



# Venice Neighborhood Council

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## **Board of Officers Special Meeting Minutes** **Westminster Elementary School (Auditorium)** **1010 Abbot Kinney Blvd, Venice, 90291** **Tuesday, April 29th, 2014 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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**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.

**COMMUNITY IMPACT STATEMENTS:** Any action taken by the Board may result in the filing of a related CIS

**DISABILITY POLICY:** The Venice Neighborhood Council complies with Title II of the Americans with Disabilities Act and does not discriminate on the basis of any disability. Upon request, the Venice Neighborhood Council will provide reasonable accommodations to ensure equal access to its programs, services, and activities. Sign language interpreters, assistive listening devices, or other auxiliary aids and/or services may be provided upon request.

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

1. **Call to Order and Roll Call (7:00PM – 5 minutes)**

**PRESENT:** LL, MS, KV, IK, ESW, SA, HS, MSo, HH, MSlo, TW, AM (Arrived 7:30PM, left 8:00PM), JK (Arrived: 8:45PM)  
**ABSENT:** OK, EM, SG, MK, TE, BJ, SK, CR,

2. **Pledge Of Allegiance (7:05PM -- 5 minutes)**

3. **Approval of the Agenda (7:10PM – 3 minutes)**

**ACTION:** Item 11A removed from agenda by maker of motion  
**Agenda approved as amended (IK/MSo 10-0-1)**  
**For:** MS, KV, IK, ESW, SA, HS, MSo, HH, MSlo, TW  
**Against:** None  
**Abstain:** LL

4. **Declaration of Ex Parte Communications (7:13PM -- 2 minutes)** All Board members shall declare any ex parte communications relating to items on the meeting's agenda  
**JK, MSo**

5. **Approval of Outstanding Board minutes (7:15PM – 5 minutes)**

March 18th <http://www.venicenc.org/wp-content/uploads/2012/12/140318BoardMinutesv2.pdf>  
**ACTION:** Minutes approved unanimously (IK/HH 10-0-1)  
**For:** MS, KV, IK, ESW, SA, HS, MSo, HH, MSlo, TW  
**Against:** None  
**Abstain:** LL



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April 8<sup>th</sup> <http://www.venicenc.org/wp-content/uploads/2012/12/140408BoardMinutes.pdf>

**ACTION: Minutes approved unanimously (IK/HH 10-0-1)**

**For: MS, KV, IK, ESW, SA, HS, MSo, HH, MSlo, TW**

**Against: None**

**Abstain: LL**

6. **President's Report (7:20PM -- 5 minutes)** (Linda Lucks [president@venicenc.org](mailto:president@venicenc.org))  
CPRA Update
7. **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), Sgt. Theresa Skinner, Lt. Lydia Leos, OFW Beach Detail Supervisor.  
*Includes a monthly Venice crime report and updates on law enforcement issues in Venice.*
8. **Special Guest: Los Angeles City Attorney Mike Feuer (7:35PM -- 45 minutes)** [EXHIBIT]  
**Presentation, board questions, and questions from public**  
**Public Comment: Judith Goldman, Robert Aronson, Ilana Marosi, Liesbet Koromzay, Roxanna Brown, Rochelle Brancett, Rick Selan, David Ewing, Steve Clare, Ilana Marosi, Carl Lambert, Gloria Dobbs, Yolanda Gonzalez, Deborah Lashever**
9. **Announcements & Public Comment on items not on the Agenda (8:20PM --10 minutes)**  
*[5 speakers, no more than 1 minute per person – no Board member announcements permitted]*  
**Public Comment: Tara Margolin, Andy Felz, Gloria Gray, Emily Winters, Yolanda Gonzalez, Deborah Lashever**
10. **Scheduled Announcements and Presentations (8:30PM – 25 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))
    - **Venice Abbot Kinney Memorial Branch Library**, Rachel Bindman, Librarian ([rbindman@lapl.org](mailto:rbindman@lapl.org))
  - B **VNC Monthly Committee Report: Mass, Scale and Character Committee (5 minutes)**  
(Sue Kaplan, Committee Chair [chair.massandscale@venicenc.org](mailto:chair.massandscale@venicenc.org) )  
*[A monthly report on one of the VNC's standing or Ad Hoc committees.]*
  - C **Election Report (5 minutes)** (Alisa Smith-IEA, Liz Wright, Ivan Spiegel-Election Committee)  
Candidate Forum - Thursday, May 15 at Westminster Elementary School Auditorium  
VOTE - VNC Elections - Sunday, May 18 from 10AM to 6PM - Westminster Elementary Auditorium
  - D **"Ocean Forum" in Partnership with Heal the Bay (5 minutes)** (Erin Sullivan-Ward [erin.sullivanward@venicenc.org](mailto:erin.sullivanward@venicenc.org))  
Wednesday, April 30, 2014 from 6:30 PM to 8:30 PM at Westminster Elementary School Auditorium



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## 11. Consent Calendar (8:55PM -- 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~~ ~~Add 'Children Vision Goal' to SR20~~ (Joseph D Murphy [joedmurphy@ca.rr.com](mailto:joedmurphy@ca.rr.com) on behalf of VNC Discussion Forum Committee)

~~**MOTION:** The VNC shall add the following Vision Goal to Standing Rule 20 — VNC Vision Goals: Consider strategies to enhance and broaden opportunities for children to experience exposure to and involvement in all aspects of the economic and cultural vitality of the community.  
PASSED UNANIMOUSLY by Discussion Forum Committee~~

~~**ACTION: Item 11A removed from agenda by maker of motion**~~

### B Support for SB1272, "Overturn Citizens United Act" (Michelle Sutter and Holly Mosher on behalf of "Money Out, Voters In")

**MOTION:** Whereas, California Senate Bill 1272, the OVERTURN CITIZENS UNITED ACT, introduced and amended by Senator Ted Lieu, would require the California Secretary of State to submit to the voters at the November 4, 2014 election, an advisory question asking whether the Congress of the United States should propose, and the California Legislature should ratify, an amendment or amendments to the United States Constitution to overturn Citizens United v. Federal Election Commission (2010) 558 U.S. 310, and other applicable judicial precedents, as specified.

Whereas, the Overturn Citizens United Act clearly states that we have the right to regulate and or limit spending on elections and that the rights and privileges granted by the US Constitution are the rights of natural persons only,

Therefore be it resolved, the Venice Neighborhood Council requests the City Council of Los Angeles to support Senate Bill 1272, the OVERTURN CITIZENS UNITED ACT, as introduced and amended by Senator Ted Lieu.

**ACTION: Consent Calendar (11B) approved (MS/IK 8-2-1)**

**For: MS, IK, ESW, SA, MSo, MSlo, TW, HS**

**Abstain: LL**

**Against: HH, KV**

## 12. Old Business (9:00PM -- 0 minutes) *[Discussion and possible action]*

## 13. Announcements & Public Comment on items not on the Agenda (9:00PM -- 5 minutes) *[5 speakers, no more than 1 minute per person – no Board member announcements permitted]*



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**14. LUPC (9:05PM -- 50 minutes) (Jake Kaufman on behalf of LUPC [chair-lupc@venicenc.org](mailto:chair-lupc@venicenc.org))**

**A 750 California Avenue**

**[EXHIBIT]**

**CASE NUMBERS: ZA 2013-2003-CDP-MEL-ZAA; AA 2013-2001-PMLA-SL; ENV 2013-2002-MND; DIR 2013-1823-VSO-MEL**

**Project description:** Demolish existing duplex and create a small lot subdivision with 2 detached single-family dwellings on 2 lots within the RD1.5-1 zone, and 4 parking spaces.

**LUPC Staff:** Robert Aronson

**MOTION:** The Venice Land Use & Planning Committee recommends that the Venice Neighborhood Council recommends approval of the proposed Small Lot Subdivision at 750 California Avenue, on the following conditions:

(For clarity, the applicants have referred to the front house as having the address 750 California Ave. and the back house as 752 California Ave., and this Motion follows that usage.)

1. The VNC supports the applicants' request, pursuant to LAMC Section 12.22.C.27(b), for the back house (752 California Ave.), to designate the front yard as the alley, with the back house orienting its front door to the alley.

2. The VNC supports the applicants' request for a reduction in the front and rear yard setbacks, with a ten (10) foot front yard setback for the front house (750 California Ave.) and six (6) foot front yard setback at second floor line for the back house (752 California Ave.), in lieu of the required 15-foot front yard setback. These setbacks are in accordance with the prevailing front yard and rear yard setbacks on the block.

3. The VNC does not support a reduction in the side yard setbacks, and recommends that the requirement of 5' side yard setbacks set forth in the Small Lot Subdivision Ordinance, LAMC Section 12.22.C.27.(e), shall be followed.

4. The VNC supports the applicants' request for a 4-inch building separation in lieu of the required 10-foot separation between the front and rear buildings, but only on the first floor of the proposed buildings, and only on the condition that there is a 5' building separation at the second floor between the proposed buildings, and this opening is shown on the building plans approved by the City, as indicated in the area circled in red on page A-5 on the plans for the front house (750 California Ave.).

5. Roof deck railings shall be set back 10' from the property line along both side yards.

6. There shall be no structure on the roof other than mechanical equipment and the roof access structure. Any plants or trees placed on the roof which become hedges shall be maintained in perpetuity so that they are no taller than the height of the guardrails, and shall be maintained so that they are 75% transparent and they do not obstruct the light and air circulation for the adjoining neighbors to the east and west.

7. The VNC supports the applicants' request to allow parking in the side yards, unless the City finds that fire and safety issues are implicated.

8. A fifth, substandard parking space shall be created in the front yard setback of the rear house with access to the alley, where indicated on the plans, with level grasscrete and of dimensions 7½' x 15', as indicated in the area circled in red on page A-3.1 on the plans for the back house (752 California Ave.).

9. If an application is made which requests the modification of the conditions of approval of any kind, however minor or slight, all neighbors within a 100' radius shall be notified by mail, and said neighbors shall be given at least 30 days to respond before any decision or determination is made by the City.

Motion Attachment:



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LUPC Motion made by Robert Aronson, Seconded by Jim Murez

LUPC Motion APPROVED 4-1-1

(In favor: JR, JM, RA, MM; Opposed: RR, Abstain: JK)

**Public Comment: Irv Katz, Rochelle Branctt**

**ACTION: Motion approved (JK/IK 7-4-1)**

**For: JK, IK, ESW, MS, HS, HH, MS**

**Against: LL, MS, TW, SA**

**Abstain: KV**

**B** 1212-1222 Electric, Venice, 90291

**[EXHIBIT]**

**CASE NUMBERS: ZA-2013-4078-CDP-ZAA-MEL; AA-2013-4076-PMLA; ENV-2013-4077-EAF**

**Project description:** Demolish existing duplex, which re-establishes 2 separate original lots, and construct 3-story, 2-unit condo & 3-story SFD, both w/reduced front yard setbacks to 5 feet, and 2-unit condo w/reduced south side yard setback & reduced rear yard setback (both <=20%).

**LUPC Staff: Robin Rudisill**

**MOTION:** ~~The Venice Land Use and Planning Committee recommends that the Venice~~ Venice Neighborhood Council recommends approval of the proposed project, based on the following:

1. It meets the character, mass and scale of the surrounding neighborhood.
2. It meets the code (including VSP) for parking requirements.
3. The reduced front yard setback observes the prevailing front yard setback along Electric Ave.
4. The minor (<=20%) south side yard and rear yard setback adjustments for the 2-unit condo are justified because of the challenging shape of the lot.
5. It is across the street/adjacent from a commercial zone.

LUPC Motion made by Robin Rudisill, Seconded by Jake Kaufman

LUPC Motion APPROVED 4-0-1

(In favor: JK, RR, RA, MM; Abstain: JR)

**Public Comment: Phil Gottstein, Rochelle Branctt**

**ACTION: Motion approved (JK/ESW 10-0-2)**

**For: JK, IK, ESW, MS, HS, HH, MS, MS, TW, SA**

**Against: None**

**Abstain: LL, MSol**

**15. New Business (9:55PM -- 25 minutes)**

*[Discussion and possible action]*

**A** **Posting Requirements of Documents (15 minutes)** (Linda Lucks on behalf of the Administrative Committee [President@Venicenc.org](mailto:President@Venicenc.org))

**MOTION:** All documents presented for consideration by the VNC Board or by a VNC committee shall be posted on the appropriate page of the VNC web site within the time requirements of the Brown Act. The consequences of failure to comply with this requirement shall be determined as a Standing Rule and/or by-law change by the Rules and Election Committee.

**ACTION: Motion approved unanimously (LL/KV 9-0-2)**

**For: MS, KV, IK, ESW, SA, MSo, HH, MSlo, TW**



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**Against: None**  
**Abstain: LL, HS**

**B** Reporting of Applications for Use of Ocean Front Walk (10 minutes) (Tom Elliott on behalf of the Ocean Front Walk Committee)

**MOTION:** The Venice Neighborhood Council requests that the Dept. of Recreation and Parks make available a **digital copy** to the **Venice Neighborhood Council** and OFW Committee on or before the first of each month of all pending, accepted and paid applications of public and private events occurring on OFW.

OFW MOTION: Melissa, Second Ron PASSED 4-0-1

**Public Comment: Ivan Spiegel, Robert Aronson**

**ACTION: Motion amended (JK/HS 11-0-1)**

**For: JK, IK, ESW, MS, HS, HH, MS, MS, TW, SA, MSol**

**Against: None**

**Abstain: LL**

**Motion approved (HS/HH 11-0-1)**

**For: JK, IK, ESW, MS, HS, HH, MS, MS, TW, SA, MSol**

**Against: None**

**Abstain: LL**

**16.** Treasurers Report (10:20PM -- 10 minutes); Hugh Harrison [Treasurer@Venicenc.org](mailto:Treasurer@Venicenc.org) **[EXHIBIT]**  
*[Discussion and possible action]*

**A** **MOTION:** The VNC Board approves the attached report on expenditures for the period February 22, 2014, through March 21, 2014, and the monthly EmpowerLA reconciliation report.

**ACTION: Motion approved unanimously (KV/MS 10-0-1)**

**For: MS, KV, IK, ESW, SA, HS, MSo, HH, MSlo, TW**

**Against: None**

**Abstain: LL**

**B** **MOTION:** The Venice Neighborhood Council requests cash to be allocated to its NC checking account for April 22 through May 21, 2014 in the following amounts:

<u>VNC Budget Item</u>	<u>DONE</u>	<u>Vendor (if Known)</u>	<u>Amount</u>
Office Supplies/Copies	OFF	Office Depot	\$ 125.00
Refreshments	EVE	Smart & Final	\$ 50.00
Web Site/E-Mail	WEB	I Power/Constant Contact	\$ 200.00
General Outreach	EVE		\$ 300.00
Elections	ELE		
Candidate forum refreshments			\$ 100.00
Poll station/ballot counting refreshments			\$ 300.00
Total			\$ 1,075.00

**ACTION: Motion approved unanimously (HH/IK 10-0-1)**



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**For: MS, KV, IK, ESW, SA, HS, MSo, HH, MSlo, TW**  
**Against: None**  
**Abstain: LL**

**C MOTION:** The Venice Neighborhood Council shall reallocate \$300 from Board Community Improvement projects related to the Venice clean-up and \$200 from General Outreach to Staffing. BUDGET COMMITTEE APPROVED 3-0-0.

**ACTION: Motion approved unanimously (HH/IK 10-0-1)**  
**For: MS, KV, IK, ESW, SA, HS, MSo, HH, MSlo, TW**  
**Against: None**  
**Abstain: LL**

**17. VNC Announcements (10:30PM -- 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))
- **LADWP Oversight Committee** DeDe Audet [daudet@ca.rr.com](mailto:daudet@ca.rr.com)

**18. Announcements & Public Comment on items not on the Agenda (10:40PM -- 10 minutes) [no more than 1 minute per person – no Board member announcements permitted]**

**19. Board Member Comments on subject matters within the VNC jurisdiction (10:50PM -- 5 minutes, no more than 1 minute per person)**

**20. Adjourn**

**ACTION: Meeting adjourned (JK/IK 11-0-0)**  
**For: LL, MS, KV, IK, ESW, SA, HS, MSo, HH, MSlo, TW**  
**Against: None**  
**Abstain: None**

**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, Mark Kleinman
<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>	Abigail Myers
<b>Discussion Forum</b>	Joe Murphy	<b>Housing</b>	Helen Stotler, Abigail Myers