



Venice Neighborhood Council

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Draft Board of Officers Regular Meeting Minutes

Westminster Elementary School (Auditorium)

1010 Abbot Kinney Blvd, Venice, 90291

Tuesday, January 16, 2018 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 in memory of Inger Hartvig, dedicated stakeholder (7:00 PM – 1 minute)

Present: George Francisco, Hugh Harrison, Justin Brezhnev, Matthew Royce, Evan White, Brads Aarons, William Hawkins, Cayley Lambur, Stephen Livigni, Hollie Stenson, Michelle Meepos, James Murez, Colleen Saro, Matt Shaw, Robert Thibodeau, 17

Absent: Sunny Bak, Ilana Marosi, John Reed, 3



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2. **Pledge Of Allegiance (7:01PM -- 1 minute)**
3. **Approval of Outstanding Board minutes (7:02PM – 1 minute)**
<http://www.venicenc.org/minutes-and-agendas.php>

GF, HS 16-0-1

FAVOR: George Francisco, Hugh Harrison, Justin Brezhnev, Matthew Royce, Evan White, Brads Aarons, Cindy Chambers , William Hawkins, Cayley Lambur, Stephen Livigni, Hollie Stenson, Michelle Meepos, James Murez, Colleen Saro, Matt Shaw , Robert Thibodeau,

OPPOSED:

ABSTAIN: Ira Koslow,

4. **Approval of the Agenda (7:03PM – 1 minute)**

GF, HH 16-0-1

FAVOR: George Francisco, Hugh Harrison, Justin Brezhnev, Matthew Royce, Evan White, Brads Aarons, Cindy Chambers , William Hawkins, Cayley Lambur, Stephen Livigni, Hollie Stenson, Michelle Meepos, James Murez, Colleen Saro, Matt Shaw , Robert Thibodeau,

OPPOSED:

ABSTAIN: Ira Koslow,

10B postponed by applicant

CL recusal from 10 A

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**
- 6A **Live Stream of Meetings (7:05PM -- 3 minutes)**
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!
<https://www.facebook.com/VeniceNC/>
- Melissa arrives 7:10
- 6B **Public Safety - LAPD Report (7:08PM -- 10 minutes)**: Senior Lead Officers Kristan Delatori (32914@lapd.lacity.org), acting SLO Joe Roberts - 41448@lapd.online SLO Adrian Acosta - 39174@lapd.online SLO Javier Ramirez - 39174@lapd.online, Beach Patrol - LT Michael Soliman - 32906@lapd.online



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Supervisor. *Includes a monthly Venice crime report and updates on law enforcement issues in Venice.*

6C Government Reports (7:18PM -- 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 Olin Wibroe (Olin.wibroe@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 FYI, Stephanie Cohen (310)231-1170 (scohen@bos.lacounty.gov)
- Mayor Eric Garcetti, Westside Deputy, Daniel Tamm, 213-978-0836 (Daniel.Tamm@Lacity.org)
- Empower LA Neighborhood Council Advocate, Gibson Nyambura, 213-978-1551 (gibson.nyambura@lacity.org)

6D VNC Announcements and Reports (7:33PM -- 5 minutes)

- President -Ira Koslow (President@VeniceNC.org)
- Vice President - George Francisco (Vice President@VeniceNC.org)
- 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: Yolanda Gonzales
- Budget Advocates - Hugh Harrison, Treasurer

7. Treasurer's Report (7:38PM --7 minutes) (Hugh Harrison on behalf of Budget & Finance Committee) (Treasurer@VeniceNC.org)

See attached addendums at <http://www.venicenc.org/minutes-and-agendas.php>

[Discussion and possible action]

7A Approval of the VNC Monthly Expenditure Report

MOTION: The VNC Board approves the Monthly Expenditure Report for November 2017.

Recommended by the Budget Committee 4-0-0 on 1-02-18

Uploaded Documents: [Download 1514993692.pdf](#)

HH, GF (17,0,1)

FAVOR: George Francisco, Hugh Harrison, Melissa Diner, Justin Brezhnev, Matthew Royce, Evan White, Brad Aarons , Cindy Chambers , William Hawkins, Cayley Lambur, Stephen Livigni, Holly Stenson, Michelle Meepos, James Murez, Colleen Saro, Matt Shaw , Robert Thibodeau,

OPPOSED

ABSTAIN: Irs Koslow

7B Approval of the Expenditure To Date Report

MOTION: The VNC Board approves the Expenditure to Date report for November 2017

Recommended by the Budget Committee 4-0-0 on 1-02-18

Uploaded Documents: [Download 1514993796.pdf](#)

HH, GF (17,0,1)

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OPPOSED

ABSTAIN: Ira Koslow

7:30PM Sonny Bak arrives

8. **Announcements and Public Comment on items not on the Agenda (7:45PM - 10 minutes)**

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

9. **General Consent Calendar (7:55PM -- 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.]

10. **LUPC (8:00PM – 80 minutes)** (Matthew Royce on behalf of LUPC, Chair-lupc@VeniceNC.org)

(see project files for more detailed info at <http://www.venicenc.org/land-use-committee.php>)

10A **935 Marco Place (20 minutes)**

Case: Plans reviewed by OHR, Pending CDP Case

Applicant: Jeff Donovan

LUPC Staff: Matthew Royce

Representative: Jeff Donovan

Description: Remodel and addition to an existing single family home

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

Recommended by LUPC 6-0-0 1/4/18

MR, JM (13, 3, 2)

FAVOR: George Francisco, Hugh Harrison, Melissa Diner, Justin Brezhnev, Matthew Royce, Evan White, Brad Aarons, Stephen Livigni, Holly Stenson, Michelle Meepos, James Murez, Matt Shaw, Robert Thibodeau,

OPPOSED: Sunny Bak, Cindy Chambers, Colleen Saro,

ABSTAIN: Ira Koslow, William Hawkins,

10B **629 Sunset Ave (20 minutes)**

Case: DIR-2017-3396-CDP-MEL, ZA-2017-3397-ZAA



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Applicant: Alex Goodson

LUPC Staff: Tim Bonefeld

Representative: Mark Bittoni

Description: New Duplex, ZAA request for a reduced passageway

MOTION: The VNC Board recommends denial of the project as presented based on:

- a- incompatible massing with neighboring structures
- b- disregarding the concerns of immediate neighbors
- c- not providing an accurate presentation
- d- roof deck railings to be setback 5 feet from neighboring properties.

Recommended by LUPC 7-0-0 on 1/4/18

Postponed by applicant

10C 2414 Penmar Ave (20 minutes)

Case: AA-2017-2546-PMLA-SL, ZA-2017-2950-ZAA

Applicant: Bonnie Berman

LUPC Staff: Mehrnoosh Mojallali

Representative: Jay Farbstein

Description: New 4 Unit Small Lot Subdivision

MOTION: The VNC Board recommends approval of the project with the condition that the roof deck/porch railings be setback 5 feet from the south neighbor.

Recommended by LUPC 4-2-0 on 1/4/18

MR, GF (13, 2, 3)

FAVOR: George Francisco, Melissa Diner, Justin Brezhnev, Matthew Royce, Evan White, Sunny Bak, William Hawkins, Stephen Livigni, Holly Stenson, Michelle Meepos, James Murez, Matt Shaw , Robert Thibodeau,

OPPOSED: Brad Aarons , Cindy Chambers ,

ABSTAIN: Ira Koslow, Hugh Harrison, Colleen Saro,

10D 1302 Abbot Kinney (Roosterfish) - (20 minutes)

Case: ZA-2018-57-CUB

Applicant: Patrick Brunet

LUPC Staff: Matthew Royce

Representative: Brett Engstrom

Description: CUB for sale of full line alcohol

MOTION: The VNC Board recommend approval with the condition that there be no patio service or music after 10pm Sunday-Thursday, and 12 midnight Friday-Saturday and Holidays

Recommended by LUPC 6-1-0 on 1/9/18

MR, EV (17, 0, 1)



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OPPOSED:

ABSTAIN: Ira Koslow

**11. Old Business (9:20PM - 0 minutes) See attached addendums at <http://www.venicenc.org/minutes-and-agendas.php>
[Discussion and possible action]**

**12. New Business (9:20PM – 10 minutes)
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12A Annual Renewal of Ad Hoc Committees (George Francisco, vp@venicenc.org)

MOTION: The VNC Board hereby approves the renewal of the following Ad Hoc Committees for one year: Homeless, Parking & Transportation, Discussion Forum and the Venice Cityhood Committee ~~for three months.~~

GF, CC (17, 0, 1)

FAVOR: George Francisco, Hugh Harrison, Melissa Diner, Justin Brezhnev, Matthew Royce, Evan White, Sunny Bak, Brad Aarons , Cindy Chambers , William Hawkins, Stephen Livigni, Holly Stenson, Michelle Meepos, James Murez, Colleen Saro, Matt Shaw , Robert Thibodeau,

OPPOSED:

ABSTAIN: Ira Koslow

MD, HS (16, 1, 1) Amendment to extend Cityhood for 1 year

FAVOR: George Francisco, Hugh Harrison, Melissa Diner, Justin Brezhnev, Matthew Royce, Evan White, Sunny Bak, Brad Aarons , Cindy Chambers , William Hawkins, Stephen Livigni, Holly Stenson, Michelle Meepos, Colleen Saro, Matt Shaw , Robert Thibodeau,

OPPOSED: James Murez

ABSTAIN: Ira Koslow

One year

MOTION is amended JM opposed.

13. Board Member Comments on subject matters within the VNC jurisdiction (9:30PM - 5 minutes)

14. Adjourn (approx. 9:35PM)



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List of Venice Neighborhood Council Committees & Chairs – Volunteers Welcome

| <u>Standing Committees</u> | <u>Ad Hoc Committees</u> |
|---|--|
| Administrative - Ira Koslow Neighborhood - George Francisco Outreach - Hollie Stenson Land Use and Planning - Matthew Royce Budget & Finance - Hugh Harrison Rules & Selections - John Reed Arts - Sunny Bak Ocean Front Walk - Colleen Saro | Homeless - Will Hawkins Parking & Transportation - Jim Murez Venice Cityhood - Nick Antonicello Discussion Forum - Joe Murphy |

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