

# Venice Neighborhood Council

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## **Board of Officer Meeting Agenda**

Westminster Elementary School (Auditorium)

1010 Abbot Kinney Blvd, Venice, 90291

**Tuesday, August 21, 2012 at 7:00 PM**

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### **\*\*ALL VOTES UNANIMOUS UNLESS NOTES\*\***

1. **Call to Order and Roll Call (7:00PM – 5 minutes)**

A Meeting dedicated to Councilman Bill Rosendahl

B Presentation of certificates of Appreciation to Whole Foods (Kelly Layne and Dave Abersold) and Daryl Barnett for creating a delectable array of snacks to make VNC meetings welcoming.

**PRESENT:** LL, MS, KV, HH, IK, DT, B Lind, JP, MA, SK, JK, CR, MK, MR, KW, AS

**ABSENT:** B Lond., CC, IG, SK, JM,

2. **Approval of the Agenda (7:05PM – 5 minutes)**

**ACTION:** Item 8D was removed from the agenda by the President for lack of public posting of material related to the motion.

**Agenda approved as amended (JP/KW – 7-5-1)**

3. **Approval of Outstanding Board Minutes (7:10PM – 5 minutes)**

<http://venicenc.org/files/120717BoardMinutes.pdf>

**ACTION:** Minutes approved as written (IK/DT – 11-0-1)

**Announcements & Public Comment on items not on the Agenda (7:15 -- 10 minutes)**

[5 speakers, no more than 1 minute per person – no Board member announcements permitted]

**Public Comment:** Larry Moody, Juliet Beynon, Anjali Kronheim, Karen Elaine, Susan Elaine Wheeler, Lauri Burns

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## 4. Consent Calendar (7:25PM – 5 minutes)

*[No discussion or Public Comment. Items may be removed and they will go to the end of the agenda]*

### A **Motion to send President's letter RE: Venice Main Post Office** Jed Pauker on behalf of the Venice Post Office Task Force [Jed.pauker@venicenc.org](mailto:Jed.pauker@venicenc.org) **[EXHIBIT A]**

**MOTION** : The VNC Board approves the President's letter to Los Angeles City Planning Department and relevant entities regarding status of Venice Main Post Office.

**ACTION: Pulled from the Consent Calendar and placed at the end of the agenda  
Motion approved (JP/AS)**

### B **Requesting Public Access Language Be Included in the Historic Preservation Covenant for the VMPO** Mark Ryavec and Jim Smith on behalf of the Coalition to Save the Venice Post Office [VeniceStakeholders@ca.rr.com](mailto:VeniceStakeholders@ca.rr.com) **[EXHIBIT B]**

**MOTION:** The Venice Neighborhood Council hereby calls upon the new owner of the Venice Post Office building to voluntarily accept the following public access provision as an amendment to either the agreement governing the lease of the mural or the historic preservation covenant upon the property's deed:

"The grantee hereby covenants on behalf of itself, its heirs, successors and assigns to allow members of the public to enter the structure for the purpose of viewing the historic foyer and the Edward Bieberman "Story of Venice" mural for the same hours and days that the VMPO was open to the public before the sale of the property, i.e., Monday through Friday, 8:30 AM to 4:30 PM, and Saturday, 8:30 AM to 2 PM, excepting legal holidays and any day the foyer is closed for legally permitted repairs and/or restoration."

**ACTION: Pulled from the Consent Calendar and placed at the end of the agenda  
AS/IK Make the motion  
AS/MA submit a substitute motion**

**SUBSTITUTE MOTION:** Whereas, the United States Postal Service (USPS) has sold the Venice Main Post Office (VMPO); and

Whereas, the Edward Bieberman "Story of Venice" mural will remain the property of the federal government in perpetuity yet will be housed in the VMPO foyer; and

Whereas, in the USPS' final determination regarding the relocation of postal retail services in Venice, USPS Vice President David Williams stated: "The Postal Service will include measures to ensure the mural (i.e., the Bieberman mural) will remain available for public viewing in any plan for reuse or disposal of the Post Office property;" and

Whereas, the USPS failed to include a requirement for any public access to the foyer and mural in the historic preservation covenant recorded on the VMPO's deed prior to sale; and

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Whereas, USPS Vice President David Williams stated in a letter of August 13, 2012, that the purchaser and the Postal Service entered into a loan agreement in which the purchaser has agreed to allow access by the public to view the mural; and

Whereas the extent of the term public access has not yet been defined; and

Whereas, the mural was for decades of federal ownership available for public viewing during lobby hours, i.e., 6 AM to 6 PM, Monday through Saturday, so,

Therefore be it resolved, the Venice Neighborhood Council hereby calls upon the new owner to voluntarily accept the following public access provision as an amendment to the historic preservation covenant upon the property's deed or the mural lease agreement:

"The grantee hereby covenants on behalf of itself, its heirs, successors and assigns to allow members of the public to enter the structure for the purpose of viewing the historic foyer and the Edward Biberman" Story of Venice" mural for the same hours and days, at a minimum, that the VMPO was open to the public during the building's Federal ownership.

## **Substitute motion approved (AS/MS)**

### **C Motion Requesting 90 Day Comment Period on Scoping of Ballona Wetlands Project**

**MOTION:** The Venice Neighborhood Council asks that the comment period for scoping of the planned Army Corps of Engineers project to restore the Ballona Wetlands be at least 90-days and that two full public hearings be held at times convenient to the working public and located in hearing rooms where those attending can hear all of the comments.

**ACTION: Items A and B pulled from Consent Calendar  
Consent Calendar approved (IK/KW)**

### **5. Old Business (7:30 - 15 Minutes)**

*[Discussion and possible Action]*

### **A Report on Venice Neighborhood Council Elections, Sunday, Oct. 28, 2012 (10 minutes)**

Ivan Spiegel, Liz Wright, Matt Kline

### **B VNC Post Office Task Force Report (5 minutes) Amanda Seward and Jed Pauker, co-chairs**

### **6. Scheduled Reports (7:45PM – 30 minutes)**

*[No discussion or Public Comment]*

### **A PATH (People Assisting the Homeless) (5 minutes) Update on Councilman Rosendahl's Roadmap to Homes Program, Joel Roberts, [Joel.Roberts@epath.org](mailto:Joel.Roberts@epath.org), Tomasz Babiszewicz ([tomaszb@epath.org](mailto:tomaszb@epath.org)); *This report includes statistics on the number of people placed in permanent and temporary housing as well as the numbers of people in process.***

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- B Public Safety - LAPD Report (10 minutes):** Senior Lead Officers Peggy Thusing ([25120@lapd.lacity.org](mailto:25120@lapd.lacity.org)), Kristan Delatorre [32914@lapd.lacity.org](mailto:32914@lapd.lacity.org), Gregg Jacobus, [35162@lapd.lacity.org](mailto:35162@lapd.lacity.org), . *This report includes a monthly Venice crime report and updates on law enforcement issues in Venice.*

**Public Comment taken in the audience.**

**C Governmental Reports (10 Minutes)**

- **U.S. Congress Representative Janice Hahn**, Deputy Natalie Rodgers, ([Natalie.Rodgers@mail.house.gov](mailto:Natalie.Rodgers@mail.house.gov)) 310-831-1799
- **State Senator Ted Lieu**, Representative, Veronica Zendejas ([Veronica.Zendejas@sen.ca.gov](mailto:Veronica.Zendejas@sen.ca.gov)) 310-318-6994
- **State Assemblyperson Betsy Butler**, Representative, Stephanie Romero, [Stephanie.Romero@asm.gov](mailto:Stephanie.Romero@asm.gov) 310-615-3515
- **LA County Supervisor Zev Yaroslavsky**, 213-974-3333
- **Mayor Antonio Villaraigosa**; Joseph Hari, West Area Representative ([Joseph.Hari@lacity.org](mailto:Joseph.Hari@lacity.org)) 310-479-3823
- **Los Angeles County Beaches and Harbors Department, Ken Foreman, Facilities and Property Maintenance Division Chief**, [KForeman@bh.lacounty.gov](mailto:KForeman@bh.lacounty.gov), 310.305.9559
- **City Councilmember Bill Rosendahl**: Cecilia Castillo, Field Deputy (310-568-8772); ([Cecilia.castillo@lacity.org](mailto:Cecilia.castillo@lacity.org)); Arturo Pina, District Director ([Arturo.Pina@lacity.org](mailto:Arturo.Pina@lacity.org))

**D President's Announcements (5 minutes)** Linda Lucks ([president@venicenc.org](mailto:president@venicenc.org))

*Update on Zip Line Appeal*

*LA County Supervisor Mark Ridley-Thomas to attend Sept. 18 VNC board meeting.*

*VNC Candidate Recruitment Kick-Off Reception - Thursday, August 30, Canal Club 6-8 p.m.*

*VNC Board elections - Sunday, Oct. 28, Westminster School 10-4.*

**7. LUPC Business (8:20 - 90 minutes)**

*[Discussion and possible action.]*

**A Motion For LUPC (15 minutes)** Sue Kaplan [sakaplan@ca.rr.com](mailto:sakaplan@ca.rr.com)

**[EXHIBIT C]**

**MOTION** : The VNC Board instructs that the Land Use And Planning Committee shall consider mass, scale, and character for an applicant's proposed project, even when the proposed project is otherwise in compliance with the height, setback, and other requirements of the Venice Coastal Zone Specific Plan and the Los Angeles Municipal Codes.

**Public Comment:**

**In Favor:** Carolyn Rios, David Ewing, Karen Wolfe, Eileen Erickson, GiGi Gaston, John Shaw, Inge Mueller, Phil Raider

**Against:** Frank Murphy

**General Comment:** Mark Ryavec, DeDe Audet, Jim Murez,

**ACTION:** JP/KV make the motion

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**KW/BL make motion to postpone original motion**

**MS calls the question (10-4-0)**

**Motion postponed (KW/BL 10-5-1)**

**B** **739 California Ave; Small Lot Subdivision, 2 homes Re-present with Significant Changes to AA-2011-3026-PMLA-SL-SPP-CDP-MEL and ENV-2011-3027-MND**

Jake Kaufman on behalf of LUPC [chair-lupc@venicenc.org](mailto:chair-lupc@venicenc.org)

**MOTION:** The VNC Board approves the project based on the original project presented as a 4-unit small-lot subdivision and subsequently changed in response to community feedback. It is now presented as a small lot subdivision for 2 lots with 1 single family unit on each parcel, both of which are in full compliance with the Venice Coastal Zone Specific Plan.

LUPC Motion Made by Sarah Dennison, Seconded by Jay Goldberg. LUPC Passed Motion 7-0 Supporting files can be found at [www.cityhood.org](http://www.cityhood.org) AND [www.Venicenc.org](http://www.Venicenc.org)

**Public Comment: Frank Murphy**

**ACTION: JK/IK make a motion**

**SK calls the question. Fails to get 2/3 votes with only six votes in favor.**

**MS/KV make motion to postpone until next board meeting due to lack of sufficient materials related to project. Motion approved (8-5-2).**

**C** **1621 S Crescent Place, DIR-2012-734-SPP-MEL & ENV-2012** Jake Kaufman on behalf of LUPC [chair-lupc@venicenc.org](mailto:chair-lupc@venicenc.org) **[EXHIBIT D]**

**MOTION:** The VNC Board approves this project because it meets Code and VCZDP requirements and there is no request for any variances or exceptions. While it raises concerns of character, mass, and scale of the walk street and is larger and different from surrounding homes, the Board supports the project as presented. Furthermore, the VNC suggests that the rooftop structure should slope downward towards the east facing neighbor.

Motion made by Jake Kaufman, Seconded by Jim Murez; LUPC Passed Motion 6-2

Supporting files can be found at [www.cityhood.org](http://www.cityhood.org) AND [www.Venicenc.org](http://www.Venicenc.org)

**Public Comment:**

**Against: Sue Kaplan, Karen Wolfe, Eileen Erickson, GiGi Gaston**

**General Comment: Jim Murez, DeDe Audet,**

**ACTION: LUPC motion defeated (JK/IK – 5-6-4)**

**Motion made to oppose the project at 1621 S Crescent Place (MK/MS – 6-2-5)**

**D** **1427 Abbot Kinney "Gjelina; New Case Filing for new CDP, DIR and CUB DIR-2012-552-SPP and ENV-2012-553-CE,** Jake Kaufman on behalf of LUPC [chair-lupc@venicenc.org](mailto:chair-lupc@venicenc.org)

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**MOTION:** The VNC Board supports the project as presented, noting:

- Hours of Operation of M-Su - 6a to 1a
- CUB is a change from beer and wine to full alcohol, on-site sales only
- Seating Indoor 68 and Outdoor Patio 40
- Confirmation from the City that they determined the space has grandfathered parking of 6 BIZ, 20 other for Total of 26 spaces.
- Total Sq ft - 4775 and Total SFA of 1,140.
- No variance or exception granted from VCZSP
- All standard CUB and BMP conditions to apply
- All reasonable efforts should be made to create 3 new physical parking spaces and if shown to be infeasible, then in lieu fees may be paid within 1-year of Approval
- Plan Approval in 5 years or upon change of ownership.

Motion made by Sarah Dennison, seconded by John Reed; LUPC passed 7-0

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**ACTION: Removed from the agenda by the President for lack of public posting of material related to the motion.**

**E** **Hosteria del Piccillo: 512 E Rose Ave 90291; ENV-2012-534-CE; ZA-2012-533-CUB** Jake Kaufman on behalf of LUPC [chair-lupc@venicenc.org](mailto:chair-lupc@venicenc.org)

**MOTION:** The VNC Board supports the project as presented, noting:

- All conditions imposed by WLPC and ZA for neighboring Cafe Gratitude, except quarterly meetings.
- No relief from parking required from original entitlement of the building,
- 2750 sq ft total SFA
- 78 indoor and 58 patio seating
- Hours Of Operation: 8a-Midnight daily
- Type 47 full alcohol license
- Patio to close at 10p Sunday-Thursday, 11pm Friday and Saturday
- At least 20 bicycle racks on-site
- Permanent (iron) barriers 3ft high surrounding patio
- 31 parking spaces on-site and 90 minute validated parking with all sales; no relief from Parking per VCZSP
- Plan approval after 5 years or change of ownership and / or operator (Vittorio Viotti and Roberto Ivan)

Motion made by Steve Traeger; LUPC passed 5-0

Supporting files can be found at [www.cityhood.org](http://www.cityhood.org) AND [www.Venicenc.org](http://www.Venicenc.org)

**ACTION: Motion approved (JK/DT 15-0-1)**

**MA/AS Motion to remove last three words of bullet point "except quarterly meetings" (5-8-1)**

**Public Comment:**

**In Favor: Phil Raider, Suzanne Thompson, Nick Hippisley-Coxe**

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**Against: Inge Mueller, John Shaw**

**General: Eden Andes,**

8. **Treasurers Report And Motions (9:50 -- 10 minutes);** Hugh Harrison  
([Treasurer@Venicenc.org](mailto:Treasurer@Venicenc.org)) [*Discussion and possible action*]
- A **MOTION:** The VNC Board approves the attached report on expenditures for the period July 1, 2012 through July 21, 2012, and the itemized purchase card invoice. **[EXHIBIT E]**  
**ACTION: Motion approved (HH/IK)**
- B **MOTION:** The Venice Neighborhood Council shall reallocate \$100 from Copies, \$100 from Office Equipment, \$350 from Board Retreat and \$250 from General Operations in the currently approved budget and move that \$800 to the Staffing line item for the purpose of hiring an administrative helper to assist the President and Chair of LUPC to produce timely letters, reports, and other paperwork.  
**ACTION: Motion approved (HH/KW 11-0-2)**
- C **MOTION:** The Venice Neighborhood Council shall allocate \$250 for sponsorship of the 2012 Congress of Neighborhoods to be held on September 22 at City Hall.  
**ACTION: Motion approved (HH/KV)**
9. **VNC Announcements (10:00 -- 10 Minutes)**
- **Vice President** Marc Saltzberg ([Vicepresident@Venicenc.org](mailto:Vicepresident@Venicenc.org))
  - **LA Alliance of NC's Representative:** Ivan Spiegel, ([parliamentarian@venicenc.org](mailto:parliamentarian@venicenc.org))
  - **Plancheck NC:** VNC Rep Challis Macpherson ([Challis.Macpherson@Verizon.net](mailto:Challis.Macpherson@Verizon.net))
  - **LA Dept of Water & Power/Memoranda of Understanding:** VNC Rep DeDe Audet ([daudet@ca.rr.com](mailto:daudet@ca.rr.com))
  - **LAPD Community Police Advisory Board:** Daffodil Tyminski ([Daffodil.Tyminski@Venicenc.org](mailto:Daffodil.Tyminski@Venicenc.org)) , Nicolas Hippisley-Coxe, ([hippisley@earthlink.net](mailto:hippisley@earthlink.net))
  - **Westside Alliance of Neighborhood Councils-** Mike Newhouse, President, Marc Saltzberg , VNC Representatives. [Chair@westsidecouncils.org](mailto:Chair@westsidecouncils.org), [VicePresident@Venicenc.org](mailto:VicePresident@Venicenc.org),

## Announcements & Public Comment on items not on the Agenda

*[20 minutes, no more than 1 minute per person – no Board member announcements permitted]*

**Public Comment: Yolanda Gonzolez, People of California, Millie Mims, Deborah Lashever, Michael Lindley, Eden Andes**

10. **Board Member Comments on subject matters within the VNC jurisdiction (10:10 -- 5 minutes), no more than 1 minute per person]**
11. **Adjourn**  
**ACTION: Meeting adjourned at 11:30PM (KV/KW)**