



Venice Neighborhood Council

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Board of Officers Regular Meeting Agenda **(DRAFT)**

6:30-9:30 PM APRIL 16TH, 2024
Westminster Elementary School
1010 Abbot Kinney Blvd Venice, CA 90291
(enter from parking lot on Westminster Ave)

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1. CALL TO ORDER AND BOARD ROLL CALL

Brian Averill	Alley Bean	Yolanda Gonzalez	Bruno Hernandez
Jim Robb	Lisa Redmond	Deborah Keaton	Jason Sugars
Helen Fallon	Robert Thibodeau	Eric Donaldson	Christopher Lee
Tima Bell	Erica Moore	Amara Hordt	
Michael Jensen	Clark Brown	CJ Cole	
Nico Ruderman	Steve Bradbury	Soledad Ursua	

2. APPROVAL OF PRIOR MINUTES

3. DECLARATION OF EX PARTE COMMUNICATIONS, CONFLICTS OF INTEREST OR RECUSALS

4. PUBLIC SAFETY REPORTS

5. GOVERNMENT REPORTS

6. LOS ANGELES CONSERVANCY

7. TREASURER'S REPORT

8. PRESIDENT'S REPORT



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9. GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENT – LIMIT TO 20MIN/1MIN PER SPEAKER

Comments from the public on non-agenda items within the Board’s subject matter jurisdiction. Each speaker will be allowed one (1) minute unless adjusted by the presiding officer of the meeting.

10. GENERAL CONSENT CALENDAR

- A. MOTION: The Venice Neighborhood Council Board of Officers approves the March 2024 Month Expenditure Report (MER) (see supporting documents)

11. OLD BUSINESS

PARKING AND TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE

- A. RESOLUTION FOR ORDINANCE TO PROVIDE BETTER ENFORCEMENT AGAINST HOMELESSNESS USES IN VENICE

Motion: To send the supporting document to Mayor Bass and Councilwoman Park

- B. RESOLUTION TO PRIORITIZE TOWING OF RVS AND CAMPERS NEAR RESIDENCES, SCHOOLS, CHILD CARE CENTERS, PARKS, POST OFFICES, LIBRARIES AND SENIOR CENTERS (PARKING AND TRANSPORTATION 3-1-0)

Motion: Now, Therefore Be It Resolved, that the Venice Neighborhood Council calls upon councilmember Traci Park to immediately introduce a Motion to establish, at least in CD 11, that the city prioritize citing and towing of all vehicles violating any of the three regulations above – OVO, 72 hour rule, street sweeping – parked on city streets within 75 feet of a residentially occupied structure, a school, a child care center, park, library, post office, or senior center, regardless of whether they are used as dwellings or not. Upon passage this Resolution shall be transmitted to the Council District 11 councilmember. *CF- 21-0956, Adopted 4/06/22, in pertinent part: The LADOT is committed to ensuring the health and safety of our public streets and roadways while connecting unhoused Angelinos with critical support services. Vehicles that create traffic hazards, environmental or public health hazards, obstruct City services, and/or are inoperable or unregistered will be subject to citation and tow. If a vehicle that shows evidence of active living meets any of these criteria, LADOT traffic officers will first seek willing compliance with the posted regulations and all applicable City ordinances. If an officer encounters an illegally-parked, occupied vehicle clearly used as a dwelling, he or she will first request that the vehicle occupant(s) move their vehicle and direct people to move to a location where they may legally park. If the motorist refuses to move their



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vehicle, the officer will provide a report to UHRC and LAHSA staff. These homeless services partners will work with other relevant City Departments, such as the Bureau of Sanitation (BOS), and other homeless services agencies to respond to the location and offer supportive services. If an officer cannot achieve compliance and notifies UHRC or LAHSA, LADOT will consider vehicles outlined below eligible for citation, relocation, or removal. Prioritizing these locations will help inform outreach to the unhoused community. After further consideration and having provided an opportunity for public comment, the Committee moved to recommend approval of the recommendations contained in the LADOT report, as amended, and detailed in the above.

LUPC

A. 522 VENICE BLVD. - (4-2-1)

DESCRIPTION

Motion to approve as presented density bonus conditional use permit, CDP with Mello, and major project permit Venice Coastal SPP compliance for a new 25 unit apartment (5 VLI units).

MOTION:

Demolition of residential triplex currently used as “podshare” co-living to be replaced by 25-unit apartment building with 5 Very Low Income units. The Project seeks a Conditional Use Permit (CUP) pursuant to LAMC 12.24(U)(26) to permit a density bonus greater than 35% with the following incentives and waivers pursuant to LAMC 12.22 A 25 and CA Government Code Section 65915: Incentives (12.22 A 25): On-Menu • Permit a 6’-11” increase in varied roofline height to allow up to 36’-11” in lieu of the maximum 30 feet allowed in the RD1.5-1 zone pursuant to the Venice Coastal Zone Specific Plan • Permit a 40% reduction in required front yard setback along Mildred Avenue frontage to allow a 9’ front yard setback in lieu of the required 15’ front yard setback pursuant to LAMC 12.09.1.B.1 • Permit a 37% reduction of total required common open space to allow the provision of 784 square feet of total common open space in lieu of the 1,250 square feet required for total common open space pursuant to LAMC 12.21.G.2.a.1.iv • Permit a 21% reduction in required westerly side yard setback along Ocean Avenue frontage to allow a 4’-9” side yard setback in lieu of the required 6’ side yard setback pursuant to LAMC 12.09.1.B.1 • Permit the removal of the step-back provisions for the portions of the structure greater than 25 feet as otherwise required by Section 10G.3.a of the Venice Coastal Zone Specific Plan. • Permit the provision of 5 automobile parking spaces in lieu of the 57 automobiles required pursuant to the Venice Coastal Zone Specific Plan Section 13.D and LAMC 12.21.A.4 • Permit the provision of 3 standard parking stalls and 2 compact parking stalls in lieu of the 1 standard parking space per dwelling unit minimum required pursuant to LAMC 12.21.A.5.(1)c.

B. Development Subsidies for Low Income Housing – Stakeholder Motion by Frank Murphy (8-0-1)



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Background This motion seeks support for government subsidies to be granted equally to smaller community builders who develop housing in our community. Government subsidized and grant-driven projects historically and currently have proven to be incapable of providing housing. Large corporate subsidized and for-profit builders of 50 or more unit building types account for 13.1% of the housing in Venice and 13.6% in all of the City of Los Angeles. In contrast, housing produced by “mom & pop” community builders of two to 24 unit building types account for 46.6% of housing units in Venice and 36.9% of units within the City of Los Angeles. Large government subsidized and grant driven projects historically and currently have provided housing that is massively over and above any reasonable character and scale that any residential community should be required to accommodate. Smaller apartment buildings are more in line with the community’s characteristics and provide more opportunity to engage with neighbors and the community. Large projects in Venice have frequently ignored VNC concerns, instead relying on political connections to obtain approvals. Finally, large government subsidized and grant driven projects cost vastly more per square than smaller projects.

MOTION: WHEREAS, the VNC supports small businesses made up of smaller community builders who create low income housing in multi-unit apartment buildings that conform to the VCZSP; WHEREAS, the VNC supports smaller scale apartment buildings dispersed throughout the community; NOW, THEREFORE, the VNC recommends that the City of Los Angeles provide the same opportunities for subsidies, grants, and subsidized loans to local, community builders providing low income units that it provides to larger, “non-profit” corporate developers. This motion shall be sent to Council Member Traci Park and CD11 Planning Deputy Jeff Khau.

C. 1648 S. ABBOT KINNEY BLVD. - APCW-2024-275-SPE-SPP-CDP-WDI (5-1-1)

Construction of a new commercial building in single jurisdiction coastal zone (see supporting docs)

MOTION:

The Venice Neighborhood Council recommends approval of a City CDP and a Specific Plan Project Permit for the project at 1648 Abbot Kinney for the construction a new 1-story with mezzanine, 22 foot high (flat roof), 2,651 square foot ground floor retail use commercial building on a 30 x 90 vacant lot (currently contains a temporary non-fixed structure) totaling 2,700.2 square feet, with no auto parking spaces, providing 2 short-term and two long-term bicycle parking spaces, including a waiver of the one-foot dedication and a specific plan exception for no auto parking on site

12. NEW BUSINESS

13. BUDGET AND FINANCE

A. MOTION: Approval of Neighborhood Improvement Grants including budget adjustments for NPGs submitted by:

- 1) Venice Verdant
- 2) Friends of the Venice Library



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14. SCHOOLS AND PARKS

A. Maintenance Needed At Venice Parks

Motion: The VNC Board of Officers requests that RAP address all maintenance issues at all Venice parks, including, but not limited to items listed on supporting documentation.

B. Playground at Centennial Park

Motion: The VNC Board of Officers supports the concept of a playground as part of Centennial Park. The VNC Board of Officers wants to ensure this playground leaves room for additional vegetation, references to the railroad, and additional structures like the Flying Carousel.

15. PERSERVING PUBLIC PLACES

A. Butterfly and Pollinator Garden in Centennial Park

Motion: The Board of Officers of the Venice Neighborhood Council supports the creation of a Butterfly and Pollinator Garden in Centennial Park as described in the attached proposal, to accompany other features in the park.

16. LUPC

A. Venice Boys PCN Request

Hugo Moreno Background Hugo Moreno was born and raised in Venice, He qualifies for the City of Los Angeles's Social Equity Program, which is designed to give ownership opportunities to groups harmed by the War on Drugs. He is asking for support from the VNC for his petition to the city for a retail dispensary in Venice. Currently, the number of retail dispensaries (8) exceeds the numbers permitted in the community plan based on population (4). Therefore, new dispensaries must go through a Public Convenience or Necessity (PCN) process to obtain a permit. Hugo Moreno is seeking VNC support to attempt to complete this process. Business Plan: <https://docs.google.com/document/d/1z-hFBvvS0bRVKainXmnzcnMQX7em4ERzxjNxGScj4-E/edit>

Motion: to support Hugo Moreno, a local Venice born and raised Social Equity Applicant to pursue a PCN Request for "Venice Boys" retail shop, which is owned



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100% by Mr. Moreno, and for Council District 11 to move the City Council to Reopen the PCN registration process.

B. CIS for City Council file 23-0623

Background Information See CF 23-0623 for further information about Executive Directive 1 and processes related to the Affordable Housing Streamlining draft ordinance (preparation of ordinance approved by City Council in June 2023). See more information about the status of the proposed draft ordinance at Planning / Streamlining Ordinance.

Motion to File CIS: In regard to CF 23-0623, the Venice Neighborhood Council, a member of the Westside Neighborhood Alliance of Councils (WRAC), requests that the city cap development waivers at five (5), with no more than one (1) of which may be related to the environment, for Executive Directive 1 (ED1) and 100% Affordable Housing Streamlining Ordinance projects, and further requests (1) that the ordinance require 15-foot front- and rear-yard setbacks for permeable surface and stormwater recapture; and (2) and exemption for the Coastal Zone, R-1 Zones, HPOZs, Historic Districts, substandard streets, and high fire zones

17. RULES AND SELECTIONS

- A. Motion: The Venice Board Of Officers amends the previously adopted (7/01/22) VNC Bylaws to include 6 internal boundaries or zones as described in the attached map, and amends the composition of the Board to change 10 of the 13 at-large community officer positions to zone representatives as described in the supporting documents. The VNC Board further amends who can run and vote for the Community Interest Officer position to include All Stakeholders and approves all necessary changes to the bylaws directly affected by this motion. (see supporting documents)
- B. Motion: To ensure that the VNC Bylaws conform to the Plan for Neighborhood Councils, the Venice Board of Officers amends Attachment B of the previously adopted (7/01/2022) Bylaws to state that ALL Stakeholders may run and vote for the Community Interest Officer position and that Article X: Elections will reflect this change. (see supporting documents)

18. BOARD COMMENT ON NON-AGENDIZED ITEMS

19. ADJOURN

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