



Venice Neighborhood Council

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Board of Officers
Regular Meeting Agenda
ROUGH DRAFT
6:30-9:30 PM Tuesday,
June 18, 2024
Westminster Elementary School
1010 Abbot Kinney Blvd Venice, CA 90291
 (enter from parking lot on Westminster Ave)

TRANSLATION Services: Si requiere servicios de traducción, favor de notificar a la oficina 3 días de trabajo (72 horas) antes del evento. Si necesita asistencia con esta notificación, por favor llame a nuestra oficina 213.473.5391. Comments from the public on agenda items will be heard only when the respective item is being considered. Comments from the public on other matters not appearing on the agenda that are within the Board'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 Board meeting. Public comment is limited to 30 seconds per speaker, unless adjusted by the presiding officer of the Board.

1. CALL TO ORDER AND BOARD ROLL CALL

Brian Averill	Erica Moore	Yolanda Gonzalez	Bruno Hernandez
Jim Robb	Lisa Redmond	Deborah Keaton	Jason Sugars
Helen Fallon	Robert Thibodeau	Eric Donaldson	Christopher Lee
Tima Bell	Alley Bean	Amara Hordt	
Michael Jensen	Clark Brown	CJ Cole	
Nico Ruderman	Steve Bradbury	Soledad Ursua	

2. APPROVAL OF PRIOR MINUTES

3. DECLARATION OF EX PARTE COMMUNICATIONS, CONFLICTS OF INTEREST OR RECUSALS

4. PUBLIC SAFETY REPORTS

5. GOVERNMENT REPORTS

6. TREASURER'S REPORT

7. PRESIDENT'S REPORT



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8. GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENT – LIMIT TO 20MIN/1MIN PER SPEAKER

Comments from the public on non-agenda items within the Board's subject matter jurisdiction. Each speaker will be allowed one (1) minute unless adjusted by the presiding officer of the meeting.

9. GENERAL CONSENT CALENDAR

GENERAL CONSENT CALENDAR Items deemed to be routine, non controversial. Any Board member or stakeholder can ask a clarifying question instead of, or before, moving items to the end of the general agenda.

10. OLD BUSINESS

PARKING AND TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE

A. Connectivity of Abbot Kinney Blvd to Centennial Park (4-0-0)

MOTION: The Board of Officers of the Venice Neighborhood Council requests that the west crosswalk of Venice Boulevard at Abbot Kinney Blvd be connected to the island, and a access point be created in the fencing, such that pedestrians may access Centennial Park from Abbot Kinney Boulevard, as per DOT's "pedestrian island" recommendation.

DESCRIPTION: Rec & Parks has installed fencing around Centennial Park, preventing public access and viewing of this important Venice Park.

RULES AND SELECTIONS COMMITTEE

B. Opposition to CF 15-0389-S2 (2-0-0)

MOTION: for CIS and letter stating opposition to CF 15-0389-S2 allowing neighborhood associations and community councils the same privileges as Los Angeles City certified Neighborhood Councils.

DESCRIPTION: 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,



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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.

C. LUPC Review Process Standing Rule (2-0-0)

MOTION: purpose of the proposed changes are: 1) to clarify the standard of review for proposed developments within Venice, 2) to clarify steps LUPC should follow in the project review process, 3) to establish timelines for the speedy review and processing of projects, and 4) establish a consistent level of transparency for all.

DESCRIPTION: VNC Board of Officers will strike the existing Standing Rule Section 3 "LUPC Committee" (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



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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 specific 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 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 10 business days of the meeting to the current City Planning Supervisor for Venice projects and the City Planner(s) assigned, with copies to the VNC Board.

SCHOOLS AND PARKS COMMITTEE

D. Security And Ordinance Enforcement Needed At Penmar Recreation Center (8-0-0)

MOTION:, that the Schools & Parks Committee recommend to the Venice Neighborhood Council (VNC) that a request be sent to the Department of Recreation and Parks, LAPD, Los Angeles Animal Services and the Councilwoman Traci Park's office, asking for consistent, genuine enforcement of city ordinances, specifically LAMC 63.44, related to camping, overnight sleeping, storing of personal possession, storing of bulky items, defecation, urination, overnight parking, off-leash dogs and all related ordinance of Penmar Recreation Center.

DESCRIPTION: Security and enforcement of public park rules and regulations and of city ordinances such as no camping, no overnight sleeping, no overnight parking in the parking lot, no storage of personal possessions and bulky items, no defecation/urination, no off leash dogs and all other related ordinances at Penmar



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Recreation Center (a designated drug free zone LAMC 63.46) is non-existent and, WHEREAS, The safety of children, senior citizens, stakeholders and visitors is compromised on a daily basis and, WHEREAS, Penmar Recreation Center continues to be occupied by unhoused living in cars and vans, that occupy the Penmar Park parking lot on Lake St. and surrounding streets of Penmar Ave. and Rose Ave. and, WHEREAS, the Park Rangers from the City of Los Angeles Recreation and Parks division have consistently dismissed and not acted on our requests for enforcement of ordinances in the park, like LAMC 63.44, prohibiting overnight camping in the park and storage of bulky items, and their own posted park rules and regulations, and, WHEREAS, Penmar Recreation Center continues to be illegally used as an off-leash dog park at all hours and the dogs dig holes and relieve themselves in the sports fields, jeopardizing our youth and, WHEREAS, residents and visitors to the park, most importantly seniors and children, feel threatened by the existence of homeless encampments in the park and off leash dogs in the park, many of them large breed and, WHEREAS, there have been multiple incidents of dog fighting in the park, (between both dogs and their owners) and, WHEREAS, there have been multiple incidents of the unhoused occupying the park for long periods of time, refusing to leave without police intervention, some which have large dogs tied to the city fence within the park.

LUPC

E. 1648 ABBOT KINNEY BLVD

MOTION: The Venice Neighborhood Council recommends approval of a City CDP and a Specific Plan Project Permit for the project at 1648 Abbot Kinney for the construction a new 1- story with mezzanine, 22 foot high (flat roof), 2,651 square foot ground floor retail use commercial building on a 30 x 90 vacant lot (currently contains a temporary non-fixed structure) totaling 2,700.2 square feet, with no auto parking spaces, providing 2 short- term and two long-term bicycle parking spaces, including a waiver of the one-foot dedication and a specific plan exception for no auto parking on site (see supporting docs)

11. NEW BUSINESS

12. BUDGET AND FINANCE COMMITTEE

- A. **MOTION:** VNC Board of Officers approves the May 2024 Monthly Expenditure Report (MER), see supporting documents
- B. Discussion and motion approving 2024-2025 Administrative Packet.



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- C. **MOTION:** VNC Board of officers approves the 2024-2025 Administrative Packet including the 2024-2025 proposed Budget, second signers and credit card holders. (see supporting documents)
- D. **MOTION:** The VNC Board of Officers approves an Outreach Expenditure of up to \$235 to purchase stand-alone Outreach Displays to be placed throughout Venice in select locations. (Outreach Committee 3/8/24, 3/0/0) See supporting documents.

13. OCEAN FRONT WALK COMMITTEE

A. REQUEST FOR REVENUE INFRASTRUCTURE UPGRADES AT VENICE BEACH IN ANTICIPATION OF THE 2028 SUMMER OLYMPICS

MOTION: The purpose of this resolution is to gather LA City and LA County support for a capital improvement plan for the renovation, restoration and revival of the park known as Venice Beach and in particular the existing bike path and proposed dedicated e-bike access separate and apart from the existing bike lane which bars motorized vehicles on this aging path. It will solve the issue of accidents on the existing path and create the needed access for these motorized cycles and scooters.

DESCRIPTION: WHEREAS, the 2028 Summer Olympics will be hosted by the City of Los Angeles for a third time, and WHEREAS, this 17-day extravaganza will have a \$6.9 billion dollar impact on tourism, global profile, conference, transportation, technology and existing sports venues, and WHEREAS, 2028 Summer Olympics will have an estimated \$18.3 billion economic output, and WHEREAS, revenues from the LA Summer Games will be derived from the International Olympic Committee, domestic sponsors, tickets, licensing and government investment and revenues, and WHEREAS, the benefits of sponsoring the Olympics comes from the capital investments made to the host city, and WHEREAS, Venice Beach will be a major destination point for tourism during this event, and WHEREAS, Venice Beach and specifically Oceanfront Walk is in dire need of renovation, restoration and repair, and WHEREAS, the Venice Bike Path as well as the installation of second path be constructed and dedicated to motorized vehicles and cycles, and THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that Venice Beach and specifically Oceanfront Walk and the bike path be prioritized as dedicated venues for capital improvement and construction and that a letter seeking support of CD-11 as well as the Los Angeles County Board of Supervisors so that those available expenditures be dedicated in part to the restoration and renovation of the Venice Bike Path as well the construction of a dedicated e-bike lane due west that begins at the Venice Pier and ends at the Santa Monica Pier.



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B. MOTORIZED VEHICLES, SCOOTERS AND E-BIKES ON OFW AND THE BIKE PATH

MOTION: Requesting enforcement of existing laws on the boardwalk and bike path.

C. ORDINANCE TO REGULATE CHAIN STORES ON OCEAN FRONT WALK

MOTION: Ordinance to Regulate Chain Stores on Ocean Front Walk

14. LUPC

A. 2478 LINCOLN BLVD.

DESCRIPTION: Case Number: ZA-2023-8371-CUB Project Description: CUB to allow the sale of beer and wine for off-site consumption with a proposed specialty wine store with operating hours from 8:00am to 11:00pm, daily. Staff: Corinne Motion: Motion to approve project. Maker / 2nd: Corinne / Andreas Vote: Yea: 6 / Nay: 0 / Abstain: 1 / Recuse: 0 / Ineligible: 0 / Absent 2 Planning Case: <https://planning.lacity.gov/pdiscaseinfo/caseid/MjcyNTQz0>

MOTION : to allow the sale of beer and wine for off-site consumption with a proposed specialty wine store with operating hours from 8:00am to 11:00pm, daily.

B. 2520 LINCOLN BLVD.

MOTION: Number: ZA-2023-7556-CUB Project Description: CUB to allow on-site sale of a full line of alcoholic beverages with a proposed 2,600 sf restaurant with 91 interior seats and 762 sf of patio area with 54 seats. Hours of operation 8am to 2am daily. Staff: Gabe Motion: Motion to approve project. Maker / 2nd: Richard / Gabe Vote: Yea: 6 / Nay: 0 / Abstain: 1 / Recuse: 0 / Ineligible: 0 / Absent 2 Planning Case: <https://planning.lacity.gov/pdiscaseinfo/caseid/MjcxNjk30>



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15. OUTREACH COMMITTEE

COMMUNITY OUTREACH COUNTERTOP DISPLAYS

MOTION: VNC Outreach Team requests \$235.00 to purchase supplies for stand-alone Outreach Displays to be placed throughout Venice in select locations.

DESCRIPTION: small stand-alone Outreach displays throughout the community. Possible Locations: Beyond Baroque, Venice Library, Boy's & Girls Club, various Schools, Parks and Rec Centers, Venice Heritage Museum, Venice Arts & other Service Providers. There will be a barcode for easy VNC Email sign ups, VNC information cards and any other pertinent VNC handouts (election/events/special meeting flyers, etc.). Replenishing and updating will occur as needed.

16. BOARD COMMENT ON NON-AGENDIZED ITEMS

17. ADJOURN

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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



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