



# Venice Neighborhood Council

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## VNC Neighborhood Committee Meeting Minutes

**Meeting Date:** October 30, 2014

**Meeting Time:** 7:30AM to 9:00AM

**Meeting Location:** IHOP Restaurant, 4070 Lincoln Blvd, Marina Del Rey, CA 90292

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- 7:30AM – Welcome and Introductions – see [VeniceNC.org/neighborhood-committee](http://VeniceNC.org/neighborhood-committee) to see member names
- 7:35 – Call to Order & Roll Call – Kathryn Nelson has resigned. She represented Venice Beach South.

Adam Glick	Arrv: 8:40	John Weston	
Bill Boyd	Present	Lydia Pelosi	Present
Carmen Navarro		Marc Saltzberg (Chair)	Present
Carolyn Rios	Present	Mariana Aguilar	Left: 8:30
Daniel Pinedo		Mark Kanights	Arrv: 8:00
DeDe Audette	Present	Michael Nelson	Present
Jay Cole		Mike Newhouse (ex officio)	
Jerry Jaffe	Present	Nicholas Hippisley-Coxe	Left: 8:15
Joan Wrede	Present	Sarah Shoup	Present
Joe Verrone			
Guests: Greg Jacobus, LAPD			

- 7:40 – Approve Agenda – Item 9e removed Motion CR / NHC – Approved as amended 10/0/1
- 7:45 – ANNOUNCEMENTS – Information about specific events important to Venice  
Holiday Announcements – Mariana [Toy Drive 11/14~12/20](#) 2) Director's Interpretation of SLSO upheld on appeal – Marc
- 7:50 – PUBLIC COMMENT – non-agendized items related to Neighborhood Committee only.
- 7:55 – Approve minutes from previous meetings – [10/02/2014](#) – Motion: CR/NHG Approved:10-0-1
- 8:00 – Report on Last VNC Board Meeting
- 8:05 – Report from LAPD Greg Jacobus, SLO from Oxford Triangle area, said that overall crime was down but that thefts of unsecured property is up, particularly from vehicles. There's been a big decrease in "hot prowl" burglaries, partly because of the arrest of a suspect. The transient population is not particularly involved in break-ins. LAPD will refer homeless to PATH (new 1 year contract). Ofcr Jacobus stated that an arrest can take up to 4 hrs. Re: Bicycles interfering with traffic and traffic enforcement in general he referred us to Joe Pollack, Community Relations Ofcr. at West Traffic ([Marc will invite him to next meeting](#)). Ofcr Jacobus stayed at the mtg after his report (this was much appreciated!)
- 8:15 – Old Business:
  - Review and possible action re: Neighborhood Committee Goals see: [Exhibit 1](#)  
Motion to approve CR/NHC, approved 11-0-1  
**Joan Wrede** will coordinate and advocate for Goal 2 / **Jerry Jaffe** will coordinate advocate for goal 3 / **Nick Hippisley Coxe** will coordinate and advocate for Goal 4 / **Mark & Sarah** will coordinate and advocate for goal 5.  
[Marc will work these committee members to better define what needs to happen.](#)
  - Discussion and possible action of Alley Parking (illegal with people receiving citations – but sometimes needed for drop-off). DOT can/will cite any vehicle not parked in a garage or on garage apron. Very little leniency allowed; at the same time, there is little enforcement of regs regarding del'y vehicles – [Ofcr Jacobus suggests calling companies with del'y vehicles blocking driveways and complain to them – be sure to get vehicle nmbr!](#)
  - Discussion and possible action re: Neighborhood Committee Outreach Program and Introduction Cards – [Mark K will coordinate with Outreach Committee to get new layout that will allow room for Spanish Language translation](#)
  - Discussion and possible action regarding Motion from Carolyn Rios, Oakwood South:  
[Support for Installation of New Bathrooms at Oakwood Park Motion amended by CR to remove word "permanent." Motion: CR/MK Passed 10/0/1](#)
  - ~~Discussion and Possible action re: Transient problem on the northwest side of the Penmar golf course, outside the fence.~~

## 10. 8:30 – New Business:

- a. Discussion and Possible action re: alternate committee members at Neighborhood Committee meetings Discussion centered on encouraging Committee members to recruit non-voting alternates from their neighborhoods to attend meetings when the member is unable to attend. The non-voting alternates would represent the neighborhood in discussions as a member of the committee but would not be able to vote on notions or introduce or second motions. Their attendance at meetings would not contribute to having a quorum.
- b. Neighborhood Reports
- Mariana Aguilar – East of Lincoln North: Construction trucks still line-up on Lincoln Blvd in the early morning hours, staging for construction projects in Santa Monica, where the practice is not allowed. The issue will be escalated to Debbie Dyner-Harris.
  - Sara Shoup – Venice Canals South: there hasn't been a ZA hearing yet on Kim's Mrkt conversion to restaurant. Concerns abt transients
  - Bill Boyd – Silver Strand: Residents have concerns about the proposed Dual Force Main Project. Regarding the proposed pocket park on Vie Dolce, Debbie Dyner-Harris (from CD!1 office) had the Bureau of Engineering revise the plan to include child-friendly elements. The revised plan ended up being \$300,000 less expensive than the previous plan. However, there is still a \$60,000 shortfall that needs to be addressed. Bill also asked that information regarding the "Grand Canal Restoration Project" be found and distributed (Marc will follow up)
  - Lydia Pelosi – East of Lincoln South: Graffiti has been a problem but the city has been extremely responsive to see that it gets removed promptly when reported.
  - Michael Nelson – Windward Circle: Altair flooding continues to be a problem, but has led to residents' interest in forming a Neighborhood Watch. Ofcr Jacobus suggested they get in touch with Ofcr Kristen Delatorre (who is back on limited duty following injury). Michael will let them know
  - Joan Wrede – Silver Triangle: Bikes on Mildred are a problem, slowing / stopping traffic while NOT sharing road. The intersection at Venice & Ocean has been repainted so that the northbound traffic is now confined to a single lane, causing backups that block Mildred. Marc will invite DOT to attend a future meeting.
  - Mark Kanights – President's Row: Loud parties being held on Boccaccio disrupting evenings and weekend nights. Drug dealing in neighborhood. Ofcr Jacobus took note of concerns.
  - Jerry Jaffe – Milwood: Construction continues – community interest in a traffic light on palms between Lincoln and Abbot Kinney to control speed.
- c. 8:55 – Next Meeting – December 4th at 7:30PM                      Holiday Mtg Schedule: 12/4 PM, 1/08 AM, 1/29 PM

## 11. 9:00 – Adjourn

## EXHIBIT 1

### PROPOSED GOALS: 2014 - 2015

1. Traffic and Pedestrian Safety Improvement Program that will identify, prioritize and advocate for:
  - Street repairs, sidewalk repairs and infrastructure improvements to address street flooding
  - Traffic safety improvements such as crosswalk installations, bike lane placement and signage & signal improvements to reduce transportation and traffic hazards
2. Completion of city projects initiated and / or prioritized by the VNC Neighborhood Committee and approved by the Venice Neighborhood Council such as:
  - Canal bridge repairs
  - Traffic / Pedestrian improvements near Washington Blvd and Pacific Ave
  - Traffic Signal installation at Abbot Kinney and Coeur d'Alene
  - Installation of a park on Via Dolce
3. Explore funding alternatives for projects the City can't / isn't moving forward on such as:
  - Grants
  - Special assessment districts
  - Corporate support (Google, tour companies, film companies, etc)
  - Community fundraising events
  - Crowd Sourcing
  - Establishment of tax-deductible non-profit foundations.
4. Work with VNC Public Safety Committee to increase Neighborhood Watch programs
5. Work with VNC committees and other entities (LUPC, Safety, L.A. County, private non-profits) regarding issues arising from proliferation of liquor licenses such as noise abatement, traffic safety, sanitation, crime.
  - Work with LUPC and other committees to identify areas where concentration should be limited.
  - Develop motion to recommend City Policy on concentration and a definition of "public convenience vs necessity."

## EXHIBIT 2

### Motion: Installation of Bathrooms at Oakwood Park

The Neighborhood Committee of the Venice Neighborhood Council recommends that the VNC Governing Board pass the following motion recommending installation of bathrooms at the north end of the ball field at Oakwood Recreation Center near the picnic tables

WHEREAS, Oakwood Park is used by hundreds of people in Venice each day but the only bathroom facilities are located inside the Recreation Center, a building that is locked after hours (hours of operation: Monday - Thursday: 9:00 am - 10:00 pm; Friday: 9:00 am - 6:00 pm; Saturday: 10:00 am - 4:00 pm; Sunday: Closed); and

WHEREAS, the picnic tables at the north end of the ball field attract large groups of people, especially on the week-ends, but the only bathrooms are two blocks south inside the Oakwood Recreation Center; and

WHEREAS, residents living near the park have complained for years about feces found in alleys and public urination problems, which results in public health and safety issues for both users of the park and nearby residents; and

WHEREAS, the Oakwood Park Advisory Board and the Oakwood Senior Group have recommended that the Los Angeles Department Recreation and Parks install new bathrooms at the north end of the Oakwood Recreation Center near the picnic tables;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, The Venice Neighborhood Council Governing Board recommends the Los Angeles Department of Recreation and Parks install ~~permanent~~ bathrooms at the north end of the ball field at Oakwood Park with appropriate provisions for the security of the building and facilities to prevent vandalism and improper use.

This Resolution shall be sent to: Los Angeles City Councilman Mike Bonin; Los Angeles Department of Recreation and Parks General Manager Michael Schull; LA Dept of Recreation and Parks Assistant General Manager of Recreation Operations Kevin Regan; Los Angeles Department of Recreation and Parks Valley Region Supervisor Charles Singer; Oakwood Park Manager Lizka Mendsoa; CD11 Venice Field Deputy Cecilia Castillo