



# Neighborhood Council

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## **Board of Officers Meeting Agenda**

Westminster Elementary School (Auditorium)

1010 Abbot Kinney Blvd, Venice, 90291

**Tuesday, January 17, 2017 at 7:00 PM**

**BOARD MEETINGS:** The Venice Neighborhood Council holds its regular meetings on the third Tuesday of the month and may also call any additional required special meetings in accordance with its Bylaws and the Brown Act. All are welcome to attend.

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**COMMUNITY IMPACT STATEMENTS:** Any action taken by the Board may result in the filing of a related CIS

**DISABILITY POLICY:** See last page.

**ALL AGENDA TIMES ARE APPROXIMATE AND SUBJECT TO CHANGE ON THE NIGHT OF THE MEETING.**

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

Present: Ira Koslow, Hugh Harrison, Melissa Diner, Matthew Royce, Evan White, Sunny Bak, William Hawkins, Hollie Stenson, James Murez, John Reed, Colleen Saro, Matt Shaw, Robert Thibodeau, (13)

Not Present: George Francisco, Matt Kline, Lauri Burns, Erin Darling, Cayley Lambur, Stephen Livigni, Ilana Marosi, Michelle Meeos, (8)

(GF and IM are at Civic University)

### **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/VNCBoardMeetingMinutesDec202016.pdf>

HS, JR (12, 0, 1)

FAVOR: Hugh Harrison, Melissa Diner, Matthew Royce, Evan White, Sunny Bak, William Hawkins, Hollie Stenson, James Murez, John Reed, Colleen Saro, Matt Shaw, Robert Thibodeau,

OPPOSED:

ABSTAIN: Ira Koslow

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



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EW, SB (12,0,1)

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OPPOSED:

ABSTAIN: Ira Koslow

Dede to give LADWP report at the front of government reports  
Happy 96<sup>th</sup> Birthday Dede Audet!

## 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.

RT will step out for A and D

## 6. Scheduled Announcements and Presentations (7:05PM – 55 minutes)

**A Public Safety - LAPD Report (10 minutes):** Senior Lead Officers Peggy Thusing (25120@lapd.lacity.org), Kristan Delatori ([32914@lapd.lacity.org](mailto:32914@lapd.lacity.org)), Gregg Jacobus, [35162@lapd.lacity.org](mailto:35162@lapd.lacity.org), Lt. Lydia Leos [23216@lapd.lacity.org](mailto:23216@lapd.lacity.org), OFW Beach Detail Supervisor. *Includes a monthly Venice crime report and updates on law enforcement issues in Venice.*

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

- City Councilmember Mike Bonin, Field Deputy, Taylor Bazley, 310-568-8772 ([taylor.bazley@lacity.org](mailto:taylor.bazley@lacity.org))

LA Municipal Code reformed to distinguish where you can and cannot live in your vehicle. Not allowed in front of park, school or someone's home. It will start being enforced in mid February 2017.

- Congressman Ted Lieu, Representative Janet Turner, 310-496-9896 ([janet.turner@mail.house.gov](mailto:janet.turner@mail.house.gov))
- State Senator Ben Allen, Representative Fernando Morales, 310-318-6994 ([fernando.morales@sen.ca.gov](mailto:fernando.morales@sen.ca.gov))
- State Assemblyperson Autumn Burke, Representative Ari Ruiz, 310-412-6400
  - LA County Supervisor Sheila Kuehl Westside Field Deputy Rachel Zaiden, 213-974-3333 ([rzaiden@bos.lacounty.gov](mailto:rzaiden@bos.lacounty.gov))
- Mayor Eric Garcetti, Westside Deputy, Daniel Tamm, 213-978-0836 ([Daniel.Tamm@Lacity.org](mailto:Daniel.Tamm@Lacity.org))



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**C VNC Announcements (5 minutes)**

- President -Ira Koslow ([President@VeniceNC.org](mailto:President@VeniceNC.org))
- Vice President - George Francisco ([VicePresident@VeniceNC.org](mailto:VicePresident@VeniceNC.org))
  - Westside Regional Alliance of Councils- Mike Newhouse, WRAC President,Ira Koslow, VNC Representatives. ([Chair@westsidecouncils.org](mailto:Chair@westsidecouncils.org)),
- Los Angeles Neighborhood Council Coalition (LANCC) Ivan Spiegel [Parliamentarian@VeniceNC.org](mailto:Parliamentarian@VeniceNC.org))
- VNC Representative to DWP: Yolanda Gonzales
  - Budget Advocates - Hugh Harrison, Treasurer

**D Mayor's Office of Public Engagement (MOPE) (Presentation 10 minutes, Q & A 5 minutes)**

Presentation by Daniel Tamm, [Daniel.Tamm@Lacity.org](mailto:Daniel.Tamm@Lacity.org)

**E. New VNC Website Overview (10 minutes)**

Presentation by Communications Officer Evan White, [communications@venicenc.org](mailto:communications@venicenc.org)

**7. Treasurer's Report (8:00PM -- 10 minutes) (Hugh Harrison on behalf of Budget & Finance Committee) ([Treasurer@VeniceNC.org](mailto:Treasurer@VeniceNC.org))**

*[Discussion and possible action] See attached addendums*

Link to addendums here: Link to Exhibits: <http://www.venicenc.org/minutes-and-agendas.php>

**A Expenditure Reports**

**MOTION:** The VNC approves the attached expenditure reports for December 2016.

Recommended by the Budget & Finance Committee on January 3, 2016 4-0-0

HH, EW (11,0,2)

FAVOR: Hugh Harrison, Melissa Diner, Matthew Royce, Evan White, Sunny Bak, William Hawkins, Holly Stenson, James Murez, John Reed, Colleen Saro, Robert Thibodeau,

OPPOSED:

ABSTAIN:

Ira Koslow, Matt Shaw,

**B Approval to Enter Contract for Internet Connection**

**MOTION:** The VNC shall enter into a contract with AT&T to create an internet hot spot for the purpose of streaming VNC Board meetings. Hardware cost is \$119 with a one-time activation fee of \$20 and monthly charge of up to \$80. This contract requires approval from EmpowerLA. Recommended by the Communications Chair and the Budget & Finance Committee on January 2, 2017 4-0-0



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HH, MD (12,0,1)

FAVOR: Hugh Harrison, Melissa Diner, Matthew Royce, Evan White, Sunny Bak, William Hawkins, Holly Stenson, James Murez, John Reed, Colleen Saro, Matt Shaw, Robert Thibodeau,

OPPOSED:

ABSTAIN: Ira Koslow

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

*Wednesday February 8, 2017*

*Tommy Hilfiger Fashion Show*

*4-8pm Fashion Show*

9. **General Consent Calendar (8:20PM -- 0 minutes)**  
*[All agenda items on the Consent Calendar will pass when the Consent Calendar is approved. No discussion or Public Comment is allowed on any item. Items may be removed by any board member 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 **Public Safety Town Hall** (George Francisco, [vp@venicenc.org](mailto:vp@venicenc.org))  
**MOTION:** The VNC Board approves the concept of an event focused on raising awareness and providing information and dialogue regarding public safety issues in Venice at a date and time to be determined by the Outreach Committee.

Unanimous

10. **Land Use and Planning Committee (LUPC) Consent Calendar (8:20PM -- 0 minutes)**  
*[All agenda items on the Land Use and Planning Committee (LUPC) Consent Calendar will pass when the LUPC Consent Calendar is approved. No discussion or Public Comment is allowed on any item. Items may be removed by any Board member or Stakeholder. Removed items will go to the end of agenda item 11. Land Use and Planning Committee and will be treated as regular LUPC agenda items, with discussion and public comment]*

11. **LUPC (8:20PM – 105 minutes)** (Matthew Royce on behalf of LUPC, [Chair-lupc@VeniceNC.org](mailto:Chair-lupc@VeniceNC.org))  
(see project files for more detailed info at <http://www.venicenc.org/land-use-committee.php>)  
*[Discussion and possible action]*

- A **656 California Ave (30 minutes)**  
Case: ZA-2014-3040-CDP-MEL, AA-2014-3038-PMLA-CN



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Applicant: Lewis Futterman

LUPC Staff: Joe Clark

Representative: DU Architects

Description: New 3-Story, 2-Unit Condo

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

Recommended by LUPC 5-1-0

RT recused

MR, JM (1, 8, 2)

FAVOR: Melissa Diner,

OPPOSED: Hugh Harrison, Matthew Royce, Evan White, Sunny Bak, William Hawkins, Holly Stenson, James Murez, Colleen Saro,

ABSTAIN: Ira Koslow, John Reed,

WH, HH (7, 2, 3)

The VNC board opposes approval of the project as presented.

1.) Existence of 2 roof top structures.

2.) Inconsistencies in the mello report.

3.) Out of character with the neighborhood.

FAVOR: Hugh Harrison, Matthew Royce, Sunny Bak, William Hawkins, Holly Stenson, James Murez, Colleen Saro,

OPPOSED: Melissa Diner, Evan White,

ABSTAIN: Ira Koslow, John Reed, Matt Shaw ,

## **B 701 Indiana Ave (15 minutes)**

Case: DIR-2016-2251-CDP-MEL

Applicant: Nicholas Mele

LUPC Staff: Michael Jensen

Representative: Luca Iacovoni

Description: New 2 Story 2,122 SF Single Family Residence

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

Recommended by LUPC 6-0-0

MR, HH (10,0, 3)

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OPPOSED:



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**ABSTAIN:** Ira Koslow, John Reed, Colleen Saro,

**C 622 Brooks Ave (30 minutes)**

Case: DIR-2016-2251-CDP-MEL

Applicant: Archie Arnold

LUPC Staff: Mehrnoosh Mojallali

Representative: Rick Gunderson

Description: DEMO EXISTING 1-STORY SFD AND CONSTRUCT NEW 3-STORY SF AND A 2-STORY ACCESSORY STRUCTURE (REC ROOM ABOVE 3 CAR GARAGE). PURSUANT TO: 12.20.2, A COASTAL DEVELOPMENT PERMIT AND MELLO REVIEW TO DEMO EXISTING 1-STORY SFD AND CONSTRUCT NEW 3-STORY SF AND A 2-STORY ACCESSORY STRUCTURE (REC ROOM ABOVE 3 CAR GARAGE) IN THE RD1.5-1 AND 3,486 SQ.

**MOTION:** The VNC Board recommends approval as presented.

Recommended by LUPC 6-0-0

**MR, SB (10,0,3)**

**FAVOR:** Hugh Harrison, Melissa Diner, Matthew Royce, William Hawkins, Holly Stenson, James Murez, John Reed, Colleen Saro, Matt Shaw, Robert Thibodeau,

**OPPOSED:**

**ABSTAIN:** Ira Koslow, Evan White, Sunny Bak,

**D 305 Ocean Front Walk (30 minutes)**

Case: DIR-2016-1341-CDP-SPP-MEL

Applicant: Blake Fogel

LUPC Staff: Ramsey Daham

Representative: DU Architects

Description: PER LAMC 12.20.2, A COASTAL DEVELOPMENT PERMIT FOR THE DEMOLITION OF (E) RETAIL BUILDING AND CONSTRUCTION OF (N) MIXED-USE 3-STORY BUILDING WITH GROUND FLOOR RETAIL AND 3 DWELLING UNITS. PER LAMC 11.5.7, PROJECT PERMIT COMPLIANCE FOR THE SAME ABOVE MENTIONED PROJECT. MELLO COMPLIANCE REVIEW.

**MOTION:** The VNC Board recommends approval as presented.

Recommended by LUPC 5-0-0

**RT recused**

**MR, MD (9,1,2)**



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**FAVOR:** Melissa Diner, Matthew Royce, Evan White, Sunny Bak, William Hawkins, Holly Stenson  
James Murez, John Reed, Matt Shaw ,  
**OPPOSED:** Colleen Saro  
**ABSTAIN:** Ira Koslow, Hugh Harrison,

**12. Old Business (10:05PM - 0 minutes)**

*[Discussion and possible action]*

**13. New Business (10:05PM – 30 minutes)**

*[Discussion and possible action]*

**A Health Official Encampment Inspection, (William Hawkins, [william.hawkins@venicenc.org](mailto:william.hawkins@venicenc.org)) (15 minutes)**

**MOTION:** Whereas the City and the County of Los Angeles are responsible for the health and welfare of its citizens, and

Whereas the City and the County of Los Angeles to date have been unable to solve the homeless issue, and

Whereas there is a perceived public health concern within the community and proper care is needed to ensure the safety and well being of all those living in Los Angeles whether they be housed or unhoused

Therefore Be It Resolved that the VNC Board requests:

1. That the County of Los Angeles, the State of California, the City of Los Angeles and the Federal Government fulfill their fiduciary responsibility to all of its citizens ensuring that all housed and unhoused citizens are afforded the ability to have access to medical care as needed and;
2. That all trucks used for homeless showering be properly stored, sanitized and verified for contaminants, in accordance with Los Angeles County Health regulations and;
3. That the County immediately notify the VNC in writing of any reported outbreaks of MRSA in the VNC geographical area.

In addition, the VNC requests that the Los Angeles County Health Department conduct immediate and periodic health inspections on homeless encampments on Rose Avenue and throughout Venice to ensure the health and safety of all in the area.

**WH, SB (12,0,1)**

**FAVOR:** Hugh Harrison, Melissa Diner, Matthew Royce, Evan White, Sunny Bak, William Hawkins, Holly Stenson, James Murez, John Reed, Colleen Saro, Matt Shaw , Robert Thibodeau,

**OPPOSED:**

**ABSTAIN:** Ira Koslow



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**B Supporting Lava Mae Shower Program, Matt Shaw, [matt.shaw@venicenc.org](mailto:matt.shaw@venicenc.org) (15 minutes)**

Link to Health Department Statement is found in exhibits located at:

<http://www.venicenc.org/minutes-and-agendas.php>

**MOTION:** Whereas there are over 1,000 people living on the streets of Venice; and Whereas the VNC supports programs that help people transition off of the street; and Whereas the Lava Mae shower program brings a much needed service to Venice that not only provides health benefits but also restores dignity, rekindles optimism, and fuels a sense of opportunity among our homeless population

Therefore Be It Resolved that the VNC Board supports the Lava Mae shower program in Venice with the following conditions:

- A medical professional is on hand to diagnose, treat, and prescribe medications to combat communicable diseases
- Lava Mae will provide quarterly updates on the success of the program to the community at VNC meetings
- The VNC will be consulted on any changes of use or intensity of the current program
- Lava Mae considers changing the day of service so it doesn't conflict with the Friday clean up at 3rd and Rose

MS, WH (10, 1, 2)

FAVOR: Melissa Diner, Matthew Royce, Evan White, Sunny Bak, William Hawkins, Holly Stenson , James Murez, John Reed, Matt Shaw , Robert Thibodeau,

OPPOSED:

ABSTAIN: Hugh Harrison, Ira Koslow, John Reed,

**14. Board Member Comments on subject matters within the VNC jurisdiction (10:35PM - 5 minutes)**

**15. Adjourn (approx. 10:40PM)**

List of Venice Neighborhood Council Committees & Chairs – Volunteers Welcome

**Standing Committees**

- Administrative - Ira Koslow
- Neighborhood - George Francisco
- Outreach - Matthew Kline
- Land Use and Planning - Matthew Royce
- Budget & Finance - Hugh Harrison
- Rules & Selections - John Reed
- Arts - Sonny Bak
- Ocean Front Walk - Colleen Saro

**Ad Hoc Committees**



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Public Safety - Matt Shaw & Will Hawkins

Homeless - Will Hawkins

Parking & Transportation - Jim Murez

Venice Cityhood - Nick Antonicello

Discussion Forum - Joe Murphy

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