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VNC Business Committee

Minutes of November 5, 2014 Joint Meeting with Parking & Transportation Committee

1. Meeting was called to order at 7:30 pm. Present from Business Committee were George Francisco (GF), Matt Kline (MK), Ben Bloch (BB). Present from Parking and Transportation Committee were Abigail Myers (AM) and Erin Sullivan Ward (ESW); absent was James Murez (JM).
2. The agenda was approved. (GF, BB; 5-0)
3. Minutes of October 4, 2014 Business Committee meeting were approved by Business Committee. (GF, BB; 3-0).
4. Approval of Minutes from previous Parking & Transportation Committee was waived due to no previous meeting of current committee.
5. During Public Comment of Non-Agenda Items, Nancy Ma introduced herself and discussed the new app she is currently developing called HumanNode which is real-time parking update system with other standalone features to assist drivers in finding parking spaces.
6. Motion was passed to support the upcoming Holiday Sign Lighting event on Dec 5th. (GF, BB; 5-0).
 - a. *Whereas the Sign Lighting is a free, public event that promotes community growth and relations, the VNC officially supports the event and will promote it through all our channels.*
7. Public presentation of the Venice FreeRide free, ad-supported shuttle service was made by business proprietor Jason Bagley. Numerous questions and open discussion was entertained to learn more about the business, its history, conception and plans for operation in Venice.
8. Motion was passed to support the Venice FreeRide service. (GF, BB; 5-0)
 - a. *The Business Committee and Parking & Transportation Committee of the Venice Neighborhood Council move that the Board of the Neighborhood Council issue a letter of support for the immediate and ongoing operation of the Venice Free Ride program as it not only provides a necessary and needed community benefit by providing shuttle service within Venice to residents, stakeholders and visitors free of charge, but it specifically addresses the VNC vision goal of Walkability by reducing the use of cars and providing an alternate, emission-free circulation system; and that the Board further recommend to the office of Councilman Mike Bonin to do the same.*
9. The meeting was adjourned at approximately 8:45pm. (GF, BB; 5-0).