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Administrative Committee Agenda

Extra Space Storage, Presidents Row Room

658 South Venice Blvd, Venice, 90291

Monday, August 12, 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, MS, IK, KV, HH, ESW, SK

Absent: TW

2. Approval of the Administrative Committee Agenda

ACTION: Add the following to the agenda:

Old Business

A – Posting Policy

B – LUPC Replacement Election Application Policy

C - Discussion of nuisance grievances

New Business

C - Discussion of meeting with Councilman Bonin

D – VNC Logo on Venice BBQ Certificate

E – Enforcement of regulations regarding bikes riders violations

Amended Agenda approved ESW/IK

3. Approval of outstanding Administrative Committee minutes

<http://www.venicenc.org/wp-content/uploads/2012/05/130708AdComMinutes.pdf>

ACTION: Agenda approved MS/IK

4. Announcements & Public Comment on items not on the Agenda

Ivan Spiegel

5. Old Administrative Committee Business

A Posting Policy

ACTION: Outreach Committee will review locations for posting agendas.

B LUPC Replacement Election Application Policy

C Discussion of nuisance grievances



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6. **New Administrative Committee Business**

[Discussion and possible action.]

A Selection of Committee for Monthly Committee Report

August: Discussion Forum Committee

September: Mass, Scale & Character

B VNC Special Meeting (Brenda Simmons bsimmons@publicstrategies.org)

The Institute for Public Strategies (IPS) – a local nonprofit funded by LA County Dept. of Public Health – would like to collaborate with the VNC to plan and organize a town hall meeting focused gathering community input and support for ways to reduce community problems associated with high alcohol outlet density. IPS does not have funds to contribute to the event, but can provide staff to do all of the work involved in planning and organizing the event for the VNC.

ACTION: Referred to Neighborhood Committee

C Discussion of meeting with Councilman Bonin

D Discussion of VNC Logo on Venice BBQ Certificate

ACTION: VNC cannot accept donations; therefore logo cannot be on certificates of appreciation to vendors and those who donated goods to the BBQ.

E Enforcement of regulations regarding bikes riders violations

F Consideration and approval of August 20, 2013 Proposed Board Agenda

ACTION: Proposed board agenda approved. KV/SK

7. **Adjourn**

ACTION: IK/KV Meeting Adjourned 9:30PM



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DRAFT Board of Officers Meeting Agenda

Westminster Elementary School (Auditorium)

1010 Abbot Kinney Blvd, Venice, 90291

Tuesday, August 20, 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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1. Call to Order and Roll Call (7:00PM – 5 minutes)

Meeting is called to order in memory of Alice Gruppioni and the injured on Aug. 3. A moment of silence will be held to honor those affected in the tragedy.

Congratulations to Andi Murez for winning 5 Gold Medals in swimming at the Maccabean Games in Israel and winning an award as best all around athlete of the games!

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

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

<http://www.venicenc.org/wp-content/uploads/2012/12/130716BoardMinutes.pdf>

ACTION: President's Report moved to after board minutes.

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

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

5. 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 VNC Photo Contest Eduardo Manilla on behalf of the VNC Arts Committee

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MOTION: The VNC Board approves that the Arts Committee shall launch a monthly photo Contest via the social media outlet: INSTAGRAM. The purpose of this contest is to actively maintain the VNC's Social Media while encouraging the participation of the Venice community in an artistic contest.

Every month there will be a photography theme, previously approved by the Arts Committee. The different themes will be related to the culture of Venice. Some of the themes will be: Venice Murals, Venice Sunsets, Venice Nature, etc. Users will have to "Hashtag" each photo so that all competition entries can be bundled together.

A winner will be chosen every month by the Arts Committee and the awarded photograph will be featured through the Social Media, Newsletter and Webpage platforms of the VNC, providing great exposure to the winners.

Each contest will have a length of one month. The contest will start with the announcement of the contest theme at the Arts Committee Meeting. The community will have a whole month to submit their picture(s). The contest will end at the following Arts Committee Meeting when the winning photograph will be announced as well as the new contest theme. The Arts Committee Co-Chairs will provide an update on the contest at every VNC Board of Officers meeting.

ACTION: Placed on consent calendar ESW/SK

B Board Retreat Meetings Sylvia Aroth, Sylvia.Aroth@Venicenc.org

MOTION: The VNC Board shall plan to have quarterly retreat meetings in order to cooperatively work towards a common goal.

ACTION: Motion fails to be placed on agenda

AdCom endorses the concept of having quarterly board retreat meetings.

6. Scheduled Announcements (7:30PM – 85 minutes)

[No discussion or Public Comment]

A Food Coordinator (2 minutes) Linda Lucks president@venicenc.org

The VNC needs a person or persons to help organized the food for VNC Board meetings.

ACTION: Moved to President's Report

B Venice BBQ Report (3 minutes) Barklie Griggs and the BBQ Committee

ACTION: Moved to President's Report

C Public Safety - LAPD Report (10 minutes): Senior Lead Officers Peggy Thusing

(25120@lapd.lacity.org), Kristan Delatori 32914@lapd.lacity.org ,Gregg Jacobus,

35162@lapd.lacity.org. Lt. Paola Kreeft, Beach Detail (lapdpaola.kreeft@gmail.com Includes



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a monthly Venice crime report and updates on law enforcement issues in Venice. No Q & A during report. Please ask questions with police office before or after report.

- D** **PATH** (People Assisting the Homeless) **(5 minutes)** Update on Councilman Rosendahl's Roadmap to Homes Program, Joel Roberts, Joel.Roberts@epath.org, Tomasz Babiszkiwicz (tomaszb@epath.org); *This report includes statistics on the number of people placed in permanent and temporary housing (from Venice) as well as the numbers of people in process.*

ACTION: Removed from August Agenda

- E** **VNC Monthly Committee Report: (10 minutes)**
[A monthly report on one of the VNC's standing or Ad Hoc committees.]
This month's report will be from the Discussion Forum Committee

- F** **Government Reports (10 minutes)** [Representatives have standing place on the agenda, but are not always available to attend]

- **Congressman Henry Waxman**, Representative Lisa.Pinto; Lisa.Pinto@house.
- **State Senator Ted Lieu**, Representative, Veronica Zendejas Veronica.Zendejas@sen.ca.gov 310-318-6994
- **State Assemblyperson Steve Bradford**, Darryn Harris, District Director Darryn.Harris@asm.ca.gov 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
- **City Councilmember Mike Bonin**, Cecilia Castillo, Field Deputy (310-568-8772); (Cecilia.castillo@lacity.org); Mark Grant (Mark.Grant@lacity.org)

- G** **Interim Report on Venice Beach Zipline (5 minutes)** Marc Saltzberg **[EXHIBIT]**

A report on compliance of the Venice Beach Zipline with the conditions that accompanied approval by the VNC in 2012. The report represents the notes of a community meeting of Friday, August 3rd, with representatives of FlightLinez, City of Los Angeles Rec & Parks, and representation from CD-11.

Public Q & A will be allowed on the subject matter in the report.

ACTION: Moved to the President's report



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- H** **Ad Hoc Committee on Mass, Scale and Character Progress (5 minutes)** Sue Kaplan
chair.massandscale@venicenc.org

The committee will to give an update/report about the work they have been doing.

ACTION: Postponed to September meeting

- I** **Ballona Wetlands Presentation (10 minutes)** Dr. Travis Longcore with support from Marcia Hanscom

Presentation on the history of Ballona Wetlands and how it relates to Venetians.

ACTION: Presentation placed on the agenda

- J** **Announce Vacant LUPC Seat and Open Nominations Process** Ira Koslow

ACTION: Presentation placed on the agenda

- K** **An Introduction to the Westside Impact Coalition: Working to Reduce Alcohol Harms in Venice (5 minutes)** Sarah Blanch sblanch@publicstrategies.org

The Westside Impact Coalition is a group of local residents dedicated to reducing alcohol-related harms in Venice. They are approaching alcohol problems, particularly as they relate to retail access (excessive alcohol outlet density, sales to minors, over-service to intoxicated persons.) and would like to review a few potential strategies.

ACTION: Referred to Neighborhood Committee

- 8** **Placeholder for Public Safety motions (time)**

- 9.** **LUPC (8:55 PM -- 60 minutes);** Jake Kaufman on behalf of LUPC chair-lupc@venicenc.org

- A** **BevMo! at 4214 S Lincoln Blvd (30 minutes – 5 minutes for applicant, 5 minutes for LUPC Staff, 10 minutes for public comment, 10 minutes for board comment)**
[EXHIBIT]

MOTION: The VNC Board supports the project as presented, with the following conditions:

- Landscaping plan to conform to the LA City landscape ordinance
- No relief from the Lincoln Blvd. CDO
- No relief from physical on-site parking requirements
- Meeting all alcohol conditions noted in VNC’s LUPC Staff Report

LUPC Motion made by: Jake, SECONDED: Jim Murez

LUPC VOTE: 7-0

Background Information:

<http://cityhood.org/ReportCaseActivityDetail.cncx?CID=32283&UGP=Anonymous>

ACTION: Motion placed on the agenda KV/IK



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- B** **522 Venice Blvd.; Small Lot Subdivision and Condominiums Revised Application; AA 70870-SLZA 2013-1420-CDP VTT-70870-SL (30 minute–5 minutes for applicant, 5 minutes for LUPC Staff, 10 minutes for public comment, 10 minutes for board comment)** **[EXHIBIT]**

DEMOLITION OF ONE MARKET RATE TRIPLEX AND SUBDIVISION INTO 10 SMALL LOT SITES WITH A TOTAL OF 15 UNITS (5 DETACHED SINGLE-FAMILY DWELLINGS AND 5 DETACHED DUPLEXES PURSUANT TO THE SMALL LOT ORDINANCE)

MOTION: The VNC Board denies approval of this project for the following reasons:

- Applicant has provided insufficient project information to LUPC for this hearing,
- Applicant has a proven record of ignoring community recommendations on this project and has continued to do so with this revised application,
- Project application does not make the first 2 discretionary Findings for Bonus Density Incentive Menu thus invalidating the 35% height increase,
- Applicant is not relieved by Code in Venice of the LAMC requirement for 15 foot front setbacks in the RD1.5-1-0 zone,
- Project has 3 front elevations facing 3 streets, Venice Blvd., Mildred Ave. and Ocean Ave.
- Project has one building elevation lacking any articulation facing Ocean Avenue,
- Project has 9 rooftop access structures which conflicts with VNC motion of 12/7/05 limiting rooftop access structures to one per project,
- No guest parking is provided in a development with 15 dwelling units
- Applicant has presented no evidence of having done a traffic study to assess traffic impacts from project on neighborhood,
- Project consolidating 3 lots into one in a residential zone is in conflict with VZCSP Section 9.A.1.c limiting consolidation to 2 lots in the Southeast Venice sub-area
- Project density, mass and scale are significantly incompatible with the surrounding neighborhood,

LUPC Motion made by: Sarah Dennison SECONDED: Jim Murez

LUPC VOTE: 5-0-0 on August 7, 2013

ACTION: Motion placed on the agenda SK/ESW

- C** **1635 Abbott Kinney, Wabi Sabi Case numbers: DIR-2012-80-SPP, ENV-2012-247-CE & ZA-2012-246-CUB (20 minute–5 minutes for applicant, 5 minutes for LUPC Staff, 5 minutes for public comment, 5 minutes for board comment)** **[EXHIBIT]**

MOTION: The VNC supports the application as presented, noting:



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1. The only change to the conditions of CUB is a change of hours to remain open to 2am, similar to neighboring businesses.
2. The property is entitled to 14 parking spaces per 1999 CPC. This project as presented to the VNC is for 698 sqft of service floor area, which requires 14 parking spaces.
3. While we realize that Planning has refused to condition recent projects with pollution and noise mitigation measures, the community feels very strong that all new restaurants near residential homes (as this one is) make significant efforts to reduce odor, smoke, and noise, including using "scrubbers".

MOTION MADE BY JAKE KAUFMAN, SECONDED BY JOHN REED
PASSED 4-1-0

Background information:

<http://cityhood.org/ReportCaseActivityDetail.cncx?CID=27802&UGP=Anonymous>

ACTION: Motion placed on the agenda SK/ESW

9. **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]
10. **New Business (10:00PM -- 70 minutes)**
[Discussion and possible action]
- A **Venice Bike Path Improvements (10 minutes)** (Nick Antonicello nacount@aol.com)

MOTION: Whereas, The conditions at the Venice bike path as well as at the boardwalk are being compromised by the sand erosion beneath the collapsing grassy knolls, and Whereas, these knolls are under the responsibility of LA's Department of Parks & Recreation while the bike path is the responsibility of the County of Los Angeles,

Therefore be it resolved, that the the VNC send a letter to the Councilman Bonin and to County Supervisor Yaroslovsky asking for collective efforts to solve the sand issue because of the safety concerns for bicyclists as well as pedestrians during the high volume visitation to OFW.

ACTION: Motion placed on consent calendar

- B **VNC Board Comment on the NC Plan Review Committees issue recommendations (45 minutes)** (Ira Koslow on behalf of REC ira.koslow@venicenc.org) **[EXHIBIT]**

MOTION: The VNC supports the NC Plan Review Committees issue recommendations as per the "NC Plan Review Recommendations - REC vetted" exhibit giving each of the nine separate topics separate consideration.

ACTION: Individual recommendations will be placed on the consent calendar IK/ESW



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- C **Approval of Stakeholder Definition Change (10 minutes)** (Ira Koslow on behalf of REC ira.koslow@venicenc.org) **[EXHIBIT]**

MOTION: The VNC shall send a letter and a Community Impact Statement to the City Council approving the Stakeholder Definition change presented by Councilman Huizar: "The VNC Board recommends that the City Council amend the Administrative Code Section 22.811 (a)(2) and the Plan for Neighborhood Councils to remove the current definition of factual basis stakeholder and substitute with the community interest stakeholder defined as a person who affirms a substantial and ongoing participation within the Neighborhood Council boundaries and who may be in a community organization such as, but not limited to, educational, nonprofit or religious."

ACTION: Motion placed on the consent calendar MS/ESW

- D **Ballona Wetlands Educational Walk (1 minute)** (Erin Sullivan Ward erin.sullivanward@venicenc.org)

MOTION: The VNC shall sponsor a one day (with the possibility of additional days) educational walk of the Ballona Wetlands guided by the LA Audubon Society. The VNC shall provide press and water and invite stakeholders and community leaders. The guided walks purpose is to introduce Venetians to the Ballona Wetlands Ecological Reserves.

ACTION: Motion placed on agenda

- 11. **Treasurers Report (11:10 PM -- 5 minutes);** Hugh Harrison (Treasurer@Venicenc.org) **[EXHIBIT]**
[Discussion and possible action]

MOTION: The VNC Board approves the attached report on expenditures for the period July 1, 2013, through June 21, 2013, and the monthly EmpowerLA reconciliation report.

ACTION: Motion placed on agenda HH/IK

- 12. **VNC Announcements & Comments (11:15PM -- 10 Minutes)**

- **President:** Linda Lucks (president@venicenc.org)
ACTION: President's Report moved to after board 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,
- **Venice Chamber Of Commerce:** Erin-Sullivan Ward (erin.ward@venicenc.org)
- **Board Member Comments on subject matters within the VNC jurisdiction**

- 13. **Announcements & Public Comment on items not on the Agenda (11:25PM -- 10 minutes)**
[no more than 1 minute per person – no Board member announcements permitted]



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14. Adjourn (approx. 11:40PM)

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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		