conjunction with the conversion/addition to a SFD

Applicant: Ann Barry Campion

LUPC Staff: Maury Ruano and Todd Darling

Recommended by LUPC on 1-5-16 by a vote of 7-0-0 (TD/MR):

MOTION: The VNC Board recommends approval of the project as presented and notes that the adjustment for the rear yard may not be required assuming they can count ½ the alley.

ACTION: LUPC Consent Calendar approved (Marc Saltzberg/Ira Koslow 13-0-2).

IN FAVOR: Marc Saltzberg , Hugh Harrison, Jed Pauker, Melissa Diner, George Francisco, George Gineris, Ira Koslow, Joe Murphy, Kelley Willis, Bud Jacobs, Matt Kline, Max Sloan, Edurado Manilla, Robin Rudisill

AGAINST: NONE

ABSTAIN: Mike Newhouse, Joe Murphy

10. 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]

Jean Harrington,

Mariana Aguliar thank you for the Venice Toy Drive,

Mark Lipman, Renters Rights event Electric Lodge this Thursday, Friday The Border Crossed

Us Beyond Baroque 7pm,

Lydia Ponce,

Mark Heard, served Westwood Neighborhood Council

11. Old Business [Discussion and possible action] (8:03PM -- 20 minutes)



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Erin Darling arrived

- A** **Grassy Knolls allowed to be maintained by community partners (10 minutes)** (Melissa Diner on behalf of the Ocean Walk Front Committee melissa.diner@venicenc.org)

MOTION: The Venice Neighborhood Council recommends permitting green areas to be redesigned and available for community space overseen by adjunct community partners.
RECOMMENDED BY OCEAN FRONT WALK COMMITTEE 7-1-0

Hugh Harrison Recorded. Recusal by Melissa Diner.

Objection to consideration made by George Gineris.

Objection Denied by Chair

Motion to Postpone by George Gineris. Motion to postpone failed due to lack of a second.

ACTION: Motion approved (Joe Murphy/Edurado Manilla 4-10-1).

IN FAVOR: George Francisco, Edurado Manilla, Joe Murphy, Max Sloan

AGAINST: Marc Saltzberg, Hugh Harrison, Robin Rudisill, Jed Pauker, Erin Darling, George Gineris, Matt Kline, Kelley Willis, Bud Jacobs, Ira Koslow

ABSTAIN: Mike Newhouse

RECUSED: Melissa Diner

- B** **Pagoda Beautification Light Shows (5 minutes)** (Melissa Diner on behalf of the Ocean Walk Front Committee melissa.diner@venicenc.org)

MOTION: The Venice Neighborhood Council supports light shows on all the Ocean Front Walk Pagodas every evening from 8-9pm weekdays and 9-10pm weekends in continuation of the Pagoda Beautification Project. Light will shine toward the beach.
RECOMMENDED BY OCEAN FRONT WALK COMMITTEE 6-0-2

Recorded by Hugh Harrison. Recusal by Melissa Diner

ACTION: Motion fails (Joe Murphy/Edurado 5-8-2).

IN FAVOR: George Francisco, Edurdo Manilla, Joe Murphy, Max Sloan, Marc Saltzberg

AGAINST: Robin Rudisill, Jed Pauker, Erin Darling, George Gineris, Matt Kline, Kelley Willis, Bud Jacobs, Ira Koslow

ABSTAIN: Mike Newhouse, Hugh Harrison

RECUSED: Melissa Diner



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- C** **Allow events on piers, sand & Ocean Front Walk (5 minutes)** (Melissa Diner on behalf of the Ocean Walk Front Committee melissa.diner@venicenc.org)

MOTION: The Venice Neighborhood Council recommends that the County of Los Angeles, the Dept. of Public Works and the City of Los Angeles allow event permits for all for all applicants, such as weddings and local concerts on Ocean Front Walk, the sand and the Washington and Rose Ave. Pier. They further encourage, transparency in the permit process for all.

RECOMMENDED BY OCEAN FRONT WALK COMMITTEE 7-0-1

Recorded by Hugh Harrison Recusal by Melissa Diner.

ACTION: Motion fails (Eduardo Manilla/Joe Murphy 4-10-1).

IN FAVOR: George Francisco, Eduardo Manilla, Joe Murphy, Max Sloan

AGAINST: Marc Saltzberg, Hugh Harrison, Robin Rudisill, Jed Pauker, Erin Darling, George Gineris, Matt Kline, Kelley Willis, Bud Jacobs, Ira Koslow

ABSTAIN: Mike Newhouse

RECUSED: Melissa Diner

- 12. LUPC (8:25PM – 90 minutes)** Robin Rudisill on behalf of LUPC, (Chair-lupc@VeniceNC.org)
[Discussion and possible action]

- A** **“Venice Sign Offs” (VSOs) (20 minutes)**
Recommended by LUPC on 1-5-16 by a vote of 5-2-0 (TD/MK):

MOTION:

1. Whereas “Venice Sign Offs” (VSOs), now done solely by the Los Angeles Department of City Planning (DCP), have the effect of shielding proposed housing projects in Venice from the appropriate and legally mandated public scrutiny;
2. Whereas VSOs are done by one planner, who has stated that he does not take into consideration questions of “mass, scale and character” even though “mass, scale and character” is part of the local and state law, including the Coastal Act and the L.A. General Plan Venice Community Plan (certified) Land Use Plan;
3. Whereas VSOs allow projects to go forward without fully analyzing their impact on Affordable Housing per Los Angeles City ordinances, or analysis of their implications regarding the state’s Mello Act;
4. Whereas VSOs have not adequately considered or analyzed historically significant buildings and resources, the VSOs are causing damage to our historic heritage and possibly prejudicing our future Local Coastal Plan and any potential historic district;
5. Whereas VSO’s give exemptions to CEQA (California Environmental Quality Act) without adequate analysis, frequently without complying with the state’s requirement that no exemption be given if a development runs counter to a neighborhood’s mass, scale and character;
6. Whereas VSOs expedite development of projects without public input and therefore endanger the integrity and character of our Special Coastal Community, and our population’s diversity,



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and these VSOs could therefore prejudice our legally mandated “Local Coastal Plan” before it is even written;

7. Whereas the VSO Administrator also acts as the City’s Mello Act Coordinator, reducing the transparency of Mello Act Determinations for the public and creating doubt about their accuracy;
8. Whereas the City’s process for determining whether replacing low- or moderate-income housing is financially feasible is deeply flawed, and the processing and coordination provided by the DCP and the VSO Administrator avoids a public and transparent process;
9. Whereas only the Western Center on Law and Poverty and the Legal Aid Foundation of Los Angeles are notified about “replacement affordable units” housing determinations for proposed developments and those notices are not always sent to/received, or opened by those two organizations;
10. Whereas VSOs allow the City’s Affordable Housing law analysis to be considered separately from and prior to other aspects of proposed developments, and effectively “piece-meal” the planning and permit process, which is illegal in California, and does not serve the community interests of Venice;
11. Whereas VSOs authorize Coastal Exemptions, they usurp the authority as well as the spirit of the California Coastal Act and the Coastal Commission and are not in the best interests of Venice; and
12. Whereas cumulatively VSOs violate the rights and equal protection due Venice residents and other landowners.

THEREFORE Be it Resolved that:

The VNC Board shall:

1. Demand that the City of Los Angeles permanently cease issuing “Venice Sign Offs” (VSOs) effective immediately, and that all projects go through a transparent, public process;
2. Request that our City Councilman Mike Bonin immediately request a meeting with the City Attorney’s office, Kevin Jones and the DCP to demand the immediate termination of “Venice Sign Offs”(VSOs) as they illegally act to “piece-meal” the planning process, violate local and state housing law, and damage the character of our protected Special Coastal Community of Venice; and
3. Demand that the DCP shall swiftly notify the Venice LUPC and the general public in Venice when any proposed project may potentially impact affordable housing issues, or “Mass, Scale and Character”.

ACTION: Motion approved (Robin Rudisill/Kelly Willis 10-3-2). Joe Murphy left

IN FAVOR: Marc Saltzberg, Hugh Harrison, Robin Rudisill, Jed Pauker, Erin Darling, George Gineris, Matt Kline, Ira Koslow, Kelley Willis, Bud Jacobs,

AGAINST: Melissa Diner, George Francisco, Max Sloan

ABSTAIN: Mike Newhouse, Eduardo Manilla

B 533 Rose Ave (“Superba Snack Bar”), Oakwood Subarea (10 minutes)



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C4-1 zone, General Plan Land Use Plan designation: Community Commercial Area of Special Interest—Oakwood Community Commercial Area (Rose Avenue between 4th and 7th Avenues, to be used for residential, neighborhood retail and services, personal services, and small scale businesses oriented to the local community)

ZA-2015-3040-CUB

VCZSP Compliance: n/a as only for a CUB

<http://www.venicenc.org/533-rose-ave-superba-snack-bar/>

CITY HEARING NOT YET SCHEDULED

Project Description: upgrade of an existing CUB for a full line of alcohol, with 32 existing seats and 5 parking spaces. No change in hours.

Applicant: Dafne Gokcen, FE Design & Consulting

LUPC Staff: Mehrnoosh Mojallali

Recommended by LUPC on 11-30-15 by a vote of 5-3-1 (MM/RD):

MOTION: The VNC Board recommends approval of the project as presented.

ACTION: Motion approved (Robin Rudisill/Ira Koslow 13-0-1). Mike Newhouse recused.

IN FAVOR: Hugh Harrison, Robin Rudisill, Jed Pauker, Erin Darling, Melissa Diner, George Francisco, George Gineris, Matt Kline, Ira Koslow, Eduardo Manilla, Max Sloan, Kelley Willis, Bud Jacobs

AGAINST: NONE

ABSTAIN: Marc Saltzberg

RECUSED: Mike Newhouse

C 938 Amoroso Pl, Milwood Subarea (30 minutes)

R2-1 zone, General Plan Land Use Plan designation: Multiple-Family Residential Low Medium I
ZA-2014-4641-ZAA-SPP and ENV-2014-4642-CE (NOTE: per LUPC Chair and Council Office, a CDP and Mello Act Determination are required as per City's original case assignment, and Walk Street projects may not be processed with a Coastal Exemption as they are an exception to the coastal exemption, as per Coastal Act Section 30610.)

VCZSP Compliance: SPP

<http://www.VeniceNC.org/938-Amoroso-Place/>

City Hearing Thursday February 4, 2016, 9:00 am, West L.A. Municipal Bldg, 2nd floor Hearing Room, 1645 Corinth Ave

Project Description: *WALK STREET*—Zoning Administrator's Adjustment to permit a rear yard varying between 1' and 5' in lieu of the 15' required rear yard setback; and a Specific Plan Project Compliance Permit for the project (ALSO NEED A CDP AND A MEL)

Applicant: Ray Kappe, for Nathan Court and Derek Harbaugh



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LUPC Staff: Gabriel Ruspini

Recommended by LUPC on 1-5-16 by a vote of 4-1-2 (GR/RD):

MOTION: The VNC Board *recommends approval* of the project as presented, contingent on either a request of side yard setbacks of 4' in lieu of 5' as part of the Zoning Administrator's Adjustment or a request for a modification of building ordinance for 4' in lieu of 5'; and also contingent upon providing the renderings before the Board meeting.

ACTION: Motion approved (Robin Rudisill/Ira Koslow 12-0-2). Jed Pauker recused.

IN FAVOR: Marc Saltzberg, Hugh Harrison, Erin Darling, Melissa Diner, George Francisco, George Gineris, Matt Kline, Ira Koslow, Eduardo Manilla, Max Sloan, Kelley Willis, Bud Jacobs

AGAINST: NONE

ABSTAIN: Mike Newhouse, Robin Rudisill

RECUSED: Jed Pauker

D 4264 Lincoln Blvd ("Starbucks"), East of Lincoln (10 minutes)

[Q] M2-1-CDO zone

ZA-2015-3966-CUB and ENV-2015-3967-CE

VCZSP Compliance: n/a as only for a CUB

<http://www.venicenc.org/4264-lincoln-blvd-starbucks/>

City Hearing took place on December 15, 2015

Project Description: CUB application for proposed evening program, which includes menu addition of beer & wine for on site consumption, at its existing 1,608 sq ft coffee shop/restaurant/store at 4264 Lincoln Blvd, with 20 existing interior seats and existing hours of operation from 5 am to 9:30 pm on Monday – Saturday, and 5:30 am to 9:00 pm on Sunday, with "last call" ½ hour prior to closing and alcohol not sold prior to 12 noon

Applicant: Spencer Regnery, Glassman Planning Associates, Inc., for Coffee House Holdings, Inc.

LUPC Staff: Mehrnoosh Mojalalli

Recommended by LUPC on 12-7-15 by a vote of 6-0-0 (KR/MR):

MOTION: The VNC Board recommends approval of the project as presented, with operating hours not to extend past 11 pm and no alcohol in the outdoor patio.

ACTION: Motion fails (Robin Rudisill/Melissa Diner 5-9-1).

IN FAVOR: Robin Rudisill, Melissa Diner, George Francisco, Eduardo Manilla, Max Sloan, AGAINST: Marc Saltzberg, Hugh Harrison, Jed Pauker, Erin Darling, George Gineris, Matt Kline, Ira Koslow, Kelley Willis, Bud Jacobs,

ABSTAIN: Mike Newhouse



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MOTION TO DENY: The VNC Board recommends denial of the project as presented.

ACTION: Motion approved (Ira Koslow/Matt Kline 10-4-1).

IN FAVOR: Marc Saltzberg, Hugh Harrison, Jed Pauker, Erin Darling, George Gineris, Matt Kline, Ira Koslow, Eduardo Manilla, Kelley Willis, Bud Jacobs,

AGAINST: Robin Rudisill, Melissa Diner, George Francisco, Max Sloan,

ABSTAIN: Mike Newhouse

E **Amendments to the Venice Land Use Plan, (10 minutes)** Robin Rudisill, Chair (Returned to LUPC by AdCom for a more detailed recommendation)

Recommended by LUPC on 11-30-15 by a vote of 6-2-0 (RR/MK):

MOTION: The VNC Board recommends approval of the following amendments to the Venice Land Use Plan:

a. Definition of Remodel, page I-15

The definition of “Remodel” shall be changed to be essentially the same as the definition used by the City of Malibu in their Local Coastal Program, as follows:

“Remodel: the upgrade or improvement of the interior or exterior faces of an existing structure without altering the existing foundation, footprint or building envelope, and removing or replacing no more than 50% of the exterior walls, in accordance with all other applicable Building Code and LAMC zoning requirements.”

and

b. Policy I. F. 1. Historic and Cultural Resources, page II-28

The second paragraph shall be changed to: “The following buildings, streets, and trees have been identified through the coordinated efforts of surveys performed by the Venice Historical Society, Venice Community, State Coastal Conservancy and City of Los Angeles, including but not limited to Survey LA, as significant architectural, historical and cultural landmarks in the Venice Coastal Zone.” and

The following sentence shall be added at the bottom of the listing of significant architectural, historical and cultural landmarks in the Venice Coastal Zone: “All potential historic districts and historic and cultural resources identified in the 2015 SurveyLA, which is incorporated herein by reference.”

ACTION: MOTION TO POSTPONE approved (Marc Saltzberg/George Francisco to 7-5-2).

IN FAVOR: Marc Saltzberg, Hugh Harrison, Melissa Diner, George Francisco, Ira Koslow, Kelley Willis, Bud Jacobs,

AGAINST: Robin Rudisill, Erin Darling, George Gineris, Eduardo Manilla, Max Sloan

ABSTAIN: Mike Newhouse, Matt Kline



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F Conditional Use Beverage (CUB) Permits for Alcohol, from WRAC (10 minutes)

Authority of City Zoning Administrators to Impose Conditions of Approval to Mitigate Potential Land Use Impacts Arising from the Sale or Service of Alcoholic Beverages That Are Adverse to Public Health, Safety and Welfare

For Additional Reading and for Summary of the Differences Between the New WRAC Motion below and the similar Motion Previously Approved by LUPC on October 5, 2015:

<http://www.VeniceNC.org/WRAC-CUB-Permits/>

Recommended by LUPC on 1-5-16 by a vote of 6-0-1 (RR/MR)

MOTION:

1. Whereas, the City of Los Angeles has imposed land use conditions in Conditional Use Beverage (CUB) permits for decades to protect public health, safety and welfare by mitigating potential impacts due to the sale or service of alcohol, as recommended by the LAPD, Council Offices, neighborhood councils, community councils, and local residents; and
2. Whereas, the Department of City Planning suddenly reversed this decades-long practice in 2012, on the advice of the City Attorney's Office, with no public notice, no public process, no public hearings, and no direction from the City Council, which is charged with policy-making authority; and
3. Whereas, Zoning Administrators now unilaterally and without notice use the Plan Approval Process to remove previously-imposed conditions designed to avoid or mitigate actual or potential land use impacts adverse to public health, safety and welfare; and
4. Whereas, municipalities throughout the state of California have and continue to impose land use conditions to mitigate adverse impacts that may otherwise arise from the sale or service of alcohol, including the cities of Santa Monica, West Hollywood, Palmdale, Lancaster, Huntington Park, Montebello, Orange, San Bernardino, Pinole, Ventura, San Buenaventura, Santa Cruz, Hayward, Walnut Creek, Watsonville, and the County of Los Angeles, among others; and
5. Whereas, the City's current practice undermines the ability of the City and local communities to protect against potential land use impacts that are adverse to public health, safety and welfare, including but not limited to potential nuisances, by restricting the imposition of conditions on, among other things, hours of sale of alcohol, happy hours, container sizes, types of alcohol sold, and other similar rules and regulations, despite the efficacy of such conditions in avoiding or mitigating potential adverse impacts arising from the sale or service of alcohol; and
6. Whereas, California courts have repeatedly affirmed that municipalities have broad police powers to impose land use conditions that protect against potentially adverse impacts on public health, safety and welfare arising from the sale or service of alcohol; and
7. Whereas, the California Department of Alcoholic Beverage Control (ABC) has not advised the City that the imposition of such land use conditions interferes with ABC's enforcement of State law; and
8. Whereas, implementation of this new policy not only impairs the ability of the LAPD, Council Offices, and communities to protect public health, safety and welfare, but also interferes with the ability of CUB applicants to garner support for their projects by negotiating for the imposition of



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mutually agreed-upon conditions, as had been done for decades before the current practice was imposed, which forces communities to oppose projects they could otherwise support with proper conditions:

Now Therefore Be it Resolved that the VNC Board calls upon the City Council to adopt a policy to:

1. Authorize the imposition of land use conditions that protect public health, safety and welfare by mitigating potential adverse impacts from the sale or service of alcohol, consistent with the practice of other jurisdictions statewide as well as the City's decades-long practice prior to 2012;
2. Maintain and enforce previously-imposed CUB conditions on the sale or service of alcohol; and
3. Prohibit the removal of previously-imposed conditions outside the public processes mandated under the City Charter and Zoning Code.

ACTION: Motion approved. (Robin Rudisill/Jed Pauker 13-1-1).

IN FAVOR: Marc Saltzberg, Hugh Harrison, Robin Rudisill, Jed Pauker, Erin Darling, George Francisco, George Gineris, Matt Kline, Ira Koslow, Eduardo Manilla, Max Sloan, Kelley Willis, Bud Jacobs

AGAINST: Melissa Diner

ABSTAIN: Mike Newhouse

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(was 9A pulled from consent calendar)

330-330½-332-332½ Rennie Ave ("Rennie Row"), Oakwood Subarea

RD1.5-1 zone, General Plan Land Use Plan designation: Multiple-Family Residential Low Medium II ZA-2014-1264-CDP-SPP-MEL and VTT-72727-SL (Vesting Tentative Tract—5+ lots) and ENV-2014-1262-MND

VCZSP Compliance: SPP (DIR for SLS/VCZSP pre-October 2014)

<http://www.venicenc.org/330-332-rennie-ave/http://www.venicenc.org/330-332-rennie-ave/>

CITY HEARING NOT YET SCHEDULED

Project Description: Mello Act Determination, demo of 5 existing residential units in 4 buildings on two separate lots totaling 12,700 sq ft, Small-Lot Subdivision to create 7 new record lots with 7 new individual SFD's (note: case filed on 4/10/14, accepted for review on 1/22/15)

Applicant: Brian Silveira

LUPC Staff: Robin Rudisill, Chair

Recommended by LUPC on 12-7-15 by a vote of 5-0-0 (RR/MR):

MOTION: The VNC Board recommends approval of the project as presented, with the following additions to the Project Description:

1. Trees shown in renderings and plans will be transplanted mature trees of the approximate height shown,



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2. There will be no roof access structures for the first, second and seventh units.
3. The project will include:
 - mature landscape of the approximate height shown on the south side yard,
 - community bike racks,
 - a community garden,
 - flowering landscape (birds of paradise),
 - use of front yard area of the building for a “pedestrian friendly,” front porch-like open gathering area, and other “neighborhood-friendly features.”

ACTION: Motion approved (Robin Rudisill/Hugh Harrison 10-3-2).

IN FAVOR: Marc Saltzberg, Hugh Harrison, Robin Rudisill, Melissa Diner, George Francisco, Matt Kline, Ira Koslow, Eduardo Manilla, Max Sloan, Bud Jacobs

AGAINST: Erin Darling, George Gineris, Kelley Willis

ABSTAIN: Mike Newhouse, Jed Pauker

H (was 9B on consent calendar) Baseline Mansionization Ordinance

[http://www.VeniceNC.org/Baseline-Mansionization-Ordinance-](http://www.VeniceNC.org/Baseline-Mansionization-Ordinance-Recommendations)

[Recommendations/http://www.venicenc.org/Baseline-Mansionization-Ordinance-Recommendations/](http://www.venicenc.org/Baseline-Mansionization-Ordinance-Recommendations/)

Recommended by LUPC on 1-5-16 by a vote of 7-0-0 (TD/RR). CIS to be sent if passed:

MOTION: The VNC Board supports Councilmember Koretz's Council Motion CF 14-0656 regarding out-of-scale development, and that the final Baseline Mansionization Ordinance (BMO) should exclude loopholes proposed by the City Planning Department (DCP), including but not limited to exemptions for patios, breezeways, and balconies, with either regular roof or a lattice roof, the 10% Zoning Administrator “Adjustment,” and the 20% by-right “proportional stories” bonus (however, if such a bonus is retained in any form, similar to all other “discretionary” decisions that increase the size of a project, ZA ZAA process should review applications for this bonus through a properly noticed public hearing process, followed by an appealable determination).

ACTION: Motion approved (Robin Rudisill/Ira Koslow 14-0-1).

IN FAVOR: Marc Saltzberg, Hugh Harrison, Robin Rudisill, Jed Pauker, Erin Darling, Melissa Diner, George Francisco, George Gineris, Matt Kline, Ira Koslow, Eduardo Manilla, Max Sloan, Kelley Willis, Bud Jacobs

AGAINST: NONE

ABSTAIN: Mike Newhouse



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I (was 9D on consent calendar) 415 Venice Way, North Venice Subarea

RD1.5-1-O zone, General Plan Land Use Plan designation: Multiple-Family Residential Low Medium II
ZA-2015-2692-CDP-ZAA-SPP-SPPA-MEL and ENV-2015-2693-CE

VCZSP Compliance: SPP

<http://www.VeniceNC.org/415-Venice-Way>/<http://www.venicenc.org/415-Venice-Way/>

City Hearing Thursday January 7, 2016, 3:30 pm, West L.A. Municipal Bldg, 2nd floor Hearing Room, 1645 Corinth Ave

Project Description: demo of existing SFD & construction of a new SFD, Zoning Administrator's Adjustment to allow a front yard of 12'-6" and a side yard of 3', in lieu of the 15' front yard and 4' side yard required, a Specific Plan Adjustment to allow a maximum height of 32' for the flat portions of the dwelling in lieu of the maximum height permitted of 30', a VCZSP compliance permit (SPP), and a Mello Determination.

Applicant: Andrea Schoening for Edward Schumacher

LUPC Staff: Gabriel Ruspini & Robin Rudisill, Chair

Recommended by LUPC on 1-5-16 by a vote of 6-0-0 (RR/GR) Maury Ruano recused:

MOTION: The VNC Board recommends denial of the project due to lack of reasoning, documentation or any hardship related to the variances to the VCZSP being requested and also due to lack of any information on the Mello Determination.

ACTION: Motion approved (Robin Rudisill/Erin Darling 13-0-2).

IN FAVOR: Hugh Harrison, Robin Rudisill, Jed Pauker, Erin Darling, Melissa Diner, George Francisco, George Gineris, Matt Kline, Ira Koslow, Eduardo Manilla, Max Sloan, Kelley Willis, Bud Jacobs,

AGAINST: NONE

ABSTAIN: Mike Newhouse, Marc Saltzberg

J (was 9E pulled from consent calendar) 1206 Cabrillo Ave, North Venice Subarea

RD1.5 zone, General Plan Land Use Plan designation: Multiple-Family Residential Low Medium II
ZA-2015-1127-CDP-ZAA-SPPA-SPP-MEL and ENV-2015-1128-CE

VCZSP Compliance: SPP

<http://www.VeniceNC.org/1206-Cabrillo-Ave/>

City Hearing Thursday January 7, 2016, 9:00 am, West L.A. Municipal Bldg, 2nd floor Hearing Room, 1645 Corinth Ave

Project Description: a CDP and a SPP demo of detached garage & construction of 2nd dwelling unit over a new detached garage on a 2,700 sq ft lot, Zoning Administrator's Adjustment to allow a 2.8' passageway in lieu of the 10' passageway as required by Section 12.21.C,2(b); Specific Plan Adjustment to permit a lot area of 2,925 for 2 units in lieu of the required 3,000 sq ft of lot area required by the VCZSP; and a Mello Determination.



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Applicant: Austin Peters, for Baker Family Revocable Trust

LUPC Staff: Mark Kleiman & Robin Rudisill, Chair

Recommended by LUPC on 1-5-16 by a vote of 6-0-1 (RR/MK):

MOTION: The VNC Board recommends approval of the project, conditioned on the owner providing an affidavit or covenant that they will not rent the new unit on a short-term basis, as long as short-term rentals are illegal in the zone.

ACTION: Motion approved (Robin Rusidill/George Gineris 14-0-1).

IN FAVOR: Marc Saltzberg, Hugh Harrison, Robin Rudisill, Jed Pauker, Erin Darling, Melissa Diner, George Francisco, George Gineris, Matt Kline, Ira Koslow, Eduardo Manilla, Max Sloan, Kelley Willis, Bud Jacobs

AGAINST: NONE

ABSTAIN: Mike Newhouse

13. New Business (9:55PM – 5 minutes)

[Discussion and possible action]

A Conditions for Zipline applied to all OFW Concessions (5 minutes) (Melissa Diner on behalf of the Ocean Walk Front Committee melissa.diner@venicenc.org)

MOTION: The Venice Neighborhood Council recommends that the same standards and requirements for the Zipline be implemented and committed to by the city, Ice Rink vendors and any concessions on Ocean Front Walk. The Venice Community will waive all said fees until venture proves profitable, - based on mandatory minimum annual review regardless of earnings until such date. See Addendum. (These meetings will serve as a local resource for concessions in Venice to connect with the local community, whom will feel genuinely vested in their success and will be able to help support vendors with local resources not known or able to be provided by the city, or other government agencies.)
RECOMMENDED BY OCEAN FRONT WALK COMMITTEE 6-0-0

Recusal by MD

ACTION: Motion fails (EM/MS 1-10-2).

IN FAVOR: Edurado Manilla

AGAINST: Max Sloan, Hugh Harrison, Robin Rudisill, Jed Pauker, Erin Darling, George Gineris, Matt Kline, Kelley Willis, Bud Jacobs, Ira Koslow, Max Sloan

ABSTAIN: Mike Newhouse, George Francisco

RECUSED: Melissa Diner



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B (9A Pulled from Consent) Constant disturbances on OFW (Melissa Diner on behalf of the Ocean Walk Front Committee melissa.diner@venicenc.org)

MOTION: Whereas the Ocean Front Walk Committee has heard repeatedly from business owners, community members and individuals of noise complaints and constant disturbances. The Venice Neighborhood Council recommends that the City enforce disturbing the peace laws after 12am and before 5am on Ocean Front Walk.

RECOMMENDED BY OCEAN FRONT WALK COMMITTEE 6-0-0

Hugh Harrison recorded. Melissa Diner recused.

ACTION: Motion failed. No one made motion.

14. Board Member Comments on subject matters within the VNC jurisdiction (10:05PM - 5 minutes)

15. Adjourn

ACTION: Meeting adjourned (15-0-1)

IN FAVOR: Max Sloan, Hugh Harrison, Robin Rudisill, Jed Pauker, Erin Darling, George Gineris, Matt Kline, Kelley Willis, Bud Jacobs, Ira Koslow, Max Sloan, Edurado Manilla, Melissa Diner, Mike Newhouse, George Francisco

AGAINST: NONE

ABSTAIN: NONE

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