



# Venice Neighborhood Council

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## **Board of Officers Regular Meeting Agenda**

Westminster Elementary School (Auditorium)

1010 Abbot Kinney Blvd, Venice, 90291

**Tuesday, August 21, 2018 at 7:00 PM**

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1. **Call to Order and Roll Call**
2. **Pledge Of Allegiance (7:01PM -- 1 minute)**
3. **Approval of Outstanding Board minutes (7:02PM – 1 minute)**  
<http://www.venicenc.org/minutes-and-agendas.php>
4. **Approval of the 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.



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## 6. **Scheduled Announcements and Presentations (7:05PM - 35 minutes)**

### 6A **Live Stream of Meetings (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 (9 minutes)**: Senior Lead Officers Kristan Delatori

([32914@lapd.lacity.org](mailto:32914@lapd.lacity.org)), acting SLO Joe Roberts - [41448@lapd.online](mailto:41448@lapd.online) SLO Adrian Acosta - [39174@lapd.online](mailto:39174@lapd.online) SLO Javier Ramirez - [39174@lapd.online](mailto:39174@lapd.online), Venice Beach Task Force - LT Michael Soliman - [32906@lapd.online](mailto:32906@lapd.online). *Includes a monthly Venice crime report and updates on law enforcement issues in Venice.*

### 6C **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))
- 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 Olin Wibroe ([Olin.wibroe@sen.ca.gov](mailto:Olin.wibroe@sen.ca.gov))
- State Assemblyperson Autumn Burke, **West Los Angeles Field Representative, Brandon Stansell**, (310) 412-6400, ([brandon.stansell@asm.ca.gov](mailto:brandon.stansell@asm.ca.gov))
- LA County Supervisor Sheila Kuehl Westside Field Deputy FYI, Shannon Louis (310)231-1170, [SLouis@bos.lacounty.gov](mailto:SLouis@bos.lacounty.gov)
- Mayor Eric Garcetti, Westside Deputy, Daniel Tamm, 213-978-0836 ([Daniel.Tamm@Lacity.org](mailto:Daniel.Tamm@Lacity.org))
- Empower LA Neighborhood Council Advocate, Jasmine Elbarbary, 213-978-1551 ([jasmine.elbarbary@lacity.org](mailto:jasmine.elbarbary@lacity.org))

### 6D **VNC Announcements and Reports (10 minutes)**

- President -Ira Koslow ([President@VeniceNC.org](mailto:President@VeniceNC.org))  
Matt Shaw removal/resignation AND open nominations for vacant Board seat  
Change of September meeting date to Monday, September 17th.
- Vice President - George Francisco ([Vice\\_President@VeniceNC.org](mailto:Vice_President@VeniceNC.org))
- Westside Regional Alliance of Councils- Ira Koslow, VNC Representative ([Chair@westsidecouncils.org](mailto:Chair@westsidecouncils.org)),
- Los Angeles Neighborhood Council Coalition (LANCC) Ivan Spiegel ([Parliamentarian@VeniceNC.org](mailto:Parliamentarian@VeniceNC.org))
- Election Report - Ivan Spiegel, Election Chair
- VNC Representative to DWP: Yolanda Gonzales
- Budget Advocates - Hugh Harrison, Treasurer



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7. **Treasurer's Report (7:40 PM -- 15 minutes)** (Hugh Harrison on behalf of Budget & Finance Committee) ([Treasurer@VeniceNC.org](mailto:Treasurer@VeniceNC.org))  
See attached addendums at <http://www.venicenc.org/minutes-and-agendas.php>  
[Discussion and possible action]
- 7A **Motion for Town Hall on Cannabis**  
**MOTION:** The Venice NC approves a Town Hall on Cannabis for October 2018 with a budget of \$1000.  
*Recommended by Budget and Finance; 5-0-0 on 8/7/18 & Outreach Committee 6-0-0 on 7/13/18*
- 7B **Approval Monthly Expenditure Report**  
**MOTION:** The Venice NC approves the monthly expenditure report for June 2018.  
*Recommended by Budget and Finance 5-0-0 on 8/7/18*  
**Uploaded Documents:**  
[Download 1533680370.pdf](#)
- 7C **Approval Expenditure To Date Report**  
**MOTION:** The Venice NC approves the attached Expenditure to Date report for June 2018.  
*Recommended by Budget and Finance 5-0-0 on 8/7/18*  
**Uploaded Documents:**  
[Download 1533680941.pdf](#)
- 7D **Approval Inventory Report**  
**MOTION:** The Venice NC approves the attached inventory report.  
*Recommended by Budget and Finance 5-0-0 on 8/7/18*  
**Uploaded Documents:**  
[Download 1533681276.pdf](#)
- 7E **Reallocation of Budget to Fund Online Voting for the 2019 VNC Election**  
**MOTION:** The Venice NC approves the attached re allocated budget to reflect increased election costs for online voting.  
*Recommended by Budget and Finance 5-0-0 on 8/7/18*
- 7F **Outreach Event to Promote New VNC Logo**  
**MOTION:** The Venice NC approves \$1500 for an Outreach Event to be held in September 2018 to promote the new VNC Logo.  
*Recommended by Budget and Finance; 5-0-0 on 8/7/18 & Outreach Committee 6-0-0 on 7/13/18*
8. **Announcements and Public Comment on items not on the Agenda (7:55 PM - 10 minutes)**  
[No more than 1 minute per person – no Board member announcements permitted]



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**9. General Consent Calendar (8:05 PM -- 5 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.]*

**9A Spanish Translation in Board Agenda**(Esteban Pulido, [pulido.esteban@gmail.com](mailto:pulido.esteban@gmail.com))

**MOTION:** The Venice Neighborhood Council shall add a regular line item as 6B to the Board agenda stating that Spanish Interpretation services and agendas are made available in Spanish.

**10. LUPC Consent Calendar (8:10 PM – 5 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>)

**10A 2815 Ocean Ave**

Case: DIR-2018-3239-CDP

Applicant: Jay & Kim Gigandet

LUPC Staff: Tim Bonefeld

Representative: DU Architects

Description: CONSTRUCTION OF A SECOND STORY ADDITION TO A SINGLE FAMILY DWELLING

**MOTION :** The VNC Board recommends approval of the project as presented  
*Recommended by LUPC (MR/BS 5-0-0)*

**10B Dockless mobility draft guidelines (Council File #17-1125)**

**MOTION:** The VNC Board shall file the following Community Impact Statement IN SUPPORT of CF 17-1125 (Dockless Bike Share): The VNC supports the creation of regulations governing the use of dockless bikes and scooters in the City of Los Angeles and recommends that LAPD immediately enforce no dockless vehicles on all sidewalk, canals, and the Boardwalk, and if technically possible the operators shall geofence prohibited areas.

*Recommended by LUPC (RA/MJ 6-0-0)*

**11. New Business Part 1 (8:15 PM - 90 minutes)**

**VNC Support for concept of Bridge Housing in Venice with a Community Benefits Agreement**  
(Will Hawkins on behalf of the Homeless Committee)

*[PRESIDENT'S NOTE: This motion is only about whether to support the concept of this program in Venice. It is not about the MTA Bus Yard]*

**MOTION:** The VNC Board supports the concept of executing Bridge Housing in Venice for no longer than three years along with the execution of a Community Benefits Agreement (CBA) between the neighborhood of Venice and the City of Los Angeles with the following considerations:



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1. Those in the CES system be prioritized for placement.
2. Only homeless from Venice be admitted.
3. Every six months or sooner a report is produced to outline the outcomes of individuals that have transitioned through Bridge Home.
4. A yearly public meeting is organized by the Mayor's office to discuss the program's effect on the neighborhood.
5. The City shall agree to ensure basic program elements such as
  - a) security,
  - b) sanitation,
  - c) housing placement services,
  - d) reunification,
  - e) sober coaching,
  - f) job placement services,
  - g) green space/community garden,
  - h) social enterprise, and
  - i) specific commitments from the LAPD HOPE team and a Senior Lead Officer from LAPD designated specifically for this facility.

It is further resolved, that the CBA shall contain guarantees to the stakeholders of Venice that the agreed upon conditions will be binding and ongoing through the term of the Bridge Housing's execution.

*Recommended by Homeless Committee 7-0-0 on 7/30/18*

**12. LUPC (9:45 PM – 35 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>)

**12A 2454 Lincoln Blvd (20 minutes)**

Case: DIR-2018-917-CDO-WDI, ADM-2017-5028-TOC

Applicant: 2454 Lincoln Blvd LLC

LUPC Staff: Brian Silveira

Representative: Burns & Bouchard

Description: DEMOLITION OF (E ) 1-STORY RETAIL/OFFICE STRUCTURE, CAR WASH AND ANCILLARY PARKING FOR CONSTRUCTION OF (N) MIXED USE BUILDING WITH 77 UNITS (69 MARKET RATE UNIT AND 8 ELI UNITS)

**MOTION:** The VNC Board recommends denial of this project for the following reasons:

1. The design does not account for community concerns for traffic and alley access
2. The traffic study is flawed and incomplete
3. Lack of a Shade study
4. insufficient loading zones
5. insufficient staging areas for robotic parking system
6. The requested waiver of deduction is not justified

*Recommended by LUPC (DT/RA 6-0-0)*



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## 12B 595 Venice Blvd (15 minutes)

Case: DIR-2016-1621-CDP-SPP-WDI

Applicant: Robert Slayton

LUPC Staff: Tim Bonefeld

Representative: John Reed

Description: CONSTRUCT A NEW 3-STORY MIXED USE BUILDING CONSISTING OF SOFTWARE, MUSIC, FILM AND VIDEO MANUFACTURING SPACE OVER TWO LEVELS OF PARKING GARAGE AND A RETAIL SPACE.

**MOTION:** The VNC Board recommends approval of the project if the applicant and neighbors can agree on conditions enforceable by permit and/or covenant  
*Recommended by LUPC (RA/MJ 6-0-0)*

## 13. **Old Business (10:20 PM - 15 minutes)** See attached addendums at

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

*[Discussion and possible action]*

## 13A. **Reconsideration of 9A July meeting--1427 Abbot Kinney Parklet Application**

**MOTION:** The VNC Board shall reconsider item 9A--1427 Abbot Kinney Parklet Application from the July 2018 Board meeting. *[PARLIAMENTARIAN'S NOTE: This motion requires a 2/3 vote of the Board members present and eligible to vote to be put back on the table. If it passes, the Board will immediately take up the following motion which may be passed with a majority vote]*

**MOTION:** The Venice Neighborhood Council gives final support for 1427 AKB parklet application, per the attached plans. Uploaded Documents: Download 1530660563.pdf

<https://drive.google.com/open?id=1J3VLYDD61JnU0TysVEi70SoHSPDkrM3z>

**Uploaded Documents:** [Download 1531956105.pdf](#)

## 14. **New Business Part 2 (10:35 PM – 40 minutes)**

### 14A **Support For Changes to the Neighborhood Council System** (John Reed, on behalf of the Rules & Selections Committee [john.reed@venicenc.org](mailto:john.reed@venicenc.org)) (30 minutes)

**MOTION:** The VNC Board shall submit a Community Impact Statement IN SUPPORT of the following changes to the Neighborhood Council system:

a. Recommendations and next steps for amending City Charter Article IX to change the name of the Department of Neighborhood Empowerment (DONE) to the Neighborhood Councils Department (NCD), the Board of Neighborhood Commissioners (BONC) to the Neighborhood Councils Commission (NCC), and phasing out the use of the term/branding 'EmpowerLA' due to the confusion reported by the public and the perception of Neighborhood Council members that DONE's role should be primarily to support Neighborhood Councils, which the name Neighborhood Councils Department would better reflect.

b. Recommendations and next steps for amending the Los Angeles Administrative Code to remove the "Community Impact Stakeholder," which has caused substantial confusion and disputed elections,



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and recommendations and next steps for including specific additional definitions by ordinance of eligible voters and board members of Neighborhood Councils, such as student or parent/guardian of a student.

c. Recommendations and next steps for amending City Charter Article IX Section 901 .d and 904.f to remove any reference to “selections” and clarify that Neighborhood Council board members will be elected. Neighborhood Council “selection” processes are utilized by a limited and decreasing number of councils and are not viewed by the public as being as democratic as elections as they do not provide for a secret ballot or equitable participation.

d. Recommendations and next steps for creating a one-time review process, overseen by the Board of Neighborhood Commissioners, to evaluate Neighborhood Council bylaws to determine if board seats are equitably allocated amongst stakeholder types and provide formal suggestions to Neighborhood Councils on ways to adjust board seats as needed to increase equity.

e. Recommendations and next steps for adopting regulations to provide a uniform minimum voting age and board member age to allow consistent participation across the City, and what that age should be.

f. Recommendations and next steps for developing and adopting a planning and land use training required for all Chairs and Vice-Chairs of Neighborhood Council planning and land use committees.

*Recommended for approval by Rules and Selections Committee a,b,c,e,f 6-0-0 on 8/17/18*  
*Recommended for disapproval by Rules and Selections Committee d 5-1-0 on 8/17/18*

**14B Selection to fill the vacant seat on the Administrative Committee (AdCom) (10 minutes)**

**MOTION:** The Community Officers on the VNC Board shall select a Board Community Officer to fill the vacant seat on the Administrative Committee

**15. Board Member Comments on subject matters within the VNC jurisdiction (11:15PM - 5 minutes)**

**16. Adjourn (approx. 11:20 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	Venice Cityhood - Nick Antonicello
Outreach - Hollie Stenson	Discussion Forum - Joe Murphy
Land Use and Planning - Matthew Royce	2019 Election - Ivan Spiegel
Budget & Finance - Hugh Harrison	
Rules & Selections - John Reed	
Arts - Sunny Bak	
Ocean Front Walk - Colleen Saro	



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