



# Venice Neighborhood Council

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## VNC Neighborhood Committee Meeting Minutes

**Meeting Date:** March 28, 2013

**Meeting Time:** 7:30pm – 9:00pm

**Meeting Location:** Extra Space Storage Meeting Room - 658 South Venice Blvd, Venice, CA 90291

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1. 7:30pm - Call to Order & Roll Call

Adam Glick	Present	Joshua Blacker	Present
Antoinette Reynolds	Present	Linda Lucks (ex-officio)	
Bill Boyd	Present	Lydia Pelosi	Present
Colleen Saro	Present	Marc Saltzberg (Chair)	Present
Daffodil Tyminski	Present	Margot Michon	Present
DeDe Audette	Present	Michael Nelson	
Gogi Overhoff	Present	Michael Stenger	
Jay Cole	Present	Nicholas Hippisley-Coxe	Present
Jerry Jaffe	Present	Robin Rudisil	Present
Jessica Martinez	Present	Ron Sittler	
Guests:			

2. Approve Agenda [Motion to Approve from Lydia, second from Gogi – APPROVED](#) unanimously  
[Adam Glick taking minutes. Yey Adam!](#)

3. ANNOUNCEMENTS – Information about specific events important to Venice

- a. Town Hall on OPD / PPD scheduled for 04/04/13 has been postponed
- b. [There will be a Town Hall on April 30th regarding Santa Monica Airport](#)
- c. [An incident occurred in Oakwood that resulted in a major police operation that has been characterized by LAPD as an 'over-reaction.' LAPD proposes regular community meetings between LAPD Pacific Division leadership and community.](#)
- d. [Volunteer sign-up for Venice Garden and Home Tour on Garden Tour web page](#)
- e. [First Baptist Church- Venice will have an Easter performance free on Friday 3/9/2013](#)
- f. [There will be an emergency preparedness meeting on April 24th in Playa Vista](#)

4. PUBLIC COMMENT – non-agendized items related to Neighborhood Committee only

5. Approve minutes from previous meeting – 02/28/2013, [DeDe moves - Gogi seconds- APPROVED](#) unanimously

6. Report on last VNC Board Meeting – the Board passed a motion brought by Daffodil, Colleen and Marc requesting that the City Council budget 150 to 200 thousand dollars for a 3-way traffic signal at Brooks and Pacific.

7. Old Business

- a. [Neighborhood Committee Flier - send photos and contact info to Marc by Monday to get Neighborhood Committee Welcome fliers printed.](#)
- b. [2013 – 2014 Community Improvement Projects – Application Available but must be post-marked by 4/2](#)
- c. [Planning for presentation by LAPD re: Bars and Alcohol enforcement issues – Adam Glick will call a planning meeting and coordinate](#)
- d. [Suggestions for trash can locations in Venice – place at every bus stop](#)

## 8. New Business

## a. Neighborhood Reports

- i. Joshua Blacker, President's Row: Traffic at Coeur d'Alene & Abbot Kinney is hazardous; Joshua and neighbors met with DOT and are working on getting a traffic signal for the intersection as well as other signage improvements in the area. Suggested green arrow at westbound Washington & Abbot Kinney be coordinated with crosswalk signals. DeDe observed that Bike riders need better visibility at night. Gogi suggested a series of one way streets to better regulate traffic flows In Venice Neighborhoods.
  - ii. DeDe Audette, Oxford Triangle: "Mixed Mode" traffic putting bikes and cars on the same street is dangerous. The new "sharrow" designations encourage bikers to use streets with very heavily traffic. In neighborhoods (example: Thatcher), bikers are taking increased risks.
  - iii. Robin Rudisil, OFW South: Simzys appeal of grant of Liquor License filed with West LA Planning because zoning refused to uphold agreements between Simzys and neighbors. Robin plans to meet with Whitney Blumenfeld, Mike Bonin and Robert Aronson.
  - iv. Antoinette Reynolds, Oakwood North:
    - Neighbors on Brooks are concerned with new 2nd hand store at Brooks and Lincoln and the clients that hangout plus the RVs that are parked on the street. Goods for sale are stored outside.
    - Cars are speeding between Lincoln and 7th - up and down the street / big concerns
    - 743 property in development and there are concern's with design and occupancy and variance issues. Several new projects that they want to make sure go through land use and planning.
  - v. Colleen Saro, OFW North: Reach out to the vendors on west side of OFW who follow the rules and watch out for the neighborhood and encourage them to stay.
  - vi. Margot Michon, Walk Streets: Not sure what is happening at CD11 re: City Council Motion designating walk streets as responsibility of Street Services (not Rec & Parks)
  - vii. Jay Cole, Canals: 7th annual toxic waste pick up occurring in canals
  - viii. Nick Hipplesley-Coxe, Rose Ave Corridor: Rose Ave traffic is clogged, bikes ignore stop signs, business delivery parking a problem, new restaurant approved with virtual parking.
  - ix. Daffodil Tyminski, Oakwood West: Residents want to improve condition of Westminster Sr. Center. Possible new kids program at the Center. Seniors scared away by campers,
- b. Discussion and possible action re: traffic on Abbott Kinney between Venice & Washington and in the neighborhood surrounding Coeur D'Alene Elementary School. [Postponed to next meeting](#)
  - c. Discussion and possible action re: Simmzy's Restaurant on Washington near Pacific and zoning approval of the proposed project – see discussion above under Robin Rudisil's Neighborhood Report

## 9. 9:00pm – Adjourn