



# Venice Neighborhood Council

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## Administrative Committee Agenda

Extra Space Storage, Presidents Row Room  
658 South Venice Blvd, Venice, 90291  
**Monday, November 11 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.

**\*\*ALL ITEMS ON THE AGENDA VOTED UNANIMOUSLY UNLESS NOTED\*\***

1. **Call to Order and Roll Call**  
**Present:** LL, KV, ESW, MS, IK, HH, SK  
**Absent:** TW
2. **Approval of the Administrative Committee Agenda**  
**ACTION: Agenda approved (HH/SK)**
3. **Approval of outstanding Administrative Committee minutes**  
<http://www.venicenc.org/wp-content/uploads/2012/05/131007AdComMinutes.pdf>  
**ACTION: Minutes approved (HH/IK)**
4. **Announcements & Public Comment on items not on the Agenda**  
Ivan – Budget Day went well, BONC revisited posting.
5. **Old Administrative Committee Business**  
Discuss Outreach activities
6. **New Administrative Committee Business**  
*[Discussion and possible action.]*
- A **Selection of Committee for Monthly Committee Report**  
November: SM Airport Committee (MK/SK)  
December: Parking & Transportation
- B **Approval of the mission statement of the VIC**

THE STATED MISSION OF THE COMMITTEE IS TO DEVELOP VNC BOARD AGENDA ITEMS THAT DEAL WITH THE OVERALL IMPACT OF VISITORS ON THE ENTIRE VENICE COMMUNITY.

ADDITIONALLY, THE COMMITTEE IS CHARGED WITH RESEARCHING, DEVELOPING, ADVISING & REPORTING ON POTENTIAL SOURCES OF REVENUE THAT ARE GENERATED FROM VISITORS AS WELL AS SUGGESTING WAYS IN WHICH THESE FUNDS MIGHT BE DIRECTED BACK TO THE COMMUNITY. IT IS THE INTENTION OF THIS COMMITTEE TO COOPERATIVELY DEVELOP PROTOCOLS THAT CAN BE USED TO



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**BETTER MANAGE THE COMMUNITY WIDE AFFECTS PRODUCED BY THE NUMBER OF VISITORS COMING TO VENICE.**

**ACTION: VIC Misson Statement Approved (HH/SK)**

- B**     Discussion of placement of government reports in the agenda
- C**     Discussion of moving agenda items at the Board meeting  
LUPC Items will generally be placed before New Business
- D**     Consideration and approval of November 19, 2013 Proposed Board Agenda  
**ACTION: Proposed board agenda approved**
- 7.**     **Adjourn**  
**ACTION: Meeting Adjourned (Time)**



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## **DRAFT Board of Officers Meeting Agenda** **Westminster Elementary School (Auditorium)** **1010 Abbot Kinney Blvd, Venice, 90291** **Tuesday, November 19, 2013 at 6:30 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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**PUBLIC COMMENT:** The public is requested to fill out a "Speaker Card" to address the Board on any Old or New Business item on the agenda and the Treasurer's Report. Comments from the public on these agenda items will be heard only when that item is being considered. Comments from the public on other agenda matters or on matters not appearing on the agenda but within the Board's subject matter jurisdiction will be heard during the Public Comment period. Public comment is limited to two (2) minutes per speaker, unless modified by the presiding officer of the Board. No new speaker cards will be accepted once Public Comment has begun.

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1. **Call to Order and Roll Call (6:30PM – 5 minutes)**  
**ACTION: Board meeting to start at 6:30PM**
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/2012/12/131015BoardMinutes.pdf>
5. **President's Report (7:20PM-- 5 minutes)** (Linda Lucks [president@venicenc.org](mailto:president@venicenc.org))
  - City Attorney has asked NCs to identify illegal Medical Marijuana Clinics
  - Vera Davis turkeys
  - **Zip line is an exhibit.**
6. **Public Safety - LAPD Report (7:25 -- 10 minutes)**: Senior Lead Officers Peggy Thusing ([25120@lapd.lacity.org](mailto:25120@lapd.lacity.org)), Kristan Delatori ([32914@lapd.lacity.org](mailto:32914@lapd.lacity.org)), Gregg Jacobus, [35162@lapd.lacity.org](mailto:35162@lapd.lacity.org). *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]*



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## 8. **Scheduled Announcements and Presentations (7:50PM – 105 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](mailto:Cecilia.Castillo@lacity.org) (310-568-8772); ([Cecilia.castillo@lacity.org](mailto:Cecilia.castillo@lacity.org)); Mark Grant ([Mark.Grant@lacity.org](mailto:Mark.Grant@lacity.org))
- **LA Parks & Recreation-Venice Boardwalk**, Juan Benitez ([juan.benitez@lacity.org](mailto:juan.benitez@lacity.org))
- **Congressman Henry Waxman**, Representative Lisa.Pinto; [Lisa.Pinto@housemail.gov](mailto:Lisa.Pinto@housemail.gov)
- **State Senator Ted Lieu**, Representative, Veronica Zendejas [Veronica.Zendejas@sen.ca.gov](mailto:Veronica.Zendejas@sen.ca.gov) 310-318-6994
- **State Assemblyperson Steve Bradford** 310.412.6400
- **LA County Supervisor Zev Yaroslavsky**, Flora Gill Krisiloff 213-974-3333
- **Mayor Eric Garcetti**, Daniel Tamm, Westside Deputy
- [Daniel.Tamm@Lacity.org](mailto:Daniel.Tamm@Lacity.org) 213 446-4009

### B **VNC Monthly Committee Report: Santa Monica Airport Committee (2 minutes)**

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

**ACTION: Santa Monica Airport Committee report added to agenda**

### C **The Great Venice Toy Drive Began on Nov. 1- Bring Toys! (3 minutes)**(Mariana Aguilar [vnc\\_toydrive@venicenc.org](mailto:vnc_toydrive@venicenc.org))

Get ready for The Great Venice Toy Drive & Holiday Festival! We are collecting new, unwrapped, nonviolent toys at locations around Venice including the November 19, 2013 VNC Board meeting. Toys will then be distributed on a first come, first served basis as part of a fun-filled day at Oakwood Recreation Center on **December 7, 2013 from 10am-2pm**. (Children must be present with a parent or guardian to receive a toy.) To make this event happen, we need volunteers. Please email [vnc\\_toydrive@venicenc.org](mailto:vnc_toydrive@venicenc.org) if you are interested in helping.

### D **Trash Receptacle Report (5 minutes)** Stewart Oscars [stewart.oscars@gmail.com](mailto:stewart.oscars@gmail.com) Report from the Neighborhood Committee of its actions to secure trash receptacles for our major streets.

### E **Presentation by Tom Donovan, West LA Area Planning Commission (45 minutes)** Ivan Spiegel [parliamentarian@venicenc.org](mailto:parliamentarian@venicenc.org) Tom Donovan, West LA Area Planning Commission will speak to the VNC about how to be more effective at the APC and some thoughts about working with the ABC on liquor license conditions. *Includes Q & A*

**ACTION: Postponed to December's agenda**

### F **SoCalGas Advanced Meter Project (10 minutes)** Ray Verches, SoCalGas [verchescom@aol.com](mailto:verchescom@aol.com)

**[EXHIBIT]**

The Southern California Gas Company has begun work on its Advanced Meter Project in the Venice area. Mr. Verches will brief the board on the Advanced Meter Project and work to be done.



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- G** **Applications for Oakwood Park Advisory Board (2 minutes)** Lizka Mendoza  
[Lizka.Mendoza@lacity.org](mailto:Lizka.Mendoza@lacity.org)  
The Oakwood Recreation Center is currently taking applications to be a part of the Park Advisory Board. Last date to submit application is Friday, November 22, 2013.
- H** **Presentation on Citywide Arts Initiative (10 minutes)** (Sheldon Cruz, LA Human Relations Commission [sheldon.cruz@lacity.org](mailto:sheldon.cruz@lacity.org) )  
Support City HRC's Art Initiative which celebrates cultural diversity in our city. We are aiming to rebrand our department in many ways.  
The arts is a fantastic avenue to create awareness about our work and the communities they serve. We are also reinvigorating the popular Shoulder to Shoulder art Initiative that was sponsored in 2009 in partnership with SPARC. We are asking for input from the community and are interested in gaining support from the VNC as we strive to be a transparent city entity.  
**ACTION: Referred to the Arts Committee**
- I** **Presentation about Neighborhood Legislature (10 minutes)** (Crystal Litz [crystalmlitz@usa.net](mailto:crystalmlitz@usa.net) **[EXHIBIT]**)  
RCEF is committed to putting people in charge of government by giving each neighborhood their own state legislator.  
**ACTION: Removed from agenda**
- J** **New Vision for Venice Beach (5 minutes)** Colin Prothero [cp@labtop.fr](mailto:cp@labtop.fr)  
Colin Prothero will present a proposal to redevelop and create new unique and exciting urban public spaces within the Venice boardwalk area.  
Straight from winning a designboom design for death competition for re-imagining mourning spaces, we seek to create a series of highly visible monuments that will act as positive beacons for cities and their inhabitants. The objects, placed in central locations throughout the city and landscape, will re-conceptualize the idea of death in direct opposition to conventional approaches of shrouding and marginalizing mourning spaces. Thus the image of death will be publicly visible and be associated with unique and fun monuments. Generations to come will grow up without associating spaces of memorial and repose with fear, loss, and negativity.  
**ACTION: Removed from agenda**
- 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.]*
- A** **Annual Renewal Of Ad Hoc Committees (20 minutes)** (Ivan Spiegel, VNC parliamentarian)  
**MOTION:** The VNC Board shall renew the following Ad Hoc Committees after hearing reports on the Committee's activities and reasons for needing an extension.  
1- Communications  
2- Santa Monica Airport  
3- Public Safety  
4- Environment



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5- Mass, Scale, And Character

6- Discussion Forum

**ACTION: Moved from new business**

**B** **Fix Notification Process for Planning Letters Of Determination** (James Murez  
[murez@venice.net](mailto:murez@venice.net))

**MOTION:** Whereas at present, letters of determination published by the Director of Planning, which have a 10 day appeal period, are being sent to EmpowerLA, and Whereas these time sensitive letters are NOT being forwarded to the VNC, and Whereas this condition has caused the VNC to not be notified on several very important cases Therefore Be It Resolved that the VNC shall send a letter to CD 11, the General Manager of the Dept Of Planning, and the Mayor requesting the Director of Planning to send Determination Letter(s) directly to the Venice Neighborhood Council without instead of sending them through the EmpowerLA.

**C** **Upgrade Of The Westminster Community Center and Dog Park (10 minutes)** (Ira Koslow for the Discussion Forum Committee)

**MOTION:** The VNC supports the Discussion Forum Committee's approval of the concept study to improve the Westminster Community Center and Dog Park submitted by Mehrnoosh Mojallali. *DFC Motion by Don Novack, seconded by Donna Schubert APPROVED 7-0-1*  
Link:<https://rcpt.hightail.com/2380182687/4a727b30ed421c57083786985f3ee136?cid=tx-02002208350200000000&s=19105>

**ACTION: Moved from new business**

**D** **Request for List of Structurally Deficient Buildings Prone to Collapse in wake of an Earthquake (5 minutes)** (Nick Antonicello [nacount@aol.com](mailto:nacount@aol.com))

**MOTION:** WHEREAS, the Los Angeles Times in an investigative report revealed that thousands of concrete structures are at-risk should an earthquake occur, and WHEREAS a list of these structurally deficient buildings exists, and WHEREAS this information has been in the hands of the City of Los Angeles for decades according to the Los Angeles Times, and WHEREAS residents of Los Angeles should be aware of the location of these structures exist, and THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Venice Neighborhood Council request that the 11th District Council Member's Office make a formal request of this list and that it be posted at [www.Venicenc.org](http://www.Venicenc.org) so that full transparency exist regarding this serious public safety lapse on the part of the Los Angeles city government to provide such public information and that a copy of this request be sent to Los Angeles Mayor Eric Garcetti, Los Angeles County Supervisor Zev Yaroslavsky, Congressman Henry Waxman, California Senator Ted Lieu and Assemblyman Steven Bradford.

**ACTION: Moved to consent calendar**

**ACTION: Consent Calendar approved (IK/SK)**

**10. Old Business (9:35PM -- 20 minutes)** *[Discussion and possible action]*

**A** **Standing Rule 26 – Duties and Responsibilities of Outreach Officer (5 minutes)** Ira Koslow for REC [ira.koslow@venicenc.org](mailto:ira.koslow@venicenc.org) **[EXHIBIT]**



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**MOTION:** The Venice Neighborhood Council creates Standing Rule 26 regarding the duties and responsibilities of the Outreach Officer.

## Standing Rule 26

Outreach Chair Duties / Responsibilities

**Mission:** To engage the broad spectrum of stakeholders for collaboration and deliberation on matters affecting the community including events, issues and projects.

1. Chair Outreach Committee Meeting and Maintain Outreach Committee web page.

Holds regular monthly meetings and special meetings as needed.

Creates Outreach Committee meeting agenda and ensures the posting of the agenda and minutes in accordance with the Brown Act and VNC policy.

2. "Organize quarterly Stakeholder meetings and special events" (from Bylaws).

Three of the quarterly Stakeholder meetings are generally organized as "Town Halls"; the fourth meeting is the annual Venice BBQ, held in the summer. Event topics are selected by the Town Hall subcommittee of the Outreach Committee composed of the Outreach Chair, the President, the Event Producer (see below) and one or more Board Members.

The Event Producer (appointed by the Outreach Chair) provides continuity of supervision, expert knowledge, communications coordination and a single point of responsibility for all Town Halls. The Event Producer oversees all areas of the events including approval of expenditures, programming, promotion, and physical arrangements.

Town Hall content and planning is often delegated to one of the VNC's Standing or Ad-Hoc Committees. During the first stages of planning for each Town Hall, the Outreach Officer and Event Producer meet with those helping to organize the event and an event plan is agreed to and put in writing.

3. Coordinate VNC Tabling Activities

The Outreach Committee staffs a table at events throughout the year. The tables distribute literature about VNC and City events, issues and services; provide for direct interaction between stakeholders and VNC representatives; and provide a means for stakeholders to sign up for VNC emails.

- a. Venice Farmers' Market (currently weekly on Fridays)
- b. Other regularly-scheduled tables are located at the Venice BBQ, Abbot Kinney Festival and other events as determined by the Board or Outreach Chair.

4. VNC Press Releases and email blasts

Coordinate the design, printing and distribution of VNC literature such as press releases, email blasts, and descriptive pamphlets



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The Outreach Chair is responsible for providing and distributing all press releases and edited content for email blast articles. All press releases and email blast articles must be approved by the President. The Outreach Chair is also responsible for relationships with the press, ensuring that the press has access to the Board as necessary, answering press questions and conducting outreach to the press.

## 5. VNC Newsletter

Ensures that a printed newsletter is prepared according to a schedule determined by the Board; works closely with the Newsletter Editor (appointed by the Outreach Chair) to determine editorial budget and helps with copy-editing newsletter content. Responsible for relationships with newsletter vendors (layout, print, distribution), expediting payments and troubleshooting problems.

## 6. Outreach Budget

Works with the Treasurer to budget for Outreach activities.  
Monitors expenses charged to Outreach budget.

## **B** Revised Motion on Short-Term Vacation Rentals (10 minutes) (Marc Saltzberg, on behalf of the Neighborhood Committee) [Vicepresident@venicenc.org](mailto:Vicepresident@venicenc.org) **[EXHIBIT]**

**MOTION:** *Whereas*, short-term vacation rentals are rapidly increasing in Los Angeles as the result of internet-based brokerages listing available dwellings and facilitating rental reservations – one online site lists 746 short-term rentals in Venice; *and* *Whereas*, the demand for short-term rental units has resulted in long-term rental units being withdrawn from the market; *and* *Whereas*, the City's regulatory agencies contradict each other regarding short-term vacation rentals, with the Department of Public Safety enforcing the city's ordinance prohibiting short-term vacation rentals in R1 and R2 zones (\$336 fine for each violation with no mechanism for escalating penalties in cases of repeat violations) but the Department of Finance requiring the operators of short-term vacation rental units to pay the Transient Occupancy Tax (14% on revenues received from rental of units under 30 days); *Therefore, be it resolved*, The Neighborhood Committee of the Venice Neighborhood Council recommends that the Board of the VNC pass the following motion:  
*Resolved*, The Venice Neighborhood Council requests that the Council person for the 11th City Council District, Mike Bonin, introduce a motion to the full City Council requesting that the conditions surrounding short-term rental of dwellings in Los Angeles be investigated by appropriate City Departments, that an ordinance be drafted regulating such rentals, and that the ordinance be submitted to a vote of the City Council.

## **11. Announcements & Public Comment on items not on the Agenda (9:55PM -- 5 minutes) [5 speakers, no more than 1 minute per person – no Board member announcements permitted]**

## **12. LUPC (11:30 PM -- 100 minutes); Jake Kaufman on behalf of LUPC [chair-lupc@venicenc.org](mailto:chair-lupc@venicenc.org) **[EXHIBIT]****

## **A** 305 Rose Ave, CA 90291; Change of Use CASE NUMBER: ZA-2013-1426-ZV-CDP-SPP **MOTION:** The Venice Neighborhood Council supports this adaptive reuse from Church to General Office based upon the following:





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- There is a convenient parking contract in place based on the General Office ration of 250:1 sqft to parking within 750ft of the property,
- Enclosed recycling and trash located within the property and out of the public right of way.
- In lieu of fees no use in order to meet parking requirements.

*Motion made by Robert Aronson; Seconded by John Reed*

*LUPC Motion APPROVED 7-1-1 November 6, 2013*

*Background Information:*

<http://www.cityhood.org/ReportCaseActivityDetail.cncx?CID=32287&UGP=Anonymous>

**B** **530-532 East Grand Blvd. 90291; Small Lot Subdivision, 3-homes on 2-lots**

CASE NUMBER: ZA 2013-2127-CDP-MEL

**MOTION:** The Venice Neighborhood Councils supports this small lot subdivision (3 homes on 2 existing lots) project as presented based upon the following:

- The applicant is not requesting any exceptions, modifications or variances, from the VCZSP;
- The project as presented is compatible with the character and scale of the immediate neighborhood and block:
- Approval will be contingent upon community support for the project as Community Outreach meeting has not yet be held (scheduled for 11/10/13 at 4:00PM on site.)

*Motion made by Sarah Dennison; Seconded by Jake Kaufman*

*KUPC Motion APPROVED 6-3-0 November 6, 2013*

*Background Information:*

<http://www.cityhood.org/ReportCaseActivityDetail.cncx?CID=32893&UGP=Anonymous>

**C** **1420 Abbot Kinney Blvd; Change of Use** CASE NUMBERS: ZA-2013-1466-CDP

**MOTION:** Approve the change of use, from duplex to retail/office, as presented with the following conditions:

- Only minor changes to the exterior of the building (remains maximum 2-story craftsman building with 1 story at front/AK facing). Existing garage, which is proposed for ADA required Handicap Parking, shall remain open and accessible to the general public during all hours of operation.
- No alcohol sales of any sort, on-site or take-out.
- The project shall be fully parked as interpreted under the Venice Coastal Zone Specific Plan (VSP).
- The retail areas as defined shall not include any customer seating area(s).
- All food service shall be served packaged for "take-out" only, no on-site dining.
- Provide trash area on plans including recycling container(s).
- BMP as defined by Public Works shall be required including grease traps on all retail drains.
- Must clear Mello determination.

*Motion made by Jake Kaufman, Seconded by Robin Rudisill*

*LUPC Motion APPROVED 4-1-1 October 16, 2013*

*Background Information:*

<http://www.cityhood.org/ReportCaseActivityDetail.cncx?CID=32453&UGP=Anonymous>

**D** **709 5th Avenue 90291; Legalization of 3 Existing Homes on 1 Lot** CASE NUMBERS: N/A

**MOTION:** The VNC recommends approval of the building height for the property to be no more than 32'11", as presented, which is less than 10% over the height limit for a varied roofline, of 30', on the already built, existing structure at 709 5th Avenue, assuming it has a structurally supported varied roofline, and not a varied roofline based on the height of the solar panels, and



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with one of the three units classified as Moderately Affordable under the following assumptions and conditions:

1. Under the VSP this property would normally be restricted to 2 units unless the third unit was deemed "affordable," and therefore this solution is based on the third unit being classified as "moderately affordable."
2. The original height variance was caused by an error in design and construction, which was only discovered after construction was completed, and which would have been avoided had the design error happened today, as the rules have been changed so that the inspector must certify the height as soon as the building is framed.
3. We are unable to determine a commercially viable solution other than requiring the affordable unit, and thus the only other options for the property are a tear down or a move of the building.
4. The Applicant shall assure that the building is no taller than 32'11", which is less than 10% over the height limit for a varied roofline, of 30'.
5. It is strongly emphasized that this decision is NOT a precedent for future development, as it is only being made due to the fact that there was an error in the design and construction that was only discovered after construction was completed and which would have been avoided under today's rules, and for which there are letters from experts verifying/documenting how and why this occurred; and as the VNC does not support an exception for a height variance by itself, and as this decision is being made based on the condition of making one of the units "moderately affordable"
6. At least one week prior to the VNC Board meeting on November 26th, the owner will provide Jim Murez the following supporting documentation: as many meaningful letters of support from the 8 adjacent neighbors as possible, evidence from experts, verifying/documenting that this was a genuine error, evidence of the amount of rent the current tenants are paying and the current housing cost for the building (mortgage, property taxes and insurance), and the building plans reflecting a height of no more than 32'11", with a structurally supported varied roofline (and not a varied roofline based on using the height of the solar panels).

*Motion made by Jake Kaufman, Seconded by Jim Murez*

*LUPC Motion APPROVED 4-0-3 October 16, 2013*

## **E 101 Dudley Ave, 90291; Cell Phone Tower CASE NUMBER: ZA-2012-2118-CUW**

**MOTION:** The VNC recommends denial of the proposed project for a cell tower at 101 Dudley Avenue, as presented, for the following reasons:

1. The existing building has non-conforming height entitlements. Adding the proposed equipment and enclosure structures to the existing height would not comply with height restrictions as defined in the VSP and the LUP.
2. The existing rooftop structure is an oversized and non-conforming part of the existing building; and the proposed project would bring the building's rooftop structure even further out of compliance with the VSP and LUP.
3. The proposed locations of the front, side and rear cell tower enclosures will encroach into the required setbacks. Besides this being a violation of LAMC, VSP and LUP, these proposed encroachments will cast shadows onto and block light into adjacent properties and the Dudley Avenue walk street.
4. The proposed project would increase the existing building height by 9 additional feet. (LUP, pg. 45, only allows five feet on residential projects where the use of said equipment is essential for the building).
5. The building is already overweight and over use (29 units) and this proposed project increases the height, mass and the usage.



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6. There is no parking for maintenance vehicles.
7. The proposed project may cause unacceptable noise levels for the residents and neighbors.
8. There are significant safety concerns with respect to emergency roof access and with respect to accidents that could occur at this unmanned facility.
9. The aesthetics should be more favorable than simply faux-chimney; there are many examples throughout Los Angeles where antennas are less obtrusive and/or more artistic.
10. There is strong community opposition for this proposed project in this residential neighborhood, as evidenced by the Neighborhood Outreach meeting and the public testimony of the neighbors and residents at the LUPC meeting. No one except the Applicant was in support of the proposed project.

*Motion made by Jake Kaufman, Seconded by John Reed*

*LUPC Motion APPROVED 7-0-0 OCTOBER 16, 2013*

*Background Information:*

<http://www.cityhood.org/ReportCaseActivityDetail.cncx?CID=29654&UGP=Anonymous>

## 12. **New Business (10:00PM -- 90 minutes)**

*[Discussion and possible action]*

### **A Creation of Visitor Impact Committee (5 minutes) (Ivan Spiegel, VNC parliamentarian)** **MOTION:**

**ACTION: Added to agenda**

### **B Approve Stipulation Worksheet for 2014 Board Election (5 minutes) (Ira Koslow for REC)** [ira.koslow@venicenc.org](mailto:ira.koslow@venicenc.org) **[EXHIBIT]**

**MOTION:** The VNC approves the attached Stipulation Worksheet to be forwarded to DONE for the 2014 Board election.

### **C Upgrade Of The Westminster Community Center and Dog Park (10 minutes) (Ira Koslow for the Discussion Forum Committee)**

**MOTION:** The VNC supports the Discussion Forum Committee's approval of the concept study to improve the Westminster Community Center and Dog Park submitted by Mehrnoosh Mojallali.  
*DFC Motion by Don Novack, seconded by Donna Schubert APPROVED 7-0-1*

Link: <https://rcpt.hightail.com/2380182687/4a727b30ed421c57083786985f3ee136?cid=tx-02002208350200000000&s=19105>

**ACTION: Added to consent calendar**

### **D Enforcement Of Measure D (20 minutes) (Ivan Spiegel on behalf of LANCC)**

**MOTION:** The VNC moves to demand that the City Attorney, the LAPD, and the City Council move forward forthwith to eliminate any and all Post-ICO medical marijuana collectives (MMC) deemed to be operating illegally per measure D.

**ACTION: Postponed to December's agenda**

### **E Require all Pre-ICO medical marijuana clinics to obtain a Police Permit (10 minutes) (Ivan Spiegel on behalf of LANCC)**

**MOTION:** The VNC shall send a letter to Councilman Mike Bonin requesting that a Council File be created to address the possible requirements that all Pre-ICO medical marijuana clinics that



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comply with Measure D in location and operations be required to obtain a Police Permit to operate.

**ACTION: Postponed to December's agenda**

**F Medical Marijuana Testing (10 minutes) (Ivan Spiegel on behalf of LANCC)**

**MOTION:**Whereas the City of Los Angeles is enacting regulations to make medical cannabis available to patients in need, and

Whereas the City of Los Angeles has failed to enact public health and safety guidelines on the products sold to ensure quality control concerning contaminants, pesticides, molds, or other dangers that could affect patient's health and well-being,

Therefore Be It Resolved that the VNC requests that the City Council must act immediately to protect the public health and welfare of patients by enacting regulations that mandate safety measures including, but not limited to, laboratory testing, agriculture inspection, and similar protocols.

**ACTION: Postponed to December's agenda**

**G Request for List of Structurally Deficient Buildings Prone to Collapse in wake of an Earthquake (5 minutes) (Nick Antonicello [nacount@aol.com](mailto:nacount@aol.com))**

**MOTION:** WHEREAS, the Los Angeles Times in an investigative report revealed that thousands of concrete structures are at-risk should an earthquake occur, and

WHEREAS a list of these structurally deficient buildings exists, and

WHEREAS this information has been in the hands of the City of Los Angeles for decades according to the Los Angeles Times, and

WHEREAS residents of Los Angeles should be aware of the location of these structures exist, and

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Venice Neighborhood Council request that the 11th District Council Member's Office make a formal request of this list and that it be posted at [www.Venicenc.org](http://www.Venicenc.org) so that full transparency exist regarding this serious public safety lapse on the part of the Los Angeles city government to provide such public information and that a copy of this request be sent to Los Angeles Mayor Eric Garcetti, Los Angeles County Supervisor Zev Yaroslavsky, Congressman Henry Waxman, California Senator Ted Lieu and Assemblyman Steven Bradford.

**ACTION: Moved to consent calendar**

**H Monitoring Affordable Housing Units In Venice (5 minutes) (Sylvia Aroth [venicesylvia@gmail.com](mailto:venicesylvia@gmail.com))**

**MOTION:** The Venice Neighborhood Council requests that Councilman Bonin investigate, determine and report back to the VNC information concerning all rental units in the VNC boundaries that have affordability restrictions imposed by law or regulatory agreement. The information requested includes:

- 1- the address of each restricted unit;
- 2- The level of restriction (e.g. 30%AMI, 50% AMI etc)
- 3- The date the restriction was imposed
- 4- The term of the restriction (e.g. 15 years, 30 years, etc.)
- 5- The name of the agency or the designee of the agency that is responsible for monitoring compliance with the restrictions.

This request is intended to include but is not limited to all rental units restricted pursuant to provisions of the Mello Act, SB 1818, and regulatory agreements of which government agencies



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are a party. It is also intended to include all housing units owned by local state or federal government agencies.

**ACTION: Postponed to December's agenda**

**I Green Infrastructure AdHoc Committee (5 minutes)** (Erin Sullivan Ward  
[erin.sullivanward@venicenc.org](mailto:erin.sullivanward@venicenc.org))

**MOTION:** The VNC shall approve the creation of a Green Infrastructure Ad hoc Committee and help find interested residents. The goal of this committee is to grow green infrastructure into the Oakwood neighborhood, alleys, and street networks by creating a street tree network to absorb air pollutants and provide shade; paving changes to increase permeability and slow traffic; and widening sidewalks to accommodate this pedestrian-oriented neighborhood. In the short term we would like to create a GIS based street tree inventory. The long-term plan is to obtain funding and community support to create a network of green street and alleys that will be designed for permeability, capturing storm water, landscaping, trees, and play spaces for the community.

**ACTION: Removed from agenda**

**14. Ocean Front Walk Safety (1:10AM -- 120 minutes)**

The Ocean Front Walk, Public Safety and Visitor Impact Committees met and deliberated on recommendations and suggestions heard at The VNC Public Safety Town Hall on October 29, 2013 and responded to the Needs Assessment on Public Safety for Venice Beach as submitted by the City Recreation and Parks Department: [VNC-OFW-Safety-Report\\_8-14-13.pdf](#))

**A Automated Retractable Bollard System**

**MOTION:** The Ocean Front Walk Committee, Public Safety Committee and Visitor Impact Committee recommend that the VNC Board not support automated bollards.

*Motion made by Melissa, Seconded by Sevan APPROVED 9-0-1*

**B Gate And Bollard System**

**MOTION:** The Ocean Front Walk Committee, Public Safety Committee and Visitor Impact Committee recommend that the VNC Board not support a lockable gate system.

*Motion made by Carl, Seconded by Gail APPROVED 9-0-1*

**C Hard Street Closures**

**MOTION:** The Ocean Front Walk Committee, Public Safety Committee and Visitor Impact Committee recommend that the VNC not support the use of steel and concrete bollards on OFW and support instead the use of functional and artistic obstructions that may include welcome arches, bike racks, statues, art, monuments and concrete seating areas etc. These items should be placed close enough to block vehicles but far enough apart to allow pedestrian, wheelchair access and delivery access on all streets with access to OFW except Navy, Rose, Brooks, Market, 18<sup>th</sup> Ave, Venice Blvd and Washington Blvd.

*Motion made by Sevan, Seconded by Melissa APPROVED 8-0-2*

**D Temporary Traffic Control and Safety Measures**

**MOTION:** The Ocean Front Walk Committee, Public Safety Committee and Visitor Impact Committee recommend that the VNC support removing the temporary bollards on Ocean Front Walk.

*Motion made by Melissa, Seconded by Gail APPROVED 8-2-0*



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- E** **Changing Signs**  
**MOTION:** The Ocean Front Walk Committee, Public Safety Committee and Visitor Impact Committee recommends to the VNC that the removal of the Dead End, Road Closed, Do Not Enter signs and replace them with Welcome to Venice Beach, Pedestrians Only and Directional signs regarding parking where appropriate, i.e. Speedway.  
*Motion made by Carl, Seconded by Joseph APPROVED 10-0-0*
- F** **Security Cameras**  
**MOTION:** The Ocean Front Walk Committee, Public Safety Committee and Visitor Impact Committee recommend the VNC not support security cameras.  
*Motion made by Sevan, Seconded by Laura APPROVED 7-3-0*
- G** **Public Address System**  
**MOTION:** The Ocean Front Walk Committee, Public Safety Committee and Visitor Impact Committee recommend the VNC to support the use of public address system for use in emergency and evacuation purposes only.  
*Motion made by Sevan, Seconded by Laura APPROVED 7-3-0*
- H** **Lighting Upgrades**  
**MOTION:** The Ocean Front Walk Committee, Public Safety Committee and Visitor Impact Committee recommend the VNC support Lighting Upgrades as the number one priority of the Safety Assessment and support vastly expanding lighting on Ocean Front Walk, the bike path and Speedway using green technology, LED and solar.  
*Motion made by Daniel, Seconded by Shelly APPROVED 9-0-1*  
**ACTION: Special Board meeting on Monday, December 2<sup>nd</sup> for Item 14 - Ocean Front Walk Safety Motions at 6:30PM (HH/MS)**
- 15. Treasurers Report (3:10AM -- 5 minutes);** Hugh Harrison [Treasurer@Venicenc.org](mailto:Treasurer@Venicenc.org)  
*[Discussion and possible action]* **[EXHIBIT]**
- A** **MOTION:** The VNC Board approves the attached report on expenditures for the period September 22, 2013, through October 21, 2013, and the monthly EmpowerLA reconciliation report.
- 16. VNC Announcements (3:20AM -- 10 Minutes)**
- **Vice President** Marc Saltzberg ([Vicepresident@Venicenc.org](mailto:Vicepresident@Venicenc.org))
  - **Westside Regional Alliance of Neighborhood Councils-** Mike Newhouse, WRAC President, Marc Saltzberg, VNC Representatives. [Chair@westsidecouncils.org](mailto:Chair@westsidecouncils.org),
  - **Los Angeles Neighborhood Council Coalition (LANCC)** Ivan Spiegel ([parliamentarian@venicenc.org](mailto:parliamentarian@venicenc.org))
  - **Venice Chamber Of Commerce:** Erin-Sullivan Ward ([erin.ward@venicenc.org](mailto:erin.ward@venicenc.org))
- 17. Announcements & Public Comment on items not on the Agenda (3:30AM -- 10 minutes)**  
*[no more than 1 minute per person – no Board member announcements permitted]*
- 18. Board Member Comments on subject matters within the VNC jurisdiction (3:40AM -- 5 minutes, no more than 1 minute per person)**



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## 19. Adjourn (approx. 3:45PM)

### List of Venice Neighborhood Council Committees & Chairs – Volunteers Welcome

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