

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

9. **ADMINISTRATIVE:**

A. LUPC Chair report on VNC Board of Officers actions relative to LUPC recommendations.

B. Staff Reports and/or updates on Current Projects:

Jed Pauker: DIR 2009-73 SPP; ENV 2009-74 CE; 733 East Nowita Place
New addition to an existing single family residence

ZA 2008-4644 CEX; 901 South Abbot Kinney Blvd; structural opening for a new storefront. Address of previously proposed Ray Hotel.

DIR 2008-4408 SPP; ZA 2008-4409 CEX; ENV 2008-4407 CE; 741 East Marco Place;
79 sq ft first floor addition (entry) 140 sq ft wood deck addition at grade; 708 sq ft
2nd story addition and 2nd story deck;

Ruthie Serousi:

ZA 2009-27 CUB; ENV 2009-28 CE; 1715 South Pacific Avenue Beer & Wine for on-site consumption, 76 seat occupancy in conjunction with an existing 3,131 sq ft restaurant.

FENCES: ZA 2008-2441 ZAD; 1215 South 7th Street (across from Oakwood Community Center). ZA Larry Friedman denied fence application.

ZA 2008-197; 647-65x California; Carolyn Rios appealed, ZA Hearing Officer Larry Friedman's recommendation for approval reversed by WLA APC.

ZA 2008-4982 CD; ZA 2008-4981 F; 233 South Bernard; continued use and maintenance of an existing over-in-height fence in required front yard. Have Permit Ap. No ZA hearing set at this time.

Robert Aronson:

DIR 2008-4875 VSO MEL; 746 East Milwood Avenue; Demo SFD, construct new 2-story SFD, add 3rd parking space & storage space to detached 2-car garage, close curb cut. Robert was to investigate – Mello question mostly.

AA 2008-4853 PMLA CC; ENV 2008-4854 CE; 29 East 28th Avenue; convert duplex into 2-unit condominium – investigate.

John Reed: ZA 2008-4883; ENV 2008-4884-CE; 109 East Dudley Avenue; Addition to SFD. Have copy of permit ap.

APCW 2008-4349 SPE CUB CU ZV CDP SPP MEL; LUPC sent applicant to Building & Safety and/or Planning.

DIR 2008-4768 VSO MEL; 2020 South Alberta; demo duplex, construct 3-story DU on each lot – SLSO.

Jim Murez: ZA 2008-4741 CEX; 1215 South Cabrillo; remodel front porch (minor extension to the east)&columns. Charles Ward representative.

Matthew Geller:

ZA 2008-4919 CUB; ENV 2008-4920 EAF; add full line of off-site alcohol sales to an existing market and take out. Off-site sales of beer and wine currently allowed prior to CU requirements. Market at corner of Mildred and Ocean.

Challis Macpherson:

DIR 2008-4781 VSO; ZA 2008-4788 CEX; 2924 South Stanford (Oxford Triangle) adding rec room on top of existing garage. CM walked over and OK. Send DM form ltr.

ZA 2008-4943 CEX; 2433 South Boone Avenue; demo existing carport with handwreck and clear site. CM investigated. DM form ltr OK.

ZA 2008-4771 CEX; 1205 South Abbot Kinney Blvd; rehabilitation, replacement of sheer walls. Reopening windows, lowering floor. This is to be a deli next to OtherRoom. Scheduled for LUPC in April, 2009.

DIR 2008-4650 vso; 225 East Windward; add storage shed to detached garage; check to see if on property line or not. CM checked and DM form ltr OK.

ZA 2008-4403 AIC MEL; 651 East Mildred Avenue; 2,000 sq ft 3-story SFD with attached 456 sq ft 3-car garage. Existing SFD & garage to be demolished. Informed Margaret Thomas, previous neighbor on Washington Way and she notified other current neighbors on Washington Way directly North of this parcel. No response from any.

Arnold Springer:

ZA 2008-4696 CEX, 924 West Amoroso Place, Coastal exemption for addition and a new garage to SFD. Arnold investigated and sending DM form ltr.

NO STAFF: DIR 2008-4969 SPP; ENV 2008-4968; 585 East North Venice Blvd.

Renovation of change of use of an existing warehouse and office to office and storage, and to provide a total of 21 on-site parking spaces in the Venice Coastal Zone. February 18, 2009 ZA Hearing Officer Angela Trinh approved.

DIR 2008-4703 DI; Venice Coastal Zone Specific Plan Director's Interpretation for Small Lot Subdivisions. Appealed by Venice stakeholder with hearing before CPC May 14, 2009. Meeting at CD11 Westchester April 2.

10. ADJOURNMENT

APPENDIX II: SIGN ORDINANCE DRAFT

1. Involve neighborhood councils and community organizations in a full discussion of how the proposed sign ordinance revisions affect their neighborhoods. Stakeholders must have the opportunity for informed input before the city council takes any action on the ordinance.
2. Support regulations to limit the height, size, number, and placement of signs to protect communities from visual clutter and blight.
3. Support the prohibition of digital signs to protect residents and communities from unwanted light trespass and pollution, potential traffic safety hazards, and excessive energy usage.
4. Support the prohibition of any signs that cover doors or windows.
5. Oppose elimination of the distinction between off-site and on-site signs. Instead, strengthen the off-site sign ban currently in place by removing the city's discretion to grant exceptions in supplemental use districts, specific plans, and approved development agreements. These exceptions have led to a degrading of the city's visual environment and a crass commercialization of public space.
6. Enact meaningful penalties for illegal signage that will act as a real deterrent to this unlawful activity that is currently blighting our city, and make provision for the recovery of "ill-gotten gains" from companies that reap large financial return from illegal signs.
7. Establish criteria for sign districts that include a mandatory reduction of billboards and other forms of off-site signage in the community plan area. Include regulations that protect adjacent neighborhoods from any light trespass and other negative effects from the allowed signage.
8. Oppose the grandfathering of current applications for sign districts that would allow them to proceed through the approval process under the existing, more liberal provisions that do not include mandatory sign reduction and protections for surrounding neighborhoods.

9. Oppose the establishment of any new sign districts until a definitive ruling has been received from the 9th Circuit Court of Appeals in the World Wide Rush v. City of Los Angeles case. Allowing any new sign districts could lead to further injunctions of the sort that have undermined the city's ability to enforce the current off-site sign ban, and could result in a significant proliferation of supergraphic signs and other types of outdoor advertising.

APPENDIX II CONSENT CALENDAR PROJECTS

Entitlement Applications Received by Department of City Planning 01-18-09 to 01- 31-09

DIR-2009- 317-SPP	856 W AMOROSO PL 90291	ADD A 2ND STORY RECREATION ROOM TO AN EXISTING 2-CAR GARAGE.	SPP-SPECIFIC PLAN PROJECT PERMIT COMPLIANCE
ENV-2009- 318-CE	856 W AMOROSO PL 90291	ADD A 2ND STORY RECREATION ROOM TO AN EXISTING 2-CAR GARAGE.	CE-CATEGORICAL EXEMPTION
ZA-2009- 245-CEX	242 S BERNARD AVE 90291	3' X 11'6' BEDROOM EXTENSION/REMODEL TO THE REAR UNIT OF EXISTING DUPLEX REVISE CEILING FRAMING IN THE LIVING ROOM/KITCHEN	CEX-COASTAL EXEMPTION
ZA-2009- 307-CEX	1219 S CABRILLO AVE 90291	NEW 6 FT. HIGH CMU WALL FOR EXISTING DUPLEX	CEX-COASTAL EXEMPTION
ZA-2009- 306-CEX	1221 S CABRILLO AVE 90291	NEW 6 FT. HIGH CMU WALL FOR EXISTING SFD RESIDENCE NEW 10'X30' SWIMMING POOL W/ 6' HIGH BLOCK WALL ON FRONT	CEX-COASTAL EXEMPTION
DIR-2009- 255-VSO	150 E UNION JACK MALL 90292	PROP LINE FACING A WALK STREET	VSO-VENICE SIGNOFF

**Applications received by
planning 2009-02-01
through 2009-02-14**

DIR-2009-472-VSO	244 S BERNARD AVE 90291	3'X11.5' BEDROOM ADD'N/REMODEL TO REAR UNIT OF (E) DUPLEX; REVISE CEILING FRAMING IN LIVING RM/KITCHEN	VSO-VENICE SIGNOFF
DIR-2009-432- VSO-MEL	2341 S CLOY AVE 90291	DEMO (E) 1-STORY SFD W/ DETACHED 1-CAR GARAGE; CONSTRUCT NEW 2-STORY SFD W/ ROOF DECK & ATTACHED 2-CAR GARAGE + 1 UNCOVERED PKG SP	VSO-VENICE SIGNOFF;MEL-MELLO ACT COMPLIANCE REVIEW
ZA-2009-486-CEX	711 W COEUR D ALENE AVE 90291	8' FENCE IN THE SIDE AND REAR YARD	CEX-COASTAL EXEMPTION
ZA-2009-455-CEX	6 E EASTWIND ST 90292	REPLACEMENT OF HANDRAIL	CEX-COASTAL EXEMPTION
DIR-2009-435-VSO	2352 S OCEAN AVE 90291	DEMO (E) 2-CAR GARAGE	VSO-VENICE SIGNOFF
DIR-2009-420-VSO	3113 S STANFORD AVE 90292	CONVERT (E) ATTACHED 1-CAR GARAGE INTO A BEDROOM; CONSTRUCT NEW 1-CAR CARPORT @ REAR OF PROPERTY	VSO-VENICE SIGNOFF
ZA-2009-483-CEX	3113 S STANFORD AVE 90292	CONVERT EXISTING GARAGE INTO BEDROOM AND ADD 1 NEW CARPORT	CEX-COASTAL EXEMPTION

**Applications received by
planning 2009-02-15
through 2009-02-28**

DIR-2009- 627-CDO	225 S LINCOLN BLVD 90291 4020 S	NEW RAMP AND REPLACE (E) MAN DOOR WITH LARGER BUILDING ENTRY AND ROLL UP DOOR	CDO-COMMUNITY DESIGN OVERLAY DISTRICT
DIR-2009- 533-CDO	LINCOLN BLVD 90292 931 E	2 LED CHANNEL LETTER SIGNS	CDO-COMMUNITY DESIGN OVERLAY DISTRICT
ZA-2009-491- CEX	MILWOOD AVE 90291	NEW REC ROOM TO SFD	CEX-COASTAL EXEMPTION
DIR-2009- 639-VSO	530 E SANTA CLARA AVE 90291	REMOVE PORTION OF (E) CMU WALL; INSTALL NEW GARAGE DOOR ON (E) GARAGE FOR ALLEY ACCESS	VSO-VENICE SIGNOFF
DIR-2009- 640-VSO	530 E SANTA CLARA AVE 90291	REMOVE PORTION OF (E) CMU WALL; INSTALL NEW GARAGE DOOR ON (E) GARAGE FOR ALLEY ACCESS	VSO-VENICE SIGNOFF

ZA-2009-645- CEX	530 E SANTA CLARA AVE 90291	ADD DOUBLE DOOR TO EXISTING GARAGE DEMO (E) DUPLEX; CONSTRUCT NEW 3-STORY SFD W/ A ROOF DECK & ABOVE GROUND SWIMMING POOL; PROVIDING 3 PKG SPACES	CEX-COASTAL EXEMPTION
DIR-2009- 541-VSO- MEL	581 E VENICE BLVD 90291	188 SQFT. BEDROOM ADDITION TO (E) SFD; AND REMODEL 470 SQFT. WITHIN (E) SFD.	VSO-VENICE SIGNOFF;MEL-MELLO ACT COMPLIANCE REVIEW
ZA-2009-506- CEX	916 W VICTORIA AVE 90291		CEX-COASTAL EXEMPTION

APPENDIX III

LUPC POLICY STATEMENT ON CONDITIONS PLACED ON A PROJECT, FOLLOW UP TO THOSE CONDITIONS, AND PLACING CONDITIONS ON ANY CHANGES TO THAT PROJECT.

LUPC considers that any significant variance or exception request from the Venice Coastal Zone Specific Plan, Oxford Triangle Specific Plan or the Los Angeles Municipal Plan affecting any project within the boundaries of the Venice Neighborhood Council is within the purview of the Land Use and Planning Committee and must be brought to the attention of VNC Board of Officers and Venice stakeholders with all due speed.

Negotiated “Conditions” placed upon a project and how they are enforced continue to be uncertain.

1. LUPC shall follow up on conditions placed on a project within our boundaries. This would include, but not be limited to:
 1. Requesting confirmation that conditions are being observed from the applicant.
 2. Requesting confirmation that conditions are being observed from the City of Los Angeles entities such as Planning, Engineering, Public Works and Building and Safety.

2. If duly mandated conditions are not being followed by any applicant, LUPC shall recommend that VNC Board of Officers advise all City of Los Angeles entities as deemed necessary; i.e. City Attorney, Planning, Engineering, Public Works and Building and Safety, of these violations.

LUPC is concerned that conditions cannot be added after the conditioning process is finished, even if specifically necessary to condition situations added by developer, fire department, and/or other government entities.

1. If significant changes are added by developer, fire department, and/or other governmental entities after the conditioning process is deemed finished, LUPC shall petition to reopen the project and recommend additional conditions as required.
2. Definition of “significant changes” is any deviation from permitted project in violation of any specific plan and/or negotiated conditions.