



Venice Neighborhood Council

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Board of Officers Meeting Agenda Westminster Elementary School (Auditorium) 1010 Abbot Kinney Blvd, Venice, 90291 **Tuesday, February 17th, 2015 at 7:00 PM**

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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. Meeting called in honor of Lizka Mendoza for her dedication to Venice and support of the VNC.

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/2012/12/150120BoardMinutes.pdf>

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

5. Declaration of Ex Parte Communications or Conflicts-Of-Interest (7:04PM -- 1 minute)

All Board members shall declare any ex parte communications or conflicts-of interest relating to items on this meeting's agenda.

6. Scheduled Announcements and Presentations (7:05PM – 73 minutes)

A Public Safety - LAPD Report (5 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.*
Intro of Captain Nicole Alberca

B Government Reports (15 minutes) (Representatives have standing place on the agenda, but are not always available to attend)

- City Councilmember Mike Bonin, Cecilia Castillo, Field Deputy, Cecilia.Castillo@lacity.org (310-568-8772)



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- LA County Supervisor Sheila Kuehl
- Mayor Eric Garcetti, Westside Deputy, Daniel Tamm, (Daniel.Tamm@Lacity.org) 213-978-0836

C VNC Announcements (5 Minutes)

- President - Mike Newhouse (President@VeniceNC.org)
- 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
- Venice Chamber Of Commerce: Catherine Chevalier, President VCC (Catherine@notmaurice.com)

D Green Venice Expo Town Hall (2 minutes) (Sylvia Aroth chair.outreach@venincenc.org)

Actor and Sustainable Green Activist Ed Begley, Jr. will serve as the keynote speaker at the first annual Green Venice Expo to be held Saturday, February 28th from 12 noon till 6pm at Mark Twain Middle School located at 2224 Walgrove Avenue, Venice. WHOLE FOODS of Venice located on Lincoln Boulevard will serve as the event's primary sponsor.

E Airport Committee Report on Environmental Impact (10 minutes) (Abigail Myers abigail.myers@venicenc.org)

F Mass, Scale and Character Presentation (30 minutes-15 minute presentation and 15 minutes for questions) (Sue Kaplan chair.massandscale@venicenc.org)

The VNC Mass, Scale and Character Committee will make a presentation to help people understand what these three principles are and their relationship to the planning documents applicable to the Venice Coastal Zone.

G VCH – AMCOE Presentation (5 minutes) (Kendelle Matheny kmatheny@vchcorp.org)

Venice Community Housing has been tasked with doing community outreach regarding a change in how gas meters are read. This change will affect everyone in the state of California, and VCH will be working to ensure all Venice residents are aware of this change.



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7. **General Consent Calendar (8:18PM -- 1 minute)**

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A **Flooding Options** (DeDe Audet daudet@ca.rr.com)

MOTION: Whereas for at least twenty years, certain areas of Venice flood whenever a high, high tide (also referred to as a King Tide) is coincident with a rainstorm,

Therefore, be it resolved the Venice Neighborhood Council asks Los Angeles City Councilman Mike Bonin to secure reports from Los Angeles City Public Works and the Los Angeles County Flood Control District by June 30, 2015 on what options are available to address this problem in view of our rising sea level.

B **Support for Superintendent of Venice Beach Park** (Marc Saltzberg VicePresident@venicenc.org)

MOTION: The Venice Neighborhood Council recommends that the Mayor include in the proposed 2015-2016 City Budget he sends to City Council a line item in the Department of Recreation and Parks (RAP) Budget for a "Superintendent of Venice Beach Park" as suggested by RAP.

A letter shall be sent Eric Garcetti, Mayor, City of Los Angeles; Michael Shull, Acting General Manager, RAP; Kevin Regan, Assistant General Manager, RAP; Mike Bonin, 11th District City Council Member, and the members of the LA City Council Budget Committee

C **Create VNC Standing Rule 30: Records Retention Policy** (Ira Koslow for REC ira.koslow@venicenc.org)

MOTION: Standing Rule 30: Paper records of the VNC do not need to be retained for more than five years. Approved by REC on 2/2/15 2-0-0 (HH/IK)

D **Support for Council File 14-1624 – Report on Process of Community Improvement Projects** Marc Saltzberg on behalf of Western Regional Alliance of Councils (WRAC) (VicePresident@venicenc.org)

MOTION: The Venice Neighborhood Council shall submit a community impact statement in support of Council File 14-1624 (<http://cityclerk.lacity.org/lacityclerkconnect/index.cfm?fa=ccfi.viewrecord&cfnumber=14-1624>), which asks that the Public Works department, with assistance from DOT, Planning, CA, DONE, CAO and CLA, be instructed to present a report setting ways and means by which the City may best serve community organizations seeking to undertake community improvement projects. The report should include but not be limited to a discussion of the following key elements: establishing a single point of contact for inquires and technical assistance, identifying efficiencies and streamlining of all existing processes and permits, resolution of liability



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responsibilities which can hinder volunteer efforts, and outreach strategy for stakeholder input.

- E** **Support for Council File 14-1738 – Report by LAPD on Body-Worn Cameras** (Marc Saltzberg on behalf of Western Regional Alliance of Councils (WRAC) (VicePresident@venicenc.org))

MOTION: The Venice Neighborhood Council shall submit a community impact statement in support of Council File 14-1738 (<http://cityclerk.lacity.org/lacityclerkconnect/index.cfm?fa=ccfi.viewrecord&cfnumber=14-1738>) asking that the Police Department (LAPD) report on the status of its plan to issue body-worn cameras to LAPD Officers. The report should include the results of the pilot program in Central Division, information on what vendor will be selected to provide the cameras, the purchase and implementation timeline, and information on how the Department will deploy the cameras across the City.

- F** **Support for Council File 15-0026 – Development Conditions Database** Marc Saltzberg (VicePresident@venicenc.org)

MOTION: The Venice Neighborhood Council shall submit a community impact statement in support of Council File 15-0026 (<http://cityclerk.lacity.org/lacityclerkconnect/index.cfm?fa=ccfi.viewrecord&cfnumber=15-0026>) asking that a Development Conditions database be developed and maintained. A Development Conditions Database could be an online, searchable public portal for information on approved projects and developments. The database could have a separate entry for each address or project, with separate hyperlinks for each condition or requirement, providing details on the condition, contact information for the agency or employee responsible for monitoring compliance, dates of inspections, and .pdf files of all certified compliance reports. Such a database would give the public an easy way to discover and track conditions, would create transparency, and would make it easier for city departments to track and record their compliance reviews.

- G** **Support for Council File 15-0020 – Collecting Fees Related to Condition Compliance** Marc Saltzberg (VicePresident@venicenc.org)

MOTION: The Venice Neighborhood Council shall submit a community impact statement in support of Council File 15-0020 (<http://cityclerk.lacity.org/lacityclerkconnect/index.cfm?fa=ccfi.viewrecord&cfnumber=15-0020>) asking that the Planning Department to report back in 45 days on the best practices of other jurisdictions, including the County of Los Angeles, to ensure proper resource allocation for condition inspections and enforcement AND further asks that the Council instruct the Planning Department, in consultation with the City Attorney, and any other appropriate City department, bureau, or agency, to work cooperatively to propose a method by which inspection fees related to condition compliance are required and collected by the City prior to the release of any final approval of a projects
Additional requirements are frequently placed on development projects through conditions of approval. "...often these conditions go overlooked because of the City's lack of resources to enforce its own conditions. On 01/06/2015, the Los Angeles Times published an article, "In L.A., Conditions Placed on Developers Go Unheeded ([Page 4 of 9](http://www.latimes.com/local/cityhall/la-me-</p></div><div data-bbox=)



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[development-ignored-20150105-story.html#page=1](#))," that spoke to the need for additional fees to cover the expense of allocating more staff to inspect and enforce the conditions of approval on the City's many projects. In other jurisdictions, such as Los Angeles County, conditions of approval specify the number of inspections required over the duration of the grant term necessary to ensure proper compliance with the conditions of approval. The conditions also obligate an applicant to cover the cost of such inspections. This approach ensures that the City has the resources it needs to enforce commitments made to the community, and helps to keep neighborhoods first.

- H** **Support for Markers Identifying the Location of Historic Venice Canals** (Dennis Hathaway venicedd@gmail.com), (Marc Saltzberg on behalf of Neighborhood Committee VicePresident@venicenc.org)

MOTION: The Venice Neighborhood Council approves the concept of installing markers (plaques/signage) showing the location of the Venice Canals that have been paved over and recommends that a VNC Ad Hoc Committee be formed to investigate, work with the city and other groups (such as the Venice Chamber of Commerce, Venice Historical Society and Venice Heritage Foundation) and participate in implementing the idea.

- I** **Support for Cushy Tushy Diaper Drive** Nancy Feinberg (nancraef@aol.com); Marc Saltzberg on behalf of the Neighborhood Committee (VicePresident@venicenc.org)

MOTION: The VNC Board agrees to be a sponsor of the Cushy Tushy Diaper Drive. Nancy Feinberg and Faith Spelbring of First Lutheran Venice are planning a diaper drive on Saturday, May 2 in front of First Lutheran Venice at 815 Venice Blvd 10-1. They will be accepting diaper donations and distributing them to local Venice organizations that have a client population that would be in need of this service. All recipients will need to submit an application specifying the needs of their clientele and be approved.

Approved by NHC on 1/29 by a vote of: 12-0-1

- J** **Bike Path Illumination and Widening** (Melissa Diner on behalf of the Ocean Front Walk Committee melissa.diner@venicenc.org)

MOTION: Whereas, the bike path is currently unsafe, hazardous and injury prone, the Venice Neighborhood Council supports the widening of the bike path and the implementation of lighting including glow in the dark, box dots, striping etc. on the bike path.

Approved by OFW 6-0-0 Shelly Motion, Gail second

- K** **Online police report implementation** (Melissa Diner melissa.diner@venicenc.org)

MOTION: The Venice Neighborhood Council recommends that the city of Los Angeles and LAPD immediately implement a way to submit police reports online.



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8. **Land Use and Planning Committee (LUPC) Consent Calendar (8:19 PM -- 1 minute)**

[All agenda items on the Land Use and Planning Committee (LUPC) Consent Calendar will pass when the LUPC Consent Calendar is approved. No discussion or Public Comment is allowed on any item. Items may be removed by any Board member or Stakeholder. Removed items will go to the end of agenda item 11. Land Use and Planning Committee and will be treated as regular LUPC agenda items, with discussion and public comment.]

A **75 Windward Ave (CUP for WTF), North Venice Subarea**

ZA-2014-3979-CUW and ENV-2014-3980-CE

CITY HEARING: not yet scheduled

Project Description: Conditional use for new rooftop unmanned wireless telecommunications facility

(WTF). Project height = ??.

Applicant: Lena Mik, rep for Verizon Wireless

LUPC Staff: Kathleen Rawson

MOTION: The VNC Board recommends upholding the VNC's recommendation to deny the project at 1515 Pacific Ave. On October 21, 2014 the VNC Board stated that "as according to the Venice Land Use Plan this building is within the boundaries of the Windward Historic Arcade, which has been identified as a significant architectural and cultural landmark in the Venice Coastal Zone and as such the WTF screens should be moved to a location where they cannot be seen from the street." This project for 75 Windward Ave is the same proposal, in the same location, but is using a different street address.

Approved by LUPC on 2/3/15 by a vote of 8-0-0 (KR/MK)

<http://www.venicenc.org/1515-pacific-ave/>

B **Land Use & Planning Process Recommendation re. Coastal Commission**

MOTION: The Venice Neighborhood Council Board requests that the California Coastal Commission treat the VNC as an "interested party" and provide to the VNC all Venice-related:

1. CDP's issued,
2. CDP exemption, revocation and any other decision/opinion/approval letters,
3. Notice of the start and end of Coastal Commission appeal periods for City CDP determinations and City CDP exemptions (CEX) received by the Coastal Commission (these are not trackable as there appears to be no deadline being followed by the City in submitting these determinations and exemptions to the Coastal Commission), and
4. CDP and Administrative permit applications, directly to the VNC President, the VNC Vice-President and the Land Use and Planning Committee Chair, upon receipt, issuance or approval, by both email and U.S. mail, at the email and postal addresses as per the then-current VNC website.

Approved by LUPC on 2/3/15 by a vote of 8-0-0 (RR/MK)



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C Land Use & Planning Process Recommendation re. City Planning

MOTION: The Venice Neighborhood Council Board requests that LA City Planning (including specifically the Advisory Agency as well as all other departments of LA City Planning) treat the VNC as an “interested party” and provide to the VNC all Venice-related:

1. City Planning Notices,
2. Case documents and related correspondence,
3. Determinations (including Exhibits),
4. Environmental Reports, and
5. Other official Policy Planning, including Local Coastal Plan (LCP), related, reports or correspondence, directly to the VNC President, the VNC Vice-President and the Land Use and Planning Committee Chair, upon receipt, issuance or approval, by both email and U.S. mail, at the email and postal addresses as per the then-current VNC website.

Approved by LUPC on 2/3/15 by a vote of 8-0-0 (RR/RA)

9. Announcements & Public Comment on items not on the Agenda (8:20PM -- 10 minutes) *[No more than 1 minute per person – no Board member announcements permitted]*

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

11. LUPC (8:30PM – 35 minutes) (Robin Rudisill on behalf of LUPC, Chair-lupc@VeniceNC.org) *[Discussion and possible action]*

A 29-47 Windward (surface parking lot): North Venice Subarea (15 minutes)

ZA-2014-3650-CDP and ENV-2014-3651-CE
CASE NOT YET SCHEDULED FOR CITY HEARING

Project Description: add 30 automated/hydraulic car lifts (11’9.75” X 8’3” and 14’ high, including auto height) to a surface beach parking lot, increasing capacity of lot from 38 to 68 spaces, Dual Permit Jurisdiction Coastal Zone, C2 zone.

Applicant: Clare Bronowski & Dillon Johnson

LUPC Staff: Kathleen Rawson & Gabriel Ruspini

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

Approved by LUPC on 12/4/14 by a vote 3-2-1 (RD/MM)

The LUPC Chair would like the Board to note: the Chair broke a 2-2 tie, resulting in LUPC recommendation for approval of the project.)

<http://www.venicenc.org/29-47-windward-ave/>



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B **2815 Ocean Front Walk (SFD)**, North Venice Subarea **(10 minutes)**

APCW-2014-3157-SPE-SPP-CDP and ENV-2014-3158-EAF

CITY HEARING: not yet scheduled

Project Description: Legalize conversion of existing storage space to 3rd dwelling unit, in the Dual Permit Jurisdiction Coastal Zone, RD1.5-1-0 zone

Applicant: Henry Ramirez & Joey Alarcon

LUPC Staff: Gabriel Ruspini

Documents will be provided at meeting.

MOTION: The VNC Board recommends approval of the conversion of an existing storage space to a third dwelling unit, on the condition that the proposed third unit be set aside in perpetuity as an affordable unit.

Approved by LUPC on 1/27/15 by a vote of 7-0-0 (GR/KR)

C **417 Washington Blvd (CUB for existing restaurant, "Le Celier")**, Southeast Venice Subarea **(10 minutes)**

ZA-2014-3998-CUB and ENV-2014-3999-CE

CITY HEARING: not yet scheduled

Project Description: Sale of full line of alcohol in conjunction with an existing restaurant

Applicant: Mark Van Gessel

LUPC Staff: Mehrnoosh Mojallali

Documents will be provided at meeting.

MOTION: The VNC Board recommends approval of this request to upgrade on-site sales of beer and wine to a full line of alcoholic beverages, in conjunction with an existing full-service restaurant as a convenience to its customers.

Approved by LUPC on 1/27/15 by a vote of 7-0-0 (MM/TD)

12. New Business (9:05PM – 30 minutes)

[Discussion and possible action]

A **Free Speech Zone OFW (15 minutes)** Melissa Diner (on behalf of the Ocean Front Walk Committee melissa.diner@venicenc.org)

MOTION: Whereas the west side of the boardwalk is designated the "Free Speech Zone", the Venice Neighborhood Council supports the continued enforcement and community self policing of no commercial vending on the west side of the Boardwalk from Navy to 17th, known as the "Free Speech Zone."

Approved by OFW 6-0-0 Gail motion, Shelly second



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B Referral of WIDO proposal to WRAC for Implementation (5 minutes) (Joseph D Murphy joedmur@gmail.com)

MOTION: The VNC Board shall refer the below proposal, which it adopted unanimously at its January 20, 2015 meeting, to the Westside Regional Alliance of Councils, and encourage WRAC to take responsibility for its implementation:

The VNC Board endorses in concept and encourages implementation of the below proposal contained in the Discussion Forum Committee's VNC Vision Goals Idea Matrix

Idea	Submitted by	Suggested Implementation Strategy	Generated while Brainstorming
Walkability Impact Disclosure Ordinance (WIDO)	Joe Murphy 310-305-1444 joedmur@gmail.com	Create committee with the necessary expertise to: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Draft & lobby Walkability Impact Disclosure Ordinance (WIDO) into all applicable ordinances • Arrange for easy community monitoring of compliance of all departments with the WIDO 	Focus on Children Participation Walkability Diversity Creativity Collaboration Brainstorming
	Require government departments to prepare & publish a report indicating the impact of their proposed actions on the walkability of the communities in which the actions are to be implemented. Currently, many government departments act without being required to consult a community & without regard to impacts of their actions on community walkability such as: (i) Cutting down trees; (ii) Installing street-lights & telephone poles & bus-stops in sidewalks; (iii) Widening streets; (iv) Unknowns.		

13. Treasurers Report (9:35PM - 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 attached Monthly Expenditure Reports for January 2015.
 APPROVED by Budget and Finance Committee 4-0-0 on 2/3/15

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

15. Adjourn (approx. 9:43)

List of Venice Neighborhood Council Committees & Chairs – Volunteers Welcome

Administrative	Mike Newhouse	Communications	Jed Pauker
Arts	Eduardo Manilla	Discussion Forum	Joe Murphy
Budget & Finance	Hugh Harrison	Business	George Francisco
Education	Bud Jacobs	Housing	Abigail Myers, Helen Stotler
Land Use and Planning	Robin Rudisill	Mass/Scale/Character	Sue Kaplan
Neighborhood	Marc Saltzberg	Parking/Transportation	Abigail Myers
Ocean Front Walk	Melissa Diner	Public Safety	George Francisco
Outreach	Sylvia Aroth	Santa Monica Airport	Laura Silagi, Abigail Myers
Rules & Election	Ira Koslow		
Environmental	Abigail Myers, Erin Sullivan-Ward, Barbara Lonsdale		

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