



Venice Neighborhood Council

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Board of Officer Meeting Minutes

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

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

Meeting called to order in memory of Clifford Featherstone, son of Glen Featherstone, the owner of Glen Crest BBQ and for whom the playing field at Oakwood Park is named, multi generational Venice family; Congratulations to Councilperson elect, Mike Bonin; LAUSD School Board member, Steve Zimmer; Congratulations to Hal Frederick, Linda and Don Novack on celebration 25 years of Hal's Bar & Grill.

PRESENT: LL, MS, KV, HS, TE, IK, HH, MK, JK, CR, OK, AM, EM, ESW, MSo, MSI, SA, BJ, TW

ABSENT: SG, SK

2. Approval of the Agenda (7:05PM – 5 minutes)

ACTION: Agenda approved unanimously (IK/SA)

3. Approval of Outstanding Board minutes (7:10PM – 5 minutes)

<http://www.venicenc.org/wp-content/uploads/2012/12/130219BoardMinutes.pdf>

ACTION: Minutes approved (IK/EM – 19-0-1)

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]

Public Comment: Kevin Mottus, Laura Silagi, Jeffery Solomon, Karen Wolfe



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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]

A **Stop Santa Monica Airport's Detrimental Health Effects on Neighboring Communities**

Abigail Myers and Laura Silagi, Co-Chairs, SM Airport Ad Hoc Committee

[EXHIBIT PETITION]

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.

Links:

[AQMP Letter](#)

[Motion-2011](#)

[resolution by city council](#)

[VNC support letter motion](#)

[VNC support letter](#)

[VNCAirportPressRelease2010](#)

B **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 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;



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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: Item B pulled from consent calendar by MS

Motion approved (MS/IK 11-2-4)

Public Comment: Dennis Hathaway on behalf of Coalition Against Billboard Blight, David Gershwin on behalf of Clear Channel Outdoor, Teresa Detlin

- C** 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, colleen.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.



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- D** **LANCC Motion re: Funding of NC Elections** Ivan Spiegel, LANCC representative,
(parliamentarian@venicenc.org) **[EXHIBIT]**

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

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

ACTION: Item B pulled from calendar by MS

Consent calendar approved as amended unanimously (MS/MK)

6. Scheduled Announcements (7:30PM – 55 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) *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, 424-262-6333); *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: 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.



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- D** **Report on Homeless Winter Storage Project (8 minutes)** Steve Clare, Venice Community Housing; Arturo Pina, District Director, Councilman Rosendahl
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 (10 minutes)** (Representatives have standing place on the agenda, but are not always available to attend):
- **Congressman Henry Waxman**, Representative, Lisa Pinto, District Director, Lisa.Pinto@mail.house.gov, 323
 - **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**, **Brenda Threatt, West Director**, Brenda.Threatt@lacity.org,
 - **City Councilmember Bill Rosendahl**: Cecilia Castillo, Field Deputy (310-568-8772); (Cecilia.castillo@lacity.org); Arturo Pina, District Director (Arturo.Pina@lacity.org)
 - **Kevin Regan from City Parks Dept. spoke re: Zip Line**
- I** **Walgrove Wildlands Greening Project (5 minutes)** Sandi Wise sandiwise@gmail.com
Please support Walgrove Elementary School's efforts in "Greening" their school by adding the flier for the "Walgrove Wildlands Planting Days." 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: Motion to add to website and web-blast approved unanimously (IK/MS)



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7. **Announcements & Public Comment on items not on the Agenda (8:25 - 5 minutes)**
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8. **LUPC (8:30 - 0 minutes)**
[No submissions]

9. **Old Business (8:30 - 20 minutes)**

A **Art Mural Motion (8:30 - 20 Minutes)** Cynthia Rogers & Eduardo Manilla on behalf of the 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 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.

ACTION: Motion approved unanimously (CR/EM)

10. **New Business (8:50 --0 minutes)**
[Discussion and possible action]

11. **Treasurers Report (8:50PM -- 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.

ACTION: Motion approved unanimously (HH/IK)



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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.

ACTION: Motion approved unanimously (HH/AM)

C Report from Budget Day

12. VNC Announcements (9:00PM -- 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 (9:10 PM -- 5 minutes, no more than 1 minute per person)

15. Adjourn (approx. 9:35 PM)

ACTION: Meeting adjourned (KV/ESW)

List of Venice Neighborhood Council Committees & Chairs – Volunteers Welcome

Administrative	Linda Lucks	Santa Monica Airport	Abigail Myers, Laura Silagi
Neighborhood	Marc Saltzberg	Visitor Impact	Joseph Shields
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