



Venice Neighborhood Council

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Board of Officers Regular Meeting Agenda

Westminster Elementary School (Auditorium)
1010 Abbot Kinney Blvd, Venice, 90291
Tuesday, February 18, 2020 at 7:00 PM

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

Meeting called to order in memory of Orson Bean. The VNC also wants to remember Kobe Bryant and the others who lost their lives in the helicopter crash.

PRESENT:

Robert Thibodeau, Christian Wrede, Mark Ryevec, Jaime Paige, Hugh Harrison, John Reed, James Murez, Teresa White, Melissa Diner, Ira Koslow, George Francisco, Sima Kostovesky, CJ Cole, Charles Rials, Brian Averill, Alex Neiman, Matt Fischer (17)

NOT PRESENT:

Alix Gucovksy, Bruno Hernandez, Jim Robb,

Nisa Kove resigned.

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

3. Approval of the Agenda (7:02 PM – 1 minute)

Public comments for items not on the agenda. Item 7J

MD, GF

MF opposed

4. Approval of the Minutes of the December 17, 2019 VNC Board meeting.

TW, GF

Unanimous

5. Declaration of Ex Parte Communications or Conflicts-Of-Interest (7:03 PM -- 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. **Removal of Board Member Matt Fisher (7:04 PM -- 45 minute)**(Ira Koslow, President president@venicenc.org)
MOTION: The VNC Board removes Matt Fisher as a Board Officer as per VNC Bylaws Article 5 Section 9. *The Board may remove any Officer whenever the best interests of the VNC would be served. No Officer shall be removed for any arbitrary, capricious or discriminatory reason. Removal of a Board Officer requires a two-thirds (2/3) vote of the Board Officers present and voting at a meeting.*
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IK, GF (12, 4, 1)

FAVOR: Ira Koslow, George Francisco, Melissa Diner, Theresa White, Robert Thibodeau, James Murez, John Reed, Jaime Paige, CJ Cole, Sima Kostovetsky, Mark Ryavec, Christian Wrede,

OPPOSED: Alex Neiman, Brian Averill, Matt Fisher, Charles Rials,

ABSTAIN: Hugh Harrison,

7. **Scheduled Announcements and Presentations**

7A **Live Stream of Meetings (7:50PM -- 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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7B **Spanish Translation Available** (Esteban Pulido, pulido.esteban@gmail.com) Spanish Interpretation services and agendas are available with advance notice.

7C **Public Safety - LAPD & LAFD Report (7:51PM - 10 minutes):** Senior Lead Officers Monique Contreras - 38228@lapd.lacity.org, SLO Adrian Acosta - 39174@lapd.online, SLO Javier Ramirez - 39174@lapd.online, SLO Karwon Villery - 38717@lapd.online Venice Beach Task Force - SGT Theresa Skinner - 31142@lapd.online. *Includes a monthly Venice crime report and updates on law enforcement issues in Venice.*

7D **Government Reports (8:01PM --15 minutes)** (Representatives have standing place on the agenda, but are not always available to attend)

- City Councilmember Mike Bonin, Nick Sundback Field Deputy nick.sundback@lacity.org.
- Congressman Ted Lieu, Representative Janet Turner, 310-496-9896 (janet.turner@mail.house.gov)
- State Senator Ben Allen, Representative Colby Harriman (colby.harriman@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 Zac Gaidzik (310)231-1170, zgaidzik@bos.lacounty.gov
- Mayor Eric Garcetti, Westside Deputy, Ami Fields-Meyer, 323 552-6730 (ami.fields-meyer@lacity.org)



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- Empower LA Neighborhood Council Advocate, Jasmine Elbarbary, 213-978-1551 (jasmine.elbarbary@lacity.org)
- 7E VNC Announcements and Reports (8:16PM --5 minutes)**
- President -Ira Koslow (President@VeniceNC.org)
Nisa Kova has resigned from the Venice Neighborhood Council. Open nominations for vacant seat. Names and email addresses of all recipients must be included in motions submitted to the Board.
 - 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/Gas Company: Yolanda Gonzales
 - Budget Advocates - Hugh Harrison, Treasurer
 - Outreach Announcements - Sima Kostovetsk
- 7F Board Member Announcements on subject matters within the VNC jurisdiction- One (1) minute per Board member (8:21PM -- 5 minutes)**
- 7G Presidential Primary Voting Reminder (Ivan Spiegel, Parliamentarian/Pollworker)
Reminder and short preview of the upcoming California Primary. **(8:00PM 5 minutes)****
- 7H LAUSD Updates Nick Melvoin **(8:26PM -- 15 minutes)**
LAUSD School Board Member Nick Melvoin will discuss updates regarding Venice and Mar Vista LAUSD schools. **POSTPONED****
- 7I Presentation on the progress of the Youth Internship Program (Paul Davis) **(8:41PM -- 5 minutes)****

9:52 PM

MD, CR (5, 8, 1)

Motion to Postpone the rest of the meeting until next month

FAVOR: George Francisco, Melissa Diner, Alex Neiman, Charles Rials, Christian Wrede,

OPPOSED: Hugh Harrison, Robert Thibodeau, James Murez, Jaime Paige, CJ Cole, Brian Averill, Sima Kostovetsky, Mark Ryavec,

ABSTAIN: Ira Koslow

- 8. Treasurer's Report (8:46PM -- 10 minutes) (Hugh Harrison on behalf of Budget & Finance**



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Committee) (Treasurer@VeniceNC.org)

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

8A Approve Monthly Expenditure Report

MOTION: The VNC Board approves the November 2019 Monthly Expenditure Report.

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Recommended by Budget and Finance Committee 4-0-0 on 2/4/2020

HH, GF

FAVOR: George Francisco, Hugh Harrison, Melissa Diner, Robert Thibodeau, James Murez, John Reed, Jaime Paige, Alex Neiman, CJ Cole, Brian Averill, Sima Kostovetsky, Charles Rials, Mark Ryavec, Christian Wrede,

OPPOSED:

ABSTAIN: Ira Koslow

8B Approve Monthly Expenditure Report

MOTION: The VNC approves the December 2019 Monthly Expenditure Report.

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Recommended by Budget and Finance Committee 4-0-0 on 2/4/2020

HH, GF (14, 0, 1)

FAVOR: George Francisco, Hugh Harrison, Melissa Diner, Robert Thibodeau, James Murez, John Reed, Jaime Paige, Alex Neiman, CJ Cole, Brian Averill, Sima Kostovetsky, Charles Rials, Mark Ryavec, Christian Wrede,

OPPOSED:

ABSTAIN: Ira Koslow

8C Approve Expenditure to Date Report

MOTION: The VNC Board approves the Expenditure to date Report for November.

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Recommended by Budget and Finance Committee 4-0-0 on 2/4/2020

HH,GF (14, 0, 1)

FAVOR: George Francisco, Hugh Harrison, Melissa Diner, Robert Thibodeau, James Murez, John Reed, Jaime Paige, Alex Neiman, CJ Cole, Brian Averill, Sima Kostovetsky, Charles Rials, Mark Ryavec, Christian Wrede,

OPPOSED:

ABSTAIN: Ira Koslow

8D Approve Expenditure to Date Report



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MOTION: The VNC Board approves the Expenditure to Date Report for December.

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Recommended by Budget and Finance Committee 4-0-0 on 2/4/2020

HH,GF (14, 0, 1)

FAVOR: George Francisco, Hugh Harrison, Melissa Diner, Robert Thibodeau, James Murez, John Reed, Jaime Paige, Alex Neiman, CJ Cole, Brian Averill, Sima Kostovetsky, Charles Rials, Mark Ryavec, Christian Wrede,

OPPOSED:

ABSTAIN: Ira Koslow

8E Approve Funding for Tsunami Awareness Campaign (submitted by Outreach Committee)

MOTION: The VNC approves up to \$500 for advertising the commencement of a Tsunami Awareness campaign.

Recommended by Budget and Finance Committee 4-0-0 on 2/4/2020

HH,GF (14, 0, 1)

FAVOR: George Francisco, Hugh Harrison, Melissa Diner, Robert Thibodeau, James Murez, John Reed, Jaime Paige, Alex Neiman, CJ Cole, Brian Averill, Sima Kostovetsky, Charles Rials, Mark Ryavec, Christian Wrede,

OPPOSED:

ABSTAIN: Ira Koslow

8F Approve Funding for Anti-Littering Campaign (submitted by Outreach Committee)

MOTION: The VNC approves \$1000 for the promotion of and advertisement for an Anti-Littering Campaign.

Recommended by Budget and Finance Committee 4-0-0 on 2/4/2020

HH,GF (13, 1, 1)

FAVOR: George Francisco, Hugh Harrison, Melissa Diner, Robert Thibodeau, James Murez, John Reed, Jaime Paige, Alex Neiman, CJ Cole, Brian Averill, Sima Kostovetsky, Charles Rials, Mark Ryavec,

OPPOSED:

ABSTAIN: Ira Koslow

9. Announcements and Public Comment on items not on the Agenda (8:56PM - 10 minutes)

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

10. General Consent Calendar (9:06PM -- 5 minutes)

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- 10A Alleyway Repair** (James Murez on behalf of the Parking & Transportation Committee)
MOTION: Whereas the existing conditions of the alleyway behind the 300 block of Sunset Ave are very unsafe for both cars and pedestrians, the VNC shall send a letter to the Dept of Public Works, Street Services and CD11 asking that repair and repavement be scheduled as a priority. To help expedite this request the VNC would further like to understand if a financial contribution was made to the City would the City make it a higher priority.
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Recommended by the Parking & Transportation Committee 5-0-0 on 2/3/2020

JM, MD (10, 0, 3)

FAVOR: George Francisco, Melissa Diner, Robert Thibodeau, James Murez, John Reed, Jaime Paige, Alex Neiman, Sima Kostovetsky, Charles Rials, Christian Wrede,

OPPOSED:

ABSTAIN: Ira Koslow, Hugh Harrison, Brian Averill,

- 10B Immediate Increase of Planting of City Trees in Sidewalk Repair EIR** (Noel Johnston on behalf of the Verdant Venice Committee)
MOTION: Whereas, the Sidewalk Repair Environmental Impact Report (EIR) proposes to allow the tree canopy to decrease over 1.5% during 30 years, only reaching 2017 levels again in 2047, and Whereas, the EIR proposes to mitigate tree loss at different ratios during different years of the project in a cynical ploy to only plant the minimum number of trees necessary to return to 2017 levels in 2047 to claim the project will have no impacts, and Whereas, tree canopy is an essential first line of defense against extreme heat days, which will become more frequent during the next 30 years and localized tree loss will result in a dangerous increase in local temperatures, especially on extreme heat days, Therefore, the Venice Neighborhood Council requests 1) that all trees removed for the sidewalk repair program be mitigated at a ratio of 4:1 with species of equal size at maturity and located in the same neighborhood as those removed, 2) that the EIR be amended to consider tree removal a significant adverse impact with binding mitigation measures, and 3) that only those trees absolutely necessary to be removed for sidewalk repair be removed, with no pre-emptive removal of trees not causing problems, and every reasonable effort made to redesign sidewalks around trees.
Recommended by Verdant Venice Committee 2-0-0 pm 2/7/2020

UNANIMOUS

(14, 0, 1)

FAVOR: George Francisco, Hugh Harrison, Melissa Diner, Robert Thibodeau, James Murez, John Reed, Jaime Paige, Alex Neiman, CJ Cole, Brian Averill, Sima Kostovetsky, Charles Rials, Mark Ryavec, Christian Wrede,

OPPOSED:

ABSTAIN: Ira Koslow



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11. **LUPC Consent (9:11PM –5 minutes)** (Alix Gucovsky on behalf of LUPC, Chair-lupc@VeniceNC.org)
(see project files for more detailed info at <http://www.venicenc.org/land-use-committee.php>)
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11A 2533 Lincoln Boulevard

Case: DIR-2018-3672-CDP, DIR-2018-2370-CDO (2521 Lincoln Boulevard)
ZA-2018-2367-CUB-ZV-SPP
City Hearing TBD
Applicant: Night Market
LUPC Staff: Barry Cassilly
Representative Dafne Gokcen dafne@fedesignandconsulting.com

Description:

- CUB for expansion of alcohol sales into the new dining area. ZA to allow required parking off site by lease at 2521 Lincoln Boulevard. SPP for the change of use from retail to restaurant.
- CDP for change of use from retail to restaurant
- CDP and CDO for the change of use from auto sales to parking lot at 2521 Lincoln Boulevard

MOTION: The VNC Board recommends approval of the project as proposed with the condition that bottles are not disposed of outside after 9:00 PM.
Recommend by the Land Use and Planning Committee 7-0-0

UNANIMOUS

(14, 0, 1)

FAVOR: George Francisco, Hugh Harrison, Melissa Diner, Robert Thibodeau, James Murez, John Reed, Jaime Paige, Alex Neiman, CJ Cole, Brian Averill, Sima Kostovetsky, Charles Rials, Mark Ryavec, Christian Wrede,

OPPOSED:

ABSTAIN: Ira Koslow

12. **LUPC (9:16PM – 0 minutes)** (Alix Gucovsky 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 (9:16PM - 15 minutes)**
[Discussion and possible action]



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13A Vote Of No Confidence in Councilmember Mike Bonin (Nick Antonicello, nantoni@mindspring.com, 310-621-3775) Placed by stakeholder petition

MOTION: Whereas, Councilman Mike Bonin has failed to properly represent the residents of Venice for years regarding the important issues of homelessness, gentrification, crime, parking and other quality of life issue, and Whereas, his inability to communicate and effectively represent Venice in a meaningful way is lacking , and Whereas, the stakeholders of Venice are seeking immediate and swift action on the issues of great concern, Therefore Be It Resolved, that the Venice Neighborhood Council support of vote of "No Confidence" in his leadership and ability to represent this community and that he be notified by a copy of this resolution regarding our dissatisfaction with his ability to represent Venice.

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IK, RT (2, 12, 1) FAILS

FAVOR: Robert Thibodeau, Mark Ryavec,

OPPOSED: Ira Koslow, Hugh Harrison, Melissa Diner, James Murez, John Reed, Jaime Paige , Alex Neiman, CJ Cole , Brian Averill, Sima Kostovetsky, Charles Rials, Christian Wrede,

ABSTAIN: George Francisco

BA, JP (6, 8, 1) FAIL Postpone until bridge housing opens

FAVOR: Ira Koslow, James Murez, Jaime Paige , CJ Cole , Brian Averill, Charles Rials,

OPPOSED: Hugh Harrison, Melissa Diner, Robert Thibodeau, John Reed, Alex Neiman, Sima Kostovetsky, Mark Ryavec, Christian Wrede,

ABSTAIN: George Francisco

14. New Business (9:31PM – 15 minutes)

[Discussion and possible action]

14A Amend LAMC 41.18. Submitted by 169 Stakeholders via Petition

MOTION: The Venice Neighborhood Council calls upon the Los Angeles City Council to Amend LAMC 41.18 as follows: (d) No person shall sit, lie or sleep in or upon any street, sidewalk, or other public right-of way as follows: (1) At any time in a manner that restricts fifteen feet of clearance from any utilizable and operational entrance, exit, driveway or loading dock. (2) At any time in a manner that restricts passage to less than 36" in any and all directions, as required by the American with Disabilities Act (ADA). (3) **At any time: (i) Within 300** feet of any structure, with a Certificate of



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Occupancy, that is in residential use. (ii) Within 500 feet of a park. (iii) Within 500 feet of a school. (iv) Within 500 feet of a daycare center. (v) in or upon any tunnel, bridge or pedestrian subway that is on a route designated by City Council resolution as a school route. (vi) Within 500 feet of a facility opened after January 1, 2018 to provide housing, shelter, supportive services, safe parking, or storage to homeless persons. (vi) Bike and other recreational paths. (vii) Public areas (non-sidewalk) posted with No Trespass signs for safety purposes. (viii) Public areas posted with closing times for safety and maintenance purposes. (ix) Crowded public sidewalk areas like those exempted in the Citywide vending ordinance and other large venue-adjacent areas.

Upon passage this Resolution shall be presented as a Community Impact Statement to the City Council and attached to Council File #19-06Q2-S1

JM, MR (10, 4, 1)

FAVOR: George Francisco, Melissa Diner, Robert Thibodeau, James Murez, John Reed, Jaime Paige, CJ Cole, Sima Kostovetsky, Mark Ryavec, Christian Wrede,

OPPOSED: Hugh Harrison, Alex Neiman, Brian Averill, Charles Rials,

ABSTAIN: Ira Koslow,

MR, CW (11, 3, 1)

(3) At any time: (i) Within 150

FAVOR: George Francisco, Hugh Harrison, Melissa Diner, James Murez, John Reed, Jaime Paige, CJ Cole, Brian Averill, Sima Kostovetsky, Mark Ryavec, Christian Wrede,

OPPOSED: Robert Thibodeau, Alex Neiman, Charles Rials

ABSTAIN: Ira Koslow

14B "K" Rails 701 Main St. (James Murez)

MOTION: The VNC Board shall send a letter to CD11 requesting "K" rails get installed down the center line of the parkway portion of the sidewalk along the Main St side of the site. Pedestrian passageways should exist of not greater than four feet between abutting rails. The placement of the rails should be a minimum of three feet from the face of the curb.

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Recommended by the Parking & Transportation Committee 5-0-0 on 2/3/2020

Ira pulled from agenda

15. Adjourn (approx. 9:46PM)



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Administrative - Ira Koslow Neighborhood - George Francisco Outreach - Sima Kostovetsky Land Use and Planning - Alix Gucovsky Budget & Finance - Hugh Harrison Rules & Selections - John Reed Arts - Bruno Hernandez Ocean Front Walk - Jim Robb	Parking & Transportation - James Murez Resiliency - Keith Harrison Discussion Forum - Joe Murphy Venice Dog Park - Jamie Paige, James Murez Verdant Venice - Isabell, Noel Homeless - Frank Murphy, Charles Rials

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