



Venice Neighborhood Council

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Board of Officers Meeting Minutes **Westminster Elementary School (Auditorium)** **1010 Abbot Kinney Blvd, Venice, 90291** **Tuesday, September 17, 2013 at 6:30 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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****ALL ITEMS ON THE AGENDA VOTED UNANIMOUSLY UNLESS NOTED****

6:00 -6:30 p.m. Music for your listening pleasure provided by DJ Loboman aka Eduardo Manilla

1. **Call to Order and Roll Call (7:00PM – 5 minutes)**
Meeting called to order in memory of Alberta Albertano, Mother of Linda Albertano, Venice musician/poet; Larry Parker, husband of Debbie, owner of Big Daddy and Sons Pizza on Ocean Front Walk; Jeb Milne, Owner/Creator of WitzEnd, music venue on Lincoln Blvd.
PRESENT: LL, MS, KV, IK, ESW, SA, HS, EM, TW, BJ, JK, CR, AM, TE, SK, MSo, OK,
ABSENT: HH, MK, SG, MSol,
2. **Pledge Of Allegiance (7:05PM -- 5 minutes)**
3. **Approval of the Agenda (7:10PM – 5 minutes)**
ACTION: 8A removed from the agenda
Item 13A moved to end of Item 8
Agenda approved as amended (13-0-1 ESW/AM)
4. **Approval of Outstanding Board minutes (7:15PM – 5 minutes)**
<http://www.venicenc.org/wp-content/uploads/2012/12/130820BoardMinutes.pdf>
ACTION: Minutes approved (13-0-1 IK/BJ)
5. **President's Report (7:20PM 5 minutes)** Linda Lucks president@venicenc.org
 - Board members who have not taken the DONE funding training, will not be allowed to vote on budgetary items beginning with tonight's meeting
 - Report on the Mayor Eroc Garcetti's Walk in Venice on Saturday, Sept 7.
 - Appointment of Budget Representatives for 2013-14: Hugh Harrison & Sylvia Aroth



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6. **Announcements & Public Comment on items not on the Agenda (7:25PM -10 minutes)**
[5 speakers, no more than 1 minute per person – no Board member announcements permitted]

7. **Consent Calendar (7:35PM -- 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 **Establish a Monthly Clean-Up Venice Day** (Erin Sullivan-Ward on behalf of the Environment Committee) Erin.Sullivanward@venicenc.org

MOTION: The Venice Neighborhood Council shall establish a regular monthly "Clean Up Venice Day". Board and Committee members and Venice stakeholders can participate in the clean-up. Clean up sites (overflowing trash cans, discarded objects in alleys) will be suggested via the VNC website by our community. The VNC Environmental Committee will chose the site to be cleaned and will post a before and after picture.

B **Vacated Property in Venice** Linda Lucks, VNC President

MOTION: Whereas, the VNC has just learned that a LA City owned 10'x80' alley (901 Abbot Kinney Blvd/Brooks Court) was recently vacated by the LA City Council and given over to private ownership; and

Whereas, this act of the City Council was voted on by the Councilman Bonin, who represents Venice; and

Whereas the Venice Neighborhood Council and Venice community had no notice about this vacation of property until after it was approved; and

Whereas, Councilman Mike Bonin states that he strongly believes in governing from the grass roots level and wants input from his constituents, (including his Neighborhood Councils) before acting on major neighborhood issues

Therefore be it resolved that the Venice Neighborhood Council shall send a letter to CD 11 Councilman Bonin requesting he inform and request input from the VNC prior to making decisions on the use, sale or disposition of all city owned land in Venice;

And further, that the Councilman introduce a motion to the City Council to create an ordinance requiring public notice to neighborhoods and Neighborhood Councils on the use, sale or disposition of all City owned property and to include research on fair market value of City property as currently the cost to vacate an alley is \$10,000.

~~C **Short Term Rentals** – Marc Saltzberg, on behalf of the Neighborhood Committee
Vicepresident@venicenc.org~~

~~**MOTION:** Whereas, short term vacation rentals are rapidly increasing in Los Angeles as the result of internet based brokerages listing available dwellings and facilitating rental reservations – one online site lists 746 short term vacation rentals in Venice; and~~

~~Whereas, the demand for short term vacation rental units has resulted in long term rental units being withdrawn from the market; and,~~



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~~Whereas, the City does not regulate the short term vacation rental market as it does hotels and motels, but the City has a duty to protect both the proprietors of such dwellings and their customers; and~~

~~Whereas, the City has an opportunity to add revenues from the licensing of short term vacation rentals by licensing such rental units, applying taxes to renters and putting in place enforcement personnel to assure such fees and taxes are properly calculated and collected. Therefore, be it resolved, The Venice Neighborhood Council requests that Councilperson Mike Bonin introduce a motion to the full City Council requesting that the conditions surrounding short term rental of dwellings in Los Angeles be investigated by appropriate City Departments; that an ordinance be drafted regulating such rentals; and that the ordinance be submitted to a vote of the City Council prior to 02/15/2014 with implementation of the ordinance taking effect prior to May 26, 2014.~~

ACTION: Item 7C Short-Term Rentals pulled from consent calendar and moved to end of New Business

- D** **320 Sunset Ave; Change of Use to Bakery/Restaurant** Jake Kaufman on behalf of LUPC
chair-lupc@venicenc.org

MOTION: The Venice Neighborhood Council supports the attached letter (to hold the case open and not determine on the application) because the VNC and Community has not had an opportunity to fully understand the details of the project.

MADE BY Jim Murez; Seconded by John Reed; LUPC Passed 5-0

- E** **Venice ARTBLOCK Request for Endorsement** Francisco Letelier franlete@aol.com

MOTION: The VNC Board endorses the VENICE ARTBLOCK OPEN STUDIOS f Event on October 13. <http://www.venicepapparazzi.com/events/10-13-13-artblock-studio-tours-and-exhibitions/>

- F** **Placement of Metro Rail Station on Crenshaw Line**

MOTION: The Venice Neighborhood Council supports a Metro rail station on the Crenshaw Line (that could also serve as an additional station for the Green Line) at the Intermodal Transit Facility (ITF) proposed for LAX.

ACTION: Consent Calendar approved as amended (HS/SA 13-0-2)

- 8.** **Abbot Kinney Blvd. Parking (7:40pm -- 40 minutes)** Abigail Myers on behalf of the Transportation and Parking Committee

- ~~**A** Presentation by LA City Dept. of Transportation (Paul Smith) on the Abbot Kinney Blvd. parking Plans. Completion and installation of parking meters; timing; signage; employee parking.~~

ACTION: 8A removed from the agenda



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A Motion Regarding Alcohol Dispensing Outlets in Venice (30 minutes) Marc Saltzberg

MOTION: Whereas, Venice has 32 alcohol outlets per 10,000 residents while Los Angeles City Council District 11 has only 21.5 alcohol outlets per 10,000 residents, and

Whereas, Venice is experiencing continued growth in establishing new alcohol related businesses, while there do not appear to be adequate local policies regarding findings of public convenience or necessity for such businesses, and

Whereas, it is recognized that alcohol dispensing establishments can create significant quality of life and safety problems in neighborhoods, and

Whereas, enforcement of city and state alcohol laws and conditions of use falls on a number of government agencies including the Los Angeles Police Department, the Los Angeles Department of Building and Safety, the Los Angeles Department of Planning and the State of California Alcohol Beverage Control Board, leading to uneven, inefficient environment without a single point of responsibility;

Therefore, be it resolved, the Venice Neighborhood Council calls on the City Council Member for CD11 to introduce a measure in the Los Angeles City Council that would create an alcohol establishment enforcement / compliance unit, fully funded by a regulatory fee on establishments selling alcohol.

Passed 8-2-1 by Neighborhood Committee

ACTION: Moved from New Business

Motion is defeated (1-15-2 EM/AM)

Public Comment: Yolanda Gonzalez

In favor: Myron Lieberman, Robin Rudisill

B MOTION: The Venice Neighborhood Council supports the paving/construction of the proposed lots with the maximum number of spots per code, so long as they conform to the following conditions:

- 1) the lots should conform to the existing landscape ordinance,
- 2) any lighting installed does not adversely affect the adjacent neighborhoods,
- 3) the lots conform to the Green Ordinance,
- 4) at least one parking spot in each lot is devoted to a bicycle station.

Furthermore, the VNC does not support the installation of paid parking meters in the lots without further review of the larger impacts on the community. This review would allow for development of a comprehensive long-term vision of Abbot Kinney and surrounding residential neighborhoods by community members, facilitated by this committee.

ACTION: Motion is approved (15-0-3 AM/HS)

Public Comment:

In favor: Robin Rudisill

9. Scheduled Announcements (8:20PM – 60 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.kreefft@gmail.com) *Includes a monthly Venice crime report and updates on law enforcement issues in*



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Report on promotion of Captain Jon Peters to Commander in the SFV and welcome to **Captain Brian Johnson** the new leader of LAPD Pacific Division.

- B** **Final Report on Roadmap to Homes Program by PATH (People Assisting the Homeless) (5 minutes)** Joel Roberts, Joel.Roberts@epath.org, Tomasz Babiszkiwicz (tomaszb@epath.org); *This report includes statistics on the number of people placed in permanent and temporary housing (from Venice) as well as the numbers of people in process.*
- C** **VNC Monthly Committee Report: Ad Hoc Committee on Mass, Scale and Character (5 minutes)** Sue Kaplan chair.massandscale@venicenc.org [A monthly report on one of the VNC's standing or Ad Hoc committees.]
The committee will to give an update/report about the work they have been doing.
- D** **Government Reports (10 minutes)** (Representatives have standing place on the agenda, but are not always available to attend)
- **Congressman Henry Waxman**, Representative Lisa.Pinto; Lisa.Pinto@housemail.gov.
 - **State Senator Ted Lieu**, Representative, Veronica Zendejas Veronica.Zendejas@sen.ca.gov 310-318-6994
 - **State Assemblyperson Steve Bradford** 310.412.6400
 - **LA County Supervisor Zev Yaroslavsky**, Flora Gill Krisiloff 213-974-3333
 - **Mayor Eric Garcetti**, Daniel Tamm, Westside Deputy Daniel.Tamm@Lacity.org 213
 - **City Councilmember Mike Bonin**, Cecilia Castillo, Field Deputy (310-568-8772); (Cecilia.castillo@lacity.org); Mark Grant (Mark.Grant@lacity.org)
- E** **Ballona Wetlands Presentation (10 minutes)** David Jacobs of UCLA
Presentation on the history of Ballona Wetlands and how it relates to Venetians.
- F** **The Great Venice Toy Drive is Back (5 minutes)** Mariana Aguilar vnc_toydrive@venicenc.org
Get ready for The VNC Great Venice Toy Drive and Holiday Festival! We will begin collecting new, unused, nonviolent toys on November 1 at locations around Venice including the November VNC Board meeting on November 19, 2013. Toys will then be distributed on a first come, first served basis as part of a fun-filled day at Oakwood Recreation Center on December 7, 2013 from 10am-2pm. Children must be present with a parent or guardian to receive a toy.
- G** **LA Triathlon (10 minutes)** Paul Smith pablosmith123@gmail.com
LA Triathlon staff will make a presentation to the Board in regard to the September 29th race event that starts at Venice Beach, including mitigation measures. City staff will also attend.
- H** **Zipline Status Report (5 minutes)** Marc Saltzberg Vicepresident@venicenc.org [EXHIBIT]
Presentation of the Zipline Status report for operations in August. Q&A will be available at the Neighborhood Committee meeting.
- I** **Ocean Front Walk Committee Update** Thomas Elliot



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10. Old Business (9:20PM -- 5 minutes)
[Discussion and possible action]

Vacant LUPC Seat Nominations Close Linda Lucks president@Venicenc.org

Introduction of any candidates for LUPC seat that are present at the meeting.

ACTION: Open LUPC seat nominations are closed. There are six nominees.

11. LUPC (9:25 PM -- 60 minutes); Jake Kaufman on behalf of LUPC chair-lupc@venicenc.org

A 809 Brooks; Small Lot Subdivision; (20 minutes – 5 minutes for applicant, 5 minutes for LUPC Staff, 5 minutes for public comment, 5 minutes for board comment)[EXHIBIT]

MOTION: The Venice Neighborhood Council does not support the Small Lot Subdivision request at 809 Brooks Ave because:

- 1) The VNC does not support the concept of an applicant filing for a Duplex with a VSO and De Minimis Coastal Clearance, commencing construction, and then, applying for a Small Lot Subdivision.
- 2) No community outreach or input from neighbors or community was taken before the VSO designs were approved.
- 3) The project is significantly out of Character or Scale of the neighboring community.

Motion made by John Reed; Seconded by Jim Murez; Approved by LUPC 5-0-1; 8-28-2012
Background Information Available at:

<http://www.cityhood.org/ReportCaseActivityDetail.cncx?CID=31148&UGP=Anonymous>

ACTION: Motion is approved 15-0-1 JK/IK

B 1023 Abbot Kinney (Joe's Restaurant); Change of CUB conditions. (20 minutes – 5 minutes for applicant, 5 minutes for LUPC Staff, 5 minutes for public comment, 5 minutes for board comment) [EXHIBIT]

MOTION: The Venice Neighborhood Council recommends approval of the project ONLY with the following conditions:

- 1) Hours of Operation: Outdoor dining area shall close at 10PM Sunday thru Thursday and 11 PM Friday and Saturday. Indoor Dining shall close midnight daily.
- 2) Employee Parking: Free off-street parking shall be provided to employees who drive while they are on shift –either on site or a designated offsite location
- 3) Valet Parking: Valet parking shall be provided free of charge –(same condition as the adjacent restaurant Primitivo)
- 4) Incentive Program: Applicant shall create an incentive program for employees who walk, bike or take transit to work.
- 5) Plan approval: is required in 5 years.
- 6) Permit legal use of the bar as it presently exists.
- 7) Limited live (weekends and holidays) acoustic non-amplified entertainment within the structure.

MADE BY John Reed; Seconded by Jake Kaufman; Approved by LUPC 5-0-0

Background Information Available at:

<http://www.cityhood.org/ReportCaseActivityDetail.cncx?CID=32882&UGP=Anonymous>



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ACTION: Motion amended to add conditions 6 & 7. (14-1-1 JK/IK)
Motion is approved as amended (14-1-1 JK/SA)
Public Comment: Elizabeth Wright, Daryl Barnett
Support: Peter Marlenga, Robin Rudisill

C **245 Main Street "Komodo Restaurant"; New CUB for existing restaurant space in Renaissance Building.** (20 minutes – 5 minutes for applicant, 5 minutes for LUPC Staff, 5 minutes for public comment, 5 minutes for board comment) [EXHIBIT]

MOTION: The Venice Neighborhood Council recommends approval of the new CUB application for the existing restaurant at 245 Main Street (formerly Baja Fresh Taco) only if all Conditions of the Renaissance Building Home Owner Association are taken into account and applied to the Conditional Use approval. Further, there should be no relief from required on-site parking (including 1-hour validation) of the Mixed Use Building and includes all Standard Best Management Practices and Conditional Use Beverage Conditions.

MADE BY Mia Herron; Seconded by Jake Kaufman; Approved by LUPC 6-0-0
Background Information Available at:

<http://www.cityhood.org/ReportCaseActivityDetail.cncx?CID=32580&UGP=Anonymous>

ACTION: Motion is approved (13-1-1 IK/OK)
Public Comment: Robin Rudisill, Colby Allerton, Edythe Huang
Against: Todd Sherman, Jill Marti,

12. Announcements & Public Comment on items not on the Agenda (10:25PM -- 5 minutes)
[5 speakers, no more than 1 minute per person – no Board member announcements permitted]

13. New Business (10:30PM -- 30 minutes)
[Discussion and possible action]

A **Short-Term Rentals** - Marc Saltzberg, on behalf of the Neighborhood Committee
Vicepresident@venicenc.org

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Whereas, the City does not regulate the short-term vacation rental market as it does hotels and motels, but the City has a duty to protect both the proprietors of such dwellings and their customers; and

Whereas, the City has an opportunity to add revenues from the licensing of short-term vacation rentals by licensing such rental units, applying taxes to renters and putting in place enforcement personnel to assure such fees and taxes are properly calculated and collected. Therefore, be it resolved, The Venice Neighborhood Council requests that Councilperson Mike Bonin introduce a motion to the full City Council requesting that the conditions surrounding short-term rental of dwellings in Los Angeles be investigated by appropriate City Departments; that an ordinance be drafted regulating such rentals; and that the ordinance be submitted to a vote of the



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City Council prior to 02/15/2014 with implementation of the ordinance taking effect prior to May 26, 2014.

**ACTION: Moved from consent calendar
Motion postponed to next month (MSo/HS)**

- 14. **Treasurers Report (11:00PM -- 5 minutes);** Hugh Harrison (Treasurer@Venicenc.org)
[Discussion and possible action] **[EXHIBIT]**

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

ACTION: Motion is approved (13-0-0, with 1 ineligible SA/IK)

B MOTION: The Venice Neighborhood Council requests cash to allocated to its NC checking account for October in the following amounts:

VNC Budget Item	DONE	Vendor (if Known)	Amount
Office Supplies/Copies	OFF	Office Depot	\$75.00
General Operations	MIS	USPS	\$300.00
Refreshments	EVE	Smart & Final	\$50.00
Web Site/E-Mail	WEB	I Power/Constant Contact	\$100.00
General Outreach	EVE		\$700.00
Neighborhood CIPS	CIP		
Film Festival			\$2,000.00
Total			\$3,225.00

ACTION: Amendment approved for General Outreach funding to be raised from \$200 to \$700 to fund October town hall (13-0-0, with 1 ineligible MK/OK)

Motion is approved as amended (13-0-0, with 1 ineligible SA/IK)

- 15. **VNC Announcements (11:05PM -- 10 Minutes)**
 - **Vice President** Marc Saltzberg (Vicepresident@Venicenc.org)
 - **Westside Regional Alliance of Neighborhood Councils-** Mike Newhouse, WRAC President, Marc Saltzberg, VNC Representatives. Chair@westsidecouncils.org,
 - **Los Angeles Neighborhood Council Coalition (LANCC)** Ivan Spiegel (parliamentarian@venicenc.org)
 - **Venice Chamber Of Commerce:** Erin-Sullivan Ward (erin.ward@venicenc.org)

- 16. **Announcements & Public Comment on items not on the Agenda (11:15PM -- 10 minutes)**
[no more than 1 minute per person – no Board member announcements permitted]

Public Comment: Melissa Diner

- 17. **Board Member Comments on subject matters within the VNC jurisdiction (11:25PM -- 5 minutes, no more than 1 minute per person)**

- 18. **Adjourn**
ACTION: Meeting adjourned 10:30PM (KV/HS)