

Venice Neighborhood Council

Venice, CALIFORNIA

Land Use and
Planning Committee

AGENDA

May 28, 2008

Westminster Elementary
School Auditorium



NOTE: All projects and or Issues on any officially posted LUPC agenda are automatically included in the Online Discussion web site www.veniceneighborhoodcouncil.com and are treated as Public Comment to that Project and/or Issue.

Directions: The auditorium is located ½ blocks west of Abbot Kinney on Westminster Street, turn right into the parking lot through the chain link fence

- 1. 7:00 pm** Call to Order – Roll Call
Approval of this agenda as presented or amended
- 2. Approval** of unapproved Minutes.
- 3. ANNOUNCEMENTS** – Information about specific events important to Venice Stakeholders.
- 4. PUBLIC COMMENT** – 10 minutes on non-agendized items related to Land Use and Planning only. If no public comment, to Consent Calendar
- 5. NEW BUSINESS:**

DELIBERATION OF FOLLOWING PROJECTS/ISSUES:

Item 5A: Marina Pacific Hotel, LUPC Staff Robert Aronson, 1697 South Pacific Avenue, APCW-2008-317-SPE-ZV-CUB-CDP-SPP, ENV 2008-318 EAF. Permit application dated January 29, 2008.

Applicant is requesting a Specific Plan exception, a Zone Variance, a Coastal Development Permit and a Conditional Use Permit to allow a full line of alcoholic beverages to be served on a 1,700 square foot roof-top deck cafe with a capacity of 98 persons, with no additional parking to be provided in lieu of the 17 additional parking spaces required; and to expand the service of alcoholic beverages from beer and wine to a full line of alcoholic beverages in an existing

meeting room and an existing ground floor indoor cafe and two ground floor outdoor patios; and to allow a full line of alcoholic beverages to be served via room service, all in the C2 zone. The Applicant is requesting hours of operation as follows:

Ground floor indoor cafe and 2 outdoor patio areas:

6 A.M. to 1 A.M. Sunday through Thursday

6 A.M. to 1:30 A.M. Friday and Saturday

Roof-top cafe:

7 A.M. to 12:30 A.M. Sunday through Thursday

7 A.M. to 1:30 A.M. Friday and Saturday

Meeting room:

6 A.M. to 1 A.M. Sunday through Thursday

7 A.M. to 1:30 A.M. Friday and Saturday

Room service and in-room Mini Bars:

24 hours/day or as permitted by state license

Item 5B: 720 Brooks, LUPC John Reed [720 East Brooks Avenue, Small Lot Subdivision, Case #ENV 2007-4144 EAF, AA 2007-4143 PMLA SL, ZA 2007-4161 CDP ZAA.](#)

Project documents on web site. Project is described as: **Entitlements Requested:**

- 1) Parcel Map - Small Lot Subdivision and Side Yard Reduction
- 2) CDP-COASTAL DEVELOPMENT PERMIT ZAA-YARD, AND BUILDING LINE ADJMNTS < 20% (SLIGHT MODIFICATIONS

Project Description: Small Lot Subdivision - construct two single family dwellings, demo existing single family dwelling.

Discretionary Action: 1) Parcel Map/Small Lot – Side Yard Variance both side yards 4’ ` from 5’

Advisory Agency – Subdivision, (2) Yard Variances – Front yard, rear yard, Zoning Administrators Office – Planning Zone Variances- (12’ passageway and separation between buildings is required so that construction can commence prior to the recordation of the tract map otherwise these two variance would not be required) Zoning Administrators Office – Planning

Item 5C: BILLBOARDS: LUPC Staff, Dennis Hathaway

Deliberation and crafting a motion to send to VNC Board of Officers at their June 17, 2008 meeting.

Item 5D: TREES TOPPED IN FRONT OF BILLBOARD: Deliberation and crafting a motion to send to VNC Board of Officers at their June 17, 2008 meeting.

6. Public Comment – 10 minutes on non-agendized items related to Land Use and Planning only.

7. OLD BUSINESS:

SB1818. VNC Board of Officers, May 20, 2008 meeting, decided to continue discussing whether or not to send a letter to the City of Los Angeles and do more research. It is LUPC's business to see that the VNC elected officials get that material and our input.

8. ADMINISTRATIVE:

1. LUPC Chair report on VNC Board of Officers actions relative to LUPC recommendations and other matters.
2. LUPC Task Force reports
3. Follow up on Janice Hahn motion to reduce NC posting locations as per Attachment. Submit request to AdCom?

4. Status Reports on Current Projects
 1. 1653 South AKB, DIR 2008-1678 SPP
 2. 237 South Bernard, ZA 2008-1491 CEX (decorative wall)
 3. 20 East 28th Avenue, APCW 2008-1401 SPE SPP
 4. 850 West Amoroso Place, ZA 2008-1299 CEX
 5. 711 Coeur d'Alene, ZA 2008-1462 CEX (swimming pool)
 6. 39 East Horizon Avenue, ZA 2008-1476
 7. 3136 South Stanford Avenue, ZA 2008-1334 CEX (CM staff)
 8. 1133 West Van Buren Avenue, ZA 2008-1474
 9. 622 Victoria, DIR 2008-1329 VSO
 10. 660 East Venice Blvd, ZA 2008-1150 CDP SPP MEL (J Murez)
 11. 2424 South Wilson, ZA 2008-1050 ZAA
 12. 446 South Lincoln Blvd, ENV 2008-1094 EAF, ZA 2008-1093 CUB ZV
Restaurant expansion
 13. 259 East Market Street, ENV 2008-1101 CE, ZA 2008-1100 ZAD
Overhigh fence rear and side yards of SFD (J Pauker)
 14. 819 East Nowita Place, ENV 2008-1131 CE, ZA 2008-1130 ZAA ZAD
SPP
 15. 2509 South Ocean Avenue, DIR 2008-1120 VSO
 16. 3004 South Stanford Avenue, DIR 2008-1129 VSO (CM)
 17. 3109 South Thatcher, DIR 2008-1080 VSO MEL (CM)
 18. 200 East South Venice Blvd, ENV 2008-1044 CE, ZA 2008-1045 ZAA
(CM)
 19. 801 West Angelus Place, DIR 2008-1132 VSO
 20. 542-546 East Broadway, ZA 2008-1247 MEL, ZA 2008-1246 CDP MEL
 21. 861 West Burrell Street, DIR 2008-1162 BSA (CM)

22. 711 South Hampton Drive, DIR 2008-1056 VSO
23. 337 East Brooks Avenue, DIR 2008-981 VSO (A Springer)
24. 425 – 427 East Carroll Canal, DIR 2008-890-891-888 SPP CE SPP, ENV 2008-889 CE (D Hathaway)
25. 2821 South Dell Avenue, ZA 2008-871 CEX (J Pauker)
26. 714 South Hampton Drive, AA 2008-810 PMLA SL, ENV 2008-811 EAF, ZA 2008-818 CDP ZAA (M Ruano)
27. 2615 South OFW, DIR 2008-930 SPP SPPA, ENV 2008-931 CE (CM)
28. 621 East San Juan, ZA 2008-1011 CEX (R Seroussi)
29. 1709 South Lincoln Blvd, ZA 2008-565 CEX, ZA 2008-566 (J Pauker)
Already heard and recommendation to board
30. 2343 South OFW, DIR 2008-463 VSO
31. 1909 South OFW, DIR 2008-520 VSO (CM)
32. 3316 South Pacific Avenue, DIR 2008-514 SPPA
33. 2805 South AKB (actually fronts on Washington) ENV 2008-580 CE, ZA 2008-579 CUB (R Seroussi)
34. 924 West Amoroso Place, ENV 2008-540 CE, ZA 2008-541 ZAA SPP
35. 630 East Broadway, ENV 2008-609 CE, ZA 2008-610 ZAD (J Pauker)
36. 109 East Dudley, ENV 2008-396 CE, DIR 2008-395 SPP (have docs)
37. 1627 South Pacific Avenue (Marina Pacific Hotel) APCW 2008-317 SPE CUB CDP SPP, ENV 2008-318 EAF (R Aronson)
38. 657 East Rose Avenue, ZA 2008-240 CDP (CM)
39. 3136 South Stanford Avenue, DIR 2008-298 VSO
40. 860 East Superba Avenue, DIR 2008-314 VSO, ZA 2008-321 CEX (R Seroussi)
41. 720 East Brooks, ENV 2007-4144 EAF, AA 2007-4143 PMLA SL

PROJECTS ASSIGNED PRIOR TO JANUARY, 2008:

1. 2605 OFW, ZA 2007-5495 SPPA ZAA, (R Aronson) (have docs)
2. 1305 South AKB, ZA 2007-3442 CUB SPP 1A, ENV 2007-3443 CE (J Murez) (have docs)
3. 612 San Juan, ZA 2007-3758, (have docs) (fence issue)
4. 1705 AKB and 832 Venice, ZA 2007-1997 CE (A Springer) (have docs)

9.

CONSENT CALENDAR – following projects to be sent letter of No Opinion Without Prejudice, and without recommendation for action to VNC Board of Officers:

1. 1628 S AKB, DIR 2008-1504 VSO
2. 711 West Coeur d’Alene Avenue, DIR 2008-1638 VSO

3. 26 Dudley, ZA 2008-1591 CEX, DIR 2008-1052 SPP, ENV 2008-1053 CE (have docs)
4. 815 South Hampton Drive, ZA 2008-1540 CEX
5. 520 East Indiana Avenue, DIR 2008-1609 VSO
6. 913 South OFW, DIR 2008-1500 VSO
7. 4719 South Roma Court, DIR 2008-1538 SPP
8. 1133 West Van Buren Avenue, DIR 2008-1490 VSO
9. 542 East Vernon Avenue, ZA 2008-1550 CEX
10. 3240 South Washington Blvd, ZA 2008-1569
(corner of Wash and Lincoln – no change of use)
11. 417 West Washington Street, ENV 2008-1530 CE, and ZA 2008-1529 CUB, we already recommended this project, but not the alcohol.
12. 1697 South Pacific Avenue, ZA 2008-1814 CEX
13. 542 East Vernon Avenue, DIR 2008-1788 VSO
14. 2903 South OFW, DIR 2008-1442 VSO
15. 36 East Park, ZA 2008-1364
16. 4207 Roma Court, DIR 2008-1481 VSO
17. 635 South San Juan, ZA 2008-1404 CEX
18. 232 East Sherman Canal, DIR 2008-1471 VSO
19. 2000 South Pacific, DIR 2008-1126 VSO
20. 507 East San Juan, ZA 2008-1110 CEX
21. 922 West Garfield, DIR 2008-1067 VSO, ZA 2008-1142 CEX
22. 2915 South Grand Canal, DIR 2008-1156 VSO
23. 939 West Harding Avenue, DIR 2008-1075 VSO
24. 609 South Lincoln Blvd, DIR 2008-518 SPP, ENV 2008-519 CE (have docs)
25. 505 East Millwood Avenue, ZA 2008-394 CEX
26. 505 East Milwood, ZA 2008-394 CEX
27. 2009 South Oakwood Avenue, DIR 2007-615 VSO, ZA 2008-481 CEX
28. 721 East Amoroso Place, CHC 2008-881 HCM (Historical monument)
29. 808 West Angelus Place, ZA 2008-413 CEX
30. 2922 South Beach Avenue, DIR 2008-497 VSO
31. 1310 South 6th Avenue, CHD 2008-521 HCM (historical monument)
32. 2400 South Abbot Kinney, ZA 2008-557 (new sign)
33. 602 South Main Street, DIR 2007-5155 SPPA (J Murez) (have docs)
- 34.. 602 South Main Street, LUPC Staff Jim Murez, DIR 2007-5155 SPPA
35. 251 East Market Street, ZA 2007-5330 CEX, remove 6'6" window and replace w/door -different case # than 6' fence
36. 1142 AKB, ZA 2007-4970, interior renovation of existing retail structure for wine shop. This is El Vino Wine Shop which has passed through LUPC and VNC with approval.

37. 123 West Anchorage, AA 2007-5018 CC, converts duplex into 2 residential condominiums
38. 109 East Eastwind, DIR 2007-4905, remodel existing SFD
39. 747 East Indiana Avenue, ZA 2007-4974 CEX, relocate 1 parking space, renovate SFD
40. 111 East Dudley, ZA 2007-4120, 575 sf addition to SFD
41. 1310 South 6th Street, CHC 2008-521 HCM, Kinney-Tabor House, historical cultural monument
42. 2400 South Abbot Kinney, ZA 2008-557, New Sign (D Hathaway)
43. 721 East Amoroso Place, CHC 2008-881 HCM, Historical Cultural Monument
44. 337 East Brooks, DIR 2008-381 VSO interior remodel

10. Agenda Building

June 4th – potential projects:

1. Shana Bonstin City Planner, presentation
2. Leila Levy, Green roof project
3. 305-308 OFW, Nathan Ahdoot
4. 200 East South Venice, Gunther Motz

June 25th

July 2nd (may cancel or reschedule as right after First of July)

July 23rd

11. ADJOURNMENT

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MOTION

In August of 2003 the Department of Neighborhood Empowerment was requested to report to the Education and Neighborhoods Committee with a report on whether the posting of Neighborhood Council agendas on the City's Early Notification System website should remain optional or become mandatory (CF#03-1477).

At the time, ITA had not yet provided a way for this to happen. DONE responded with a report to the Board of Neighborhood Commissioners on Januar 29, 2004 in which they suggested allowing neighborhood councils that post their agendas online to reduce by one the number of posting locations where they have to place a hard copy of their agendas. The Ralph M. Brown Act only requires that agendas be posted at one location, which is

what many government agencies chose to do. Neighborhood Councils are required as part of the certification process to post in five locations currently, with the thinking being that more people will be aware of their meetings if several posting sites are used.

The Commission ultimately chose then not to adopt this proposal and DONE did not push the issue. Now that four years have passed and the members have all changed, BONC should reconsider this idea. In any case, the Council can choose to make this small edit to each Neighborhood Council's bylaws through an amendment to the "Plan."

In this day and age of technology, where most people own a computer and many use other hand-held communication devices, it is a missed opportunity that just a fraction of the 89 Neighborhood Councils are taking advantage of the City's posting service. Many Neighborhood Councils still do not have a web page, which further limits information.

The Department of Neighborhood Empowerment's Project Advocates should assist Neighborhood Council boards set up web sites, which can be done easily at no cost, and train them and any staff they may have to post agendas to the Early Notification System. This will lower the bar for participation by stakeholders in their meetings.

I THEREFORE MOVE that the Department of Neighborhood Empowerment be requested to report to Council on the idea of reducing the number of posting locations a Neighborhood Council has to place agendas at in exchange for making their agendas available to the public through the City's Early Notification System.

SECONDED BY: "-

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ANNOUNCEMENTS:

[The Exposition Construction Authority invites you to join us for a](#)

COMMUNITY MEETING

[The Expo Phase 2 team will present an update on the grade crossing determinations for both the Exposition Right-of-way and the Venice/Sepulveda alternatives, including the crossings at:](#)

- [- Overland](#)
- [- Westwood](#)
- [- Barrington](#)
- [- Centinela](#)
- [- Sepulveda](#)

- Charnock

We welcome your questions and input on the proposed Expo Line grade crossings at this important stage in the environmental process.

DATE: MONDAY, JUNE 9, 2008

TIME: 6:30 PM TO 8:30 PM

LOCATION: VISTA DEL MAR CHILD AND FAMILY SERVICES GYMNASIUM
3200 MOTOR AVENUE, LOS ANGELES, CA 90034

Parking is available throughout the campus

For more information, please contact: www.BuildExpo.org or

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PROPOSED LETTER TO BE SENT TO PROJECTS ON LUPC CONSENT CALENDAR:

City of Los Angeles

Los Angeles City Planning Department

City Hall

200 North Spring Street – Room (Insert proper room # here)

Los Angeles, CA 90012-2601

Madam/Sir.....: (Note: this will probably go to the ZA and/or planning person)

Subject: CASE NO. (Insert Here)

Project Address: (Insert Here)

Applicant: (Insert Here)

Please be advised that the Land Use and Planning Committee of the Venice Neighborhood Council have decided to take a “No position Without Prejudice” and not send a recommendation for action to the Board of Officers of the Venice Neighborhood Council on the referenced planning case. However, we reserve the right to appeal.

Please provide a copy of the decision letter to the Venice Neighborhood Council, Post Office Box 550, Venice, California 90294, or electronically to Secretary@VeniceNC.org and Chair-LUPC@VeniceNC.org.

Thank you for your attention to this matter.

Very truly yours,

Mike Newhouse, President, Venice Neighborhood Council

**By: Challis Macpherson, Chair (Chair-LUPC@VeniceNC.org)
Venice Neighborhood Council's Land Use and Planning Committee**

**Cc: Applicant
Representative (If there is one)
CD11, Councilmember Bill Rosendahl
Secretary@VeniceNC.org**