



# Venice Neighborhood Council

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## **Board of Officers Meeting Minutes** **Westminster Elementary School (Auditorium)** **1010 Abbot Kinney Blvd, Venice, 90291** **Tuesday, June 16th, 2015 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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**COMMUNITY IMPACT STATEMENTS:** Any action taken by the Board may result in the filing of a related CIS

**DISABILITY POLICY:** See last page.

**ALL AGENDA TIMES ARE APPROXIMATE AND SUBJECT TO CHANGE ON THE NIGHT OF THE MEETING.**

1. **Call to Order and Roll Call (7:00PM – 1 minute)**

Thank you to Whole Foods, Abbot's Habit, and Jessica Blumenthal for the food and refreshments.

**PRESENT:** Mike Newhouse, Marc Saltzberg, Kristopher Valentine, Ira Koslow, Joe Murphy, Bud Jacobs, Jed Pauker, Mike Bravo, George Francisco, George Gineris, Abigail Myers, Robin Rudisill, Hugh Harrison, Max Sloan

**ABSENT:** Matt Kline, Melissa Diner, Sylvia Aroth, Hugh Harrison, Tommy Walker, Kelley Willis, Eduardo Manilla, Erin Darling

2. **Pledge Of Allegiance (7:01PM -- 1 minute)**

3. **Approval of Outstanding Board minutes (7:02PM – 1 minute)**

<http://www.venicenc.org/wp-content/uploads/2012/12/150519BoardMinutes.pdf>

**ACTION:** Minutes approved (MS/IK 12-0-1)

**IN FAVOR:** Marc Saltzberg, Kristopher Valentine, Jed Pauker, Mike Bravo, George Francisco, George Gineris, Ira Koslow, Abigail Myers, Bud Jacobs,

**AGAINST:** NONE

**ABSTAIN:** Mike Newhouse, Joe Murphy,



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#### 4. Approval of the Board Agenda (7:03PM – 1 minute)

**ACTION:** 12D moved up before 12A, 11B jointly requested to be put off another month (July 21<sup>st</sup>), 12C to be modified to extend for a month.

**Agenda as amended approved (JP/AM 12-0-1).**

**IN FAVOR:** Marc Saltzberg, Kristopher Valentine, Jed Pauker, Mike Bravo, George Francisco, George Gineris, Ira Koslow, Joe Murphy, Abigail Myers, Bud Jacobs,

**AGAINST:** NONE

**ABSTAIN:** Mike Newhouse

**Robin Rudisill arrived.**

#### 5. Declaration of Ex Parte Communications or Conflicts-Of-Interest (7:04PM -- 1 minute)

All Board members shall declare any ex parte communications or conflicts-of interest relating to items on this meeting's agenda.

**Mike Newhouse recuses self from 11C due to living close to project.**

#### 6. Scheduled Announcements and Presentations (7:05PM – 50 minutes)

**A 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. Lydia Leos 23216@lapd.lacity.org , OFW Beach Detail Supervisor. *Includes a monthly Venice crime report and updates on law enforcement issues in Venice.*

**Crime up 14.7% this year, but numbers better than last year at this time (near 22%). GTA up 92%. Police have free car clubs to give out. Property crime is the largest factor for automobiles.**

**Hugh Harrison arrived.**

**B Government Reports (15 minutes)** (Representatives have standing place on the agenda, but are not always available to attend)

- City Councilmember Mike Bonin, Jesus "Chuy" D. Orozco, Field Deputy, [jesus.d.orozco@lacity.org](mailto:jesus.d.orozco@lacity.org) (310-568-8772)

**Short term rental ordinance being worked on for landlords can't evict tenants, people can rent out their primary residency.**

- Congressman Ted Lieu, Representative Janet Turner 310-496-9896 [janet.turner@mail.house.gov](mailto:janet.turner@mail.house.gov)  
**VA moving forward to get housing for homeless vets.**
- State Senator Ben Allen, Representative **Fernando Morales** 310-318-6994  
[fernando.morales@sen.ca.gov](mailto:fernando.morales@sen.ca.gov)  
**New rep for Sen. Ben Allen.**



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- State Assemblyperson Autumn Burke, Rep Odysseus Bostick 310.412.6400  
[odysseus.bostick@asm.ca.gov](mailto:odysseus.bostick@asm.ca.gov)

## Veterans could not get CalGrants if over 28, bill was passed.

- LA County Supervisor Sheila Kuehl
- Mayor Eric Garcetti, Westside Deputy, Daniel Tamm, ([Daniel.Tamm@Lacity.org](mailto:Daniel.Tamm@Lacity.org)) 213-978-0836
- Ejjah Cooper – Oakwood Rec Park Director

## New Park Director for Oakwood Recreation. Looking for activities for kids, please come bring your ideas.

July 18<sup>th</sup> Big Hero Six movie night. Popcorn provided, bring candy. Starts at dusk.

## Max Sloan arrived.

### C VNC Announcements (5 Minutes)

- President - Mike Newhouse ([President@VeniceNC.org](mailto:President@VeniceNC.org))  
Presentation of Certificate to Cecilia Castillo in recognition of service to Venice Community
- Vice President - Marc Saltzberg ([VicePresident@VeniceNC.org](mailto:VicePresident@VeniceNC.org))
- Secretary – Kristopher Valentine ([secretary@veniceNC.org](mailto:secretary@veniceNC.org))  
*Review of Agenda requests to provide transparency, fairness, and clarity to stakeholders and the Board:*
  - 1) *Agenda requests are required to be submitted on the Tuesday before Ad Com meets by 7:00PM.*
  - 2) *All agenda requests must be submitted via the board website (link) with the title, motion, and contact information of the maker of the motion.*
  - 3) *Any motions submitted by committee shall include the date the motion was passed by the committee and the vote count.*
  - 4) *Agenda requests must include any exhibits or links to exhibits at the time of submission.*
  - 5) *Items submitted after the deadline will be placed on the following month's Ad Com agenda or referred to an appropriate Committee.*
  - 6) *The only exceptions (up to 48 extra hours) to the deadline are:*
    - a. *Time-sensitive or urgent business*
    - b. *Financial matters*
    - c. *LUPC project motions with upcoming government hearings which affect a specific stakeholder or applicant.*
  - 7) *The President has the right to overrule the guidelines as they see fit on a case by case basis.*
- **8) Stakeholders submit your agenda items and get involved!**
- Westside Regional Alliance of 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))
- VNC Barbeque: Ivan Spiegel ([Parliamentarian@VeniceNC.org](mailto:Parliamentarian@VeniceNC.org))
- VNC Representative to DWP: Dede Audet
- Venice Chamber Of Commerce: **Carl Lambert**, President VCC



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## New President of Venice Chamber Of Commerce. George Francisco VP.

- D** **CIP Application Rankings (5 minutes)** Marc Saltzberg on behalf of the Neighborhood Committee ([VicePresident@venicenc.org](mailto:VicePresident@venicenc.org))

The Neighborhood Committee will announce its ranking of the Community Improvement Projects (CIP) applications for the 2015-2016 Fiscal Year.

- E** **Venice Bike Share (5 minutes)** Jessie Holzer ([jessie.holzer@lacity.org](mailto:jessie.holzer@lacity.org))

Presentation of the bike share program coming to Venice as part of the City of Santa Monica's bike share program.

- F** **Library Services (5 minutes)** Alicia M. Rodriguez ([arodrig@lapl.org](mailto:arodrig@lapl.org))

Presentation by the Western Region Bilingual Outreach Librarian about the various programs and services the library has for the community.

- G** **Spotball Presentation (5 minutes)** Yo Pomiro ([spotballusa@gmail.com](mailto:spotballusa@gmail.com))

Presentation about a 501.c.3 organized to promote health among homeless veterans.

- 7.** **General Consent Calendar (7:55PM -- 1 minute)**

*[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** **Support of legislation on Short Term Rentals** (Ivan Spiegel on behalf of LAANG) ([Parliamentarian@VeniceNC.org](mailto:Parliamentarian@VeniceNC.org))~~

~~**MOTION:** The Venice Neighborhood Council shall send a Community Impact Statement supporting CF14-1635-S2 which proposes to eliminate or structure short term rentals through public hearings and the Neighborhood Council system. This process would allow a properly drafted and enforceable citywide ordinance. The VNC also supports that all Hosts not only capture the Transient Occupancy Tax (TOT), but also the City's Department of Finance coordinate an effort to track BTRCs to the TOT. Letters to the LA City Council be sent in addition to the filing of a CIS.~~

~~**ACTION:** 7A pulled from consent calendar, then pulled by the agenda by maker of the motion.~~



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**B** **Prioritize Funding for DONE Staffing Before Online Voting** (Ivan Spiegel on behalf of LAANC  
Parliamentarian@VeniceNC.org)

**MOTION:** Whereas the Department Of Neighborhood Empowerment (DONE) is losing employees monthly, and

Whereas Neighborhood Councils are under-trained and under-supported by DONE, and

Whereas the Mayor did not fund online elections, and

Whereas the City Council did not fund elections or fully fund the additional DONE staff positions needed for the department to fulfill its Charter mandated work,

Therefore be it resolved that The Venice Neighborhood Council moves to strongly demand that the City Council immediately both fully fund the six staff positions allocated and fully fund the online voting for elections.

The Venice Neighborhood Council) further moves to demand that the DONE General Manager immediately fill all staff positions allocated with the savings held by the department, and find additional sources of revenue to implement the online voting program for the FY 2015-2016. A letter shall be sent to the Mayor, City Councilmembers, the DONE GM, and a CIS shall be filed for CF 15-0600

**C** **Pico Youth & Family Center Funding** Mike Bravo ([mike.bravo@venicenc.org](mailto:mike.bravo@venicenc.org))

**MOTION:** Whereas Santa Monica's Pico Neighborhood is home to three gangs whose members have had a long standing feud with youth from Venice and other youth throughout the Westside and Whereas the violence that has emanated from these conflicts has permanently damaged youth and families and

Whereas funding programs like the PYFC ([www.picoyouth.org](http://www.picoyouth.org)) that have been proven to successfully curtail gang membership and gang violence are a benefit to the public safety of all Westside residents and

Whereas for the past 13 years the PYFC has been effective in decreasing gang membership and also has increased the college-going rate of low income youth and

Whereas the City of Santa Monica City Council will vote on their annual budget on June 23<sup>rd</sup>, 2015, and

Whereas the Pico Neighborhood Association has asked for support of a resolution asking that the City continue to fund the PYFC which was born as a response to gang violence in 1998

Therefore be it resolved that the Venice Neighborhood Council supports effective gang prevention programs like the PYFC and respectfully calls on Councilman Mike Bonin to write a letter of support urging the City of Santa Monica (Mayor and City Council) to keep the Center open by funding 40% of the PYFC's budget (\$190,000) as being requested by the Pico Neighborhood Residents Association.



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**D** Revisions to DBS Appeals Process (Marc Saltzberg on behalf of WRAC)  
([vicepresident@vencienc.org](mailto:vicepresident@vencienc.org))

**MOTION:** Whereas the current 2-step Dept. of Building and Safety appeals process is long, onerous and expensive for regular citizens. The first DBS administrative review takes 6 weeks and costs \$470. An appeal of that DBS determination requires public notification (\$20 for adjacent addresses from Assessor, \$165 for labels and sign postings) and a new case submittal (\$700). The total fee for a regular citizen to appeal DBS permits comes to \$1,400. (Planning appeals cost \$200, which is \$1,200 less) and

Whereas an appeal is not a new proposed development project; it is an appeal of an already filed development project and should be treated as such and

Whereas new and time consuming requirements such as CEQA filings are unnecessary as the appeal rests on the originally filed case.

Therefore be it resolved that the Venice Neighborhood Council recommends that the City of Los Angeles revise the appeals process for Building Permits. Appeals of Dept. of Building and Safety determinations should use the same simple process as appeals of Planning Dept. and Planning Commission determinations and with similar fees. DBS "appeals" should not be treated as a new case with public notification and CEQA requirements.

**ACTION:** 7A pulled from consent calendar, 7B, 7C and 7D approved (MS/JM 13-0-1).

**IN FAVOR:** Marc Saltzberg, Kristopher Valentine, Hugh Harrison, Robin Rudisill, Jed Pauker, Mike Bravo, George

Francisco, George Gineris, Ira Koslow, Joe Murphy, Abigail Myers, Max Sloan, Bud Jacobs,

**AGAINST:** NONE

**ABSTAIN:** Mike Newhouse

**8.** Land Use and Planning Committee (LUPC) Consent Calendar (7:56 PM -- 1 minute)

*[All agenda items on the Land Use and Planning Committee (LUPC) Consent Calendar will pass when the LUPC 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 agenda item 11. Land Use and Planning Committee and will be treated as regular LUPC agenda items, with discussion and public comment.]*

**A** VNC De Minimis Projects

**MOTION:** The VNC Board recommends approval of the following project as a "De Minimis Project":

~~520 Broadway, Oakwood Subarea, ZA-2014-3110 CDP & AA-2014-3109 PMLA-CN & ENV-2014-3113-MND, based on previously approved State CDP 5-14-0237, for purposes of conversion of duplex to condos upon approval of PMLA.~~

~~Applicant: Robert Thibodeau~~



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~~LUPC Staff: Robin Rudisill~~

~~RECOMMENDED BY LUPC on 6/2/15 by a vote of 7-0-0~~

**ACTION: 8A pulled from consent calendar.**

9. **Announcements & Public Comment on items not on the Agenda (7:57PM -- 10 minutes)**  
*[No more than 1 minute per person – no Board member announcements permitted]*  
**Kevin O'Brien, Jessie de La Torre, Yolanda Gonzalez, Pam Anderson, Lydia Ponce, Charlotte Rules**
10. **Old Business (8:10PM -- 25 minutes)**  
*[Discussion and possible action]*
- A **Support for Assembly passage of SB 277 (15 minutes)** (Marc Saltzberg,  
[VicePresident@venicenc.org](mailto:VicePresident@venicenc.org))

**MOTION:** The Venice Neighborhood Council urges the Los Angeles City Council to include in its 2015-16 State Legislative Program a position in favor of SB 277, removing the ability for parents to file a personal belief exemption from the requirement that children receive vaccines for specific communicable diseases prior to being admitted to any private or public elementary or secondary school, child care center, day nursery, nursery school, family day care home, or development center.

**Yolanda Gonzalez, Charlotte Rules, Liz Wright, Lydia Ponce, Joelle Dumas, Zeena Pliska, Mry Turk Delger, Courtney Lachey, Pam Anderson, Jill Hawkins, Wendy Silvers, Katherine Durrin**

**ACTION: Motion fails (MS/HH 5-6-3).**

**IN FAVOR:** Marc Saltzberg, Kristopher Valentine, Hugh Harrison, Jed Pauker, George Francisco,

**AGAINST:** Robin Rudisill, Mike Bravo, Ira Koslow, Joe Murphy, Abigail Myers, Bud Jacobs,

**ABSTAIN:** Mike Newhouse, George Gineris, Max Sloan,

- B **811-815 Ocean Front Walk Mello Act Follow Up (10 minutes)** Robin Rudisill on behalf of LUPC,  
([Chair-lupc@VeniceNC.org](mailto:Chair-lupc@VeniceNC.org))

**ACTION: Vote to reconsider minutes gets required 2/3 approval (8-4-0 JP/GG).**

**IN FAVOR:** Marc Saltzberg, Kristopher Valentine, Robin Rudisill, Jed Pauker, Mike Bravo, George Gineris, Abigail Myers, Bud Jacobs,

**AGAINST:** Hugh Harrison, George Francisco, Joe Murphy, Max Sloan,

**ABSTAIN:** NONE

**RECUSED:** Mike Newhouse, Ira Koslow



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**ACTION:** Last month's minutes amended to add stipulation the Board recommended project approval by a vote of 7-4-3, conditioned upon Mello Act clarification potentially triggering a future advisory vote. (HH/RR 10-0-2)

**IN FAVOR:** Kristopher Valentine, Hugh Harrison, Robin Rudisill, Jed Pauker, Mike Bravo, George Francisco, George Gineris, Joe Murphy, Abigail Myers, Max Sloan,

**AGAINST:** NONE

**ABSTAIN:** Marc Saltzberg, Joe Murphy,

**RECUSED:** Mike Newhouse, Ira Koslow

11. **LUPC (8:35PM – 65 minutes)** Robin Rudisill on behalf of LUPC, ([Chair-lupc@VeniceNC.org](mailto:Chair-lupc@VeniceNC.org))  
*[Discussion and possible action]*

**A Venice Coastal Zone Interim Control & Interim Control Internal Control Ordinance (ICO) (20 minutes)** (Todd Darling & Robin Rudisill, Chair) **[EXHIBIT]**

<http://www.venicenc.org/venice-coastal-zone-interim-control-ordinance/>

**MOTION:** The VNC Board recommends approval of the attached ICO draft for the period until the Local Coastal Program is approved, as requested by the VNC Board on March 17, 2015.

RECOMMENDED BY LUPC on 6/2/15 by a vote of 5-2-1

**Brian Finney, Brian Silveira, Mike Chamness, Carl Lambert, Darryl DuFax, Frank Murphy, Ilana Marosi, Sue Kaplan, Ivonne Guzman, Ramsey Daham, Nick Antonicello, Lydia Ponce, Pam Anderson, Jessie Fernandez, Terri Macellaro**

**ACTION:** Amendment to add changes to items 13 & 29 in draft ICO approved (RR/JP 10-1-3)

**IN FAVOR:** Kristopher Valentine, Hugh Harrison, Robin Rudisill, Jed Pauker, Mike Bravo, George Francisco, George Gineris, Abigail Myers, Max Sloan, Bud Jacobs

**AGAINST:** Ira Koslow

**ABSTAIN:** Mike Newhouse, Marc Saltzberg, Joe Murphy

**Motion fails (RR/MB 4-9-1).**

**IN FAVOR:** Robin Rudisill, Jed Pauker, Mike Bravo, George Gineris,

**AGAINST:** Marc Saltzberg, Kristopher Valentine, Hugh Harrison, George Francisco, Ira Koslow, Joe Murphy, Abigail Myers, Max Sloan, Bud Jacobs,

**ABSTAIN:** Mike Newhouse

~~**B 425 Rose Ave (30 minutes)** ("Fiesta Brava")~~

~~Oakwood Subarea, C4-1 zone, Land Use Plan designation: Community Commercial~~

~~ZA-2014-1877-CUB-SPP & ENV-2014-1878-MND~~

~~<http://www.venicenc.org/425-rose-ave/>~~





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~~CITY HEARING TOOK PLACE ON APRIL 23, 2015, City Determination is being held open by ZA Lourdes Green for VNC advisement;~~

~~Project Description: CDP & SPP (VCZSP compliance permit) for change of use from existing 2,696 sq ft restaurant & market/deli to a 2,306 sq ft restaurant with a new 410 sq ft outdoor covered patio dining area, with increase in seating from 38 interior seats to 59 interior seats & 34 outdoor patio seats, on a 6,294 sq ft lot, with 18 on-site parking spaces, comprised of 11 spaces existing, 4 spaces grandfathered, & 4 spaces met by adding 16 bicycle stalls; and CUB for sale & dispensing of a full line of alcoholic beverages for on-site consumption in conjunction with a new restaurant providing a total of 93 seats, with hours of operation of 8 am to 12 am daily.~~

~~Applicant: Bruce Horowitz~~

~~LUPC Staff: Maury Ruano~~

~~**MOTION:** The VNC Board recommends denial of the project as presented, on grounds that~~

- ~~● there is an overconcentration of alcohol licenses in the census tract,~~
- ~~● that patio dining would be disruptive to the surrounding residents,~~
- ~~● that the proposed time of closing is too late on the weekdays,~~
- ~~● that there has been insufficient information provided to demonstrate that the operation would not interfere with the quiet enjoyment of the residences within 100 feet of the project,~~
- ~~● that there would be an unacceptable adverse impact to the surrounding neighborhood, which is already overburdened with not enough available parking for the surrounding uses, due to the use of "grandfathered parking" to meet the parking requirements for the project.~~

~~RECOMMENDED BY LUPC 6/2/15 by a vote of 5-1-1~~

**ACTION: 11B jointly requested to be put off another month (July 21<sup>st</sup>).**

**C 3018-3025 Washington Blvd (change of use from retail to restaurant with CUB), (15 minutes)**

Southeast Venice Subarea, C2-1 zone Land Use Plan Designation: General Commercial

APCW-2014-3142-SPE-SPP-CUB-ZV-CDP & ENV-2014-3143-MND

<http://www.venicenc.org/3018-3025-washington-blvd/>

CITY HEARING TOOK PLACE ON JUNE 1, 2015

Project Description: Converting an existing 762 sq ft 1-story retail space with 4 existing (and possibly non-required) parking spaces, into a 1,454 sq ft restaurant with a beer and wine conditional use (CUB). The proposed restaurant would remove all of the existing parking spaces and convert the area to patio dining, with a total Service Floor Area of 559 sq ft (375 sq ft indoors and 184 sq ft outdoors). An addition of 458 sq ft is also proposed, as well as a request to allow the trash enclosure to be kept at the front of the property along the sidewalk on Washington Blvd, instead of at the back of the property as required. The proposed restaurant will provide no parking. The proposed hours of operation are 10 am to 10 pm, 7 days a week.

Applicant: Bruno Bondanelli, Ayhan Sahbal & Representative Sheryl Brady, Permit Place

LUPC Staff: Robert Aronson



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**MOTION:** The VNC Board recommends denial of the project as presented, because

- it is not a change of use as defined in Section 5.F of the VCZSP and therefore In Lieu Parking Fees are not allowed to be paid,
- the hours of operation extend too late for an alcohol use adjacent to residences,
- the project is extremely close to residences without sufficient mitigation measures,
- there is an overconcentration of alcohol licenses in the census tract.

RECOMMENDED BY LUPC 6/2/15 by a vote of 5-0-1

**Bruno Bondanelli (Applicant), Liz Wright, Lydia Ponce, Reta Moser, Nick Antonicello, Ivonne Guzman**

**ACTION: Motion passes denying the project (RR/MB 6-4-2).**

**IN FAVOR: Hugh Harrison, Jed Pauker, Mike Bravo, George Gineris, Ira Koslow, Bud Jacobs,**

**AGAINST: George Francisco, Abigail Myers, Max Sloan**

**ABSTAIN: Robin Rudisill, Joe Murphy**

**RECUSED: Mike Newhouse**

## **PULLED FROM LUPC CONSENT CALANDAR:**

### **VNC De Minimis Projects**

**MOTION:** The VNC Board recommends approval of the following project as a "De Minimis Project":

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Applicant: Robert Thibodeau

LUPC Staff: Robin Rudisill

RECOMMENDED BY LUPC on 6/2/15 by a vote of 7-0-0

**Laddie Williams, Todd Darling, Ivonne Guzman**

**ACTION: Motion approved (RR/JP 9-2-3).**

**IN FAVOR: Marc Saltzberg, Kristopher Valentine, Hugh Harrison, Robin Rudisill, George Francisco, Ira Koslow, Abigail Myers, Max Sloan, Bud Jacobs,**

**AGAINST: Mike Bravo, George Gineris,**

**ABSTAIN: Mike Newhouse, Jed Pauker, Joe Murphy,**



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## 12. **New Business (9:40PM – 37 minutes)**

*[Discussion and possible action]*

### **A Request to have Brendon Glenn Video released (15 minutes) Mike Bravo** ([mike.bravo@venicenc.org](mailto:mike.bravo@venicenc.org))

**MOTION:** Whereas, a video recording exists of the LAPD officer shooting Brendon Glenn; and Whereas Charlie Beck, Chief of the Los Angeles Police Department, has reviewed the video recording and has stated that he is not yet aware of the "extraordinary circumstances to justify" the shooting and Whereas, the video recording has not yet been released to the public and Whereas, the family of Brendon Glenn and the community have a right to know all facts pertaining to his death Therefore be it resolved that The Venice Neighborhood Council strongly urges the LAPD to publicly release the video recording of the shooting of Brendon Glenn.

**Todd Darling, Lydia Ponce, Zeena Pliska, Ivonne Guzman**

**ACTION: Motion passes (MB/KV 13-0-1).**

**IN FAVOR: Marc Saltzberg, Kristopher Valentine, Hugh Harrison, Robin Rudisill, Jed Pauker, Mike Bravo, George Francisco, George Gineris, Ira Koslow, Joe Murphy, Abigail Myers, Max Sloan, Bud Jacobs,**

**AGAINST: NONE**

**ABSTAIN: Mike Newhouse**

### **B Approval of 2015-2016 VNC Strategic Plan (2 minutes) Ira Koslow on behalf of REC, Budget & Election Committees ([ira.koslow@venicenc.org](mailto:ira.koslow@venicenc.org))** **[EXHIBIT]**

**MOTION:** The Venice Neighborhood Council approves the following strategic plan for 2015/2016:

VENICE NEIGHBORHOOD COUNCIL STRATEGIC PLAN 2015-2016

THE BIG VISION:

Encourage and maintain the diverse community of Venice.

THE BIG GOALS:

1. Involve more Venice stakeholders in civic participation to improve the daily life in Venice.
2. Increase the community awareness of the Venice Neighborhood Council.
3. Improve relationships with government officials.
4. Promote active and engaged participation in the Venice Neighborhood Council election.
5. Cultivate public safety for all stakeholders.



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## THE BIG SOLUTIONS:

1. Broaden community participation in VNC committees and activities.
2. Increase outreach through electronic, written and personal contact with the Venice stakeholders.
3. Strengthen the effectiveness of the VNC and stakeholder interaction with government officials by developing a more pro-active relationship.
4. Increase participation of underrepresented communities by increased outreach in the VNC election process.
5. Involve more individuals and community groups in the neighborhood watch program.

## THE BIG SCORE:

1. Participation by all Board members in VNC outreach through Farmer's Market and community events.
2. Development of expanded outreach materials by the Outreach Committee.
3. An increase in candidates and voters in the 2016 election.
4. Increased public use of the VNC website and social media.
5. Increased number of neighborhood watches in the Venice community.

RECOMMENDED at a joint meeting on May 26<sup>th</sup> by REC- 2-0-0, Elections 2-0-0 and Budget 3-0-0.

**ACTION: Motion passes (IK/KV 12-1-1).**

**IN FAVOR: Marc Saltzberg, Kristopher Valentine, Hugh Harrison, Robin Rudisill, Jed Pauker, Mike Bravo, George Francisco, George Gineris, Ira Koslow, Abigail Myers, Max Sloan, Bud Jacobs**

**AGAINST: Joe Murphy**

**ABSTAIN: Mike Newhouse**

## **C** **Reappoint Ad Hoc Committees (5 minutes)** (Ivan Spiegel) ([parliamentarian@venicenc.org](mailto:parliamentarian@venicenc.org))

**MOTION:** The VNC Board shall reappoint the following Ad Hoc Committees until the seating of the next Board following the 2016 elections:

Business  
Communications  
Discussion Forum  
Environmental  
Mass/Scale Character  
Parking/Transportation  
Public Safety  
Santa Monica Airport



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**ACTION: Postpone to next month (MS/HH 13-0-1)**

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**AGAINST: NONE**

**ABSTAIN: Mike Newhouse**

**ACTION: Ad Hoc Committees extended for another month (MS/HH 13-0-1)**

**IN FAVOR: Marc Saltzberg, Kristopher Valentine, Hugh Harrison, Robin Rudisill, Jed Pauker, Mike Bravo, George Francisco, George Gineris, Ira Koslow, Abigail Myers, Max Sloan, Bud Jacobs, Joe Murphy**

**AGAINST: NONE**

**ABSTAIN: Mike Newhouse**

**D Sidewalk Vendor Motion (5 minutes) (Yolanda Gonzalez [firstmateyo@yahoo.com](mailto:firstmateyo@yahoo.com))**

*[For Discussion Only]*

Presentation on east side council members wanting to bring back street vendors on the sidewalks of Los Angeles.

**ACTION: Moved up before 12A.**

**E LAUSD Budget Cut of Early Childhood Education in Venice Schools (5 minutes) (Bud Jacobs)**

**MOTION:** *Whereas*, the preschool program known as School Readiness and Language Development (SRLDP) was created almost 40 years ago in response to the Federal Government's order to integrate public schools, it has been a model of excellence in both educating our youngest students, but also training their parents in classes once a week;

*Whereas*, seven years ago, the program served 16,500 four year olds, it now currently enrolls about 10,000 with 45% of them slated to be cut off from services this June, 2015. The remaining 55% will be dismissed in one year. In the majority of cases, the young students are offered no alternative preschool program;

*Whereas*, a myriad of studies have shown the significant positive role early education plays in closing the achievement gap;

**Be it Resolved** that the Venice Neighborhood Council strongly urges the LAUSD Board not to cut the funding of LAUSD's preschool program known as School Readiness and Language Development (SRLDP) in Venice.



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This position shall be communicated by our VNC president in writing to Steve Zimmer and the LAUSD Board of Education, the LAUSD superintendent, and the mayor of Los Angeles. The president shall also refer this motion to WRAC for consideration.

**ACTION: Amendment to language to include “strongly urges the LAUSD Board not to cut” (JP/GG 13-0-1)**

**IN FAVOR: Marc Saltzberg, Kristopher Valentine, Hugh Harrison, Robin Rudisill, Jed Pauker, Mike Bravo, George Francisco, George Gineris, Ira Koslow, Abigail Myers, Max Sloan, Bud Jacobs, Joe Murphy**

**AGAINST: NONE**

**ABSTAIN: Mike Newhouse**

**ACTION: Motion approved as amended (BJ/GG 13-0-1).**

**IN FAVOR: Marc Saltzberg, Kristopher Valentine, Hugh Harrison, Robin Rudisill, Jed Pauker, Mike Bravo, George Francisco, George Gineris, Ira Koslow, Abigail Myers, Max Sloan, Bud Jacobs, Joe Murphy**

**AGAINST: NONE**

**ABSTAIN: Mike Newhouse**

**F Provide Spontaneous Art Opportunities To Young Children (5 minutes) Joe Murphy ([joedmur@gmail.com](mailto:joedmur@gmail.com))**

**MOTION:** The VNC Board endorses in concept and encourages implementation of the below proposal contained in the **Discussion Forum Committee VNC Vision Goals Idea Matrix:**

Idea /Concept	Submitted by Joe Murphy (310-305-1444, <a href="mailto:joedmur@gmail.com">joedmur@gmail.com</a> )	Suggested Implementation Strategy	Generated While Reflecting on Vision Goals
<p align="center"><b><u>Provide Spontaneous Art Opportunities To Young Children</u></b></p> <p><b>JDM Introduction:</b> I recently met Christian Bevacqus (40+ish) &amp; Anutosh Ninad (60+ish) at Abbot’s Habit where Ninad made ‘art supplies’ (paper, painting colors, pens, etc) available to Christian’s two daughters (Satya 2.5 &amp; Uma 4.5) &amp; then simply “allowed them to be free” for 2 hours/week with minimal guidance or</p>	<p align="center"><b><u>This is the concept for which I am seeking VNC Board endorsement</u></b></p> <p>This concept requires no more than the unassuming presence of an experienced teacher’s ‘art supplies’ and his/her ‘gentleness’ and an ability to simply ‘allow kids to be free’.</p> <p>Parents recognize the value of this sort of experience for their children and they understand the value of ‘hanging back and letting it happen spontaneously’.</p>	<p>Help interested individuals find spaces where:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Young kids can spend 2 hours/ week creating art while making ‘messes’.</li> <li>• Parents can mingle &amp; gossip &amp; munch.</li> <li>• Kids can post their art so that</li> </ul>	<p><b>Focus on Children Participation Walkability Diversity Creativity Collaboration Brainstorming</b></p>



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<p>overbearing encouragement.</p> <p>The above instance of <b>Providing Spontaneous Art Opportunities To Young Children</b> was clearly successful as evidenced by the responsiveness of the children.</p> <p>For further examples of intensely involved young children creating art spontaneously, see <a href="http://www.ninadcom.blogspot.com">www.ninadcom.blogspot.com</a>.</p>	<p>This concept allows children to enjoy spontaneous creative fun in a safe environment.</p> <p>By endorsing this concept, the VNC Board would be encouraging all similarly inclined individuals with similar ideas to make similar contributions to the <b>Venice Community</b> at a time when government funding of arts education is declining.</p>	<p>they can 'hear all the compliments'.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Storage of art supplies, &amp; cleaning of kids &amp; their messes, can be accommodated.</li> </ul>	
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**ACTION: Motion fails (JM/MB 3-6-5).**

**IN FAVOR: Mike Bravo, George Francisco, Joe Murphy,**  
**AGAINST: Hugh Harrison, Robin Rudisill, Ira Koslow, Max Sloan, Bud Jacobs,**  
**ABSTAIN: Mike Newhouse, Marc Saltzberg, Jed Pauker, George Gineris, Abigail Myers**

**13. Treasurers Report (10:17PM - 3 minutes)** Hugh Harrison on behalf of Budget & Finance Committee, ([Treasurer@VeniceNC.org](mailto:Treasurer@VeniceNC.org)) [Discussion and possible action] **[EXHIBIT]**

**A MOTION:** The Venice Neighborhood Council approves the attached Monthly Expenditure Reports for May 2015.  
 RECOMMENDED BY BUDGET COMMITTEE ON 6/2/15 4-0-0

**ACTION: Motion approved (HH/MS 13-0-1).**

**IN FAVOR: Marc Saltzberg, Kristopher Valentine, Hugh Harrison, Robin Rudisill, Jed Pauker, Mike Bravo, George Francisco, George Gineris, Ira Koslow, Joe Murphy, Abigail Myers, Max Sloan, Bud Jacobs,**  
**AGAINST: NONE**  
**ABSTAIN: Mike Newhouse**

**B MOTION:** The Venice Neighborhood Council shall reallocate the following sums for expenditures in June 2015:

1. \$2,000 for Farmer's Market bags.
2. \$1000 for Outreach seed project.
3. \$500 outreach materials for Neighborhood Committee.
4. \$1000 for Neighborhood Watch Signs.
5. Remainder of available balance up to \$5000 for Congress of Neighborhood Councils and Budget Advocates, to be split 70% and 30% respectively.



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RECOMMENDED BY BUDGET COMMITTEE on 6/2/15 3-0-1.

**ACTION: Motion approved (HH/JP 13-0-1).**

**IN FAVOR: Marc Saltzberg, Kristopher Valentine, Hugh Harrison, Robin Rudisill, Jed Pauker, Mike Bravo, George Francisco, George Gineris, Ira Koslow, Joe Murphy, Abigail Myers, Max Sloan, Bud Jacobs,**

**AGAINST: NONE**

**ABSTAIN: Mike Newhouse**

**C MOTION:** The Venice Neighborhood Council shall approve the attached budget for 2015-2016. **[EXHIBIT]**  
RECOMMENDED BY BUDGET COMMITTEE on 6/2/15 4-0-0.

**ACTION: Motion approved (HH/MS 13-0-1).**

**IN FAVOR: Marc Saltzberg, Kristopher Valentine, Hugh Harrison, Robin Rudisill, Jed Pauker, Mike Bravo, George Francisco, George Gineris, Ira Koslow, Joe Murphy, Abigail Myers, Max Sloan, Bud Jacobs,**

**AGAINST: NONE**

**ABSTAIN: Mike Newhouse**

**14. Board Member Comments on subject matters within the VNC jurisdiction (10:20PM - 5 minutes)**  
**Hugh Harrison and George Francisco will be attending Budget Day.**

**15. Adjourn (11:00PM)**

**ACTION: Motion (KV/IK 13-0-1).**

**IN FAVOR: Marc Saltzberg, Kristopher Valentine, Hugh Harrison, Robin Rudisill, Jed Pauker, Mike Bravo, George Francisco, George Gineris, Ira Koslow, Joe Murphy, Abigail Myers, Max Sloan, Bud Jacobs,**

**AGAINST: NONE**

**ABSTAIN: Mike Newhouse**

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

Administrative	Mike Newhouse	Communications	Jed Pauker
Arts	Eduardo Manilla	Discussion Forum	Joe Murphy
Budget & Finance	Hugh Harrison	Business	George Francisco
Education	Bud Jacobs	Housing	Abigail Myers, Helen Stotler
Land Use and Planning	Robin Rudisill	Mass/Scale/Character	Sue Kaplan
Neighborhood	Marc Saltzberg	Parking/Transportation	Abigail Myers
Ocean Front Walk	Melissa Diner	Public Safety	George Francisco
Outreach	Sylvia Aroth	Santa Monica Airport	Laura Silagi, Abigail Myers





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Environmental

Ira Koslow  
Abigail Myers, Erin Sullivan-Ward, Barbara Lonsdale

2015/16 Election

Elizabeth Wright, Ivan Spiegel

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