



# Venice Neighborhood Council

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## **Joint VNC Board & Administrative Committee Agenda**

**Monday, February 12, 2018 at 7:00PM**

**Extra Space Storage, President's Row Room**

**658 South Venice Blvd, Venice, 90291**

Note (i) The Administrative Committee does not address or consider the merits of proposed agenda items. Its function is to determine whether a proposed agenda item will be placed on the next Board meeting agenda, postponed, referred to a specific committee for review and recommendation, treated as an announcement, or considered and resolved as a non-Board administrative matter. (ii) The Administrative Committee has the discretion to reorder consideration of matters on the agenda to accommodate stakeholders or for other reasons.

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- 1. Call to Order and Roll Call**
- 2. Approval of the Administrative Committee Agenda**
- 3. Approval of outstanding Administrative Committee minutes**



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<http://www.venicenc.org/docs/34484305-7156.pdf>

4. **Announcements & Public Comment on items not on the Agenda**
5. **Old Administrative Committee Business**
6. **New Administrative Committee Business**
- 6A **Approval of Mission Statement for Ad Hoc Commercial Cannabis Committee** (Cindy Chambers)  
**MOTION:** The Administrative Committee approves the following Mission Statement for an Ad Hoc Commercial Cannabis Committee:  
The Commercial Cannabis Committee will support our community's stakeholders, organizations, and local businesses in the transition out of an unregulated cannabis industry and into a new regulatory framework. It will also liaise with local government and public agencies to access resources and share community-based education and best practices.
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7. **Consideration and approval of February 20, 2018 Proposed Board Agenda**
8. **Adjourn**

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## **Draft Board of Officers Regular Meeting Agenda**

Westminster Elementary School (Auditorium)

1010 Abbot Kinney Blvd, Venice, 90291

**Tuesday, February 20, 2018 at 7:00 PM**

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1. **Call to Order and Roll Call** in memory of Moe Stavnezer and in honor of Ed Moses who passed away on January 17,2018. (7:00 PM – 1 minute)
2. **Pledge Of Allegiance** (7:01PM -- 1 minute)
- 2A **Presentation by Sonny Bak on Ed Moses** ( 5 minutes)
3. **Approval of Outstanding Board minutes** (7:07PM – 1 minute)  
<http://www.venicenc.org/minutes-and-agendas.php>
4. **Approval of the Agenda** (7:08PM – 1 minute)



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**5. Declaration of Ex Parte Communications or Conflicts-Of-Interest (7:09PM -- 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!

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**6B Public Safety - LAPD Report (10 minutes):** Senior Lead Officers Peggy Thusing

(25120@lapd.lacity.org), Kristan Delatori ([32914@lapd.lacity.org](mailto: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 Supervisor. *Includes a monthly Venice crime report and updates on law enforcement issues in Venice.*

**6C 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 Olin Wibroe ([Olin.wibroe@sen.ca.gov](mailto:Olin.wibroe@sen.ca.gov))
- State Assemblyperson Autumn Burke, West Los Angeles Field Representative, Brandon Stansell, (310) 412-6400, ([brandon.stansell@asm.ca.gov](mailto:brandon.stansell@asm.ca.gov))
- LA County Supervisor Sheila Kuehl Westside Field Deputy FYI, 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))
- Empower LA Neighborhood Council Advocate, Gibson Nyambura, 213-978-1551 ([gibson.nyambura@lacity.org](mailto:gibson.nyambura@lacity.org))

**6D VNC Announcements and Reports (5 minutes)**

- President -Ira Koslow ([President@VeniceNC.org](mailto:President@VeniceNC.org))
- Vice President - George Francisco ([Vice President@VeniceNC.org](mailto:Vice President@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

- 6E Evaluation of the State of Street Related Infrastructure ( Laida Alequresh, [laila.alequresh@lacity.org](mailto:laila.alequresh@lacity.org) )**  
Presentation on survey results share-out from citywide report on infrastructure programs  
**Full 400+ Page Report:** [http://clkrep.lacity.org/onlinedocs/2017/17-1311\\_rpt\\_CAO\\_11-21-17.pdf](http://clkrep.lacity.org/onlinedocs/2017/17-1311_rpt_CAO_11-21-17.pdf)  
**Uploaded Documents:**  
[Download 1517945850.pdf](#), [Download 1517619618.pdf](#), [Download 1517619618.pdf](#)
- 6F Guide to Supportive Housing (Sandra Trutt, [s.trutt@verizon.net](mailto:s.trutt@verizon.net), 310-479-7482)**  
Presentation from the League of Women Voters of Los Angeles on their Guide to Supportive Housing, called Yes in my LA! Download the Guide at [yesinmyla.org](http://yesinmyla.org).
- 7. Treasurer's Report (10 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 Approval of the VNC Monthly Expenditure Report**  
**MOTION:** The VNC Board approves the Monthly Expenditure Report for December 2017.  
*Recommended by the Budget Committee 5-0-0 on 2-6-18*  
**Uploaded Documents:** [Download 1517956865.pdf](#)
- 7B Approval of the Expenditure To Date Report**  
**MOTION:** The VNC Board approves the Expenditure to Date report for December 2017  
*Recommended by the Budget Committee 5-0-0 on 2-6-18*  
**Uploaded Documents:** [Download 1517956979.pdf](#)
- 7C Funding for Logo Contest**  
**MOTION:** : The Venice NC shall approve the expenditure of up to \$2,500 to advertise and promote the new VNC logo contest. (Itemized budget to be submitted at time of AdCom)  
*Recommended by the Budget Committee 5-0-0 on 2-6-18, Recommended by the Outreach Committee 6-0-0 on 1-18-18*
- 7D Funding for Homelessness Town Hall**  
**MOTION:** The Venice NC shall approve the expenditure of up to \$1,000 for a Town Hall on Homelessness. (Itemized budget to be submitted at time of AdCom)  
*Recommended by the Budget Committee 5-0-0 on 2-6-18, Recommended by the Outreach Committee 6-0-0 on 1-18-18*
- 7E Funds for Survey**  
**MOTION:** The Venice NC shall approve the expenditure of up to \$3,500 to create, advertise and promote a survey of stakeholders as to their concerns, goals and visions for the VNC. (Itemized budget to be submitted at time of AdCom)



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*Recommended by the Budget Committee 4-0-1 on 2-6-18, Recommended by the Outreach Committee 6-0-0 on 1-18-18*

## 7F **Sounds At The Shore**

**MOTION:** The Venice NC approves the expenditure of up to \$2000 for a one day performance event on April 28, 2018 titled Sounds At The Shore. The VNC shall also send a letter to CD 11, Councilman Bonin, Robert Davis from Recs & Parks, Carol Baker from Beaches & Harbors, and County Supervisor Sheila Kuehl requesting support for this endeavor. (Itemized budget to be submitted at time of AdCom) *Recommended by the OFW Committee*

## 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 -- 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 (PM – 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>)

### 10A. **33 Navy St**

Case: DIR-2017-2383-CDP-SPPA-SPP-MEL

Applicant: Mark Huppin

LUPC Staff: Brian Silveira

Representative: Ehrlich Architects

Description: New Duplex

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

*Recommended by LUPC 8-0-0 on 1-25-18*

### 10B. **2433 Wilson Ave**

Case: DIR-2017-1854-CDP-MEL

Applicant: Eddie Avakian

LUPC Staff: Mehrnoosh Mojallali

Representative: Howard Robinson

Description: New Single Family House

**MOTION:**The VNC Board recommends approval of the project with the condition that the roof deck railings be setback 5 feet from edge of building.

*Recommended by LUPC 8-0-0 on 1-25-18*

### 10C. **668 Indiana Ave**

Case: DIR-2017-4248-CDP-MEL; AA-2017-4249-PMLA-SL

Applicant: Ilan Kenig



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LUPC Staff: Tim Bonefeld

Representative: Gaines & Stacey

Description: New 2 Unit Small Lot Subdivision

**MOTION:** The VNC Board recommends approval of the project with the condition that a context study be provided at the Board meeting.

*Recommended by LUPC 5-2-0 on 1-25-18*

## 10D. 22 Washington Blvd (Bay Market)

Case: ZA-2013-778-CUB-PA1

Applicant: Lee Rabun

LUPC Staff: Robert Aronson

Representative: Lee Rabun

Description: Renewal of CUP for alcohol sales

**MOTION:** The VNC Board recommends approval of the project with a plan approval in 24 months unless signed off by the Washington Square Business Improvement Group saying there are no issues.

*Recommended by LUPC 8-0-0*

## 10E. 325 Ocean Front Walk (Candle Cafe)

Case: ZA 2017-4390-CUB

Applicant: Northwestern Engineering Co. and Hill Products Group Inc.

LUPC Staff: Daffodil Tyminski

Representative: Art Rodriguez Associates

Description: CUP application for full line alcohol sales

**MOTION:** The VNC Board recommends approval of the CUB with the following conditions: 1. Security recording systems facing Speedway with motion illumination and 3 months video recording backup 2. The CUP approval is tied to the current operator.

*Recommended by LUPC*

## 10F. 715 Howard St

Case: DIR-2017-3843-CDP

Applicant: Stephen Michael

LUPC Staff: Joe Clark

Representative: Shapour Shajirat

Description: Major remodel of existing single family house

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

*Recommended by LUPC 6-1-0*

## 10G. 437 Howland Canal

Case: DIR-2017-2916-CDP-SPP-MEL

Applicant: 437 Howland Canal Silicon Bay, LLC

LUPC Staff: Michael Jensen Representative: Austin Peters

Description: New single family house



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**MOTION:** The VNC Board recommends approval of the project as presented  
*Recommended by LUPC 6-1-0*

**10H. 644-650 Sunset Ave**

Case: DIR-2017-5117-CDP-MEL-SPP

Applicant: Jacob Mathews

LUPC Staff: Mehrnoosh Mojallali

Representative: Breakform

Description: Lot tie of 644&650 Sunset, Convert (E) 1-story Duplex on 650 Sunset to SFD, and Addition of 2-story structure (no roof deck) to SFD

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

**10I. Support for Senate Bill 827**

**MOTION:** Whereas Venice, the City of Los Angeles, and the State of California are facing an extreme housing shortage and affordability crisis, the VNC recommends enthusiastic support of SB 827.

*Recommended by LUPC (JC/TB 6-1-0)*

[https://leginfo.ca.gov/faces/billTextClient.xhtml?bill\\_id=201720180SB827](https://leginfo.ca.gov/faces/billTextClient.xhtml?bill_id=201720180SB827)

**11. Old Business (PM - 0 minutes) See attached addendums at**

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*[Discussion and possible action]*

**12. New Business (PM – minutes)**

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**12A Decriminalize all laws containing Gender bias ([secretary@venicenc.org](mailto:secretary@venicenc.org), Melissa Diner)**

**MOTION:** The Venice Neighborhood Council supports eliminating all laws criminalizing gender equality.

**12B Parking Meters - 200 Block of Main St. ([james.murez@venicenc.org](mailto:james.murez@venicenc.org), James Murez on behalf of the Parking and Transportation Committee)**

**MOTION:** Whereas the existing multiple stall meters are slow to respond and often give the public misunderstood information about when they expire, and whereas business customers are being charged with parking violations unjustly, and whereas businesses are losing customers as a result of malfunctioning meters, and whereas multiple stall meters are difficult to operate and often give the customer false information

Therefore be it resolved that the VNC recommends to LADOT and CD11 that they remove multiple stall meters and replace them with single stall meters. .

*Recommended by the Transportation Committee 6-0-0 on 2-6-18,*





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- 12C Weekend Parking Restriction on Pacific Ave** ([james.murez@venicenc.org](mailto:james.murez@venicenc.org), James Murez on behalf of the Parking and Transportation Committee)  
**MOTION:** Whereas overwhelming evidence that Pacific Ave is a hazard to pedestrians and drivers alike; and whereas there is a public need and necessity to correct the current situation, Therefore be it resolved that the VNC send a letter to LADOT and CD11 requesting the following:
1. Immediate traffic enforcement
  2. Immediate parking 24/2 (weekends) in both directions to help create a safety buffer for pedestrians. Furthermore, the VNC recommends that parking restrictions on Pacific Ave., from the Santa Monica border to Windward Ave., be removed on weekends starting at 8:00 PM on Friday evening and ending at 8am on Monday morning.
- Recommended by Parking And Transportation Committee 6,0,0 on 2-16-18*
- 12D Explanation of "Offer to Dedicate for Highway Use"** (James Murez on behalf of the Parking and Transportation Committee)  
**MOTION:** Whereas entities are receiving money from business conducted within the public right-of-way, land whose underlying ownership is privately owned and granted to public use for a specific reason  
Therefore be it resolved that the VNC request the City Attorney to provide a written explanation of Offer to Dedicate for "Highway Use" as it relates to third party financial gain.  
*Recommended by Parking And Transportation Committee 6,0,0 on 2-16-18*
- 12E Support of the Venice Oceanarium Pavilion** (Colleen Saro on behalf of the OFW Committee)  
**MOTION:** The VNC Board shall send a letter of support for the conception of the Venice Oceanarium Pavilion.  
*Recommended by the Ocean Front Walk Committee 7-0-0 on 1-29-18,*  
**Uploaded Documents:** [Download 1517883795.pdf](#)
- 12F Opposition to Billboard draft ordinance in Council File 11-1705** (Patrick Frank, Ban Billboard Blight)  
**MOTION:** The VNC shall submit a Community Impact Statement in opposition to the proposed Billboard draft ordinance as stated in Council File 11-1705.  
**Uploaded Documents:** [Download 1517618048.pdf](#)
- 12G Formation of Commercial Cannabis Committee** (Cindy Chambers [cindy.chambers@venicenc.org](mailto:cindy.chambers@venicenc.org))  
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*Recommended by the Neighborhood Committee 8-1-1 on 1-24-18*

**12I Tree Removal Mitigation** (George Francisco, [vp@venicenc.org](mailto:vp@venicenc.org))

**MOTION:** Whereas the City of Los Angeles has entered into a legal settlement of the case Willits v City of Los Angeles and; Whereas under the terms of this settlement, the City has taken many steps to bring all sidewalks into compliance with ADA regulations and; Whereas such compliance can often require the removal of trees therefore: The Venice NC Board recommend to Councilman Mike Bonin, the Department of Public Works, the Bureau of Street Services, the Department of Recreation and Parks and the Urban Forestry Division that: In the case of any tree removal, the City of Los Angeles provide more than 72 hours notification of said removal and: Such notification be made in writing to property owners within a 500 ft radius and; Trees designated to be re-planted **MUST** be replanted in the Neighborhood Council area in which said tree was originally planted and; More information about alternatives to tree removal regarding the sidewalk repair program be codified and provided to any applicant submitting for a tree removal for any reason.

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

**14. Adjourn (approx. PM)**

### List of Venice Neighborhood Council Committees & Chairs – Volunteers Welcome

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

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