



# Venice Neighborhood Council

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**Rules & Selections Committee**  
**Wednesday, May 8, 2024 | 5:00 PM**  
**Extra Space Storage, 658 Venice Blvd., Venice, CA 90291**

## MINUTES

*Translation Services: Si requiere servicios de traducción, favor de avisar al Concejo Vecinal 3 días de trabajo (72 horas) antes del evento. Por favor contacte Secretary@VeniceNC.org para avisar al Concejo Vecinal.*

*Comments from the public on other matters not appearing on the agenda that are within the Committee’s jurisdiction will be heard during the General Public Comment period. Please note that under the Brown Act, the Board is prevented from acting on a matter that you bring to its attention during the General Public Comment period; however, the issue raised by a member of the public may become the subject of a future Committee meeting. Public comment is limited to one (1) minute per speaker, unless adjusted by the presiding officer of the Committee. Public comments for Rules and Committee Meetings may be emailed to the chair at rules@venicenc.org*

Current Bylaws 7/1/2022 - <https://www.venicenc.org/assets/documents/5/committee63d2e3ea0ffff.pdf>

Current New Standing Rules 2/19/2024 - <https://www.venicenc.org/assets/documents/5/committee65d52429c30eb.pdf>

**CALL TO ORDER: 5:07 pm**

### ROLL CALL WITH DECLARATION OF EXPARTE COMMUNICATIONS AND CONFLICTS OF INTEREST if any:

Lisa Redmond, Chair	X		
Helen Fallon	X		
Christopher Lee	Absent		VNC President, ex officio

### APPROVAL of PRIOR MINUTES:

<https://www.venicenc.org/assets/documents/5/meeting6615d8ec860c0.pdf>

Motion: Fallon, 2<sup>nd</sup>: Redmond – Approved 2-0-0

**GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENT:** Comments from the public on non-agenda items within the Rules & Selections Committee’s subject matter jurisdiction. Each speaker will be allowed one (1) minute unless adjusted by the presiding officer of the meeting.

### OLD BUSINESS:

#### 1. LUPC Review Process Standing Rule

- a. Item pulled from 1-16-24 Board Meeting
- b. **Motion:** The purpose of the proposed changes ~~is three-fold~~ **are:** 1) to clarify the standard of review for proposed developments within Venice, 2) to clarify steps LUPC should follow in the



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project review process, and 3) to establish timelines for the speedy review and processing of projects, and 4) establish a consistent level of transparency for all.

## **Motion:**

The Board of Officers will strike the existing Standing Rule Section 3 LUPC (pages 3-4), and hereby adds the following replacement to its Standing Rules:

## **Land Use and Planning Committee (LUPC):**

### **I. LUPC Agendas**

The Agenda shall be prepared by the Land Use & Planning Committee (LUPC) Chair or other LUPC member assigned by the committee and shall include an agenda item to decide the disposition of all new projects in the bi-weekly Certified Neighborhood Council (CNC) City Planning Early Notification Reports since the last LUPC meeting.

### **II. Review of Projects**

**Initiating Review:** The LUPC is responsible for reviewing applications for new projects listed in the CNC City Planning Early Notification Reports since the last LUPC meeting.

LUPC will determine if any projects need additional review and a public LUPC hearing by considering the project's conformance with the VCP (Venice Community Plan), which includes all of Venice, and the LCP (Venice Local Coastal Program Land Use Plan), which includes only the Coastal Zone of Venice. If there is not a consensus of the group on whether to waive the review of a given project or not, further review of the project will be put to a vote of the committee.

**Projects Needing No Further Review:** Those projects for which additional review is waived will appear on the next VNC Board Agenda under the Agenda Item title "Projects for which VNC Recommendation is Waived, Without Prejudice." The Board can vote to approve the list or approve a modified list and send any one of the projects listed back to LUPC for review and a public hearing.

**Projects Needing Further Review:** Those projects selected for further review and hearing will be assigned by the Chair during the Committee's public meeting to a LUPC member who will work with the applicant and the neighbors to prepare a written LUPC Staff Report. If there is opposition to the assignment of the LUPC member to a given project, the assignment will be put to a vote of the committee. Within one month's time, or as soon as practicable, each project assigned shall be reviewed at a LUPC meeting at which a written Staff Report is presented that includes the recommendation, project description, pros and cons, a summary of community input, and any findings as required by the VNC Bylaws.

Projects for which a hearing is being held must contain the following minimum project information on the LUPC and VNC agendas:

- Address
- All Case Numbers
- LUPC member assigned
- Applicant/Applicant's Representative
- Email for City Planner assigned
- Detailed Project Description
- Link to City Planning website where application and plans are posted
- Link to LUPC Staff Report



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**VNC Board Action:** Those projects that have been heard at a LUPC meeting will appear on the next VNC Board agenda under the Agenda Item title "Projects for which LUPC Recommends Board Action." The Board can vote to accept the recommended action, reject the recommended action, or return it to LUPC for further review.

The results of the VNC Board LUPC agenda items shall be sent by the VNC Board Secretary, or assigned designee, within ~~72 hours~~ **10 business days** of the meeting to the current City Planning Supervisor for projects and the City Planner(s) assigned, with copies to the ~~LUPC Chair and the VNC President~~ **Board**.

**c. Public comment**

**d. Committee discussion and vote**

**Motion: Redmond, 2<sup>nd</sup>: Fallon – approved 2-0-0**

## **NEW BUSINESS:**

### **1. Letter to DONE**

**a. Item:** Council File 15-0389-S2 ([15-0389-S2 \(CFMS\) \(lacity.org\)](#))

**b.** Discussion re council action for a report back and possible motion for a letter to DONE expressing opposition to organizations having the same benefits as certified NCs

**c. Public comment**

**d. Committee discussion and vote**

**MOTION:** The Venice Neighborhood Council opposes CF 15-0389-S2 granting neighborhood associations the same privileges afforded by certified Los Angeles City Neighborhood Councils (NCs) pursuant to Los Angeles Administrative Code Section 22.819. All certified NCs are required to comply with the Brown Act, the Public Records Act, and the policies and rules of the Board of Neighborhood Commissioners, the Department of Neighborhood Empowerment and the City Clerk's NC Funding Program and NC Election Divisions. NC Board members must take several trainings including Ethics, Anti Bias, and Community Gender Bias, as well as comply with a Code of Conduct. Neighborhood association members do not have to comply with any of the above. Further, NC meetings must comply with the Brown Act by giving notice of meeting times and locations, the timely filing of agendas and being open to the public. NCs are prohibited from activities such as raising outside funding, supporting or opposing candidates and ballot measures, and suing The City. Neighborhood association members are not required to take any type of training, they can restrict board membership in any way they choose, they do not need to give notice of meeting times and locations, allow the public to attend and address them, or let the public know what they are discussing and deciding. Where NCs are supposed to be open and not discuss or decide issues before them in any manner other than at a public meeting, neighborhood associations can meet and decide issues in ways that are opaque and secretive. Finally, many neighborhood associations are dues paying organizations and conduct private elections not open to the public. Therefore, the VNC opposes CF 15-0389-S2.

Additionally, a letter will be sent to Council Member Traci Park, City Council President Paul Krekorian, Interim DONE General Manager Vanessa Serrano and City Attorney Hydee Feldstien Soto.

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## ~~2. Standing and Ad Hoc Committees~~

- ~~a. Item: Bylaws Article VII~~
- ~~b. Discussion of how committees are formatted within the Bylaws for operating procedure~~
- ~~c. Public comment~~
- ~~d. Committee discussion~~

**COMMITTEE COMMENT:** Comments from committee members on items not on the agenda for future consideration, time permitting.

**ADJOURNMENT:** Time 6:36pm

### **The American With Disabilities Act**

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### **Posting of Agendas**

Neighborhood Council agendas are posted for public review as follows:

- Beyond Baroque, 681 Venice Blvd., Venice, CA 90291
- [www.venicenc.org](http://www.venicenc.org)
- You can also receive our agendas by email, subscribe to L.A. City's [Early Notification System \(ENS\)](https://lacity.gov/government/subscribe-agendas/neighborhood-councils) <https://lacity.gov/government/subscribe-agendas/neighborhood-councils>

### **Notice to Paid Representatives**

If you are compensated to monitor, attend, or speak at this meeting, City law may require you to register as a lobbyist and report your activity. See Los Angeles Municipal Code Section 48.01 et seq. More information is available at [ethics.lacity.org/lobbying](http://ethics.lacity.org/lobbying). For assistance, please contact the Ethics Commission at (213) 978-1960 or [ethics.commission@lacity.org](mailto:ethics.commission@lacity.org)

### **Public Access of Records**

In compliance with Government Code section 54957.5, non-exempt writings that are distributed to a majority or all of the board in advance of a meeting may be viewed at our website: [www.VeniceNC.org](http://www.VeniceNC.org) or at the scheduled meeting. In addition, if you would like a copy of any record related to an item on the agenda, please contact the VNC Secretary, email [Secretary@Venicenc.org](mailto:Secretary@Venicenc.org).

### **Reconsideration and Grievance Process**

For information on the NC's process for board action reconsideration, stakeholder grievance policy, or any other procedural matters related to this Council, please consult the NC Bylaws. The Bylaws are available at our website [www.venicenc.org](http://www.venicenc.org)