



# Venice Neighborhood Council

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## **Board of Officers Meeting Agenda** Westminster Elementary School (Auditorium) 1010 Abbot Kinney Blvd, Venice, 90291 **Tuesday, September 16, 2014 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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**ALL AGENDA TIMES ARE APPROXIMATE AND SUBJECT TO CHANGE ON THE NIGHT OF THE MEETING.**

1. **Call to Order and Roll Call (7:00PM – 1 minute)**

**PRESENT:** Mike Newhouse (MN), Marc Saltzberg (MS), Helen Stotler (HS), Hugh Harrison (HH), Robin Rudisill (RR), Jed Pauker (JP), Mike Bravo, Jr. (MB), George Francisco (GF), George Gineris (GG), Ira Koslow (IK), Abigail Myers (AM), Kelley Willis (KW)

**ABSENT:** Matt Kline (MK), Eduardo Manilla (EM), Sylvia Aroth (SA), Erin Darling (ED), Melissa Diner (MD), Joe Murphy (JM), Max Sloan (MSLO), Tommy Walker (TW), Bud Jacobs (BJ)

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/VNC-140819-Board-Minutes.doc1.pdf>

**ACTION:** Motion passed, IK/HH, 11-0-1

**For:** MS, HS, HH, JP, RR, MB, GF, GG, IK, AM, KW

**Against:** None

**Abstain:** MN

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

**ACTION:** Motion passed, MS/GF, 11-0-1

**For:** MS, HS, HH, JP, RR, MB, GF, GG, IK, AM, KW

**Against:** None

**Abstain:** MN

5. **Declaration of Ex Parte Communications (7:04PM -- 1 minute)**

All Board members shall declare any ex parte communications relating to items on the meeting's agenda and also any items for which they might have a conflict-of-interest and will be recusing



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themselves.

**MN spoke with people on both sides of Whole Foods and 600 Mildred, and will recuse himself on Joe's since Joe's is his client.**

**MS was contacted by Linda Lucks (LL) and asked to bring motion at 12B.**

**7:10 pm:**

**JM, MD and ED join.**

## 6. Scheduled Announcements and Presentations (7:05PM – 25 minutes)

*[No discussion or Public Comment]*

### A Public Safety - LAPD Report (5 minutes): **Captain Brian Johnson – discusses homeless outreach efforts, criminal challenges, changes in staffing.**

### 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 Walk to School Day, Oct. 8; OFW lights: will be replaced with LEDs by end of Oct; working on raising minimum wage, Field Deputy, [Cecilia.Castillo@lacity.org](mailto:Cecilia.Castillo@lacity.org) (310-568-8772);**
- **State Senator Ted Lieu, 310-318-6994, Irving Pacheco: tax credit for entertainment industry signed by governor; SB 593 sent to governor re: social impact bonds; also bill to stop NSA using state funds; next ABC meeting on Sept. 29 310-318-6994**
- **State Assemblyperson Steve Bradford 310.412.6400 Matt Stauffer: hit & run bill discussed last month is on governor's desk; today 3 feet for safety law in effect [Matt.Stauffer@asm.ca.gov](mailto:Matt.Stauffer@asm.ca.gov)**
- **VNC Representative to DWP, Dede Audet: discusses drought problems, cut thermostats back**

### C VNC Announcements (5 Minutes)

- **President - Mike Newhouse ([President@VeniceNC.org](mailto:President@VeniceNC.org))**  
Resignation of Helen Stotler as Board Secretary and opening of nominations for replacement. Nominations open from September 16 through September 30 with selection being held at the October Board meeting. Stakeholders may nominate by email to Ira Koslow and Helen Stotler ([Ira.Koslow@VeniceNC.org](mailto:Ira.Koslow@VeniceNC.org) and [Secretary@VeniceNC.org](mailto:Secretary@VeniceNC.org)). Board members may, thereafter, email questions for the candidates to Ira Koslow.
- **Los Angeles Neighborhood Council Coalition (LANCC) Ivan Spiegel ([Parliamentarian@VeniceNC.org](mailto:Parliamentarian@VeniceNC.org)) Ivan Spiegel announces NC Congress this Saturday.**
- **Venice Chamber Of Commerce: Catherine Chevalier, President VCC ([Catherine@notmaurice.com](mailto:Catherine@notmaurice.com)) Venice Art Crawl on 9/18; Sen. Ted Lieu coming for lunch on 10/15 (check Chamber website for details); Oct. 29 at 7:30 all chambers on Westside "State of the Westside: Traffic".**

## 7. Consent Calendar (7:30PM -- 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.]*

**ACTION: Consent calendar approved, HH/AM, 14-0-1**

**For: MS, HS, HH, JP, RR, MB, ED, MD, GF, GG, IK, AM, JM, KW**

**Against: None**



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**Abstain: MN**

**A Traffic Control Officer at Washington and Pacific (Marc Saltzberg on behalf of Neighborhood Committee, [VicePresident@VeniceNC.org](mailto:VicePresident@VeniceNC.org))**

**MOTION:** WHEREAS, the Intersection of Washington Boulevard and Pacific Avenue (“the Intersection”) is the gateway to the Venice Pier (to the west), the Marina del Rey and Venice Beaches (to the south and north), the major parking lot south of the Venice Pier, the Venice boardwalk and bike path, as well as the exit point for all of these attractions; and

WHEREAS, there are scores of restaurants, bars and retail establishments immediately east and west of the Intersection, all of which attract traffic; and

WHEREAS, the Intersection is a prime chokepoint for automobile, bicycle, skateboard and pedestrian traffic into and departing from the Venice – Marina del Rey beachfront and environs; and

WHEREAS, traffic has become unmanageable during busy periods leading to gridlock, congestion, flaring tempers, jaywalking and a host of other traffic violations, significant exhaust emission, fender benders, road rage and general urban distress; and

WHEREAS, the Intersection necessarily receives much of the traffic in the area because of the limited number of north and south through streets and no westbound egress because of the “edge of the continent;” and

WHEREAS, the combined traffic and resulting bottlenecks greatly restrict access of emergency vehicles and personnel responding to a natural or manmade disaster or other fire / police / medical / infrastructure emergency, thus constituting a clear and present danger to the community. The recent tragic lightning-strike fatality and injuries and the vehicular homicide on the Venice Boardwalk along with other common and/or statistically unusual but likely scenarios point out the need for substantially improved ability to evacuate the beach area, while control and regulation of the density of traffic of all kinds in the vicinity of the Intersection are critical for smooth traffic flow; and

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Venice Neighborhood Council Board recommends that the City of Los Angeles station a traffic control officer at the intersection of Washington Boulevard and Pacific Avenue during summer weekends and Holidays to direct and divert traffic.

This Resolution shall be sent to: Los Angeles City Councilman Mike Bonin, Los Angeles Department of Transportation General Manager Jon Mukri, Parking Enforcement & Traffic Control Group Executive Officer Greg Savelli, Marina Peninsula Community Council President Sandie West and posted to MyLADOT.

Approved by the Neighborhood Committee on 8/28/14 by a vote of 12-0-1

**B One-Way Traffic on Strongs Drive (Marc Saltzberg on behalf of Neighborhood Committee, [VicePresident@VeniceNC.org](mailto:VicePresident@VeniceNC.org))**

**MOTION:** WHEREAS Strongs Drive south of Washington to Driftwood is a residential street with a



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diverse and relatively heavy traffic mix due to the access provided to the area's multi-family zoning, a bordering pre-kindergarten through Jr. High Magnet School, access to the beach and availability of street parking, proximity to a very heavy concentration of drinking and dining establishments on Washington (which requires street parking for all employees and many patrons), and functions as one of the only exit / egress roads for the west side of the Marina del Rey Peninsula; and

WHEREAS, Strongs Drive south of Washington Blvd is only 27 feet wide, including parking on both sides of the street but the standard for a two-way street width in the City of Los Angeles is 50 feet; and

WHEREAS, Traffic on Strongs Drive becomes gridlocked whenever a truck (or large van) tries to travel in one direction while another vehicle attempts to travel in the other direction and is frequently gridlocked on weekends when the volume of traffic swells; and

WHEREAS many autos parked along Strongs Drive sustain damage as a result of drivers attempting to negotiate the tight street or who try to make "U" turns; and

WHEREAS pedestrian safety is compromised because there are no sidewalks on either side of Strongs Drive (the Venice Grand Canal is adjacent to the eastern side of Strongs which provides a walking path); and

WHEREAS the residents who live along Strongs Drive are often subjected to excessive noise resulting from the automobile horns used by drivers frustrated by the near constant gridlock of Strongs drive; and

WHEREAS residents on Marina Peninsula are concerned about emergency evacuation of the peninsula while LAUSD is concerned about traffic flow around the school to insure student safety;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, the Board of the Venice Neighborhood Council recommends that Strongs Drive between Washington Blvd and Driftwood St. be posted as a one-way street and that a working group composed of Los Angeles Department of Transportation (DOT) personnel, local residents, representatives of Los Angeles Unified School District and the Venice Neighborhood Council determine whether to make Driftwood St between Pacific and Strongs Drive one-way and the direction one-way traffic should flow.

This Resolution shall be sent to: Los Angeles City Councilman Mike Bonin, Los Angeles Department of Transportation General Manager Jon Mukri, Senior Transportation Engineer, Brian Gallagher, Transportation Engineering Associate, Rudy Guevara, Los Angeles School Board Member Steve Zimmer, Westside Global Awareness Magnet School Principal Cyril Baird, Marina Peninsula Community Council President Sandie West and posted to MyLADOT.

Approved by the Neighborhood Committee on 8/28/2014 by a vote of 12-0-1

**C Additional boardwalk lighting and Westminster Dog Park tree lighting (Melissa Diner on behalf of the Ocean Front Walk Committee, [Melissa.Diner@VeniceNC.org](mailto:Melissa.Diner@VeniceNC.org))**

**MOTION:** The Venice Neighborhood Council Board recommends that the City of Los Angeles and



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LADWP install additional lighting on the boardwalk and on all the trees in Westminster Dog park in an effort to keep the entire Ocean Front Walk and surrounding dog park safe and beautiful after dark. Approved by the Ocean Front Walk Committee on 8/25/14 by a vote of 7-0-0

**D Venice Proud (Sylvia Aroth on behalf of Outreach Committee, [chair-outreach@VeniceNC.org](mailto:chair-outreach@VeniceNC.org))**

**MOTION:** The VNC Board recommends adopting "Venice Proud" as an additional marketing slogan in order to attract more community involvement.

Approved by Outreach Committee on 7/30/14 by a vote of 7-0-0

**E LANCC (Los Angeles Neighborhood Council Coalition) motion with respect to use of West L.A. VA land (Ivan Spiegel on behalf of LANCC, [Parliamentarian@VeniceNC.org](mailto:Parliamentarian@VeniceNC.org)):**

**MOTION:** The Venice Neighborhood Council requests that the Los Angeles City Council pass a motion directing the Veteran's Administration to use West LA VA land (399 acres) for permanent supportive housing and healthcare for veterans.

**F Sharing Economy City Council Motion 14-0593–Work Group Request (Robin Rudisill on behalf of LUPC, [Chair-lupc@VeniceNC.org](mailto:Chair-lupc@VeniceNC.org))**

**MOTION:** The VNC Board shall send a letter to the L.A. City Council Sharing Economy Work Group; recommending and making it very clear that the Venice Community deserves to be included in preparing the Work Group's report and recommendation to the City Council; and that the VNC Board recommends that as the L.A. community most severely negatively affected by short-term rentals that City Councilperson Mike Bonin strongly support us in having a seat at the table of the Work Group; and further the VNC Board recommends that the CAO, CLA and other members of the Work Group focus on the positive and negative impacts of the recent exponential expansion of the short-term rental market on Venice as a distinct residential community of the City of L.A., and that they carefully research and analyze the impact of non owner-occupied short-term rentals on the availability of long-term housing stock in Venice, the number of rent controlled units in Venice, and on the quality of life and socio-economic diversity in Venice's residential neighborhoods (including commercial zones with rent-controlled properties).

Approved by LUPC on 9/2/2014 by a vote of 7-0-0

Supporting Documentation: [www.venicenc.org/sharing-economy-short-term-rentals/](http://www.venicenc.org/sharing-economy-short-term-rentals/)

**8. Announcements & Public Comment on items not on the Agenda (7:31PM -- 10 minutes)**

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

**Mark Van Gessel in favor of 7A and wants scrambled intersection as per later in agenda; Len Judaken suggests equal time for LUPC applicants/opposition then applicant rebuttal and asks LUPC to please "follow rules and laws, not rewrite them"; David Ewing announces Westside Urban Forum this Friday, 9/19, 7 – 9 pm, re: land use issues at Olympic Collection; Alicia Searle – owner of 600 Mildred, on Saturday evening her partner Michael Stein was subject of attempted vehicular manslaughter; Deborah Lashever yields to Rob Dew – Occupy Venice Film Series is this Sunday, 7-10 at Electric Lodge, upcoming event in October re: antibiotics in**



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food; Erin Sullivan-Ward o/b/o Venice Choir announces auditions this Sunday 12-30-2:30 at Beyond Baroque; Challis Macpherson announces that Small Lot Subdivision Ordinance has been appealed as it pertains to Venice, she will be leading the appeal; Tibby Rothman concerned with “rushed” public comment; Elliott Lewitt discusses “tsunami” of non-owner occupied houses, doesn’t like short-term rentals; Tori Springer strongly opposes short-term rentals in Venice; Carlos Camara speaks re: short-term rental situation, concerned with people being priced out of community; Judy Goldman thanks Board for motion on short-term rentals; Ilana Marosi thanks Board for passing motion on short-term rentals, concerned with sharing economy.

- 9. **Old Business (0 minutes) None.**
- 10. **LUPC (7:41 PM -- 110 minutes) (Robin Rudisill on behalf of LUPC, [Chair-lupc@VeniceNC.org](mailto:Chair-lupc@VeniceNC.org))**

**JM departs.**

- A **225 S. Lincoln Blvd. (“Whole Foods Market”) aka “Mrs. Gooch’s Natural Foods Markets, Inc.”; Case Nos: APCW-2014-1761-SPE-CE-ZV-CDP-SPP and ENV-2014-1762-MND; CITY HEARING: September 8, 2014 (20 minutes)**

**Public comment: Ilana Marosi for motion, need parking for employees; Challis MacPherson emphasizes need for conditions**

**IK moves to replace conditions on agenda with handout conditions/MD seconds.**

**ED calls the question.**

**ACTION: Motion fails, IK/MD, 5-8-1**

**For: HS, MD, GF, IK, AM**

**Against: MS, HH, RR, JP, MB, ED, GG, KW**

**Abstain: MN**

**ACTION: Original motion passed, RR/JP, 12-0-2**

**For: HS, HH, RR, JP, MB, ED, MD, GF, GG, IK, AM, KW**

**Against: None**

**Abstain: MN, MS**

Project Description: installation of a new 14’ high sound wall (causing loss of 1 existing parking space), installation of a 72 sq ft canopy over an existing landing area and enclosure of a 1,719 sq ft existing loading dock (8 parking spaces required but not provided), legalization of an existing 8’ x 40’ cargo container for incidental storage, and loading from the front of the store between the hours of 5 – 7 am, daily

**MOTION:** The VNC Board approves the project at 225 S. Lincoln Blvd. as presented, with the following conditions of approval—summary of conditions provided below, see detailed conditions in LUPC Staff Report (at link below):

Applicant shall maximize deliveries in the front of the store between 5 -7 am, daily

1. Applicant shall construct a new sound wall as per the plans at Exhibit A
2. Applicant shall enclose the loading dock as per the plans at Exhibit B



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3. Applicant shall manage deliveries inside of the enclosed loading dock
4. Applicant shall minimize noise by actively managing pallets, carts, etc.
5. All loading/unloading for the existing store or any future expansions will be managed under these conditions
6. Applicant shall make every effort to control noise
7. Applicant shall ensure that any contracts with vendors abide by the delivery conditions herein
8. Applicant's employees shall park either on site, or at a designated off-site location and not on residential streets
9. Applicant shall remove the shipping container if sufficient, designated off-site parking is not provided for employees
10. Applicant shall provide a monitored, 24-hour telephone number to address neighbor complaints
11. Applicant shall conduct quarterly, noticed meetings with neighbors and the VNC
12. Plan approval for the CUB shall be combined with Plan Approval for this application
13. Condition non-compliance shall be monitored and addressed by the ZA
14. Applicant shall create a Transportation Demand Management Plan with alternate transportation incentives for employees

NOTE\*\*\*\*Conditions 1-7 are agreed to by the Applicant, conditions 8-14 are not. \*\*\*\*

Approved by LUPC on 8/26/2014 by a vote of 6-2-1

LUPC Staff Report (including detailed conditions for Motion) and Supporting Documentation:  
[www.venicenc.org/225-lincoln](http://www.venicenc.org/225-lincoln)

**B 701 Lincoln ("Locali"); (8:01 pm, 10 minutes)**  
**Case Nos: ZA-2014-1701-CUE and ENV-2014-1702-CE;**  
**CITY HEARING: August 28, 2014**

**ACTION: Motion passed, RR/MD, 13-0-1**

**For: MS, HS, HH, RR, JP, MB, ED, MD, GF, GG, IK, AM, KW**

**Against: None**

**Abstain: MN**

Project description: CUB—ZA determination to permit the sale and dispensing of beer and wine only for on-site consumption in conjunction with an existing 1,085 sq ft deli/café seating 16 patrons, with hours of operation from 7 am to 11 pm daily

**MOTION:** The VNC Board approves of the application as presented, without modification.

Approved by LUPC on 8/26/2014 by a vote of 8-0-1

LUPC Staff Report and Supporting Documentation: [www.venicenc.org/701-lincoln-blvd-locali](http://www.venicenc.org/701-lincoln-blvd-locali)

**C 600 Mildred (fka "Kim's Market"); (8:11, 30 minutes)**  
**ZA-2013-4108-CDP-CUB-SPP and ENV-2013-4109-MND;**  
**CITY HEARING: May 22, 2014 (hearing cancelled by Applicant, revised application/new hearing date pending)**

**Public comment: James McCullough for a group against the project; Clara Hendon for project; Nicolette Mazzola opposed to project (direct neighbor); Ben Schick for project; Rob**



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**Mitchell opposed to project; Warren Adler opposed to project (did not speak); Len Judaken for project; Allie Bean opposed to project; Ron Goldman in favor of project; Robin Murez opposed to project; Leslie Belsma in favor of project; Michael Sloan opposed to project; Marcia Davalos for project; Frank DeFurio against project (did not speak); Joanne Sheehika for project; MN reads names of others for/against and they confirm.**

**EM arrived 8:55**

**ACTION: Motion passed, RR/HH, 12-1-2**

**For: MS, HS, HH, RR, JP, MB, ED, GG, IK, EM, AM, KW**

**Against: MD**

**Abstain: MN, GF**

Project description:

Coastal Development Permit, Conditional Use Permit to add to their current off-site alcohol sales a full line of on-site alcoholic beverages, Project Permit as required for a change of use to a 60 seat restaurant, allocated as follows: Sidewalk/Patio Dining 36 seats, Interior Seating 24 seats, with proposed hours for the indoor restaurant of 7:00 am – 11:00 pm Friday and Saturday and 7:00 am – 10:00 pm Sunday through Thursday.

NOTE: LUPC HAS PROCEEDED WITH APPLICANT SINCE THE COMMUNITY OUTREACH MEETING BASED ON A REVISED APPLICATION REQUEST—DECREASE IN HOURS FOR INDOOR RESTAURANT BY 2 HOURS TO 10 PM CLOSING ON SUNDAY THROUGH THURSDAY, AND BY 1 HOUR TO 11 PM CLOSING ON FRIDAY & SATURDAY; AND 25% FEWER SEATS, FROM 80 TO 60—BUT THE COMMITTEE HAS NOT YET RECEIVED A COPY OF THE APPLICATION UPDATED FOR THESE REVISIONS AS PER THE APPLICANT.

**MOTION:** The VNC Board recommends denial of this proposed change of use to a full service restaurant with on site sale of a full line of alcoholic beverages, based upon the following:

- a. Parking and traffic
- b. Noise
- c. Incompatible with the neighboring uses

LUPC Motion APPROVED 7-0-1, AUGUST 5, 2014

LUPC Staff Report and Supporting Documentation: [www.venicenc.org/600-mildred-ave-fka-kims-market](http://www.venicenc.org/600-mildred-ave-fka-kims-market)

**D 1620 Electric Ave (single family residence); (8:41 pm, 20 minutes)  
ZA-2014-1550-CDP and ENV-2014-1549-CE;  
CITY HEARING: September 4, 2014**

**Public comment: Sue Kaplan against project; Jeffrey Smith in favor of project; Arnold Springer against project; James Block (neighbor) against project; Gray Marshall against project; Lydia Ponce against project; Deborah Marshall against project.**



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**ACTION: Motion passed, RR/MB, 12-2-1**  
**For: MS, HS, HH, JP, RR, MB, ED, GG, IK, AM, EM, KW**  
**Against: MD, GF**  
**Abstain: MN**

Project description: Demo existing 1-story single-family dwelling and construct new, approx. 4,066 sq ft 3-story & basement, single-family dwelling w/attached 3-car garage and swimming pool, on property located within the R2-1 Zone, and the Calvo Exclusion Area of the Coastal Zone Commission Authority Area of the California Coastal Zone, located within the single permit jurisdiction of the California Coastal Zone.

**MOTION:** The VNC Board denies the project on the grounds that it is not in character with the mass and scale of the immediately adjacent community, based on the proposed height, which is inappropriate for the neighborhood and absent a sun-shade study it is impossible to determine its effect on surrounding homes.

Approved by LUPC on 9/2/2014 by a vote of 4-1-2  
LUPC Staff Report and Supporting Documentation: [www.venicenc.org/1620-electric](http://www.venicenc.org/1620-electric)

**E** **425 Washington Blvd. ("Charcoal"); (9:01 pm, 10 minutes)**  
**ZA-2014-2337-CUB and ENV-2014-2338-CE;**  
**CITY HEARING: October 2, 2014**

**ACTION: Motion passed, RR/MB, 14-0-1**  
**For: MS, HS, HH, RR, JP, MB, ED, MD, GF, GG, IK, EM, AM, KW**  
**Against: None**  
**Abstain: MN**

Project Description:  
Sale of a full line of alcoholic beverages in conjunction with an existing restaurant

**MOTION:** The VNC Board approves the project as presented, with the currently existing CUB conditions and the following two additional conditions:

1. The premises shall be maintained as a bona fide restaurant with an operating kitchen and shall provide a menu containing an assortment of foods normally offered in restaurants. Food service shall be available at all times during normal operating hours.
2. The quarterly gross sales of alcohol shall not exceed the quarterly gross sales of food; and the business operator shall maintain records which reflect these numbers and make them available to the Police Department upon request.

Approved by LUPC on 9/2/2014 by a vote of 7-0-0  
LUPC Staff Report and Supporting Documentation: [www.venicenc.org/425-washington-blvd-charcoal](http://www.venicenc.org/425-washington-blvd-charcoal)

**F** **2707 Ocean Front Walk (636 square foot addition to an existing duplex); (9:11 pm, 10 minutes)**



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**ZA-2014-407-CDP-ZAA-SPP-SPPA and ENV-2014-408-MND;  
CITY HEARING: September 11, 2014**

**Public comment: Sue Kaplan is against project. Andy against project.**

**ACTION: Motion passed, RR/MD, 7-6-2  
For: MS, HS, RR, MB, MD, GF, EM  
Against: HH, JP, ED, IK, GG, AM  
Abstain: MN, KW**

**Project Description:**

CDP in Dual Jurisdiction Zone for construction of a 636sq ft addition to existing 2-story duplex over basement w/roof deck, creating an additional story; Adjustment to maintain existing 3' side yard setback in lieu of 4' required; Specific Plan Project Permit Compliance (to VCZSP); Specific Plan Project Permit Adjustment (from VCZSP) to permit a height of 37'11" in lieu of a max height of 35'

**MOTION:** The VNC Board approves the project as proposed, with no conditions.

Approved by LUPC on 9/2/2014 by a vote of 7-0-0

LUPC Staff Report and Supporting Documentation: [www.venicenc.org/2707-ocean-front-walk](http://www.venicenc.org/2707-ocean-front-walk)

**G 1023 Abbot Kinney Blvd. ("Joe's Restaurant"); (9:21 pm, 10 minutes)  
Case No: ZA-1999-0643-CUB-PA1;  
CITY HEARING: July 31, 2014**

**Public comment: Tibby Rothman wants this potential approval to run with Joe's tenancy.**

**ACTION: RR/IK, 14-0-0-1  
For: MS, HS, HH, RR, JP, MB, ED, MD, GF, GG, IK, EM, AM, KW  
Against: None  
Abstain: None  
Recuse: MN**

Project description: CUB Plan Approval

**MOTION:** The VNC Board recommends continued Plan Approval, with the following changes in conditions:

1. Outdoor dining area shall close at 10 pm Sunday through Thursday and 11 pm Friday and Saturday. Indoor dining shall close at midnight daily.
2. Applicant shall create an incentive program for employees who walk, bike, or take transit to work.
3. Plan approval shall be required in 5 years.
4. Use of the bar as it presently exists shall be permitted.
5. Acoustic and non-amplified, limited (weekends and holidays) live entertainment shall be permitted within the structure.

LUPC vote: 7-0-0, September 2, 2014

LUPC Staff Report and Supporting Documentation:



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[www.venicenc.org/1023-abbot-kinney-joes-restaurant](http://www.venicenc.org/1023-abbot-kinney-joes-restaurant)

**11. Treasurers Report (9:31 PM -- 4 minutes)** (Hugh Harrison on behalf of Budget & Finance Committee, Treasurer@VeniceNC.org)

**A MOTION:** The Venice Neighborhood Council Board approves the expenditure report for August 2014. Attachments:

[http://www.venicenc.org/wp-content/uploads/2014/09/VNC-Expenditures\\_to\\_Date.August-20141.pdf](http://www.venicenc.org/wp-content/uploads/2014/09/VNC-Expenditures_to_Date.August-20141.pdf)

Approved by the Budget Committee on 9/2/2014 by a vote of 4-0-0

**ACTION: Motion passed, HH/JP, 14-0-1**

**For: MS, HS, HH, RR, JP, MB, ED, MD, GF, GG, IK, EM, AM, KW**

**Against: None**

**Abstain: MN**

**B MOTION:** The Venice Neighborhood Council requests cash to be allocated to its NC checking account for October 2014 in the following amounts:

**ACTION: Motion passed, HH/KW, 14-0-1**

**For: MS, HS, HH, RR, JP, MB, ED, MD, GF, GG, IK, EM, AM, KW**

**Against: None**

**Abstain: MN**

<u>VNC Budget Item</u>	<u>DONE</u>	<u>Vendor (if Known)</u>	<u>Amount</u>	<u>Recurring</u>
Office Supplies/Copies	OFF	Office Depot	\$50.00	
Staffing-LUPC	TAC	Apple One	500.00	Yes, \$250
Refreshments	EVE	Smart & Final	200.00	
Web Site/E-Mail	WEB	I Power/Constant Contact	120.00	Yes, \$90
General Outreach	OUT		300.00	
Storage	FAC	Extra Space Storage	233.00	Yes
Meeting site rental	FAC	LAUSD	360.00	Yes
Film Festival	CIP	Electric Lodge	1,075.00	
		Office Depot	202.00	
		Smart & Final	85.00	
		Blick Art Supplies	36.00	
Doggie Bags	CIP	Dog Bags and More	1,500.00	
Total			\$ 4,661.00	

Approved by the Budget Committee on 9/2/2014 by a vote of 4-0-0

**12. New Business (9:35 PM – 25 minutes)**

**A Motion to Establish a Minimum Comment Period of Sixty Seconds for Each Individual Commenter (Mark Kleiman, [mkleiman@quitam.org](mailto:mkleiman@quitam.org)) (5 minutes)**  
**Attachment:**



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<http://www.venicenc.org/wp-content/uploads/2014/09/VNC-public-comment-restrictions.pdf>

**ACTION: Failure of Board member to make motion.**

- (1) Each individual commenting on an item on the VNC's agenda or making a public comment shall have at least sixty seconds to make her or his remarks.
- (2) Limits on the amount of time each commenter is allowed shall be uniform for each Board meeting.
- (3) Nothing in the sections (1) or (2) of this Motion shall limit the right of commenters on a single agenda item to cede their individual time allotments to a commenter or commenters representing a group.

**B Request for the Early Opening of West Side Winter Shelter at the West LA National Guard Armory (Linda Lucks and Brad Neal, [past-president@venicenc.org](mailto:past-president@venicenc.org) and [bradnealvenice@gmail.com](mailto:bradnealvenice@gmail.com)) (5 minutes)**

**Public comment: Deborah Lashever for motion; Brad Neal for motion.**

**ACTION: Motion passed, MS/HS, 14-0-1**  
**For: MS, HS, HH, RR, JP, MB, ED, MD, GF, GG, IK, EM, AM, KW**  
**Against: None**  
**Abstain: MN**

**MOTION:** WHEREAS homeless people and housed residents of Venice Beach need immediate relief and,

WHEREAS opening the Winter Shelter National Guard Armory earlier than planned is a humane response to the large numbers of unhoused people in the area and,

WHEREAS recent precedent exists to open the armory early, as was done in 2012 when Councilman Rosendahl (\$20,000) and Mayor Villaraigosa (\$90,000) located \$110,000 for six additional weeks of operation in the midst of a budget crisis

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the VNC Board recommends that Councilman Mike Bonin in partnership with Mayor Eric Garcetti and the Los Angeles Homeless Services Authority, open the Westside Winter Shelter on or before November 1, 2014, prior to the annually scheduled Dec. 1 opening date. The VNC also recommends seeking funds to extend the closing date past the March 1, 2015 regularly scheduled closing date, particularly as the weather is quite cold all through March.

**C Installation of Crosswalk(s) across Washington Blvd near Venice Beach (Marc Saltzberg on behalf of Neighborhood Committee, [VicePresident@VeniceNC.org](mailto:VicePresident@VeniceNC.org)) (10 minutes)**

**ACTION: MS/HH, 14-0-1**  
**For: MS, HS, HH, RR, JP, MB, ED, MD, GF, GG, IK, EM, AM, KW**  
**Against: None.**  
**Abstain: MN**



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**MOTION:** WHEREAS, the Venice Neighborhood Council has recognized the need for a safe pedestrian crossing of Washington Blvd. between the intersections of Washington and Pacific Ave. and Washington and Dell Ave, having passed a motion on 7/19/2011 to recommend a "scramble" crosswalk at Washington and Pacific and a second motion on 3/20/2012 recommending a crosswalk at Washington and Strongs Drive; and

WHEREAS, the first of these recommendations was denied with the message that DOT would install no additional "scramble" crosswalks in the City of LA; and

WHEREAS, no determination regarding the second recommendation was ever communicated to the VNC; and

WHEREAS, the Venice Neighborhood Council continues to be concerned about the potential for traffic accidents resulting from jaywalking across Washington Blvd between the east side of Pacific Ave and Dell Ave, in part because there are no pedestrian crosswalks at any corner along that section of Washington;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, the Venice Neighborhood Council recommends that the Los Angeles Department of Transportation meet with community representatives to determine a suitable location for a crosswalk(s) crossing Washington Blvd. between Pacific Ave. and Dell Ave. and insure that the crosswalk(s) design meet LA DOT standards for pedestrian safety; and then that LA DOT install such a crosswalk(s).

This Resolution shall be sent to: Los Angeles City Councilman Mike Bonin, Los Angeles Department of Transportation General Manager Jon Mukri, Senior Transportation Engineer, Brian Gallagher, Transportation Engineering Associate, Rudy Guevara, Los Angeles School Board Member Steve Zimmer, Westside Global Awareness Magnet School Principal Cyril Baird, Marina Peninsula Community Council President Sandie West and posted to MyLADOT.

Approved by the Neighborhood Committee on 8/28/2104 by a vote of 12-0-1

**13. Board Member Comments on subject matters within the VNC jurisdiction  
(10:00 PM -- 5 minutes)**

- JP: Posting procedures – we may need to reconsider within the year.**
- HS: Announces Toy Drive, Dec. 20 10-2, email [secretary@venicenc.org](mailto:secretary@venicenc.org) if interested.**
- EM: Announces Venice Art Crawl, Thursday, September 18.**

**14. Adjourn (approx. 10:05 PM)**

- ACTION: Motion passed, HS/AM, 14-0-1**
- For: MS, HS, HH, RR, JP, MB, ED, MD, GF, GG, IK, EM, AM, KW**
- Against: None.**
- Abstain: MN**

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