



# Venice Neighborhood Council

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## **Board of Officers Meeting Agenda**

Westminster Elementary School (Auditorium)

1010 Abbot Kinney Blvd, Venice, 90291

**Tuesday, July 18, 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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**PUBLIC COMMENT:** The public is requested to fill out a "**Speaker Card**" to address the Board on any Old or New Business item on the agenda and the Treasurer's Report. Comments from the public on these agenda items will be heard only when that item is being considered. Comments from the public on other agenda matters or on matters not appearing on the agenda but within the Board's subject matter jurisdiction will be heard during the Public Comment period. Public comment is limited to one (1) minute per speaker, unless modified by the presiding officer of the Board. No new speaker cards will be accepted once Public Comment has begun.

**COMMUNITY IMPACT STATEMENTS:** Any action taken by the Board may result in the filing of a related CIS

**DISABILITY POLICY:** See last page.

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

1. **Call to Order and Roll Call** (7:00 PM – 1 minute)
2. **Pledge Of Allegiance** (7:01PM -- 1 minute)
3. **Approval of Outstanding Board minutes** (7:02PM – 1 minute)  
May <http://www.venicenc.org/docs/34484160-6769.pdf>  
June <http://www.venicenc.org/docs/34484160-6769.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 -- 40 minutes)
- 6A **Public Safety - LAPD Report** (10 minutes): Senior Lead Officers Peggy Thusing (25120@lapd.online), Kristan Delatori ([32914@lapd.online](mailto:32914@lapd.online)), Joe Roberts (Acting) (41448@lapd.online), Lt. Michael Soliman Beach Detail Supervisor (32906@lapd.online).  
*Includes a monthly Venice crime report and updates on law enforcement issues in Venice.*



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- 6B 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 Fernando Morales, 310-318-6994 ([fernando.morales@sen.ca.gov](mailto:fernando.morales@sen.ca.gov))
  - State Assemblyperson Autumn Burke, Rep Mark Weber, 310 412-6400 [Mark.Weber@asm.ca.gov](mailto:Mark.Weber@asm.ca.gov)
  - LA County Supervisor Sheila Kuehl Westside Field Deputy, Stephanie Cohen (310)231-1170 ([scohen@bos.lacounty.gov](mailto:scohen@bos.lacounty.gov))
  - Mayor Eric Garcetti, Westside Deputy, Daniel Tamm, 213-978-0836 ([Daniel.Tamm@Lacity.org](mailto:Daniel.Tamm@Lacity.org))
- 6C VNC Announcements and Reports (5 minutes)**
- President -Ira Koslow ([President@VeniceNC.org](mailto:President@VeniceNC.org))
  - Vice President - George Francisco ([VicePresident@VeniceNC.org](mailto:VicePresident@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))
  - VNC Representative to DWP: Yolanda Gonzales
  - Budget Advocates - Hugh Harrison, Treasurer
- 6D Lava Mae Presentation Jasmin Mouflard-Kozowy, LA Branch Director, Lava Mae (10 minutes)**
- 7. Treasurer's Report (7:45PM -- 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 Report on Changes to the Neighborhood Council Funding Program**  
A brief report on the new processes established by the City Clerk for NC funding and budget
- 7B Expenditure Reports**  
**MOTION:** The VNC approves the attached Monthly Expenditure Report [MER].  
Recommended by Budget and Finance 3-0-1 on July 5, 2017.
- 7C Expenditure to date Report**  
**MOTION:** The VNC approves the attached Expenditure to Date report for June 2017.  
Recommended by Budget and Finance 3-0-1 on July 5, 2017.



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## 7D Self-Assessment

**MOTION:** The VNC approves the attached self-assessment of 2016-2017 for the 2017-2018 budget. Recommended by Budget and Finance 4-0-0 on July 5, 2017

## 7E Motion to Approve Funds for Abbot Kinney Festival

**MOTION:** The VNC shall allocate up to \$500 for the purchase of a outreach table for the 2017 Abbot Kinney Festival. Recommended by Budget and Finance 3-0-1 on July 5, 2017.

## 8. Announcements and Public Comment on items not on the Agenda (8:00PM -- 10 minutes)

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

## 9. General Consent Calendar (8:10PM -- 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 Repainting Numbers and Adding Corresponding Streets on Lifeguard Stands

(Colleen Saro on behalf of OFW Committee [colleen.saro@venicenc.org](mailto:colleen.saro@venicenc.org) )

**MOTION:** The VNC recommends enlarging, repainting numbers and adding corresponding street names on the Venice Beach lifeguard stands so that they will be visible to beach goers who are in between towers and from as far away as possible in case of an emergency to inform emergency personnel of location.

Recommended by Ocean Front Walk Committee on June 26, 11-0-0

## 9B Town Hall Regarding the Venice Boulevard “Great Street” Program (submitted by James Murez on behalf of the PTC, [james.murez@venicenc.org](mailto:james.murez@venicenc.org))

**MOTION:** Whereas, the Venice Blvd. “Great Street” pilot project has recently been implemented, including several changes to the roadway between Beethoven Ave. and Inglewood Blvd, and

Whereas, the changes include removing one traffic lane in each direction to accommodate a buffer zone for on-street passenger loading of parked vehicles (rather than from the sidewalk) and widening of the bicycle lane, and

Whereas, Council District 11 circulated surveys to very small minority of community members (approximately 450 total surveys, many to students who don’t drive) and extrapolated “community-driven” support for many elements of the “Great Street”, yet the surveys did not specifically ask the community about the lane reduction element of the program or obtain any feedback from the vast majority of those who use Venice Blvd on a daily basis, and  
Whereas, the increased traffic on Mar Vista roadways has had an adverse impact on emergency response times of Fire and Police Department

Now therefore, be it resolved that the VNC requests Councilman Mike Bonin to hold a Town Hall on this issue and respond to Venice residents about the Mar Vista and Playa Del Rey street projects. We suggest that this meeting be held prior to August 1st so that the Board will have sufficient time to make recommendations at its August 15 meeting.

Recommended by the Parking and Transportation Committee on July 5, 3-0-0



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- 10. LUPC (8:15PM –60 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> )  
*[Discussion and possible action]*
- 10A 2416 Frey Avenue (20 minutes)**  
DIR-2016-22143-CDP-MEL  
Applicant: 2416 Frey, LLC  
LUPC Staff:  
Representative: Ben Buckalew, Breakform Design  
Description: new two-story single family residence with rooftop to replace existing building.  
Zoning is R1-1.  
**MOTION:** The VNC Board approves the project as presented.  
*Recommend by LUPC June 29, 2017*  
[https://drive.google.com/open?id=0B\\_uy1rkbwtDzTGYwNXR1cmR2ZIE](https://drive.google.com/open?id=0B_uy1rkbwtDzTGYwNXR1cmR2ZIE)
- 10B 210 San Juan Avenue/213 Horizon Avenue (20 minutes)**  
DIR-2016-2172-CDP-MEL  
Applicant: Lion Horizon 26, LLC  
LUPC Staff:  
Representative: Breakform Design  
Description: Three-story new single family residence. Zoning is RD1.5-1.  
**MOTION:** The VNC Board approves the project as presented.  
*Recommend by LUPC June 29, 2017*  
[https://drive.google.com/open?id=0B\\_uy1rkbwtDzeGdhLUVpSENld3c](https://drive.google.com/open?id=0B_uy1rkbwtDzeGdhLUVpSENld3c)
- 10C 506 Westminster Ave (20 minutes)**  
ZA-2014-4139-CDP, AA-2014-4137-PMLA-SL  
Applicant: FMB Development  
LUPC Staff: Ramsey Daham  
Representative: Handelman Consulting  
Description: New 2 unit small lot subdivision  
**MOTION:** The VNC Board recommends approval if the applicant provides a Mello letter  
Recommended by LUPC (RD/TB 6-1-0)  
[https://drive.google.com/open?id=0B\\_uy1rkbwtDzODJ6QTI2QmJwQKU](https://drive.google.com/open?id=0B_uy1rkbwtDzODJ6QTI2QmJwQKU)
- 11. Old Business (9:15PM - 0 minutes)** *See attached addendums at*  
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*[Discussion and possible action]*



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- 12. New Business (9:15PM –125 minutes)**  
*[Discussion and possible action] See attached addendums at <http://www.venicenc.org/minutes-and-agendas.php>*
- 12A Recommendations from VNC Commercial Cannabis Task Force** (Cindy Chambers on behalf of Commercial Cannabis Task Force, [chambers.cindy@gmail.com](mailto:chambers.cindy@gmail.com)) **(45 minutes)**  
**MOTION:** The VNC Board approves the recommendations from the VNC Commercial Cannabis Task Force as stated in the Task Force Report. [Please note: Report contains a brief overview and includes specific section recommendations for approximately six (6) key areas and one (1) request for clarification from the City.]  
[http://www.venicenc.org/productphotos/VNC%20Commercial%20Cannabis%20Task%20Force%20Report\\_FINAL\\_20170713.pdf](http://www.venicenc.org/productphotos/VNC%20Commercial%20Cannabis%20Task%20Force%20Report_FINAL_20170713.pdf)
- 12B Selection of Community Interest Stakeholder to fill the vacant Community Interest Board seat.** (John Reed, Rules and Selections Committee) **(10 minutes)**  
**MOTION:** The VNC Board shall fill the vacant Community Interest Officer Board seat from qualified applicants. According to the VNC Bylaws, the qualifications for this Community Interest seat are Stakeholders who do not live, work, or own real property within the VNC boundaries, who are 16 years or older, and who affirm a substantial and ongoing participation within the Neighborhood Council's boundaries, and who *may* be in a community organization such as, but not limited to, educational, non-profit and/or religious organizations.  
Applications have been submitted by: Dax Kimbrough and Diana Pollard. They may be viewed at: [http://www.venicenc.org/readpost.php?news\\_id=286](http://www.venicenc.org/readpost.php?news_id=286)
- 12C Multiple Committee Jurisdiction Stand Rule 31** (John Reed on behalf of Rules and Selections Committee) **(10 minutes)**  
**MOTION:** The Venice Neighborhood Council hereby creates the following standing rule as Standing Rule 31: 'When topics arise that cross multiple committee jurisdictions, the Vice President shall determine which committees have jurisdiction or whether there should be a joint committee meeting to vet or discuss the topic.' Recommended by Rules and Selections Committee on July 9, 5-0-0
- 12D Modify Metro Bike Share CDP Application** (submitted by James Murez on behalf of the Parking and Transportation Committee [james.murez@venicenc.org](mailto:james.murez@venicenc.org)) **(20 minutes)**  
**MOTION:** The VNC adopts the recommendations of the VNC Parking and Transportation Committee in reference to Coastal Development Permit No. 5-17-500 and requests the California Coastal Commission to do likewise. The VNC does not support removing any public on-street parking spaces as proposed by the LADOT application. The VNC is furthermore concerned about the livelihood of the existing bike rental shops in our community and the proximity of the proposed Metro Stations in the application to these historic visitor serving businesses. Recommended by Parking and Transportation Committee on July 5, 3-0-0.  
Recommendations may be viewed at:  
[http://venicenc.org/productphotos/CDP\\_UnofficialCopy\\_PagesReordered.pdf](http://venicenc.org/productphotos/CDP_UnofficialCopy_PagesReordered.pdf)  
<http://venicenc.org/productphotos/StationEvaluationRecomendations.pdf>



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- 12E Non-support of Transportation Projects** (submitted by James Murez on behalf of the PTC, [james.murez@venicenc.org](mailto:james.murez@venicenc.org) (30 minutes)

**MOTION:** The VNC does not support any transportation projects that negatively impact traffic conditions in Venice. Recommended by the Parking and Transportation Committee on July 5, 3-0-0

- 12F People St Plaza Project at Dudley** (Ilana Marosi on behalf of the Ocean Front Walk Committee) (10 minutes)

**MOTION:** Whereas a requirement for advance notice to and consultation with Neighborhood and Community Councils in considering the People St Projects, and further recommended that to the extent applicable, designs and locations of People St Projects should comply with local and Specific Plans and CEQA, as applicable; and

Whereas, on May 17, 2017, the VNC passed a MOTION supporting the submissions of applications for People St Plaza Projects on Venice streets between Ocean Front Walk (OFW) and Speedway, subject to VNC final approval and

Whereas, the Venice Neighborhood Council supports public outreach and input on People St Projects:

Therefore, be it resolved, that the Venice Neighborhood Council recommends an independent traffic study be undertaken by any applicant of People St Plaza Projects in Venice to determine the impacts of any proposed project on transportation systems in the surrounding community and further directs the Ocean Front Walk (OFW) Committee of the VNC to consider any pending or proposed application for a People St Plaza Project on any street between OFW and Speedway at a properly noticed meeting with outreach to applicable street residents and businesses and the surrounding community prior to the VNC final approval of any People St Plaza Project.

Recommended by OFW Committee on June 26, 2017--7-0-2

- 13. Board Member Comments on subject matters within the VNC jurisdiction (11:20 PM - 5 minutes)**

- 14. Adjourn (approx. 11:25 PM)**

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



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## **Ad Hoc Committees**

Public Safety - Matt Shaw & Will Hawkins

Homeless - Will Hawkins

Parking & Transportation - Jim Murez

Venice Cityhood - Nick Antonicello

Discussion Forum - Joe Murphy

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

**THE AMERICANS WITH DISABILITIES ACT:** The Venice Neighborhood Council complies with Title II of the Americans with Disabilities Act and does not discriminate on the basis of any disability. Upon request, the Venice Neighborhood Council will provide reasonable accommodations to ensure equal access to its programs, services, and activities. Sign language interpreters, assistive listening devices, or other auxiliary aids and/or services may be provided upon request at least three business days (72) hours prior to the meeting by contacting Melissa Diner, Secretary at [secretary@vencicnc.org](mailto:secretary@vencicnc.org).