Communication from Public

Name:	LaWindsurfer
Date Submitted:	05/16/2022 01:05 PM
Council File No:	21-0829-S1
Comments for Public Posting:	I live in the area. I drive or bicycle by the proposed project site several times each week during the summer. The size and nature of the proposed development is inappropriate for the selected construction site.

Communication from Public

Name: Helen and Bert Fallon
Date Submitted: 05/16/2022 04:23 PM
Council File No: 21-0829-S1
Comments for Public Posting: This will be the poster child for special interest developers taking advantage of taxpayers and ensuring that thousands of homeless will remain on our streets because the costs per unit are exhorbitant. The property was given to the developer to provide housing for Venice homeless. Instead a community center, a restaurant, artist studios and more have turned this in to a mixed use project that Venice doesn't need. This property was obtained under the false pretense that it was an underutilized parking lot. TTHIS WAS A LIE! Our visitor serving area needs parking since Venice has 1/3 less parking for the same amount of beach than Santa Monica and our visitors-Los Angelenos who live on the eastside and the valley typically arrive here by car. This immense, monolithic project will disrupt beach access during the many years it will take to build and the replacement parking will be prohibitively expensive. At the very least delay this project until after a new council person is selected and do not let a lame duck councilman who came exceedingly close to being recalled and whose polling numbers are in the single digits ruin our neighborhood. • No environmental review in a FEMA Designated Flood Zone, Tsunami Zone/ Escape route. Our environmental safety and the safety of visitors should never be ignored in the Coastal Zone. Project blocks public beach access by sandwiching a historical bridge between two massive buildings and using it only for a design feature of the project, taking away public pedestrian and bicycle access. • Project will create extreme traffic congestion and make parking at the beach impossible. Traffic in this overly congested area has not been properly evaluated. The Venice “Dell” project has not even studied congestion on Dell Avenue (The narrow one-way street, providing the only access to or exit from the Venice Canals). • 68ft. Tower is not in furtherance of supportive housing. Community didn’t ask for an arts center- we asked for an immediate solution for the “unhoused”. • If this was about affordable housing, we wouldn’t need to change the zoning from open space to commercial, we’d be changing it to “Residential” to fit in with the rest of the community. • Neither the Project nor the mechanical-lift Parking Tower the City is building to replace existing beach parking as a separate project qualifies for exemption from Environmental Review. • Project costs currently exceed a million dollars per

average 460 sq.ft. unit.

Communication from Public

Name: John Baginski
Date Submitted: 05/16/2022 02:23 PM
Council File No: 21-0829-S1
Comments for Public Posting: Stop This Project The project is grossly oversized in an extremely problematic location that would be foolish to approve. It destroys historic landmarks, reduces beach access, reduces canal access, encroaches on an environmentally sensitive habitat area, tramples the rights of Native Americans, impedes management of sea level rise, unlawfully displaces existing low income tenants, compromises disaster relief, and violates applicable land use plans. Neither the Project nor the mechanical-lift Parking Tower the City is building to replace existing beach parking as a separate project qualifies for exemption from Environmental Review- and yet it is proceeding unchecked. • No environmental review in a FEMA Designated Flood Zone, Tsunami Zone/ Escape route. Our environmental safety and the safety of visitors should never be ignored in the Coastal Zone. Project blocks public beach access by sandwiching a historical bridge between two massive buildings and using it only for a design feature of the project, taking away public pedestrian and bicycle access. • Project will create extreme traffic congestion and make parking at the beach impossible. Traffic in this overly congested area has not been properly evaluated. The Venice "Dell" project has not even studied congestion on Dell Avenue (The narrow one-way street, providing the only access to or exit from the Venice Canals). • 68ft. Tower is not in furtherance of supportive housing. Community didn't ask for an arts center- we asked for an immediate solution for the "unhoused". • If this was about affordable housing, we wouldn't need to change the zoning from open space to commercial, we'd be changing it to "Residential" to fit in with the rest of the community. • Neither the Project nor the mechanical-lift Parking Tower the City is building to replace existing beach parking as a separate project qualifies for exemption from Environmental Review. • Project costs currently exceed a million dollars per average 460 sq.ft. unit.

Communication from Public

Name:	Darryl DuFay
Date Submitted:	05/16/2022 02:34 PM
Council File No:	21-0829-S1
Comments for Public Posting:	PLUM members: For six years our Venice community has been ignored and mislead by the Venice and Hollywood Community Housing Corporations. Here are some of the areas of concern about the Venice Median Project: - It destroys historic landmarks, reduces beach access, reduces canal access, encroaches on an environmentally sensitive habitat area, tramples the rights of Native Americans, impedes management of sea level rise, unlawfully displaces existing low income tenants, compromises disaster relief, and violates applicable land use plans. It should not be constructed as presented.

Communication from Public

Name:	CJ Cole
Date Submitted:	05/16/2022 02:35 PM
Council File No:	21-0829-S1
Comments for Public Posting:	Please deny the requested CEQA exemption: • 2.64 acre development on the Historic Venice Canals at the entrance to Venice Beach which breaks every zoning code and ignores all environmental safeguards. • The project is grossly oversized in an extremely problematic location that would be foolish to approve. • It destroys historic landmarks, reduces beach access, reduces canal access, encroaches on an environmentally sensitive habitat area, tramples the rights of Native Americans, impedes management of sea level rise, unlawfully displaces existing low income tenants, compromises disaster relief, and violates applicable land use plans. • Neither the Project nor the mechanical-lift Parking Tower the City is building to replace existing beach parking as a separate project qualifies for exemption from Environmental Review- and yet it is proceeding unchecked.

Communication from Public

Name: Emil
Date Submitted: 05/16/2022 05:57 PM
Council File No: 21-0829-S1
Comments for Public Posting: I oppose this project for the obvious following reasons: 1. No environmental review in a FEMA Designated Flood Zone, Tsunami Zone/ Escape route. Our environmental safety and the safety of visitors should never be ignored in the Coastal Zone. Project blocks public beach access by sandwiching a historical bridge between two massive buildings and using it only for a design feature of the project, taking away public pedestrian and bicycle access. 2. Project will create extreme traffic congestion and make parking at the beach impossible. Traffic in this overly congested area has not been properly evaluated. The Venice "Dell" project has not even studied congestion on Dell Avenue (The narrow one-way street, providing the only access to or exit from the Venice Canals). 3. 68ft. Tower is not in furtherance of supportive housing. Community didn't ask for an arts center- we asked for an immediate solution for the "unhoused". If this was about affordable housing, we wouldn't need to change the zoning from open space to commercial, we'd be changing it to "Residential" to fit in with the rest of the community. 4. Neither the Project nor the mechanical-lift Parking Tower the City is building to replace existing beach parking as a separate project qualifies for exemption from Environmental Review. 5. AND MOST IMPORTANTLY: Project costs currently exceed a million dollars per average 460 sq.ft. unit.

Communication from Public

Name: clark brown
Date Submitted: 05/16/2022 06:53 PM
Council File No: 21-0829-S1
Comments for Public Posting: I support the Project. I have lived in Venice since 1969 within a mile of the Project. Venice needs housing for its exploding homeless population, which is not going away. It also needs housing for low income people who work here. They are vital to our tourist economy, and cannot afford Venice market housing. Venice needs housing for these populations to be the socially, economically and racially equitable community Venice says it wants to be. Also, Venice needs to build low income housing to meet its fair share of the 10,000 units of low income housing the City plans to build within the next 3 years. Here, the City has the land and the money to provide this housing, and it should do so. The Objections to the Project are without merit because they fail to : 1. Address Venice's need to provide housing for its homeless and low income population. 2. Show why the Project is not exempt from CEQA. Further review and analysis pursuant to CEQA is unnecessary because the Project has already been thoroughly studied, analyzed and debated. Everyone knows what the Project will entail. 3. Explain why the Planning Commission and the Council d not have the legal authority and the discretion to determine it is appropriate to amend the Venice Community Plan and the Coastal Plan to accommodate the Project. This is particularly so since the Coastal Act (30221) requires that the coast be available to all Californians regardless of income level. The "Sea Level Rise" objection is without merit because the maps show that large areas of Venice west of Abbot Kinney Boulevard, including all the canals, are potentially subject to sea water inundation and flooding. (Google Venice, California Flood maps). No one suggests development and construction should stop in this area. P. 2 of 2 The Objectors assert without supporting evidence the Project will cost $750,000 per unit. Venice Community Housing Corporation's analysis shows it will cost $500,000 per unit which is average for Prop HHH funded projects. While this is a lot of money it is a reasonable investment since the cost will be amortized over the life of the project in excess of 60 years. More importantly, the City has the funds and the land to build the Project and should do so. The Objectors assert the size and scale of the Project does not comply with the Venice Specific Plan. But they do not explain why the Commission and the Council do not have the legal authority and discretion to amend the Plan to

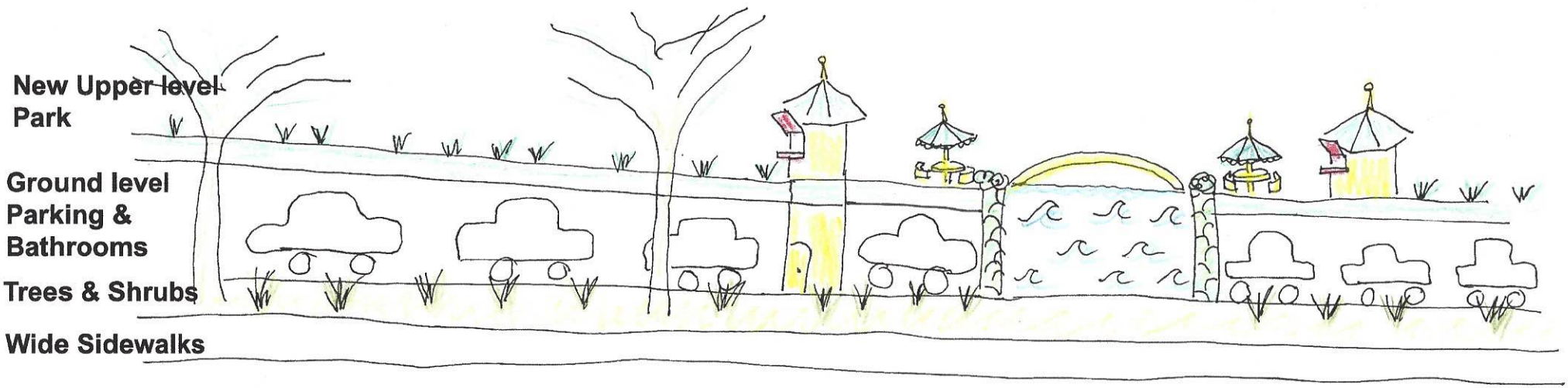
accommodate the Project. Amendment is appropriate because the Project is in character with surrounding uses which are predominantly multi-family/commercial. (See Pp. A-1 and A-4 of Staff Report.) Respectfully submitted, Clark Brown

Communication from Public

Name: Robin Murez
Date Submitted: 05/16/2022 07:21 PM
Council File No: 21-0829-S1
Comments for Public Posting: Tomorrow PLUM will again take up the outrageously flawed proposal to build a massive structure at the entry of Venice Beach. This defines why we constituents want Mike Bonin removed from office. He puts the wrong thing in the wrong location. At any other site in CD11, 140 tiny apartments could be built at 1/4 the cost and would not block hundreds of thousands of YOUR CONSTITUENTS from visiting L.A.'s ONLY BEACH, FOREVER, nor cause the destruction of Cultural Historic Landmarks, create dangerous sea level rise issues, make substandard roadways forever traffic hazards, build an enormous architect's vanity eyesore of unseen proportions in Venice, nor any other the Mello, environmental, or cultural numerous issues that this project fails to mitigate. Please, do not enable this exorbitantly fiscally irresponsible, and irreparably culturally damaging project to move forward. Do not let Mike Bonin's VANITY destroy your integrity, too. A project of this magnitude and so problematic should be decided by the incoming CD11 representative, City Attorney, and new Mayor. With Climate Change and Population Increase, this needs to a beautiful, the welcoming, safe entry to our fabulous natural asset that it was intended to be: the Ceremonial Gateway to Venice Beach. Please see the attached sketch of what it should be: A PARK WITH PARKING. And even if 140 apartments were to be built here, they need not destroy the entire site. Please see my MONSTER ALTERNATIVE SKETCH. Sent in separate Comment due to 2nd attachment not enabled with your softward. Thank you. Sincerely,

The Arthur L. Reese "Park With Parking"

A 2-1/2 acre public open space one block from the beach, welcoming tens of thousands of visitors annually from throughout Los Angeles to our world famous Venice Beach with plentiful, easy access parking, safe wide sidewalks, reduced traffic congestion, bathrooms, and a beautiful new upper level green park for all to enjoy, forever.



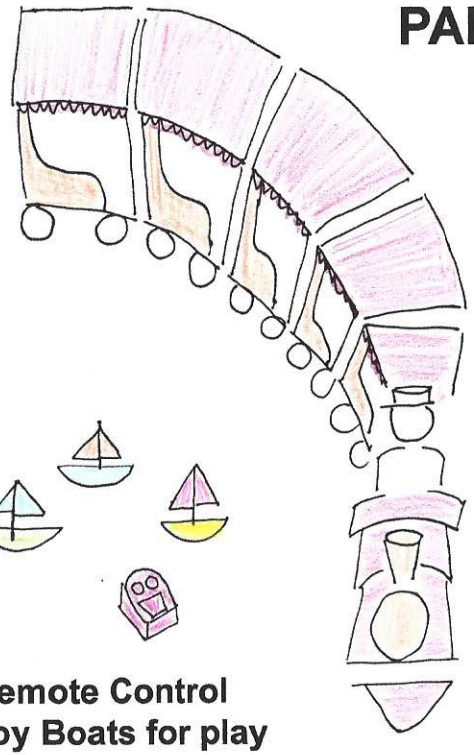
Horizontal Elevation

UL: Kiosk
LL: Bathrooms

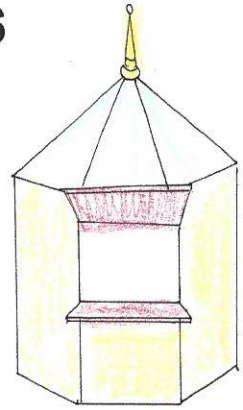
UL: Canal front seating

Canal restored with Eco/Safe Saltbush
National Historic Register Bridge for pedestrian and Mini-Train enjoyment

PARK FEATURES

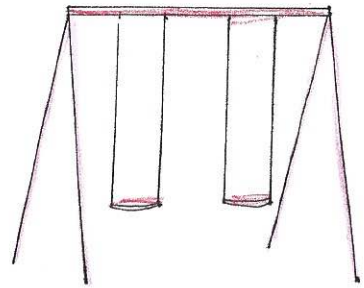


Miniature Train for transport & fun through the park to parking H



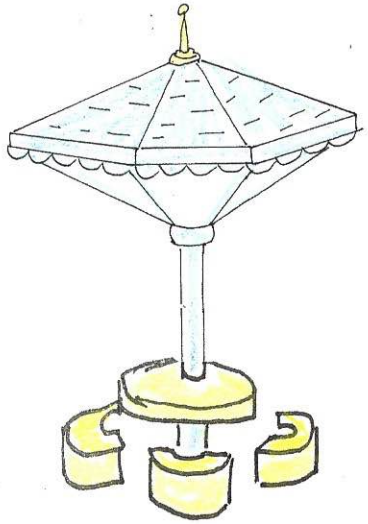
UL: Canal front Kiosk with refreshments, play equipment & newsstand H

LL: Bathrooms

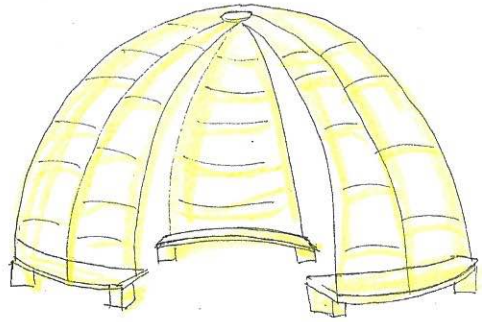


Swings for Adults, Children & Special Needs

Remote Control Toy Boats for play on Grand Canal



Canal Side Seating with Solar Charging Stations H



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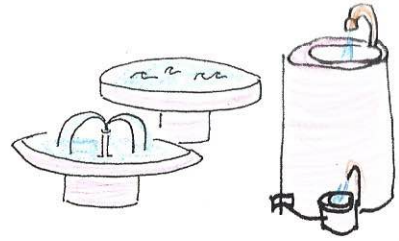
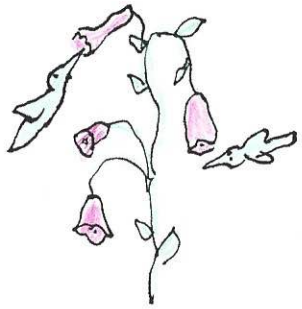
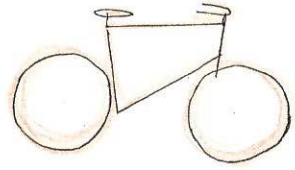


Eco / Play Water Features including SkySource Drinking Fountain

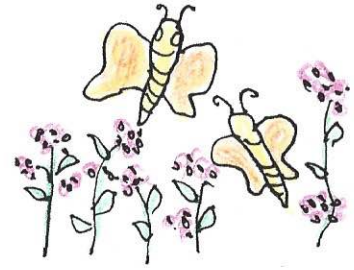


Hummingbird Habitat

H indicates elements which harken to original fantastic elements of Venice's colorful history



Bike Path & Bike Machines



Butterfly Garden

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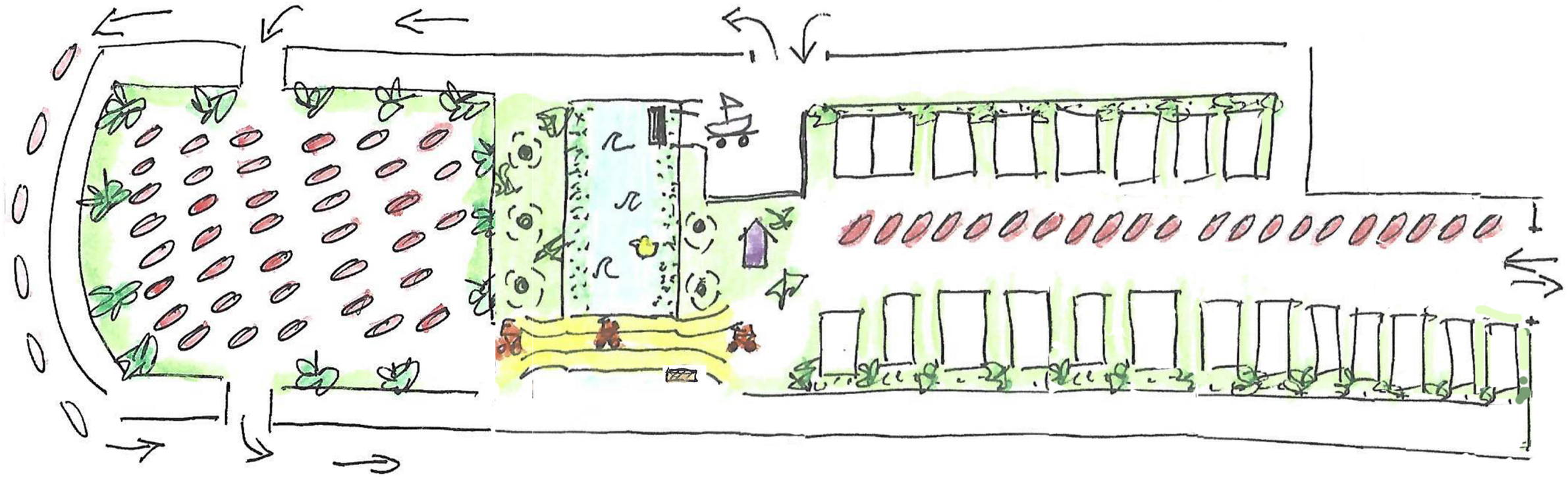
AREAL VIEW: PARKING, PARKLETTE & HOUSING

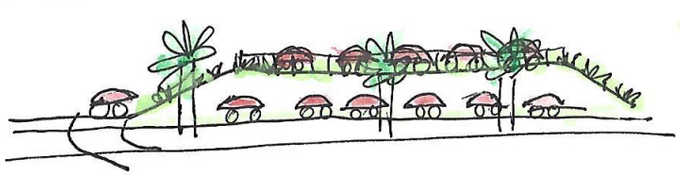


Cars

Housing

Landscaping

Trees



Tables & Chairs

Canal - restored

Park Kiosk

Historic Bridge

Boat Launch
Public & Maintenance Use

Bike Route over
Historic Bridge

Bathrooms in Bridge
Alcoves

Side elevation of 2 level open parking

VENICE CANALS DEVELOPMENT SITE PLAN INDICATING ALTERNATIVE DESIGN COMPONENTS

The Eastern parcel has 21 lots - ample for 140 apartments within 21 separate buildings. This is consistent with Venice mass, character and scale.

The Historic Bridge and restored Canal form a Parklette with a public boat launch, kiosk, seating and public restrooms.

The Western parcel has ample space for safe drop-off plus easily accessible 2 level open beach parking

Communication from Public

Name:	Dana Millikin
Date Submitted:	05/16/2022 07:50 PM
Council File No:	21-0829-S1
Comments for Public Posting:	I am completely opposed to item #11 under consideration by PLUM--the Venice Pacific-Dell Median Project. There are so many reasons. But two are really important--we must not destroy our environment and waste our tax payer funds on projects that will not help as many as possible. We need a REAL environmental review of the this project and an accounting of why it costs so much. I believe we can spend our tax money much more wisely to help homeless and get affordable housing into our area than the way this project is set up. Since when does a 68 foot Tower help supportive housing? This project will cost $1.1 million for a 460sq. unit. That is something that will make LA the laughing stock of the entire country. No one is trying to stop affordable housing. It is THIS project that is ill conceived and not researched enough. PLEASE at least postpone the start of this project until it can be really evaluated.

Communication from Public

Name:
Date Submitted: 05/16/2022 10:55 PM
Council File No: 21-0829-S1
Comments for Public Posting: PLUM hearing May 17, 2022, Item 11 CF 21-0829 and CF 21-0829-S1 Councilmembers and City Clerk, First and foremost, a project of this magnitude and so fraught with issues, errors and violations should be tabled so that it can be properly reviewed by the incoming CD-11 representative, City Attorney, and new Mayor. It should be noted that the vast majority of CD-11 Councilmember candidates are against the project. The changes to the amended certified Land Use Plan are corrections of significant errors that should have been caught in the process prior to final approval. When PLUM and City Council voted on this motion on February 1st and February 2nd, respectively, the corrected maps were not even disclosed to the councilmembers and so they voted on something that they literally hadn't even seen. That's a violation. Also, a Permanent Supportive Housing project does not require a zone change to commercial but rather only to residential zoning. No commercial elements are required for this Permanent Supportive Housing project. Thus, to change to a commercial zone requires environmental review and the change is not statutorily exempt from CEQA. There are other smaller sites that would have been and remain more logical and effective locations. This project is two to three times larger than a typical supportive housing project. That's because it is a vanity project being pushed through under the guise of the simpleton logic that if we don't want tent encampments, we have to build housing. If only it were that simple. At what cost to the taxpayers for this boondoggle? We are in a major humanitarian crisis that requires immediate intervention on the scale of FEMA. One cannot help but think that this project is not meant to address the crisis at all but rather is a pathway to profit for everyone involved. The Venice Median project is the poster child of mismanagement and waste of public funds, funds that should be used to help exponentially more people than will be served by this project. If the minor design costs incurred so far have to be written off so that a project can be developed at a better location, so be it. That sunk cost is just a grain in the sand compared to the total waste of public funds of this monstrous project. This project is spot zoning of a 40-lot consolidation, along a canal in an area where no lot consolidations are currently allowed! The project presents as a huge ugly prison complete with watch tower, with a new land use designation

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From: **Robin Rudisill** wildrudi@icloud.com
Subject: PLUM hearing May 17, 2022, Item 11, TABLE VENICE MEDIAN PROJECT
Date: May 16, 2022 at 10:50 PM
To: gilbert.cedillo@lacity.org, paul.krekorian@lacity.org, councilmember.blumenfield@lacity.org, councilmember.koretz@lacity.org, Paul.koretz@lacity.org, councilmember.martinez@lacity.org, Nury.martinez@lacity.org, councilmember.rodriguez@lacity.org, nithia.raman@lacity.org, councilmember.harris-dawson@lacity.org, councilmember.price@lacity.org, councilmember.kevindeleon@lacity.org, councilmember.lee@lacity.org, councilmember.wesson@lacity.org, councilmember.ofarrell@lacity.org, mitch.ofarrell@lacity.org, Councilmember Buscaino councilmember.buscaino@lacity.org, lisa.hansen@lacity.org, andrea.conant@lacity.org, joan.pelico@lacity.org, debby.kim@lacity.org, karo.torossian@lacity.org, ackley.padilla@lacity.org, christine.jerian@lacity.org, solomon.rivera@lacity.org, curtis.earnest@lacity.org, heather.hutt@lacity.org, 'hannah.lee@lacity.org, jeanne.min@lacity.org, jennifer.barraza@lacity.org, jenny.chavez@lacity.org, clerk.plumcommittee@lacity.org

PLUM hearing May 17, 2022, Item 11
CF 21-0829 and CF 21-0829-S1

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Date Submitted:	05/16/2022 09:57 PM
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