



# Venice Neighborhood Council

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## **Special Board of Officers Meeting Minutes**

Westminster Elementary School (Auditorium)

1010 Abbot Kinney Blvd, Venice, 90291

**Tuesday, April 8th, 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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**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)**

Congrats to Jessica Koslow and Dov Rudnick on the birth of Ira Koslow's granddaughter.

**PRESENT: LL, MS, KV, IK, ESW, SA, HS, TW, BJ, SK, CR, AM, MSO, HH, MSLO,**

**ABSENT: JK, OK, EM, SG, MK, TE**

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

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

**ACTION: Agenda approved unanimously (BJ/MS 15-0-0)**

**For: LL, MS, KV, IK, ESW, SA, HS, TW, BJ, SK, CR, AM, MSO, HH, MSLO,**

**Against: None**

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.

5. **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]**

**Public Comment: DeDe Audet, Ivan Spiegel, Yolanda Gonzalez, Elizabeth Wright**

**ADDED: Public Safety - LAPD Report Senior Lead Officers Peggy Thusing ([25120@lapd.lacity.org](mailto:25120@lapd.lacity.org))**



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**6. Consent Calendar (7:30PM -- 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 OUT OF MANY ONE (OOMO:LA)** (Cynthia Rogers on behalf of the Arts Committee  
[cynthia.rogers@venicenc.org](mailto:cynthia.rogers@venicenc.org))

**MOTION:** The VNC Board supports LA City’s art’s initiative, Out of Many One (OOMO). VNC Art’s committee passed to support this motion, 7-0, on March 3rd, 2014.

BACKGROUND: Project is supported by the Mayor’s office and was asked by Councilman’s Bonin’s office to meet with the VNC to bring awareness of the project; the OOMO team came before the art’s committee for three meets (welcoming all questions and gave thorough presentations each time). The OOMO team has also presented to the Board in February.

~~**B COMMUNITY IMPACT STATEMENT FOR CITY COUNCIL FILE NO. 13-1478 CALLING FOR REVIEW AND CHANGES TO THE LA CITY SMALL LOT SUBDIVISION ORDINANCE** (Challis Mae Pherson) **[EXHIBIT]**~~

~~**MOTION:** The Venice Neighborhood Council supports and encourages Los Angeles City Council Members Tom LaBonge and Paul Krekorian in their motion, dated November 1, 2013, to instruct the Department of Planning, with the assistance of the City Attorney, to evaluate the Small Lot Subdivision Ordinance and prepare any changes to the Ordinance that are necessary to ensure Small Lot Subdivisions are compatible with the neighborhood in which they are constructed.~~

**ACTION: Item 6B removed from Calendar by Ivan Spiegel  
Consent Calendar (6A) approved unanimously (IK/HS 15-0-0)  
For: LL, MS, KV, IK, ESW, SA, HS, TW, BJ, SK, CR, AM, MSo, HH, MSlo,  
Against: None**

**7. Old Business (7:35PM -- 0 minutes) [Discussion and possible action]**

**8. New Business (7:35PM -- 30 minutes)**  
*[Discussion and possible action]*

**A LAUSD iPad Program** Bud Jacobs on behalf of the Education Committee)  
[bjacobscislaw@verizon.net](mailto:bjacobscislaw@verizon.net) (30 minutes)

**[EXHIBIT]**

**MOTION:** Whereas, many Los Angeles Unified School District (LAUSD) schools are need of repair including broken air-conditioning and heating systems, cracked cement, leaking ceilings; in Whereas, Los Angeles voters approved a bond measure to fund school repair and construction; ~~Whereas, the Citizens Bond Oversight Committee recommended denial of the iPad purchase beyond the first phase;~~ Whereas, the long term negative effects of the misuse of construction bond funds include a skeptical public refusing to pass critical future bond measures; Whereas, there is a great need to support technology to Title I students who are disproportionately without wi-fi service at home and would therefore not be able to use the iPads away from school;



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Whereas the selection process was flawed. The iPad that was selected was bundled with software which the selection panel has not been allowed to see or evaluate, the software cannot contain text books;

Whereas, local schools need flexibility to recommend specific technology solutions to support local programs and curricula, and teachers, principals and parents on various local leadership councils can best make recommendations for individual schools rather than a one-size-fits-all solution;

Whereas, the Common Core Technology Project commits untold future expenditures from the general fund that cannot legally be covered by construction bonds;

Whereas, LAUSD superintendent Deasy has not explained to the public what further cuts will be made to pay for the iPad program after the school repair and construction bond is depleted;

Whereas, the exorbitant cost of the iPads does not reflect the priorities of parents, teachers and administrators while LAUSD class sizes are unreasonably high and important programs such as early education, arts education, PE and adult education have been cut close to elimination;

Whereas, LAUSD officials state that the school district is deeply in debt;

Therefore, be it resolved that the Venice Neighborhood Council respectfully requests that the LAUSD Board of Directors **oppose further iPad purchases** currently known as the Common Core Technology project.

EDUCATION COMMITTEE PASSED UNANIMOUSLY ON FEBRUARY 11, 2014

**ACTION: Motion made (BJ/SA)**

**Public Comment: Elizabeth Wright, Robert Yorgason (In favor), Karen Wolfe (In favor), Nick Anticello (Against), Lisa Lubchansky**

**Steve Zimmer – LAUSD**

**Amendment to motion approved (BJ/SA 13-0-1)**

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

**Against: NONE**

**Abstain: LL**

**Public Comment: Karen Wolfe, Nick Anticello**

**Motion as amended approved (BJ/SA 10-3-1)**

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

**Against: MSlo, SK, AM**

**Abstain: LL**

## **9. Scheduled Announcements and Presentations (8:05PM – 5 minutes)**

*[No discussion or Public Comment]*

### **A Food Forward (5 minutes)** (Erica Kopmar [erica@foodforward.org](mailto:erica@foodforward.org))

Introduce Food Forward to the Venice Community and their backyard harvesting program & farmers market recovery. Recruit Property Owners with fruit trees and volunteers.

### **B Environmental Committee Forum co-sponsored with Heal the Bay on Rising Sea Levels**

The Environmental Committee of the Venice Neighborhood Council will co-sponsor a Forum with Heal the Bay to provide a panel discussion on Sea Level Rising including what can be done to prevent and prepare for such an event. Ocean cleanliness will also be discussed. **April 30th**



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10. **LUPC (8:10 PM -- 100 minutes)** (Jake Kaufman on behalf of LUPC [chair-lupc@venicenc.org](mailto:chair-lupc@venicenc.org))

**A Primitivo "Update to CUB and Conditions" (40 minutes)**

**[EXHIBIT]**

Project Address: 1025 S ABBOT KINNEY BLVD 90291

Case number: ZA-2012-169-CUB and ENV-2012-170-CE

**MOTION:** The Venice Neighborhood Council recommends approval of the project ONLY with the following conditions:

- 1) Hours of Operation: Outdoor dining area shall close at 10PM Sunday thru Thursday and 11 PM Friday and Saturday. Indoor Dining shall close midnight daily.
- 2) Employee Parking: Free off-street parking shall be provided to employees who drive while they are on shift –either on site or a designated offsite location
- 3) Incentive Program: Applicant shall create an incentive program for employees who walk, bike or take transit to work.
- 4) Plan approval: is required in 5 years.
- 5) All deliveries shall be made in the rear parking area, no loading or unloading of deliveries shall be permitted along Abbot Kinney Blvd, Electric Avenue, Westminster Street and Broadway Avenue.
- 6) Any activities associated with areas devoted to trash compacting, loading and unloading, receiving, and the "tote and bale" enclosure, shall be limited as follows: Monday through Friday, 7:00 AM to 6:00 PM; Saturday, 10:00 AM to 4:00 PM; except as follows: There should be no deliveries 45 minutes prior to Westminster school commencing and 15 minutes after school commencement time and no deliveries 1 hour after Westminster school ends. Delivery and trash pickup times should be limited based upon peak traffic hours and Westminster school hours. No deliveries, receiving, trash, or storage area use shall be allowed on Sunday or legal holidays.
- 7) That passenger loading shall be limited to the existing passenger loading spaces along Abbot Kinney Blvd. which shall be used by the valet. No other street parking shall be used by the valet at any time.
- 8) No amplified music shall be permitted in the outdoor dining patio - acoustical music only
- 9) Valet Parking: Valet parking shall be provided free of charge with 90 minute validation
- 10) One valet operator shall be responsible on site that will be accountable for enforcement.
  - a) Required parking shall be available during all hours of operation of the restaurant.
  - b) All restaurants, employees that drive to work shall park on site and free of charge during their employment shift hours.
  - c) All restaurant patrons shall receive a free 90 minute parking validation.

LUPC MOTION MADE February 19, 2014 by John Reed, Seconded by Mia Herron PASSED: 5-0-0

**ACTION: Motion approved (MSo/AM 12-1-1)**

**For: KV, IK, ESW, SA, HS, TW, BJ, SK, AM, MSO, HH, MSLO,**

**Against: MS**

**Abstain: LL**

**Public Comment: Daryl Barnett, Benton Quin, Robin Rudisill**



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**B 2017 S OCEAN FRONT WALK 90291 (20 minutes) [EXHIBIT]**

Case No.: ZA-2013-2842-CUW Staff: [James.Murez@VeniceNC.org](mailto:James.Murez@VeniceNC.org)

Project Description: INSTALLATION OF A NEW SINGLE OMNI-DIRECTIONAL ANTENNA ON AN EXISTING ROOFTOP CUPOLA FEATURE; LOCATED IN THE (Q)C1-1 ZONE

**MOTION:** The VNC Board supports the proposed project as presented.

**ACTION:** Motion approved (IK/HH 11-0-3)

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

**Against:** NONE

**Abstain:** LL, AM, TW,

**Public Comment:** Jim Murez, Lisa Lubchansky

**C 1421 S ABBOT KINNEY BLVD 90291 (40 minutes) [EXHIBIT]**

Case No.: ZA-2013-1986-CDP-MEL-SPP

VNC LUPC Staff: [James.Murez@VeniceNC.org](mailto:James.Murez@VeniceNC.org) (Pending Staff Report)

**MOTION:** The VNC denies this permit request for reasons of unmitigated adverse impacts to the community which will result if this project is allowed as presented.

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

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

**Against:** NONE

**Abstain:** LL

**Public Comment:** Jim Murez

**11. COMMUNITY IMPACT STATEMENT FOR CITY COUNCIL FILE NO. 13-1478 CALLING FOR REVIEW AND CHANGES TO THE LA CITY SMALL LOT SUBDIVISION ORDINANCE (Challis Mac Pherson) [EXHIBIT]**

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**ACTION:** Removed from Consent Calendar and placed at end of agenda.

Removed from agenda by maker of motion.

**MOTION:** The Venice Neighborhood Council shall send letters to the Los Angeles City Council requesting them to enact a moratorium on the small lot subdivision ordinance until a complete staff report can be commissioned to review the merits of the 2004 ordinance and to see if current construction is meeting the intent of the original ordinance for infill density and affordable housing options. The process would include Town Hall meetings in the seven geographical planning areas to hear input from NC members and the public.

**ACTION:** Substitute Motion drafted by LANCC approved (LL/HH 13-0-1)

**For:** LL, MS, KV, IK, ESW, SA, HS, BJ, SK, HH, MSlo, AM, TW,

**Against:** NONE

**Abstain:** MSo

**Public Comment:** Ivan Spiegel, Carolyn Rios, Irv Katz, Jim Murez



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11. **VNC Announcements (9:45PM -- 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:** (Eduardo Manilla, [Eduardo.Manilla@venicenc.org](mailto:Eduardo.Manilla@venicenc.org))
  
12. **Announcements & Public Comment on items not on the Agenda (9:55PM -- 10 minutes)**  
*[no more than 1 minute per person – no Board member announcements permitted]*  
**Public Comment: Jim Murez**
  
13. **Board Member Comments on subject matters within the VNC jurisdiction (10:05PM -- 5 minutes, no more than 1 minute per person)**
  
14. **Adjourn**  
**ACTION: Meeting adjourned (KV/HH 14-0-0)**  
**For: LL, MS, KV, IK, ESW, SA, HS, BJ, SK, HH, MSlo, AM, TW, MSo**  
**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 Kleiman
<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 McMorrow, Abigail Myers
<b>Discussion Forum</b>	Joe Murphy	<b>Housing</b>	Helen Stotler, Abigail Myers