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Administrative Committee Agenda

Extra Space Storage, Presidents Row Room
658 South Venice Blvd, Venice, 90291

Monday, December 9th, 2013 at 7:00 PM

Note (i) The Administrative Committee does not address or consider the merits of proposed agenda items. Its function is to determine whether a proposed agenda item will be placed on the next Board meeting agenda, postponed, referred to a specific committee for review and recommendation, treated as an announcement, or considered and resolved as a non-Board administrative matter. (ii) The Administrative Committee has the discretion to reorder consideration of matters on the agenda to accommodate stakeholders or for other reasons.

1. **Call to Order and Roll Call**
2. **Approval of the Administrative Committee Agenda**
3. **Approval of outstanding Administrative Committee minutes**
4. **Announcements & Public Comment on items not on the Agenda**
5. **Old Administrative Committee Business**
6. **New Administrative Committee Business**
[Discussion and possible action.]
- A **Selection of Committee for Monthly Committee Report**
December:
- B **Consideration and approval of December 17, 2013 Proposed Board Agenda**
7. **Adjourn**



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Board of Officers Meeting Agenda **Westminster Elementary School (Auditorium)** **1010 Abbot Kinney Blvd, Venice, 90291** **Tuesday, December 17, 2013 at 7:00 PM**

BOARD MEETINGS: The Venice Neighborhood Council holds its regular meetings on the third Tuesday of the month and may also call any additional required special meetings in accordance with its Bylaws and the Brown Act. All are welcome to attend.

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1. **Call to Order and Roll Call (7:00PM – 5 minutes)**
2. **Pledge Of Allegiance (7:05PM -- 5 minutes)**
3. **Approval of the Agenda (7:10PM – 5 minutes)**
4. **Approval of Outstanding Board minutes (7:15PM – 5 minutes)**
<http://www.venicenc.org/wp-content/uploads/2012/12/131202BoardMinutes.pdf>
5. **President's Report (7:20PM-- 5 minutes)** (Linda Lucks president@venicenc.org)
6. **Public Safety - LAPD Report (7:25 -- 10 minutes)**: Senior Lead Officers Peggy Thusing (25120@lapd.lacity.org), Kristan Delatori (32914@lapd.lacity.org), Gregg Jacobus, 35162@lapd.lacity.org. Lt. Steve Lurie, OFW Beach Detail Supervisor. *Includes a monthly Venice crime report and updates on law enforcement issues in Venice.*
7. **Announcements & Public Comment on items not on the Agenda (7:35PM --10 minutes)**
[5 speakers, no more than 1 minute per person – no Board member announcements permitted]
8. **Scheduled Announcements and Presentations (7:45PM – 30 minutes)**
[No discussion or Public Comment]
- A **Government Reports (10 minutes)** (Representatives have standing place on the agenda, but are not always available to attend)
 - **City Councilmember Mike Bonin**, Cecilia Castillo, Field Deputy, Cecilia.Castillo@lacity.org (310-568-8772); (Cecilia.castillo@lacity.org); Mark Grant (Mark.Grant@lacity.org)



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- **LA Parks & Recreation-Venice Boardwalk**, Juan Benitez (juan.benitez@lacity.org)
- **LA County Department of Beaches & Harbors: OFW Safety**, John Kelly 310-305-9532
- **Congressman Henry Waxman**, Representative Lisa Pinto; Lisa.Pinto@housemail.gov
- **State Senator Ted Lieu**, Representative, Veronica Zendejas Veronica.Zendejas@sen.ca.gov
310-318-6994
- **State Assemblyperson Steve Bradford** 310.412.6400
- **LA County Supervisor Zev Yaroslavsky**, Maria Chong Castillo mCCastillo@bos.lacounty.gov,
213-974-3333
- **Mayor Eric Garcetti**, Daniel Tamm, Westside Deputy (Daniel.Tamm@Lacity.org)
213-978-0836

B VNC Monthly Committee Report: (2 minutes)

[A monthly report on one of the VNC's standing or Ad Hoc committees.]

9. Consent Calendar (7:45PM -- 5 minutes)

[All agenda items on the Consent Calendar will pass when the Consent Calendar is approved. No discussion or Public Comment is allowed on any item. Items may be removed by any board member or stakeholder. Removed items will go to the end of the agenda and be treated as regular agenda items with discussion and public comment.]

10. Old Business (7:50PM -- 15 minutes) [Discussion and possible action]

A Creation of Visitor Impact Committee (5 minutes) (Ivan Spiegel, VNC parliamentarian)

MOTION: The VNC Board shall create the Ad Hoc Visitor Impact Committee with the following Mission Statement as approved by the Administrative Committee:

MISSION STATEMENT: The Visitor Impact Committee shall cooperatively develop protocols and create VNC Board agenda items that can be used to better manage the community wide affects produced by the number of visitors coming to Venice.

Additionally, the committee shall research, develop, advise, and report on potential sources of revenue that are generated from visitors as well as suggest ways in which these funds might be directed back to the community.

11. Announcements & Public Comment on items not on the Agenda (8:05PM -- 5 minutes) [5 speakers, no more than 1 minute per person – no Board member announcements permitted]

12. LUPC (8:10 PM -- 100 minutes); Jake Kaufman on behalf of LUPC chair-lupc@venicenc.org

A 835 E. Milwood Ave, Venice, CA; SFD construction

Case: DIR-2013-3500-VSO

CASE SUMMARY:

This application was submitted to the City of Los Angeles Planning Dept-ZA-2013-2464- (ZAA) LAMC 12.28.

Requesting Zoning Administrator adjustments:

1. An adjustment from section 12.09-c3 of the Los Angeles Municipal Code to permit a 7'-8" reduced rear yard setback in lieu of the required 15 feet.



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2. An adjustment from section 12.21-C (6) a passage way width of 3'6" in lieu of the required 10 feet from the street to the new second dwelling in the back.

MOTION: The Venice Neighborhood Council recommends approval of this single family dwelling construction project, as presented, with the following conditions:

1. The Owner of 835 E. Milwood Ave. HAS TIMELY NOTIFIED the occupants of the five abutting properties (two adjacent and three across the alley), via a certified/return receipt requested mailing, that he has applied with City Planning for adjustments to L.A. Municipal Code for his project at 835 E. Milwood Ave., and that there will be a meeting of the Venice Neighborhood Council (VNC) Board on December 17, 2013, at 6:30 p.m. at the Westminster School at 1010 Abbot Kinney Blvd., where there will be a Public Hearing of this proposal where it will be discussed and voted on by the VNC Board for purposes of a recommendation to the City of L.A. Zoning Administrator; and that the Owner is asking for their support of the adjustments being proposed for his project. The letter will include the Owner's contact information, the LUPC Staff contact information, and the Cityhood url directly to the case for purposes of further details and questions. The mailing documentation, including the letter and the returned certified mailing receipts, shall be provided to LUPC Staff prior to the December 17, 2013 VNC Board meeting.
2. The City's approval of the adjustments to L.A. Municipal Code for this project shall include a condition that the interior garage doors leading into the courtyard parking area shall operate (open and close) without interference from parked cars therein, so that the courtyard parking spaces can be easily and regularly accessible.

LUPC Motion made by Mehrnoosh Mojallali, seconded by Jim Murez

APPROVED 5-1-0

November 21, 2013

Background information:

<http://www.cityhood.org/ReportCaseActivityDetail.cncx?CID=34244&UGP=Anonymous>

B **664 E. Sunset Ave, Venice, CA; demo (E) duplex and create a 3-lot small lot subdivision within the RD1.5 zone, with 6 parking spaces per unit (2 per unit)**
Case: ZA-2013-768-CDP-ZV-MEL

CASE SUMMARY:

Existing on site is a duplex to be demolished and replaced with 3 units lot subdivision with 2 covered parking spaces per each new dwelling , pursuant to ORD. No. 176,354. Coastal Requirement Permit and Mello Determination is required. Adjustment is requested to permit 16.5 foot wide common access driveway in lieu of 20 feet in conjunction with the small lot ordinance in the RD1.5-1 Zone.

MOTION: The Venice Neighborhood Council recommends approval of this small lot subdivision project, as presented, with the following conditions:

1. The City's approval of the project shall include a condition that the affordable units shall be replaced one-for-one, within the Venice Planning Area, and that no tenant shall be evicted until the Certificate of Occupancy has been issued for the new replacement affordable units, and that the current tenants shall be given the right of first refusal to rent a new replacement affordable unit similar to the one they currently occupy.



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2. The City's approval of the project shall include a condition that the landscaping opportunities shall be fully maximized for the project.

LUPC Motion made by Mehrnoosh Mojallali, seconded by Jim Murez

APPROVED 4-2-1

December 4, 2013

Background Information:

<http://www.cityhood.org/ReportCaseActivityDetail.cncx?CID=31704&UGP=Anonymous>

13. **New Business (9:50PM -- 10 minutes)**

[Discussion and possible action]

A **Winter Shelter Storage Program Location** Tom Elliott thomas.elliott@venicenc.org and Marc Saltzberg vicepresident@venicenc.org

This is a place holder. The motion has not yet been drafted.

B **Place Holder for FIT Motion** Erin Sullivan Ward tusker1_98@yahoo.com

Motion to be put forward by the Environmental Committee on either approval of the WRAC FIT Motion or the Environmental Committee crafted Motion. Due to holiday, EC meets Thur. Dec. 5th.

C **Support for Santa Monica Airport Becoming a Grand Park** Laura Silagi lsilagi@gmail.com

Motion: Whereas the Santa Monica Airport (SMO) is a health hazard to its surrounding communities and the Venice Neighborhood Council (VNC) supports the mitigation of noise, emission and negative environmental impacts generated by SMO,

Whereas all aircraft departing Santa Monica Airport fly over Venice and the VNC supports the end of this flight pattern practice,

Whereas propeller planes fly over parks, schools and residences causing noise and lead pollution and the VNC supports safe and healthy schools and neighborhoods,

Whereas the Santa Monica Airport poses a continuing danger from accidents, and the VNC supports a safe environment free of the danger of aircraft accidents,

Whereas the city of Santa Monica is taking legal action against the FAA to determine what the future use of the airport land can be after 2015,

Whereas our City Council representative, Mike Bonin and our State Assembly representative Ted Lieu have called for the airport to be closed.

Therefore the Venice Neighborhood Council supports the green concept of turning the airport property into a grand park to serve all of the entire area, a use that would not increase traffic and would be environmentally healthful to all and would provide badly needed open space in an area that has very little. Many Santa Monica residents and organizations, as well as the Mar Vista Neighborhood Council and the Sierra Club have supported this concept.

Venice is a neighbor of this property on the south and west boundaries. A grand park, approximately one third the size of Central Park would have multiple recreational uses. Walking and cycling paths as well as natural habitats and plants could turn this pollution creating area into a green oasis in the midst of our dense urban communities. The park could serve as an arts and performance center for the area, picnic areas as well as park related business. The vision is just beginning and the VNC to support it.



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D Arts Committee – Submitted Projects Eduardo Manilla eduardo.manilla@venicenc.org

Motion: The Arts Committee requests a regular space of 30-60 minutes during the VNC Board Meetings to present a variety of projects which have been presented at the Arts Committee meetings.

Such projects include:

- a) OOMO – Out Of Many One (Public Art on Windward)
- b) Venice Institute of Contemporary Art
- c) Venice Beach Memorial
- d) Award to the Instagram Photo Contest
- e) Bike Rack Competition
- f) Mural Ordinance
- g) Arts Community Announcements
- ... and others.

E Monitoring of Street surfacing in Venice Nicholas Antonicello nacount@aol.com

MOTION: : WHEREAS, many streets have been repaved or resurfaced here in Venice over the last year and,
WHEREAS, the quality of the resurfacing has been poor on several streets in which manhole covers, sewer plates have been paved over while broken and missing curbing as well as cracked aprons have gone unrepaired, and
WHEREAS, the cost of these capital improvements for street resurfacing are being completed in a haphazard and unacceptable fashion, and
WHEREAS, the Venice Neighborhood Council should be kept updated to the streets paved and the future schedule of resurfacing by the 11th District Council Member's Office, and
WHEREAS, fluid communication of the status and update of street resurfacing and paving is critical, and that the work completed be done correctly, and
THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Venice Neighborhood Council request a list of all future resurfacing of streets within Venice and that this information be forwarded to the VNC before the work is completed and that,
IT BE FURTHER RESOLVED that the 11th District Council Office report the status of repaving activities in general and that this information be reported and updated by the 11th Council Member's representative at the monthly meeting of the Venice Neighborhood Council, and a letter be sent to the Councilmember's office requesting the same.
Title: RESURFACING POLICIES BETWEEN VNC & 11TH CD

F General Manager – Venice Beach Nick Antonicello nacount@aol.com

MOTION:: WHEREAS, Venice Beach is an international tourist destination in which the community derives economic commerce, publicity and goodwill from visitors worldwide, and
WHEREAS, Venice Beach is operated by a hybrid of city and county agencies and authorities that are responsible for the public safety, maintenance and operation of this sprawling facility, and
WHEREAS, the recent incident resulting in the senseless death of an international tourist has tarnished the reputation of this destination, and
WHEREAS, unlike other public facilities, parks and destinations here in Los Angeles no one is charged with the day-to-day management and operation of Venice Beach, and



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WHEREAS, the City of Los Angeles needs to develop a timeline and requirements for a new position of General Manager of Venice Beach in which this individual will be chosen by the Parks & Recreation Commission with the advice and consent of the LA City Council, and

WHEREAS, a national search for the appropriate individual take place as soon as possible so that the safety, commerce and day-to-day challenges that exist can be addressed as well as held accountable,

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Venice Neighborhood Council endorse this motion and that a copy of the same be sent to the 11th Council District Office, the Office of the Mayor of Los Angeles and LA Parks & Recreation Commission so that a serious attempt to place someone qualified and in-charge of Venice Beach and it's operations take place as soon as possible.

Title: Creation of the position of General Manager of Venice Beach

- G** **Ad hoc committee on Outsider Developers** Daniel Rothman dbrmus@aol.com
Motion: To form an ad hoc committee on Outsider Developers (“individuals and/or incorporated entities that have no community stake other than for their own economic gain”) examining how such activities can disregard the health and safety of its residents, propose best practices and compliance incentives.
Title: Committee on Outsider Developers
Agenda Announcement Request: To form an ad hoc committee on Outsider Developers, to study their effect, propose best practices and compliance incentives.
File: Motion-to-be-made-concerning-%22Outsider-Developers%22.pdf
cx.
- 14. Treasurers Report (10:00PM -- 5 minutes);** Hugh Harrison Treasurer@Venicenc.org
[Discussion and possible action]
- A** **MOTION:** The VNC Board approves the attached report on expenditures for the period October 22, 2013, through December 21, 2013, and the monthly EmpowerLA reconciliation report.
www.venicenc.org/wp-content/uploads/2012/05/expenditure-report.92213.102113.pdf
- 15. VNC Announcements (10:05PM -- 10 Minutes)**
- **Vice President** Marc Saltzberg (Vicepresident@Venicenc.org)
 - **Westside Regional Alliance of Neighborhood Councils-** Mike Newhouse, WRAC President, Marc Saltzberg, VNC Representatives. Chair@westsidecouncils.org,
 - **Los Angeles Neighborhood Council Coalition (LANCC)** Ivan Spiegel (parliamentarian@venicenc.org)
 - **Venice Chamber Of Commerce:** Erin-Sullivan Ward (erin.ward@venicenc.org)
- 16. Announcements & Public Comment on items not on the Agenda (10:15PM -- 10 minutes)**
[no more than 1 minute per person – no Board member announcements permitted]
- 17. Board Member Comments on subject matters within the VNC jurisdiction (10:25PM -- 5 minutes, no more than 1 minute per person)**
- 18. Adjourn (approx. 10:30PM)**



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List of Venice Neighborhood Council Committees & Chairs – Volunteers Welcome

Administrative	Linda Lucks	Santa Monica Airport	Abigail Myers, Laura Silagi
Neighborhood	Marc Saltzberg	Visitor Impact	Joseph Shields, Clabe Hartley
Outreach	Matt Kline	Ocean Front Walk	Tom Elliot,
Budget	Hugh Harrison	Public Safety	Sevan Gerard, Nick Hippisley-Coxe
Land Use and Planning	Jake Kaufman	Environment	Erin Sullivan Ward, Abigail Myers
Education	Bud Jacobs	Arts	Cynthia Rogers, Eduardo Manilla
Rules & Election	Ira Koslow	2013-2014 Elections	Elizabeth Wright, Ivan Spiegel
Communications	Helen Stotler	Parking and Transportation	Erin McMorrow, Abigail Myers