



# Venice Neighborhood Council

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## **Board of Officers Meeting Agenda** Westminster Elementary School (Auditorium) 1010 Abbot Kinney Blvd, Venice, 90291 **Tuesday, December 17, 2013 at 7:00 PM**

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

1. **Call to Order and Roll Call (7:00PM – 5 minutes)**

In memory of Joni Rountree, early promoter of the Venice Walk Streets Neighborhood Association. Welcome to the world, Ava Lynne Rosales (granddaughter of Alex and Nadine); Max Katzoff, son of Oren and Sarah.

**PRESENT:** LindaL; MarcS; HughH; HelenS; EduardoM; ; IraK; ; BudJ; ErinS-W; CynthiaR; MaxS; SylviaA; TomE, SevanG; MattK ScottK

**Mike Newhouse – emeritus**

**ABSENT:: TommyW; AbigailM; OrenK JakeK KristopherV; MarissaS**

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

3. **Approval of the Agenda (7:10PM – 5 minutes)**

**ACTION: Agenda approved EM/SG 12-0-1**

4. **Approval of Outstanding Board minutes (7:15PM – 5 minutes)**

<http://www.venicenc.org/wp-content/uploads/2012/12/131202BoardMinutes.pdf>

**ACTION: Minutes approved BJ/HS 12-0-1**

5. **President's Report (7:20PM-- 5 minutes)** (Linda Lucks [president@venicenc.org](mailto:president@venicenc.org))

*Special Commendation to Lizka Mendoza and Great Venice Toy Drive Committee.*

6. **Public Safety - LAPD Report (7:25 -- 10 minutes):** Senior Lead Officers Peggy Thusing

([25120@lapd.lacity.org](mailto:25120@lapd.lacity.org)), Kristan Delatori ([32914@lapd.lacity.org](mailto:32914@lapd.lacity.org)), Gregg Jacobus, [35162@lapd.lacity.org](mailto:35162@lapd.lacity.org). Lt. Steve Lurie, OFW Beach Detail Supervisor. *Includes a monthly Venice crime report and updates on law enforcement issues in Venice.*



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7. **Announcements & Public Comment on items not on the Agenda (7:35PM --10 minutes)**  
*[5 speakers, no more than 1 minute per person – no Board member announcements permitted]*
8. **Scheduled Announcements and Presentations (7:45PM – 15 minutes)**
- A **Government Reports (10 minutes)** (Representatives have standing place on the agenda, but are not always available to attend)
- **City Councilmember Mike Bonin**, Cecilia Castillo, Field Deputy, Debbie Dinar Harris [here](#) [Cecilia.Castillo@lacity.org](mailto:Cecilia.Castillo@lacity.org) (310-568-8772); ([Cecilia.castillo@lacity.org](mailto:Cecilia.castillo@lacity.org)); Mark Grant ([Mark.Grant@lacity.org](mailto:Mark.Grant@lacity.org))
  - **LA Parks & Recreation-Venice Boardwalk**, Juan Benitez ([juan.benitez@lacity.org](mailto:juan.benitez@lacity.org)) [here](#)
  - **LA County Department of Beaches & Harbors: OFW Safety**, John Kelly 310-305-9532
  - **Congressman Henry Waxman**, Representative Lisa.Pinto; [Lisa.Pinto@housemail.gov](mailto:Lisa.Pinto@housemail.gov)
  - **State Senator Ted Lieu**, Representative, Veronica Zendejas [Veronica.Zendejas@sen.ca.gov](mailto:Veronica.Zendejas@sen.ca.gov) 310-318-6994
  - **State Assemblyperson Steve Bradford** 310.412.6400 [Matt Stauffer here](#)
  - **LA County Supervisor Zev Yaroslavsky**, Maria Chong Castillo [mCCastillo@bos.lacounty.gov](mailto:mCCastillo@bos.lacounty.gov), 213-974-3333
  - **Mayor Eric Garcetti**, Daniel Tamm, Westside Deputy ([Daniel.Tamm@Lacity.org](mailto:Daniel.Tamm@Lacity.org)) 213-978-0836 - [here](#)
- B **VNC Monthly Committee Report: Arts Committee (5 minutes)**  
*[A monthly report on one of the VNC's standing or Ad Hoc committees.]*
9. **Consent Calendar (8:00PM -- 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 **Creation Of Feed-In-Tariff Program** (Erin Sullivan Ward on behalf of the Environmental Committee [erin.sullivanward@venicenc.org](mailto:erin.sullivanward@venicenc.org))  
*FIT (Feed-In-Tariff) programs seek to encourage renewable energy development within the Los Angeles Basin by purchasing excess power developed by consumers from roof-top solar projects (this will also help meet the 33% Renewable Portfolio Standard mandate by 2020).*
- MOTION:** The Venice Neighborhood Council favors the creation of the Feed-In-Tariff program, as authorized by the LA City Council and DWP Commission, because it:
- 1) Provides clean, local solar energy, thus reducing our reliance on polluting, coal-fired power plants and costly long distance transmission lines.
  - 2) Generates local, well paying jobs in the Green Energy sector.
  - 3) Encourages private investment and provides \$300 million in federal tax credits for local businesses.



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4) Will, over time, lead to a decrease in the cost of "going solar" thus increasing its prevalence and lessening the need for incentives.

The VNC urges LADWP and the City to maintain FiT energy buy-back prices at a level sufficient to encourage participation in the program, to be mindful of market prices and also, to expand FIT from its current 150 megawatts to 1200 megawatts.

Motion passed 3-0-0 by the Environmental Committee

## **B Support for Santa Monica Airport Becoming a Grand Park, (Laura Silagi, Abigail Myers)**

**MOTION:** *Whereas* the Santa Monica Airport (SMO) is a health hazard to its surrounding communities and the Venice Neighborhood Council (VNC) supports the mitigation of noise, emission and negative environmental impacts generated by SMO,

*Whereas* all aircraft departing Santa Monica Airport fly over Venice and the VNC supports the end of this flight pattern practice,

*Whereas* propeller planes fly over parks, schools and residences causing noise and lead pollution and the VNC supports safe and healthy schools and neighborhoods,

*Whereas* the Santa Monica Airport poses a continuing danger from accidents, and the VNC supports a safe environment free of the danger of aircraft accidents,

*Whereas* our City Council representative, Mike Bonin and our State Assembly representative Ted Lieu have called for the airport to be closed.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Venice Neighborhood Council supports the green concept of turning the airport property into a grand park to serve all of the entire area, a use that would not increase traffic and would be environmentally healthful to all and would provide badly needed open space in an area that has very little.

**ACTION: Consent Calendar approved MS/HH 14-0-1**

## **10 Winter Shelter Storage Program Location (8:05pm -- 60 minutes) (Tom Elliott [thomas.elliott@venicenc.org](mailto:thomas.elliott@venicenc.org))**

*There will be a presentation and question-and-answer session with CD11 personnel regarding the Emergency Winter Shelter Storage Program and the City-conducted clean-ups (Warn, Bag, Tag and Store Program):*

**MOTION:** *Whereas* CD11 City Councilperson Mike Bonin sent a [letter](#) to Venice Neighborhood Council dated December 11, 2013, stating (in part), "I am going to authorize a voluntary storage program for participants in the emergency winter shelter program," and "I have asked the Department of Recreation and Parks to allow VCHC [Venice Community Housing Corporation] to use an existing storage container at Venice Beach, next to the paddle tennis courts", and "I will gladly entertain an alternative location -- if the Venice Neighborhood Council, after public process, recommends one",  
*and*

*Whereas* the following locations for the storage facility have been suggested by CD11 and members of the Venice Neighborhood Council (listed in no particular order):



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- Just west of the paddle-tennis courts in Venice Beach Park. This is the 'default' location – if no other location is recommended by the VNC, the storage container program will operate from there. **0**
- The City Parking Lot between North and South Venice next to Pacific. This is a large lot and the suggested location would be near the lot's canal bridge rather than adjacent to one of the streets. **0**
- The Metro Bus Yard at Main between Sunset and Thornton Place. This is a large, walled area and may have room for the storage location within the walled yard. **1**

*and*

*Whereas* VNC Board Members and the Public were asked to submit additional alternative locations at its regularly scheduled Board Meeting held December 17th, 2013 according to the following criteria:

- The suggested location must be large enough to accommodate an 8ft x 20ft shipping container and room for individuals to queue up to use the facility.
- The location should be large and convenient enough to accommodate pickup and drop off of individuals being bused to the Emergency Winter Shelter located in West LA (CD11 feels the success of the program requires the storage location be located near the bus pickup / drop off location - therefore, moving the storage location may mean the pickup / drop off location would also move)
- The location should be located near Venice Beach (where most of the people to be bussed and need access to the storage facility are located)
- the location should be a city facility or one where any rental charges will be minimal because no funds for renting a location have been identified.

*Therefore be it Resolved*, the VNC suggests the following locations for the Winter Shelter Voluntary Storage Program in ranked order for further evaluation and selection by CD11.

1. St. Joseph's Center **0**
2. Venice Community Housing Corp. on Rose
3. First Baptist Church of Venice on Westminster **3**
4. Westminster Senior Center **8**
5. Centennial Park **1**

**ACTION: Motion passed with board votes TE/IK**

## 11. **Old Business (9:05PM -- 5 minutes)** [*Discussion and possible action*]

**Creation of Visitor Impact Committee (5 minutes)** (Ivan Spiegel, VNC parliamentarian)

**MOTION:** The VNC Board shall create the Ad Hoc Visitor Impact Committee with the following Mission Statement as approved by the Administrative Committee:

MISSION STATEMENT: The Visitor Impact Committee shall cooperatively develop protocols and create VNC Board agenda items that can be used to better manage the community wide effects produced by the number of visitors coming to Venice.



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Additionally, the committee shall research, develop, advise, and report on potential sources of revenue that are generated from visitors as well as suggest ways in which these funds might be directed back to the community.

**ACTION: Motion approved HH/ESW 11-0-1  
Clabe Hartley & Joseph Shields made co-chairs**

12. **Announcements & Public Comment on items not on the Agenda (9:10PM -- 5 minutes) [5 speakers, no more than 1 minute per person – no Board member announcements permitted]**

13. **Land Use & Planning Committee (LUPC) (9:15 PM -- 45 minutes);** by Jake Kaufman on behalf of LUPC [chair-lupc@venicenc.org](mailto:chair-lupc@venicenc.org)

**A 835 E. Milwood Ave, Venice, CA; SFD construction**

**Case: DIR-2013-3500-VSO**

CASE SUMMARY: This application was submitted to the City of Los Angeles Planning Dept-ZA-2013-2464- (ZAA) LAMC 12.28 requesting Zoning Administrator adjustments:

1. An adjustment from section 12.09-c3 of the Los Angeles Municipal Code to permit a 7'-8" reduced rear yard setback in lieu of the required 15 feet.
2. An adjustment from section 12.21-C (6) a passageway width of 3'6" in lieu of the required 10 feet from the street to the new second dwelling in the back.

**MOTION:** The Venice Neighborhood Council approves this single family dwelling construction project, as presented, with the following conditions:

1. The Owner of 835 E. Milwood Ave. has timely notified the occupants of the five abutting properties (two adjacent and three across the alley), via a certified/return receipt requested mailing, that he has applied with City Planning for adjustments to L.A. Municipal Code for his project at 835 E. Milwood Ave. A letter of support will include the Owner's contact information, the LUPC Staff contact information, and the Cityhood url directly to the case for purposes of further details and questions. The mailing documentation, including the letter and the returned certified mailing receipts, shall be provided to [Secretary@Venicenc.org](mailto:Secretary@Venicenc.org) prior to the December 17, 2013 VNC Board meeting.

2. The City's approval of the adjustments to L.A. Municipal Code for this project shall include a condition that the interior garage doors leading into the courtyard parking area shall operate (open and close) without interference from parked cars therein, so that the courtyard parking spaces can be easily and regularly accessible.

LUPC Motion made by Mehrnoosh Mojallali, seconded by Jim Murez

APPROVED by LUPC 5-1-0 November 21, 2013

Background information:

<http://www.cityhood.org/ReportCaseActivityDetail.cncx?CID=34244&UGP=Anonymous>

**ACTION: Motion approved IK/HH 11-0-0**

**B 664 E. Sunset Ave, Venice, CA; demo (E) duplex and create a 3-lot small lot subdivision within the RD1.5 zone, with 6 parking spaces per unit (2 per unit)**

**Case: ZA-2013-768-CDP-ZV-MEL**





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**CASE SUMMARY:** Existing on site is a duplex to be demolished and replaced with 3 units lot subdivision with 2 covered parking spaces per each new dwelling, pursuant to ORD. No. 176,354. A Coastal Requirement Permit and Mello Determination is required. Adjustment is requested to permit 16.5 foot wide common access driveway in lieu of 20 feet in conjunction with the small lot ordinance in the RD1.5-1 Zone.

**MOTION:** The Venice Neighborhood Council approves this small lot subdivision project, as presented, with the following conditions:

- ~~1. The City's approval of the project shall include a condition that the affordable units shall be replaced one for one, within the Venice Planning Area, and that no tenant shall be evicted until the Certificate of Occupancy has been issued for the new replacement affordable units, and that the current tenants shall be given the right of first refusal to rent a new replacement affordable unit similar to the one they currently occupy.~~
- ~~2. The City's approval of the project shall include a condition that the landscaping opportunities shall be fully maximized for the project.~~

LUPC Motion made by Mehrnoosh Mojallali, seconded by Jim Murez

APPROVED BY LUPC 4-2-1 December 4, 2013

**664 E. Sunset Ave, Venice, CA; demo (E) duplex and create a 3-lot small lot subdivision within the RD1.5 zone, with 6 parking spaces per unit (2 per unit)**

**Case: ZA-2013-768-CDP-ZV-MEL**

**MOTION:** The Venice Neighborhood Council denies this small lot subdivision project as presented because it does not meet the conditions of the Venice Specific Plan. It also does not fit with the mass, scale and character of the existing neighborhood.

**ACTION: Replacement motion against project passed IK/HH 9-2-0**

Background Information:

<http://www.cityhood.org/ReportCaseActivityDetail.cncx?CID=31704&UGP=Anonymous>

**14. New Business (10:00PM -- 30 minutes)**

*[Discussion and possible action]*

**A Enforcement Of Measure D on Illegal Medical Marijuana Clinics (10 minutes)** (Ivan Spiegel on behalf of LANCC)

**MOTION:** The VNC moves to demand that the City Attorney, the LAPD, and the City Council move forward forthwith to eliminate any and all Post-Interim Control Ordinance medical marijuana collectives (MMC) deemed to be operating illegally per measure D.

**ACTION: Motion approved ESW/HS 6-5**



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**B Require all Pre-Interim Control Ordinance medical marijuana clinics to obtain a Police Permit (10 minutes) (Ivan Spiegel on behalf of LANCC)**

**MOTION:** The VNC shall send a letter to Councilman Mike Bonin requesting that a Council File be created to address the possible requirements that all Pre-ICO medical marijuana clinics that comply with Measure D in location and operations be required to obtain a Police Permit to operate.

**ACTION: Motion approved ES/HS 8-3-0**

**C Medical Marijuana Testing (10 minutes) (Ivan Spiegel on behalf of LANCC)**

**MOTION:** Whereas the City of Los Angeles is enacting regulations to make medical cannabis available to patients in need, and Whereas the City of Los Angeles has failed to enact public health and safety guidelines on the products sold to ensure quality control concerning contaminants, pesticides, molds, or other dangers that could affect patient’s health and well-being, Therefore Be It Resolved that the VNC requests that the City Council must act immediately to protect the public health and welfare of patients by enacting regulations that mandate safety measures including, but not limited to, laboratory testing, agriculture inspection, and similar protocols.

**ACTION: Motion approved ESW/HS 7-4-0**

**15. Treasurers Report (10:30PM -- 5 minutes); Hugh Harrison [Treasurer@Venicenc.org](mailto:Treasurer@Venicenc.org)  
*[Discussion and possible action]***

**A **MOTION:**** The VNC Board approves the attached report on expenditures for the period October 22, 2013, through December 21, 2013, and the monthly EmpowerLA reconciliation report.

**ACTION: Motion approved HH/EM 11-0-0**

**B **MOTION:**** The Venice Neighborhood Council requests cash to be allocated to its NC checking account for December 22, 2013 through January 21, 2014 in the following amounts:

| <u>VNC Budget Item</u>          | <u>DONE</u> | <u>Vendor (if Known)</u> | <u>Amount</u>      |
|---------------------------------|-------------|--------------------------|--------------------|
| Office Supplies/Copies          | OFF         | Office Depot             | \$ 75.00           |
| Microphones                     | OFF         |                          | \$ 200.00          |
| Refreshments                    | EVE         | Smart & Final            | \$ 50.00           |
| Web Site/E-Mail                 | WEB         | I Power/Constant Contact | \$ 200.00          |
| Neighborhood CIPS               | CIP         |                          |                    |
| Film Festival (space rental)    | CIP         | Electric Lodge           | \$ 450.00          |
| Venice Canal Pathway Renovation | CIP         |                          | \$ 2,000.00        |
| <b>Total</b>                    |             |                          | <b>\$ 2,575.00</b> |

**ACTION: Motion approved HH/IK 11-0-0**



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- 16. **VNC Announcements (10:35PM -- 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:** Erin-Sullivan Ward ([erin.ward@venicenc.org](mailto:erin.ward@venicenc.org))
  
- 17. **Announcements & Public Comment on items not on the Agenda (10:45PM -- 10 minutes)**  
*[no more than 1 minute per person – no Board member announcements permitted]*
  
- 18. **Board Member Comments on subject matters within the VNC jurisdiction**  
**(10:55PM -- 5 minutes, no more than 1 minute per person)**
  
- 19. **Adjourn**  
**ACTION: Meeting adjourned IK/HH**

**List of Venice Neighborhood Council Committees & Chairs – Volunteers Welcome**

|                              |                |                                   |                                   |
|------------------------------|----------------|-----------------------------------|-----------------------------------|
| <b>Administrative</b>        | Linda Lucks    | <b>Santa Monica Airport</b>       | Abilgail 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, Nick Hippisley-Coxe |
| <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      |