



Neighborhood Council

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DRAFT MINUTES

Joint VNC Board & Administrative Committee Agenda

Monday, February 13, 2017 7pm

Canal Club, 1st Floor Meeting Room

2025 Pacific Ave, Venice, 90291

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1. Call to Order and Roll Call

Present: Ira Koslow [IK], George Francisco [GF], Hugh Harrison [HH], Colleen Saro [CS], Ilana Marosi [IM]

2. Approval of the Administrative Committee Agenda

[CS, GF; 5-0-0]

3. Approval of outstanding Administrative Committee minutes

<http://www.venicenc.org/docs/34484064-6497.pdf>

[GF, CS; 5-0-0]

4. Announcements & Public Comment on items not on the Agenda

Dede Audit, Yolanda Gonzalez, Ivan Spiegel

5. Old Administrative Committee Business

[Discussion and possible action.]

6. New Administrative Committee Business

[Discussion and possible action.]

7. Consideration and approval of February 21, 2017 Proposed Board Agenda

Agenda as revised approve [HH, GF, 6-0-0]

8. Adjourn

9:00 p.m.

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Draft Board of Officers Meeting Agenda

Westminster Elementary School (Auditorium)

1010 Abbot Kinney Blvd, Venice, 90291

Tuesday, February 21, 2017 at 7:00 PM

BOARD MEETINGS: The Venice Neighborhood Council holds its regular meetings on the third Tuesday of the month and may also call any additional required special meetings in accordance with its Bylaws and the Brown Act. All are welcome to attend.

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ALL AGENDA TIMES ARE APPROXIMATE AND SUBJECT TO CHANGE ON THE NIGHT OF THE MEETING.

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

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

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

<http://www.venicenc.org/docs/34484073-6531.pdf>

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.

6. **Scheduled Announcements and Presentations (7:05PM – minutes)**

A **Public Safety - LAPD Report (10 minutes):** Senior Lead Officers Peggy Thusing (25120@lapd.lacity.org), Kristan Delatori (32914@lapd.lacity.org), Gregg Jacobus, 35162@lapd.lacity.org, Lt. Lydia Leos 23216@lapd.lacity.org , OFW Beach Detail Supervisor. *Includes a monthly Venice crime report and updates on law enforcement issues in Venice.*



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B 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)
- Congressman Ted Lieu, Representative Janet Turner, 310-496-9896 (janet.turner@mail.house.gov)
- State Senator Ben Allen, Representative Fernando Morales, 310-318-6994 (fernando.morales@sen.ca.gov)
- State Assemblyperson Autumn Burke, Rep Ari Ruiz 310-412-6400
- LA County Supervisor Sheila Kuehl Westside Field Deputy Rachel Zaiden, 213-974-3333 (rzaiden@bos.lacounty.gov)
- Mayor Eric Garcetti, Westside Deputy, Daniel Tamm, 213-978-0836 (Daniel.Tamm@Lacity.org)

C VNC Announcements and Reports (5 minutes)

- President -Ira Koslow (President@VeniceNC.org)
- Vice President - George Francisco (VicePresident@VeniceNC.org)
 - Westside Regional Alliance of Councils- Mike Newhouse, WRAC President, Ira Koslow, VNC Representatives. (Chair@westsidecouncils.org),
- Los Angeles Neighborhood Council Coalition (LANCC) Ivan Spiegel Parliamentarian@VeniceNC.org)
- VNC Representative to DWP: Yolanda Gonzales
 - Budget Advocates - Hugh Harrison, Treasurer
 - Film LA & Recs & Parks liaison - Cathy Dreyfuss
 - Beaches & Harbors liaison - Noel Johnston
 - SnapChat Meeting & concerns from the public - Colleen Saro

~~D Report on Santa Monica Airport~~ (~~Tony Vasquez, Mayor of Santa Monica (5 minutes)~~)

Pulled by President

D Update on the Mayor's Budget for FY 2017-2018 (Matt Szabo, Deputy Mayor for Budget and Innovation and Deputy Chief of Staff) **(10 minutes)**

E CERT basic training class (Gregg Aniolek, gregganiolek@gmail.com) **(5 minutes)**

LAFD CERT training starting March 1st at 6:30pm - 9pm, Fire Station #5, 8900 Emerson Ave, Westchester. The class will be 7 consecutive weeks to April 12th. There will also be a Battalion #4 CERT meeting on Feb 23rd at 6:30pm also at Fire Station #5 for CERT graduates. This meeting will be mostly organizational to see who is still participating and to review emergency response procedures.

F Civic University Report from attending members George Francisco & Ilana Morosi **(5 minutes)**



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7. **Treasurer's Report (10 minutes)** (George Francisco and Evan White on behalf of Budget & Finance Committee) (Treasurer@VeniceNC.org)
[Discussion and possible action] See attached addendums

- A **Expenditure Reports**
MOTION: The VNC Board approves the Monthly Expenditure Report for January 2017. Recommended by Budget & Finance Committee 3-0-0 on 2/7/2017.

- B **Expenditure to date Report**
MOTION: The VNC Board approves the Expenditure to Date report. Recommended by Budget & Finance Committee 3-0-0 on 2/7/2017.

- C **Approval of Revised Budget**
MOTION: The VNC Board approves the proposed revised budget for 2016-2017 to include the additional \$5000 provided to each NC. Recommended by Budget & Finance Committee 3-0-0 on 2/7/2017

- D **Approval of Public Safety Town Hall Funding**
MOTION: The VNC shall allocate \$1,600 from the Town Hall and Advertising budgets to present a Public Safety Town Hall with \$400 for facilities; \$200 for refreshments; and \$1000 for promotion. Recommended by Budget & Finance Committee 4-0-0 on 2/7/2017

- E **Motion to Fund CIP for Restoration of Veterans Mural**
MOTION: The VNC approves the application of the Community Improvement Project "Conservation of Vietnam Memorial Mural" for \$2,500 . Recommended by Budget & Finance Committee 3-0-0 (Francisco recused) on 2/7/2017. Motion also passed Neighborhood Committee 7-0-0 (Francisco recused); 1/25/2017

8. **Announcements and Public Comment on items not on the Agenda (PM - 10 minutes)**
[No more than 1 minute per person – no Board member announcements permitted]

9. **General Consent Calendar (PM -- 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.]

- A. **MOTION:** Whereas there are over 1,000 homeless people living on streets of Venice; and
Whereas the current situation is not safe for housed or unhoused; and
Whereas the homeless population in Venice is expected to continue to grow; and
Whereas the VNC wants to support programs that help people transition off the street and result in a net reduction of number of unhoused living on the streets in Venice



Therefore be it resolved that the VNC adopts the following principles and aims to support programs that:

1. The Venice Neighborhood Council recommends that the City of Los Angeles agree to allow Section 8 vouchers to be used to pay for single rooms in private residences to pre-approved homes to pre-approved individuals registered in the LA City's Coordinated Entry System.
2. The Venice Neighborhood Council recommends that the City of Los Angeles agree to create a program and put aside funds to pay a set amount of funds to families housing homeless individuals who have been properly registered through the LA City's Coordinated Entry System.

Recommended by the Homeless Committee [4-0-0]

Moved from 13B and C to be combined and considered on the consent calendar. [5-0-0]

B Lifeguard Tower Removal (Colleen Saro on behalf of the Ocean Front Walk Committee colleen.saro@venicenc.org)

MOTION: The Venice Neighborhood Council shall send a letter to Councilman Mike Bonin and LA County, Beaches & Harbors requesting that they take steps to remove the upper part of the Lifeguard Tower at 2300 Ocean Front Walk, as it has been deemed unsafe, too expensive to repair and is an eyesore to the community.

Recommended by the Ocean Front Walk Committee 4-2-3

Moved from 13I to be considered on the consent calendar. [5-0-0]

10. Land Use and Planning Committee (LUPC) Consent Calendar (PM -- 0 minutes)

[All agenda items on the Land Use and Planning Committee (LUPC) Consent Calendar will pass when the LUPC 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 agenda item 11. Land Use and Planning Committee and will be treated as regular LUPC agenda items, with discussion and public comment]

John Reed [JR] arrives at 8:00 p.m.

11. LUPC (PM – minutes) (Matthew Royce on behalf of LUPC, Chair-lupc@VeniceNC.org)

(see project files for more detailed info at <http://www.venicenc.org/committees/lupc/>)

[Discussion and possible action]

~~A LUPC Recommendation to the VNC Board for position on SurveyLA community impact~~

~~MOTION:~~ The VNC Board demands that the City of Los Angeles adopt the following policy:

- ~~1. The results of SurveyLA do not constitute fair argument of substantial evidence of a potential significant impact to historic resources under CEQA or otherwise. This should be noted on all published documents including Zoning Information Bulletins available on ZIMAS.~~

- ~~2. SurveyLA is a planning tool only that may be used when updating community plans, specific plans and coastal plans; it should not be used on an individual case by case basis~~
- ~~3. The burden is on the City to prove substantial evidence of a potential significant impact to historic resources on a case by case basis~~
- ~~4. No clearances related to SurveyLA shall be required on discretionary or non-discretionary permits unless the City proves substantial evidence exists above and beyond information in SurveyLA~~

~~Recommended by LUPC (RD/TB 6-0-0)~~

~~Master Report: http://preservation.lacity.org/sites/default/files/SurveyLA_MasterReport_0.pdf~~

~~Venice Reports: <http://preservation.lacity.org/surveyla-findings-and-reports#Venice>~~

Motion to include on agenda failed [2-4-0]

For: GF, JR

Against: IK, HH, CS, IM

A 746 Marco Place

Case: DIR-2015-4156-CDP-SPP

Applicant: Rocky Morton

LUPC Staff: Tim Bonefeld

Representative: Robert Thibodeau

Description: PURSUANT OF 11.57C (SPP) AND 12.20.2 (CDP) TO DEMOLISH DETACHED GARAGE AND ACCESSORY STRUCTURE, AND MAJOR REMODEL/ADDITION TO SFD (3,006) COMPROMISED OF ALTERATIONS TO THE FIRST FLOOR, A NEW SECOND STORY ADDITION, AND NEW DETACHED 2 CAR GARAGE, AND DETACHED 330 SQUARE FEET REC ROOM AND 3 PARKING SPACES ON SITE IN THE R2-1 ZONE.

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

Recommended by LUPC (TB/MJ 6-0-1)

B 849 Amoroso Place

Case: DIR-2016-3140-CDP-SPP-MEL

Applicant: Joe Clark

LUPC Staff: Tim Bonefeld

Representative: Mario Fonda Bonardi

Description: Remodel existing 964 SF single family dwelling and addition of 1234 SF. Total 2,198 SF

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

Recommended by LUPC (TB/MJ 6-0-0) JC Recused

C 2334 Frey Ave

Case: DIR-2016-3140-CDP-SPP-MEL

Applicant: Sejong Ding

LUPC Staff: Mehrnoosh Mojallali



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Representative: Patrick Winters

Description: Major Remodel of existing 978 SF single family dwelling and addition of 2,087 SF. Total 3,065 SF

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

Recommended by LUPC (TB/MJ 6-0-0) RD Recused

D Simon’s Market, 1709 Lincoln Blvd

Applicant: Simon Mellor

LUPC Staff: Michael Jensen

Representative: Simon Mellor

Description: Applicant requests modification to condition #9 in connection with his license from the Department of Alcoholic Beverage Control to be able to sell single bottles of craft beer which are less than 32 ounces.

MOTION: The VNC Board recommends single beer and all other single bottle liquor sales be allowed in sizes less than 32 ounces if they cost \$4.00 or more.

Recommended by LUPC (TB/JC 5-0-0)

E 913 Milwood Ave

Case: Requesting Administrative CDP

Applicant: Ophir Marish

LUPC Staff: Tim Bonefeld

Representative: Ophir Marish for Matthew Royce

Description: Remodel of existing 2,190 SF single family dwelling and addition of 410 SF. Total 2,600 SF.

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

Recommended by LUPC (TB/MJ 6-0-0) MR Recused

F 3011 Ocean Front Walk

Case: DIR-2016-4749-CDP-MEL

Applicant: Mike Targon

LUPC Staff: Ramsey Daham

Representative: Ron Howell and Rudy Alegre

Description: DEMOLITION OF AN EXISTING 2,300 S.F. MULTI-FAMILY BUILDING AND THE CONSTRUCTION OF A NEW 4,113 S.F. SINGLE FAMILY HOME

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

Recommended by LUPC (TB/JC 5-0-0)

~~**H 656 California Ave**~~

~~Case: ZA-2014-3040-CDP-MEL, AA-2014-3038-PMLA-CN~~

~~Applicant: Lewis Futterman~~

~~LUPC Staff: Joe Clark~~

~~Representative: Robert Thibodeau~~



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Description: ~~New 3 Story, 2 Unit Condo~~

~~MOTION: tbd~~

~~NOTE: The VNC Board shall consider the case with no recommendation from LUPC.~~

~~Recommended by LUPC (TB/MR 3-2-0)~~

Pulled by applicant

12. Old Business (PM - 0 minutes)

[Discussion and possible action]

13. New Business (PM – minutes)

[Discussion and possible action]

A Considerations on CD11 Proposed Development Projects (Jim Murez on behalf of the Parking & Transportation Committee, james.murez@venicenc.org)

MOTION: WHEREAS, the VNC understands the city is proposing two large development projects within the Venice region and the coastal zone; and

WHEREAS, these development projects are located within primarily residential neighborhoods; and

WHEREAS, the public right of way is substandard to meet the current demands much less additional demands; and

WHEREAS, these proposed sites are in or accessed by high traffic/high density areas; and

WHEREAS, the city has previously determined the intersections at and around these sites are already in excess of “F” intersections; and

WHEREAS, any development project should mitigate the existing conditions before adding any additional impacts or increase in traffic; and

WHEREAS, the VNC Parking and Transportation Committee recommends that all large development projects should mitigate their traffic impacts; and

WHEREAS, one of the proposed projects will increase the traffic at Venice Blvd and Pacific, which is already an extremely overtaxed intersection which backs up in all directions; and

WHEREAS, LAPD is already required to dispatch traffic officers to that intersection during many peak periods of the year; and

WHEREAS the proposed development in the Oxford Triangle in what was previously known as the Thatcher Maintenance Yard shall cause significant impacts to the single-family residential neighborhood within the Oxford Triangle;

THEREFORE be it resolved that the VNC requests that the City present a mitigation plan capable of improving the present heavily impacted areas and providing for zero additional negative impact on public right of ways, including sidewalks, roads and public landscaping, from the proposed developments.

Recommended by the Parking and Transportation Committee 6-0-0

~~B Section Eight Vouchers for Roommates (Will Hawkins on behalf of the Homeless Committee william.hawkins@venicenc.org)~~



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MOTION:

Combined with 13C and moved to consent. [5-0-0]

C ~~Stipend for Homeless Care~~ (Will Hawkins on behalf of the Homeless Committee william.hawkins@venicenc.org)

MOTION:

Combined with 13B and moved to consent. [5-0-0]

B **Reduce Return Rehouse Principles** (Will Hawkins on behalf of the Homeless Committee william.hawkins@venicenc.org)

MOTION: Whereas there are over 1,000 homeless people living on streets of Venice; and
Whereas the current situation is not safe for housed or unhoused; and
Whereas the homeless population in Venice is expected to continue to grow; and
Whereas the VNC wants to support programs that help people transition off the street and result in a net reduction of number of unhoused living on the streets in Venice
Therefore be it resolved that the VNC adopts the following principles and aims to support programs that

- REDUCE the number of new homeless people coming to or becoming homeless in Venice
- RETURN those willing and able to go home
- RE-HOUSE with priority (elderly, families, single mothers, veterans, teens, mentally ill)

Recommended by the Homeless Committee 4-0-0

C **Oxford Triangle Resolution** (George Francisco on behalf of the Neighborhood Committee vp@venicenc.org)

MOTION: Whereas, the City-owned Thatcher Yard operated in the heart of the Oxford Triangle for decades; and

Whereas, even at full capacity, the Yard was only open about 50 hours per week and was closed every night, weekend, and holiday; and

Whereas, city operations on the Yard generated a minimal amount of noise and traffic; and

Whereas, any new residential development on the site will generate far more traffic throughout the day and night and weekends through the Oxford Triangle neighborhood than City operations did; and

Whereas, in 1988 Oxford Triangle residents participated in the Oxford Triangle Neighborhood Study as part of the Venice Neighborhood Study Presentation Workshop, which was sponsored by the District Council Office and City Planning Department and contributed to Development Standards and the Local Coastal Program for Venice; and

Whereas, the Oxford Triangle Neighborhood Study was completed and presented on November 5, 1988, and states under Zoning preferences (Section 1, Page 10, Item 16) that: 'The City Maintenance Yard and other City owned lots in the residential area of the Oxford Triangle must remain R-1' (be zoned for single-family homes) if the City decided to abandon operations at the site; and



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Whereas, the industrial property at the southeast end of the Oxford Triangle was rezoned C4-OX-2D in the 1980s to allow high-density residential development, and almost 1800 units of condominiums and apartments in six dense developments have been built on that property since that time, which increased the density of the Oxford Triangle five-fold; and
Whereas, in 2010 the City of Los Angeles held a series of public meetings to advise the community of its plans to demolish the existing structures at Thatcher Yard and replace them with new buildings and take public input, and at that time City representatives stated that the City intended to complete this project in the near future to allow the City to resume maintenance operations from the site; and
Whereas, it would be prohibitively expensive for the City to acquire additional Westside property of a similar size or to rezone such property for use by City departments for maintenance operations in Venice and adjoining City districts such as Mar Vista and Del Rey due to community opposition; and
Whereas, the Los Angeles City Request for Qualifications/Proposals identifies Thatcher Yard as an Affordable Housing Opportunity Site which would allow development of Permanent Supportive Housing for homeless individuals, Affordable Multi-family Housing or Mixed-Income Housing at the Yard or sale of the property with the proceeds used to fund homeless housing at another location; and
Whereas, all buildings on and walls around Thatcher Yard have now been demolished; and
Whereas, there have been no public hearings in Venice or by the Venice Neighborhood Council on the proposal to redevelop Thatcher Yard as permanent supportive housing or affordable multi-family housing or to sell it to generate funds to build such housing at other, more affordable and appropriate sites; and
Whereas, the City has selected Thomas Safran & Associates to develop a dense apartment complex on this site in contradiction to the 1988 Neighborhood Study's commitment to single-family residential zoning; and
Whereas, the Oxford Triangle's existing low rise, single-family homes offer a unique Venice beach residential neighborhood that is a prized for its lack of traffic and noise, and residents purchased homes in the Triangle in part for these qualities and ambiance;
Therefore, be it resolved, that the Venice Neighborhood Council recommend to Mayor Eric Garcetti and Councilman Mike Bonin to honor the request of Oxford Triangle residents and the recommendations of the 1988 Oxford Triangle Neighborhood Study to either rebuild maintenance facilities on the property known as Thatcher Yard to resume City maintenance operations or rezone the property to R1-1 status to complement and protect the Scale and Character of the adjoining single-family residential neighborhood and then sell the property to a developer who intends to redevelop the site in a manner consistent with existing Oxford Triangle single-family homes.

Recommended by the Neighborhood Committee 7-0-2

Approved for agenda 3-2-0

D Removal of Erin Darling from VNC Board (Melissa Diner secretary@venicenc.org)



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As per article V, section 7 of the VNC by-laws, Absences: *If an Officer fails to consistently attend those meetings at which he or she is expected, the Board may remove the Officer and declare the seat vacant. Officers are expected to attend all Board of Officers and Stakeholder meetings. Absence from four (4) consecutive meetings or seven (7) or more meetings during the previous twelve (12) months shall be deemed a failure to consistently attend. A three-quarters (3/4) vote of Officers present at a Board of Officers meeting is required for removal. Such action shall be effective immediately upon the Board vote to remove. In such case, the President shall send a certified letter to the person, stating that he or she is no longer an Officer.*

MOTION: The Venice Neighborhood Council recommends removal of Erin Darling from the Board due to 5 consecutive absences from the last 5 board meetings. (Oct. 2016-Jan. 2017)

NOTE: there were 2 Board meetings in October, 2016.)

If approved by Board, nominations for selection of replacement Board member shall be opened.

E Community Impact Statement [CIS] in support of Council File # 15-1022-S2 Suspension of online voting (Ivan Spiegel on behalf of the Los Angeles Neighborhood Council Coalition "LANCC")

MOTION: Whereas the City plans to change Neighborhood Council election procedures unilaterally and,

Whereas the City plans to make all NC elections self-affirmation against the will of some boards and bylaws, and

Whereas the City plans to reduce unilaterally the voting age of stakeholders in some NC's to 16 years of age against the bylaws and will of the boards, and

Whereas the City is mandating all NC's use online voting only, against the will of the some boards who voted against online voting, and

Whereas the City is attempting to mold neighborhood councils to fit an electronic voting model rather than fitting the contracted for electronic voting model to neighborhood councils,

Therefore be it resolved that the Venice Neighborhood Council shall file a Community Impact Statement in support of Council File 15-1022-S2 and demand the City suspend online voting unless and until it can show evidence that the online model is complete and secure as contracted for, that the City will provide proper outreach, that the Department can show it has returned to its core mission of supporting NC's, and can truly support neighborhood councils per its Charter mandate, and allow all of the councils, per the Charter, Ordinance and Plan, to self-rule for the benefit of its stakeholders, and to allow the NC's to determine whether it should be online, self-determination and age specific for its voters.

~~**H CIS in support of Council File # 17-0078 "Back To Basic Car" proposal**~~ (Councilmember Mike Bonin)

~~WHEREAS, basic patrol duties are universally considered to be the core function of law enforcement, and cities like Los Angeles with large police departments are no exception; and~~

~~WHEREAS, despite strong public support for maintaining a police force of 10,000 officers, neighborhoods throughout the City of Los Angeles continue to lack the most basic police patrol presence and experience response times that are exceedingly long, while crime continues to increase; and~~

~~WHEREAS, an abundance of evidence suggests that the strength of LAPD's field patrol force has not increased in almost a half century, despite the addition of thousands of sworn officers to the ranks of the police department and the addition of three new community police station areas~~



in the last decade; and
WHEREAS, the historic pattern of understaffing our neighborhood police patrols by LAPD's top brass—especially in light of the significant increases to the overall size of the force—suggests that field patrol duties are neither a priority, nor viewed as a core mission within the police department; and
WHEREAS, the lack of consistent police patrols endangers our community by increasing response times and sends a dangerous message to the criminal element that our homes and businesses lack adequate protection; and
WHEREAS, neighboring cities with significantly smaller police departments have demonstrated that it is possible to provide comprehensive law enforcement services, while also providing robust neighborhood patrols, maintaining fast response times, and building strong police-community relationships using regularly assigned patrol officers; and
WHEREAS, all Angelenos, especially the Venice Neighborhood Council, have the expectation that our police department makes every effort to ensure the most efficient and effective use of sworn personnel, which means deploying as many able-bodied police officers back to patrol car beats as possible; and
WHEREAS, residents, rank and file police officers, HOAs, neighborhood councils, business owners, community leaders, neighborhood watches, local schools, religious institutions, labor groups—including the LA Police Protective League, business associations, business improvement districts and chambers of commerce from throughout Los Angeles have united around a single cause: more police patrols;
NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Venice Neighborhood Council shall file a Community Impact Statement in support of the “Back to Basic Car” proposal (Council File # 17-0078) authored by Councilmember Mike Bonin and co-sponsored by Councilmember Joe Buscaino—a smart, sensible and achievable neighborhood police patrol enhancement strategy that would result in a larger and more robust LAPD patrol force, and would greatly improve the safety of neighborhoods throughout Los Angeles.

Motion to include on agenda failed 2-3-1

For: IK, GF

Against: IM, CS, JR

Abstain: HH

~~I — Lifeguard Tower Removal (Colleen Saro on behalf of the Ocean Front Walk Committee colleen.saro@venicenc.org)~~

~~**MOTION:** The Venice Neighborhood Council shall send a letter to Councilman Mike Bonin and LA County, Beaches & Harbors requesting that they take steps to remove the upper part of the Lifeguard Tower at 2300 Ocean Front Walk, as it has been deemed unsafe, too expensive to repair and is an eyesore to the community.~~

~~Recommended by the Ocean Front Walk Committee 4-2-3~~

Moved to consent. [5-0-0]

14. **Board Member Comments on subject matters within the VNC jurisdiction (PM - 5 minutes)**
15. **Adjourn (approx. PM)**



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List of Venice Neighborhood Council Committees & Chairs – Volunteers Welcome

Standing Committees

Administrative - Ira Koslow
Neighborhood - George Francisco
Outreach - Matthew Kline
Land Use and Planning - Matthew Royce
Budget & Finance - Hugh Harrison
Rules & Selections - John Reed
Arts - Sonny Bak
Ocean Front Walk - Colleen Saro

Ad Hoc Committees

Public Safety - Matt Shaw & Will Hawkins
Homeless - Will Hawkins
Parking & Transportation - Jim Murez
Venice Cityhood - Nick Antonicello
Discussion Forum - Joe Murphy

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