



Venice Neighborhood Council

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DRAFT MINUTES **Board of Officers Retreat** **February 26, 2017**

1. The meeting was called to order at 9:10 a.m.

Present: Ira Koslow (IK), George Francisco (GF), Hugh Harrison (HH), Matthew Kline (MK), Evan White (EW), Will Hawkins (WH), Ilana Marosi (IM), Sunny Bak (SB), Cayley Lambur (CL), Colleen Saro (CS), James Murez (JM), John Reed (JR), Michelle Meepos (MM), Hollie Stenson (HS)

Absent: Matt Royce (MR), Matt Shaw (MS), Stephen Livigni (SL), Robert Thibodeau (RT), Lauri Burns
Melissa Diner (MD)

2. Ira Koslow made introductory remarks.
3. Evan White reviewed the protocols for the new website. If issues arise, contact ncsupport@thewebcorner.com.
4. Ivan Spiegel gave an overview of preparing agendas and complying with posting requirements. He emphasized the following:
 - a. Keep it simple.
 - b. Try to eliminate or limit the use of whereas.
 - c. Do your homework, including who should get letters of motions approved by the Board.
 - d. Use the Agenda Request tab on web site to submit motions.
 - e. Send a copy of the proposed letter.
 - f. Placeholders are possible but discouraged. Have your committee meeting with enough time to submit motions timely.
 - g. Only the President can send letters.
 - h. Committees can only propose to Board-noting they do is official until approved.
 - i. Work done by committee. If you wish to discuss an issue, better at committee than at Board meeting.
 - j. All agendas have to be posted at Beyond Baroque, Venice Library, VNC web site and with NC Support 72 hours prior to regular meetings.
5. Matt Royce (MR) arrived at 11:15 a.m.
6. Mike Newhouse led a self-evaluation exercise where two members discussed things they did not know about the other. This was repeated several times.
7. Carolyn Casavan presented information on how to create committee and hold productive meetings.
8. The Board submitted suggestions for each committee for goals for the remainder of this term. The



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Board then reviewed the suggestions and determined one or two goals for each committee as set forth below. There was agreement that all committees needed to take responsibility for providing timely information to the Communications and Outreach Officers for dissemination to the stakeholders.

Parking & Transportation:

Parking lots & buses to the beach, or free shuttles/golf carts, or buses from lots at Lincoln to alleviate traffic west of Lincoln.

Curb cut-outs, walk signals (there are places there are no places to wheel things down from the sidewalk, particularly south of Venice Blvd. on AK).

Rules & Selections:

Consider a complete revisions committee of current by-laws.

Define board jobs.

Arts:

Help create an arts district in Venice.

Create more music-specific events in Venice. -

Outreach:

Maybe join in Neighborhood Committee to door knock/flyer to increase profile/participation in community.

Presentations/mtgs at and/or with organizations to involve younger shareholders who don't know VNC exists.

Cityhood:

Town Hall on Cityhood

Homelessness:

Invite supervisors to our meeting (town hall) on homelessness.



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LUPC:

Track results (not enforce) at City, County and State, and post.

Ocean Front Walk:

Join with Arts Committee for June weekend arts event

Neighborhoods:

Flyer and knock on doors in neighborhood (work with Outreach on this). - 1

Budget:

Lobby the city for more money.

Adcom:

Keep public comments to the public comment portion. No cross-talking conversation between public and board comment.

Public Safety:

Town hall on public safety.

Discussion Forum:

For all committee motions, can everyone reference the Vision Goal that the motion correlates to.

9. Adjourned at 2:00 p.m.

List of Venice Neighborhood Council Committees & Chairs – Volunteers Welcome

Administrative	Mike Newhouse	Public Safety	George Francisco
Neighborhood	Marc Saltzberg	Santa Monica Airport	Laura Silagi, Abigail Myers
Outreach	Sylvia Aroth	Environment	Abigail Myers, Erin Sullivan-Ward
Budget	Hugh Harrison	Communications	Jed Pauker
Land Use and Planning	Robin Rudisill	Mass, Scale, Character	Sue Kaplan
Arts		Discussion Forum	Joe Murphy
Rules & Elections		Parking/Transportation	Abigail Myers



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**Ocean Front Walk
Education**

Housing

Abigail Myers, Helen Stotler