



Venice Neighborhood Council

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Administrative Committee Agenda

Extra Space Storage, Presidents Row Room
658 South Venice Blvd, Venice, 90291
Monday, March 11, 2013 at 7:00 PM

Note (i) The Administrative Committee does not address or consider the merits of proposed agenda items. Its function is to determine whether a proposed agenda item will be placed on the next Board meeting agenda, postponed, referred to a specific committee for review and recommendation, treated as an announcement, or considered and resolved as a non-Board administrative matter. (ii) The Administrative Committee has the discretion to reorder consideration of matters on the agenda to accommodate stakeholders or for other reasons.

****ALL ITEMS ON THE AGENDA VOTED UNANIMOUSLY UNLESS NOTED****

1. **Call to Order and Roll Call**
Present: LL, MS, IK, KV, SK, TW, ESW, HH
Absent: All members present
 2. **Approval of the Administrative Committee Agenda**
ACTION: Item 5A added to agenda
Agenda approved HH/IK
 3. **Approval of outstanding Administrative Committee minutes**
ACTION: Motion to postpone approval IK/HH
 4. **Announcements & Public Comment on items not on the Agenda**
Ivan Spiegel – NC being told they must pay for elections
 5. **Old Administrative Committee Business**
[Discussion and possible action.]
- A** **Job Responsibility of the Meeting** Ivan Spiegel
Discussion of responsibilities for setting up board meetings.
- B** **Limiting the Time Frame of Monthly VNC Board Meetings** (Nick Antonicello, stakeholder nacount@aol.com)

MOTION : WHEREAS, the Venice Neighborhood Council (VNC) holds its regular meetings on the third Tuesday of the month; and
WHEREAS the length of these meetings has become cumbersome and detrimental to the various speakers and presenters that are forced to wait an inordinate amount of time before being able to address the VNC; and
WHEREAS the amount of approved agenda items far exceeds a reasonable time frame to address these presenters, issues, res
WHEREAS the current volume and size of these agendas being approved for these monthly meetings takes away from the spirit of grass roots involvement and basic homerule; and



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WHEREAS the brand of the VNC is being diminished due to the length of these meetings that are now in excess of three hours and has agendized items being discussed to an empty room instead of being discussed before a room of interested and engaged Venice stakeholders;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Venice Neighborhood Council (VNC) adopt a policy of no more than ten (10) agenda items and that a three-hour time limit be implemented in which all VNC meetings end no later than 10 PM PST; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that all unaddressed agenda items be rolled over to the next monthly meeting and be prioritized as items to be discussed before any other business before the council.

ACTION: Withdrawn by maker of the motion.

6. New Administrative Committee Business
(Discussion and possible action.)

A Committee Procedures

Discussion about how committee meetings are being run.

B Selection of Committee for Monthly Committee Report

ACTION: March LUPC, April Budget Committee

C Consideration and approval of March 19, 2013 Proposed Board Agenda

ACTION: Board agenda approved KV/SK

7. Adjourn

ACTION: Meeting adjourned SK/ESW



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DRAFT Board of Officer Meeting Agenda

Westminster Elementary School (Auditorium)

1010 Abbot Kinney Blvd, Venice, 90291

Tuesday, March 19, 2013 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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1. **Call to Order and Roll Call (7:00PM – 5 minutes)**
2. **Approval of the Agenda (7:05PM – 5 minutes)**
3. **Approval of Outstanding Board minutes (7:10PM – 5 minutes)**
[\[Insert Link\]](#)
4. **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]
5. **Consent Calendar (7:25PM -- 5 minutes)**
[No discussion or Public Comment. Items may be removed and they will go to the end of the agenda]
6. **Scheduled Announcements (7:30PM – 30 minutes)**
[No discussion or Public Comment]
- A **Public Safety - LAPD Report (10 minutes):** Senior Lead Officers Peggy Thusing (25120@lapd.lacity.org), Kristan Delatori 32914@lapd.lacity.org, Gregg Jacobus, 35162@lapd.lacity.org. Lt. Paola Kreeft, Beach Detail(lapdpaola.kreeft@gmail.com) *This report includes a monthly Venice crime report and updates on law enforcement issues in Venice.*
- B **PATH (People Assisting the Homeless) (5 minutes)** Update on Councilman Rosendahl's Roadmap to Homes Program, Joel Roberts, Joel.Roberts@epath.org, Tomasz Babiszkiwicz (tomaszb@epath.org); *This report includes statistics on the number of people*



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placed in permanent and temporary housing (from Venice) as well as the numbers of people in process.

- C** **VNC Monthly Committee Report: LUPC (5 minutes)**
[A monthly report on one of the VNC's standing or Ad Hoc committees.]
This month's report will be from the Land Use and Planning Committee.
- D** **Report on Homeless Winter Storage Project (8 minutes)** Steve Clare, Venice Community Housing; Arturo Pina
Report to the VNC about the Winter storage project which ended March 1.
- E** **Introduction of the Venice Chamber of Commerce (5 minutes)** Catherine Chevalier, VP, Chamber of Commerce
- F** **Community Improvement Projects (2 minutes)** Ivan Spiegel
Application deadline April 2, 2013
- G** **VNC Town Hall On OPD Settlement - April 4, 2013 (5 Minutes)** Matt Kline, Outreach Officer
- H** **Government Reports** (Representatives have standing place on the agenda, but are not always available to attend:
 - **Congressman Henry Waxman**, Representative , Lisa Pinto
 - **State Senator Ted Lieu**, Representative, Veronica Zendejas Veronica.Zendejas@sen.ca.gov 310-318-6994
 - **State Assemblyperson Steve Bradford** , Representative,
 - **LA County Supervisor Zev Yaroslavsky**, Flora Gill Krisiloff 213-974-3333
 - **Mayor Antonio Villaraigosa**
 - **City Councilmember Bill Rosendahl**: Cecilia Castillo, Field Deputy (310-568-8772); (Cecilia.castillo@lacity.org); Arturo Pina, District Director (Arturo.Pina@lacity.org)
- I** **Venice Beach Samba** tony katsaras tonyk1948@gmail.com

We wrote a song and produced it called VENICE BEACH SAMBA we are getting world-wide attention and getting ready for world airplay. We would like to give you all a cd as this could be Venice's beach theme song.

ACTION: Removed from the agenda, suggested for public comment IK/ESW

7. Old Business (8:00 - 0 minutes)

- A** **Art Mural Motion (20 Minutes)** Cynthia Rogers & Eduardo Manilla Arts Committee
MOTION: The Venice Neighborhood Council supports Council File #08-0515; 08-1233; 08-0530 OF THE PLUM FINAL RECOMMENDATIONS MADE January 15, 2013, to establish an ordinance regulating the application of murals on walls in Los Angeles with the following



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THREE recommendations:

1• Mural art, regardless of medium (whether hand painted or digital) be treated as ONE OF A KIND fine art and thereby afforded similar Protections and allowances to the full extent of this ordinance.

2• Further that the 5 unit restriction on placement of murals be lifted to allow for diversity of placement possibilities whether it be on the backside of a single family unit, a garage door, or larger scale as with buildings of 5 units more.

3. THAT THE MURALS BE PROTECTED BY THE CALIFORNIA ART PRESERVATION ACT (CAPA) and the VISUAL ARTISTS ARTISTS RIGHTS (VARA) THAT REQUIRES THAT THE ARTISTS BE GIVEN A 90 DAY NOTICE TO BE ABLE TO MOVE THE MURAL TO ANOTHER LOCATION.

8. **Announcements & Public Comment on items not on the Agenda (8:00 - 5 minutes)**
[5 speakers, no more than 1 minute per person – no Board member announcements permitted]

9. **LUPC (8:05 - 0 minutes)**
[No submissions]

10. **New Business (9:25 -- 95 minutes)**
[Discussion and possible action]

A **Walgrove Wildlands Greening Project** Sandi Wise sandiwise@gmail.com

MOTION: The VNC Board shall support Walgrove Elementary School's efforts in "Greening" their school by adding the flier for the "Walgrove Wildlands Planting Days" to the VNC website. The Wildlands is a project which encompasses 25,000 square feet of space being converted from asphalt to a beautiful and educational green space. The space will include an outdoor seating area for class time, an aviary section with lots of trees, a butterfly garden, an expansion of the current vegetable garden, and lots of California native plantings. Parents at Walgrove have been working tirelessly on this plan for the past year, applying for (and receiving) grants, partnering with several organizations like the US Fish and Wildlife, Enrich LA, the Tree People, and many more. The asphalt has been pulled up, sprinklers installed, pathways laid, and is now ready for planting. To learn more about the Wildlands project, see their website: <http://walgrovewildlands.com/>

April 20th & 21st. We are looking for anyone who would like to volunteer their time and energy to digging, planting, & building. Come join the Joyful Activists, the Girl Scouts, Local community members, Parents and Staff in re-wilding Walgrove.

ACTION: Moved to Scheduled Announcements (1 minute)



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B Amendment of Proposed Community Care Facilities (CCF) Ordinance Westside Regional Alliance of Councils

MOTION: The VNC, a member of the Westside Regional Alliance of Councils, opposes Amending Motion 31B, submitted January 30, 2013 to [Council File 11-0262](#), on the following grounds:

1. Lack of sufficient staff support and lack of a funding mechanism
2. Inability to presently enforce codes
3. Anticipated 10% across the board budget cuts to all City departments slated for FY 2013-2014
4. Complete lack of transparent fiscal analysis

We further strongly oppose the continued gutting of the R1 and other low density residential zones in the City of Los Angeles. The General Plan of the City of Los Angeles protects the residential character of these zones. The City is therefore required by law to prepare a General Plan Amendment and to produce a full Environmental Impact Report in compliance with CEQA to establish any ordinance adding boarding houses as a by right use into low density residential zones.

ACTION: Move to remove from agenda (IK/SK 6-0-2)

C Stop Santa Monica Airport's Detrimental Health Effects on Neighboring Communities Abigail Myers and Laura Silagi, Co-Chairs, SM Airport Ad Hoc Committee

MOTION: Whereas the VNC has taken positions on the following:

- Against the use of leaded fuel in all piston engine propeller planes.
- Against Jet exhaust which contains dangerous particulates which are spewn into neighboring communities during idling and take-off daily.
- Against noise pollution from both jets and propeller planes which are known to contribute to high blood pressure, heart disease, and learning impairment in children.
- Against the flight pattern flying over Venice

Whereas none of these problems can be mitigated. And

Whereas Items 1 and 5 of the petitions are logical outgrowths of the positions taken by VNC and support the views of our current councilman.

Therefore we request support for the attached petition which will be used to lobby politicians and others.

ACTION: Move to consent calendar SK/KV

D Remove Illegal Digital Billboards Marc Saltzberg, on behalf of WRAC; Gabe Kramer

MOTION: Whereas, In 2006 the City of Los Angeles entered into an illegal agreement with Clear Channel Digital and CBS Outdoor, which allowed them to convert up to 800 static billboards to digital billboards. This "agreement" was entered into without public hearing, public



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comment, or any input from neighborhood councils, community groups or resident organizations. The result was that these companies erected 103 illegal digital billboards that have been opposed by our organization and other communities groups from the beginning, and Whereas, The agreements were challenged in court – Summit Media, LLC v. City of Los Angeles – wherein Superior Court Judge Green ruled the agreements illegal, followed by the California Court of Appeal upholding Judge Green’s ruling. The Court of Appeal further ruled that the illegal signs must be removed, and

Whereas, the California Supreme Court has declined to hear the case, allowing the decision of the Appeals Court to stand;

Therefore, be it Resolved, The Board of the Venice Neighborhood Council urges the City of Los Angeles to fully implement the appeals court ruling in the Summit Media LLC v. City of Los Angeles and to remove the 103 illegal digital billboards blanketing our city. We further request that the City refrain from making any changes to the zoning laws relative to digital billboards until the illegal billboards are removed and any such proposed change has been subjected to an open and transparent outreach process to community stakeholders.

The Venice Neighborhood Council fully supports the Courts’ rulings and urges the City to fully implement the decision and remove the illegal digital billboards. Further, we oppose any and all attempts to grandfather these illegal billboards, or any other action that would retroactively legalize them.

ACTION: Move to consent calendar IK/ESW

E 25th and Pacific ave cross walk CHARLES A FAGIN cfagin@earthlink.net

MOTION: We are working on the cross walk at 25th and Pacific ave. DOT has request email feedback from the neighborhood. Will you send an email to you people to respond to DOT. DOT has request that the local residents around the crosswalk at 25th and Pacific email DOT in favor of moving the cross walk from 26th to 25th and Pacific.

Now that the pathway is completed and the wheel chair access cutouts are in place the last piece of the walkway is the painted cross walk.

Please send this wording to your group and ask them to email LADOT.

Please cut and paste this email and send to: ladot.westerndistrict@lacity.org

I support the installation of the crosswalk at 25th Avenue and removal of the existing one at 26th.

This is very important for the Community, tourists and especially for the disabled and many parents and children who need safe access from the canals to the beach.

It is a dangerous liability to the city, disabled and pedestrians to not have a designated crosswalk where there is an ADA approved ramp into the high volume traffic thoroughfare.



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Thank you advance for facilitating this much needed crosswalk at 25th Av. an Pacific Av. In Venice.

ACTION: Removed from the agenda, suggested for public comment. SK/IK

- F** **Three-way Stoplight at Intersection of Pacific and Brooks in Venice** Matt Kline, Marc Saltzberg, Colleen Saro, Daffodil Tyminski Outreach@VeniceNC.org, VP@VeniceNC.org, coleen.saro@venicenc.org, daffodil.tyminski@VeniceNC.org

Whereas, it is the responsibility of the City of Los Angeles to provide for the safe flow of traffic on city streets, roads and boulevards and,

Whereas, there have been an excessive number of accidents at the intersection of Pacific and Brooks, many of them the result of drivers making left turns from Pacific onto Brooks and,

Whereas, most of these accidents could have been prevented had a three way stoplight been installed at the intersection of Pacific and Brooks to provide for signal controlled left turns at an estimated cost to the City of \$150,000 (estimate provided by CD-11 staff);

Therefore be it resolved, the Venice Neighborhood Council asks the Los Angeles City Council to set aside between \$150,000 and \$200,000 in its 2013-2014 budget for the installation of a three-way stop light at the intersection of Pacific and Brooks.

This resolution shall be sent to City of Los Angeles Council District 11, the Los Angeles City Council, Los Angeles Mayor Antonio Villaraigosa and the Los Angeles Department of Transportation.

ACTION: Move to consent calendar IK/SK

- G** **LAANC Motion re: Funding of NC Elections** Ivan Spiegel, (parliamentarian@venicenc.org)

MOTION: Whereas the City of Los Angeles asking the neighborhood councils to postpone their elections due to budget cuts, and

Whereas the city is asking each neighborhood council to pay for their next elections, approx. \$7300.00 per council, and

Whereas the city continues to violate City Charter section 911 by cutting neighborhood council funds, sweeping annual excess funds, and failing to fund neighborhood councils in a secure account one year in advance,

Therefore, the Venice Neighborhood Council moves:

That the City issues NO DELAYS in the 2014 neighborhood council elections

That The City fully fund the neighborhood council 2014 elections

That the City restores the \$50,000 Neighborhood Council annual budgets

That the City cease and desist from any further sweeping of neighborhood council funds, in violation of charter section 911



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That the Venice Neighborhood Council President, file an immediate letter of complaint against the City for its violations of Charter Section 911.

**ACTION: Item added to agenda IK/SK
Moved to consent calendar MS/KV**

- 11. **Treasurers Report (11:00PM -- 10 minutes);** Hugh Harrison (Treasurer@Venicenc.org)
[Discussion and possible action] **[EXHIBIT]**

A MOTION: The VNC Board approves the attached the report on expenditures for the period January 22, 2012, through February 21, 2013, and the itemized purchase card invoice.

B MOTION: The VNC shall allocate \$540 from the Board Community funds to pay for the VNC portion of the joint forum with the Mar Vista CC on the effects of the Santa Monica Airport on Los Angeles residents. The forum will take place on Saturday, April 27, 2013, from 1:00PM – 4:00PM at Penmar Park Recreation Center.

C Report from Budget Day

12. **VNC Announcements (11:10PM -- 10 Minutes)**

- **President:** Linda Lucks (president@venicenc.org)
Retreat - TBA
- **Vice President** Marc Saltzberg (Vicepresident@Venicenc.org)
- **LA Alliance of NC's Representative:** Ivan Spiegel, (parliamentarian@venicenc.org)
- **Westside Regional Alliance of Neighborhood Councils-** Mike Newhouse, President, Marc Saltzberg, VNC Representatives. Chair@westsidecouncils.org, VicePresident@Venicenc.org,
- **Venice Chamber Of Commerce:** Erin-Sullivan Ward erin.ward@venicenc.org

13. **Announcements & Public Comment on items not on the Agenda**
[20 minutes, no more than 1 minute per person – no Board member announcements permitted]

14. **Board Member Comments on subject matters within the VNC jurisdiction**
(11:20 PM -- 5 minutes, no more than 1 minute per person)

15. **Adjourn (approx. 11:25 PM)**

List of Venice Neighborhood Council Committees & Chairs – Volunteers Welcome

Administrative	Linda Lucks	Santa Monica Airport	Abigail Myers, Laura Silagi
Neighborhood	Marc Saltzberg	Visitor Impact	in formation
Outreach	Matt Kline	Ocean Front Walk	Tom Elliot
Budget	Hugh Harrison	Public Safety	Sevan Gerard, Nick Hippisley-Coxe
Land Use and Planning	Jake Kaufman	Environment	Erin Sullivan Ward, Abigail Myers
Education	Bud Jacobs	Rules & Election	Ira Koslow
Communications	Helen Stotler	Arts	Cynthia Rogers, Eduardo Manilla