



Neighborhood Council

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Board of Officers Regular Meeting Minutes **Westminster Elementary School (Auditorium)** **1010 Abbot Kinney Blvd, Venice, 90291** **Tuesday, December 19, 2017 at 7:00 PM**

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

PRESENT: Ira Koslow, George Francisco, Hugh Harrison, Melissa Diner, Cindy Chambers , Evan White, William Hawkins, Cayley Lambur, Stephen Livigni, Ilana Marosi, James Murez, John Reed, Robert Thibodeau, (13)

NOT PRESENT: Matthew Royce, Sunny Bak, Brad Aarons, Holly Stenson , Michelle Meepos, Colleen Saro, Matt Shaw , (7)

2. Pledge Of Allegiance (7:01PM -- 1 minute)

3. Approval of Outstanding Board minutes (7:02PM – 1 minute)

<http://www.venicenc.org/docs/34484310-7161.pdf>

GF, JR (12, 0, 1)

FAVOR: George Francisco, Hugh Harrison, Melissa Diner, Cindy Chambers , Evan White, William Hawkins, Cayley Lambur, Stephen Livigni, Ilana Marosi, James Murez, John Reed, Robert Thibodeau

OPPOSED:

ABSTAIN: Ira Koslow



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

GF, JR (12, 0, 1)

FAVOR: George Francisco, Hugh Harrison, Melissa Diner, Cindy Chambers, Evan White, William Hawkins, Cayley Lambur, Stephen Livigni, Ilana Marosi, James Murez, John Reed, Robert Thibodeau
OPPOSED:

ABSTAIN: Ira Koslow

Including all items on consent calendars

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.

Brad Aarons arrives at 7:12PM

6. **Scheduled Announcements and Presentations**

6A **Live Stream of Meetings (7:05PM -- 1 minute)**

All VNC Board meetings are streamed live online. Please log onto facebook and share the live stream on the VNC homepage to promote community participation. Click here to share!

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6B **Public Safety - LAPD Report (7:06PM -- 9 minutes):** Senior Lead Officers Peggy Thusing (25120@lapd.lacity.org), Kristan Delatori (32914@lapd.lacity.org), acting SLO Joe Roberts - 41448@lapd.online SLO Adrian Acosta - 39174@lapd.online SLO Javier Ramirez - 39174@lapd.online, Beach Patrol - LT Michael Soliman - 32906@lapd.online Supervisor. *Includes a monthly Venice crime report and updates on law enforcement issues in Venice.*

6C **Government Reports (7:15PM -- 15 minutes)** (Representatives have standing place on the agenda, but are not always available to attend)

- City Councilmember Mike Bonin, Field Deputy Taylor Bazley, 310-568-8772 (taylor.bazley@lacity.org)
- Congressman Ted Lieu, Representative Janet Turner, 310-496-9896 (janet.turner@mail.house.gov)
- State Senator Ben Allen, Representative Olin Wibroe (Olina.wibroe@sen.ca.gov)
- State Assemblyperson Autumn Burke, West Los Angeles Field Representative, Brandon Stansell, (310) 412-6400, (brandon.stansell@asm.ca.gov)
- LA County Supervisor Sheila Kuehl Westside Field Deputy FYI, Stephanie Cohen (310)231-1170 (scohen@bos.lacounty.gov)
- Mayor Eric Garcetti, Westside Deputy, Daniel Tamm, 213-978-0836 (Daniel.Tamm@Lacity.org)
 - **Empower LA, DONE, Neighborhood Council Advocate Gibson.nyambura@lacity.org add to all future agendas.**

6D **VNC Announcements and Reports (7:30PM -- 20 minutes)**

- President -Ira Koslow (President@VeniceNC.org)



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- Vice President - George Francisco ([Vice President@VeniceNC.org](mailto:VicePresident@VeniceNC.org))
 - Westside Regional Alliance of Councils- ,Ira Koslow, VNC Representative (Chair@westsidecouncils.org),
- Los Angeles Neighborhood Council Coalition (LANCC) Ivan Spiegel (Parliamentarian@VeniceNC.org)
- VNC Representative to DWP: Yolanda Gonzales
 - Homeless Committee Year End Report (10 minutes, William Hawkins (william.hawkins@venicenc.org))
 - Budget Advocates - Hugh Harrison
 - Parking and Transportation Master Plan (5 minutes) (Jim Murez on behalf of the Parking and Transportation Committee) (james.murez.venice.org 310 555-1212)

Election of Community Officer Candidates (7:50PM -- 10 minutes)

Applications on applicants available at:

https://drive.google.com/open?id=1eMQ4L7mkouMpVFfaES95vNMx_ZCNeP0ps

Justin Brezhnev wins election in a tie breaker vote (Tie was between Justin Brezhnev and Yolanda Gonzalez)

Cindy Chambers, Hollie Stenson, Brad Aarons and Justin Brezhnev sworn in.

8. Treasurer’s Report (8:00PM -- 5 minutes) (Hugh Harrison on behalf of Budget & Finance Committee) (Treasurer@VeniceNC.org)

See attached addendums at <http://www.venicenc.org/minutes-and-agendas.php>
[Discussion and possible action]

8A Approval of the VNC Monthly Expenditure Report

MOTION: The VNC Board approves the Monthly Expenditure Report for October.

Recommended by the Budget Committee 4-0-0 on 12-5-17

Uploaded Documents:

[Download 1512523313.pdf](#)

HH, EW (11, 0, 1)

FAVOR: Hugh Harrison, Melissa Diner, Cindy Chambers, Evan White, Brad Aarons , William Hawkins, Cayley Lambur, Stephen Livigni, Holly Stenson, James Murez, Robert Thibodeau,

OPPOSED:

ABSTAIN: Ira Koslow

8B Approval of the Expenditure To Date Report

MOTION: The VNC Board approves the Expenditure to Date report for October

Recommended by the Budget Committee 4-0-0 on 12-5-17

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HH, HS (11, 0, 1)

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OPPOSED:
ABSTAIN: Ira Koslow

8C Purchase Of Tripod for Video Camera

MOTION: The VNC Board authorizes up to \$350 for the purchase of a new tripod and carrying case for the video equipment.

Recommended by the Budget Committee 4-0-0 on 12-5-17

HH, CC (11, 0, 1)

FAVOR: Hugh Harrison, Melissa Diner, Cindy Chambers, Evan White, Brad Aarons , William Hawkins, Cayley Lambur, Stephen Livigni, Holly Stenson, James Murez, Robert Thibodeau,

OPPOSED:
ABSTAIN: Ira Koslow

George Francisco, Ilana Morosi, John Reed not present for 8A-8C votes but onsite

9. Announcements and Public Comment on items not on the Agenda (8:05PM - 10 minutes)

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

10. General Consent Calendar (8:15PM -- 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.]

10A City promotion of Neighborhood Council system (Ira Koslow, from LANCC president@venicenc.org 310 392-0868)

MOTION: The Venice NC calls on the City of Los Angeles to create an advertising campaign to inform the public as to the existence of the Los Angeles Neighborhood Council system, and to adequately fund and administer the process.

10B Park Rangers On OFW/Venice Beach (Colleen Saro on behalf of the Ocean Front Walk Committee) (colleen.saro@venicenc.org (818) 855-5410)

MOTION: Whereas there are violations of rules and regulations on Venice Beach and the Ocean Front Walk (OFW) that are considered by the Los Angeles Police Department to be low priority, such as riding motorized vehicles on the OFW and bike path, including Segways, motorized skateboards and motorized bicycles; riding bicycles on the OFW; drinking and smoking on OFW; camping on OFW, Venice Beach, and the median grassy knolls during unsanctioned times; and

Whereas the violations of these rules and regulations create a safety and health hazard for the residents and visitors to the OFW, bike path and Venice Beach; and

Whereas the Los Angeles Police Department does not have the resources or personnel to monitor the OFW, bike path and beach to prevent these violations and enforce proper use and regulations; and

Whereas providing Park Rangers will enable LAPD to attend to higher priority violations, and will improve the use and enjoyment and safety of OFW, bike path and beach for residents and visitors; Therefore be it



resolved that the Venice Neighborhood Council shall send a letter to County Supervisor Sheila Keuhl, Councilman Mike Bonin, Robert Davis from Recs and Parks, and Carol Baker from Beaches and Harbors, requesting that they add a line item in the relevant budgets and assign four (4) Park Rangers to OFW, the bike path and Venice Beach.

Uploaded Documents:

[Download 1512334719.pdf](#)

Recommended by Ocean Front Walk Committee 8-0-0 on 11-27-17

10C No new or renewed oil drilling or gas drilling off California coast (Diana Mayoral [323-304-1899](tel:323-304-1899) Dianamay30@gmail.com & Blake Kopcho Center for Biological Diversity bkopcho@biologicaldiversity.org(510) 844-7153)

MOTION: Whereas the Trump administration has promised unfettered offshore drilling to the fossil fuel industry; and

Whereas this could mean more offshore leasing, drilling and fracking, which dramatically increases the probability of a devastating oil spill, and deepens our dependence on fossil fuels

Therefore be it resolved that the VNC Board shall send a letter to the LA City Council recommending a resolution calling for: •-An end to new oil and gas drilling off the California coast •-A ban on fracking and other well stimulation techniques in existing offshore wells •-No new offshore oil and gas leasing in the Pacific, Atlantic, Arctic oceans and the eastern Gulf of Mexico. More information on this campaign can be found at <http://www.biologicaldiversity.org/>

PASSED

11. LUPC Consent Calendar (8:15PM – 0 minutes) (Matthew Royce on behalf of LUPC, chair-lupc@VeniceNC.org)

(see project files for more detailed info at <http://www.venicenc.org/land-use-committee.php>)

11A 2421 Clement Ave

Case: DIR-2017-2952-CDP

Applicant: Jason Goldberg LUPC

Staff: Mehrnoosh Mojallali

Representative: Rudy Alegre

Description: Remodel and addition to an existing single family home

MOTION: The VNC Board recommends approval of the project with the condition that the roof deck guardrail be setback 5 feet on all sides

Recommended by LUPC 6-0-0 on December 7, 2017

11B 447 Sherman Canal

Case: ZA-2014-3386-CDP-MEL-SPP

Applicant: Joel Shapiro

LUPC Staff: Tim Bonefeld

Representative: SEA

Description: Remodel and addition to an existing single family home

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

Recommended by LUPC 7-0-0 on December 7, 2017



11C 822 Superba Ave

Case: DIR-2017-3437-CDP-MEL

Applicant: Fritz Greve

LUPC Staff: Matthew Royce

Representative: Hamilton Architects

Description: New single family home

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

Recommended by LUPC 6-0-0 on December 7, 2017

PASSED

GF, JR (12, 0, 1) from approval of agenda all consent calendar items passed

FAVOR: George Francisco, Hugh Harrison, Melissa Diner, Cindy Chambers, Evan White, William Hawkins, Cayley Lambur, Stephen Livigni, Ilana Marosi, James Murez, John Reed, Robert Thibodeau

OPPOSED:

ABSTAIN: Ira Koslow

12. **LUPC (8:15PM – 0 minutes)** (Matthew Royce on behalf of LUPC, Chair-lupc@VeniceNC.org)
(see project files for more detailed info at <http://www.venicenc.org/land-use-committee.php>)
13. **Old Business (8:15PM - 0 minutes)** See attached addendums at <http://www.venicenc.org/minutes-and-agendas.php>
[Discussion and possible action]

Sonny Bak arrived at 7:50PM

14. **New Business (8:15PM – 10 minutes)**
[Discussion and possible action] See attached addendums at <http://www.venicenc.org/minutes-and-agendas.php>
- 14A **Bathroom Placement Approval** (william.hawkins@venicenc.org on behalf of Homeless Committee)
MOTION: Whereas - placing portable public bathrooms of any kind in proximity to residences or businesses will place undue burden on property owners, Therefore, the VNC recommends any portable bathrooms or sanitation stations be open 24/7 and placed exclusively on city owned property and not within 50 feet of the entrance to any residence or business and be manned by at least one attendant at all times with daily maintenance. Furthermore, the VNC recommends AGAINST placing mobile public bathrooms or sanitation stations on sidewalks or streets adjacent to any private property (residential, commercial, or industrial) without prior written consent of property owner(s) AND 2/3 of property owners on both sides of the contiguous city block with exceptions for special events and construction sites.
Council File : <https://cityclerk.lacity.org/lacityclerkconnect/index.cfm?fa=ccfi.viewrecord&cfnumber=17-1092>
Recommended by Homeless Committee 5-0-0 on November 30, 2017

HH, GF (14, 0, 2)



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OPPOSED:
ABSTAIN: Ira Koslow, Ilana Marosi,

15. **Board Member Comments on subject matters within the VNC jurisdiction (8:25PM - 5 minutes)**

16. **Adjourn (approx. 8:30 PM)**

List of Venice Neighborhood Council Committees & Chairs – Volunteers Welcome

<u>Standing Committees</u>	<u>Ad Hoc Committees</u>
Administrative - Ira Koslow	Homeless - Will Hawkins
Neighborhood - George Francisco	Parking & Transportation - Jim Murez
Outreach – Hollie Stenson	Venice Cityhood - Nick Antonicello
Land Use and Planning - Matthew Royce	Discussion Forum - Joe Murphy
Budget & Finance - Hugh Harrison	
Rules & Selections - John Reed	
Arts - Sunny Bak	
Ocean Front Walk - Colleen Saro	

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