



Venice Neighborhood Council

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Minutes for VNC OFFICIAL Joint Board / Outreach Committee

Meeting Date: Wednesday, May 15, 2019

Meeting Time: 6:30pm

Meeting Location: The Waterfront 205 Ocean Front Walk Venice, 90291

Contact: Hollie.Stenson@VeniceNC.org

1. 6:30pm- Call to Order – Joslyn Williams holding meeting on behalf of Hollie Stenson as Co-Chair of Committee. Roll Call and Approval of this agenda as presented or amended

a. Meeting called to order at 6:49pm

Evan White	Kadie Bogart - A	Alex Neiman - A	Justine Larsen - A
Hollie Stenson	Kat Karimi	Michael Sugarman - A	Justin Brezhnev - A
Nick Antonicello	Joslyn Williams	Alex Poe - A	Alby Navarro

- 2. 6:35pm PUBLIC COMMENT 5 minutes on non-agendized items related to Outreach only
 - a. Ivan Spiegel from Elections Committee to expressed concern regarding the length of survey and content/wording of various questions on the survey, but ultimately supports.
 - b. Ira Koslow expressed support of survey but needed additional clarification on certain questions.
- 3. 6:40pm Survey discussion & planning, and VOTE on questions as prepared ready by elections
 - a. Motion to revise wording in question #3C, from Water to DWP. 6-0-1
 - b. Ivan and Elizabeth would like question #5 regarding the satisfaction with Mike Bonin as the District 11 Councilmember. They felt it would create enemies when we need allies, and the VNC can do nothing about Bonin as the Councilmember.
 - c. Ivan would like question #8 changed to an opinion question, stating "I feel...", to better illicit the perception the community has on crime.





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- i. Motion to revise the wording of question #8 to "I feel crime in Venice has...". 6-0-1
- d. Ivan expressed that #9 could be considered a racist question regarding the safety of various public spaces in Venice, specifically Oakwood Park because it has been primarily a minority park.
- e. Ivan would like question #11 removed because the VNC cannot do anything about Bridge Housing at the MTA bus lot, "it's a done deal".
 - i. Motion to remove question #11 regarding the MTA bus yard on Main Street. 5-1-1
- f. Motion to include question #12 regarding Venice exploring Cityhood. 6-0-1
- g. Motion to revise wording in question #15 from supplies to emergency kit. 6-0-1
- h. Motion to revise question #17 to include word-of-mouth and local/community newsletter as sources the community uses for information. 6-0-1
- 4. Possible motion: Whereas the Venice Neighborhood Council (VNC) would like to conduct a survey to assess levels of satisfaction with city programs and services, explore stakeholder attitudes about issues facing Venice and identify concerns the incoming VNC Board should prioritize.
 - Whereas the survey was voted on and approved by the current Board pending approval of the survey questions,

Whereas the survey questions were created by a few members of the Outreach Committee that are qualified to prepare a non-biased questionnaire, one of whom is a PhD candidate at Stanford in Anthropology and Network Science studying human networks and community development, and the other the CoFounder and Director of Civic Innovation Lab, an organization dedicated to engaging the ingenuity of citizens to solve our most pressing social and civic challenges,

Whereas many of the questions included were taken from the survey the City of Santa Monica uses to assess levels of satisfaction among their residents and adapted for Venice-specific purposes and their survey is developed and distributed by a professional research firm,

The Outreach Committee moves to approve the attached survey questions as presented for both paper and digital distribution to Venice Stakeholders, and convert





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the \$600 budget allotted for the survey creation into advertising and promoting the survey.

Motion passed: 6-0-1

5. 7:05pm – End

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